



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th February
2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultations Evenings are Weds 11th and Thurs 12th March, on School Cloud. The appointments go live to all parents on Monday 2nd March at 9am. Any problems with booking please contact Mrs Hyde or Mrs Plastow in the school office and, as always, they will endeavour to help. School phone number 01772 822278. To logon go to [SchoolCloud - St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy](#)

Arbor Parent Profiles and In App Messaging

Arbor is used as our system in school to keep all contact information secure, but also readily available should we need to contact you. As we will no longer be using the Teachers to Parents text message platform in favour of using the in-app messaging function on Arbor, please pop onto your Arbor profile and check your contact details are up to date. You can access this at <https://st-elizabeths-catholic-voluntary-academy.uk.arbor.sc> If you need to check your logon details or would like any support with this, please contact the office on 01773 822278 or email enquiries@eli.srscmat.co.uk

Big Lent Walk and Readathon

A speaker from CAFOD is in school on Monday 2nd March to introduce the Big Lent Walk and talking about sponsorship for this event. We will be walking as a school on the afternoon of Thursday 26th March starting at 2pm. This will be a course around the school field with areas of reflection on the route. Children will need to wear their active PE uniform and of course are allowed to bring coats/waterproofs/wellies/boots for the appropriate weather on the day.

Readathon – this will also be introduced in the same week as the Big Lent Walk on Thursday 5th March during World Book Day's morning assembly at 9.15am, but this fund raising will be for school.

Please reassure children that there is no pressure to raise lots of money for both, they may want to select one to focus upon or divide sponsors between the charities.

World Book Day

Yes, it's that time of year again when we think about the books we love and come to school dressed as our favourite characters. Our Reading Ambassadors will be leading an assembly on Thursday 5th March at 9.15am to tell us more about reading, there will also be a costume parade for the children. The Reading Ambassadors have asked me to invite you to attend.

Applications for Sept 2026

Applications have now closed for this round of admissions for the academic year of 2026-27. However, it is always good to know that we have just a handful of places left for anyone new to the area – please spread the word!



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If you have friends, relatives or neighbours who may be interested in joining our school please pass on our details – recommendations from parents are always the best way to learn about a school. If you attend a toddler club or a group that might be interested in knowing more about us, please feel free to call in to the office and take a few leaflets to pass around. We would really appreciate your support!

In order to help us know how to share our strengths with other families please could you take 2 minutes to complete the survey below – thank you in advance!

[Parent Questionnaire Feb 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Our Parish News

The link to our Parish website for updates of times and services at Our Lady's on Gibfield Lane, Belper or St Joseph's, Ripley, the Parish of the Epiphany, Amber Valley is <https://catholic-ambervalley.uk/parish/belper/>

Calendar of events

Remember to scroll down and see the calendar of events. Please continue to check this throughout the school year as things may change.

Mrs Clemens.
Headteacher.

Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's – 2025-6

Calendar for 2025-26		
Monday 2 nd March	CAFOD speaker in school to introduce the Big lent Walk and discuss how and who we support.	All pupils.
Wednesday 4 th March	Y6 SATs meetings in Y6 classroom at 3.45-4.15pm and then repeated at 4.30-5pm.	Parents of Y6 pupils.
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – come to school dressed as your favourite characters, bring the book along (if you have it).	All pupils.
Monday 9 th March	Compass leading “Colour Monster” workshops for Reception, Year 1 and 2 to help children understand feelings.	Pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2.
Tuesday 10 th March	During the afternoon Fr Neil will be in school offering the Sacrament of reconciliation for any pupils who may wish to take part.	Pupils.
Tuesday 10 th March	Police led workshop on Digital Footprints for Y5 and Y6.	Pupils in Y5 and Y6.
Wednesday 11 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Thursday 12 th March	Y2 trip to Belper Fire Station	Y2 pupils

Thursday 12 th March	3pm Reception class leading the Celebration of the word.	All pupils and parents of Reception class.
Thursday 12 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings, via School Cloud.	Parents of all pupils.
Friday 13 th March	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 17 th March	Compass coffee morning for parents from 8.45am	All parents, in the Sunshine Room (near the school office).
Thursday 19 th March	Y6 trip to Nottingham Halls of Justice – focus on cyber bullying.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 19 th March	3pm Y1 leading Celebration of the word.	All pupils and parents of Y1 class.
Friday 20 th March	6pm-7.30pm SEA Bingo night – come and join us for a night of Bingo with the whole family!	All families welcome in the school hall from 6pm onwards.
Monday 23 rd March	Y3/4 Easter play performed to whole school.	All pupils.
Tuesday 24 th March	2pm Y3/4 Easter play performed to parents.	Y3/4 parents and families.
Wednesday 25 th March	6.30pm Y3/4 Easter play performed to parents.	Y3/4 parents and families.
Thursday 26 th March	Big Lent Walk at 2pm on the school field – wellies or walking boots allowed!	All pupils.
Friday 27 th March	10.15am Ping Pong ball race followed by the Easter hat parade.	All Pupils.
Friday 27 th March	Break up for Easter holidays.	All Pupils.
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays.	School closed.
Monday 13 th April	Return to school.	All Pupils.
Monday 23 rd April	10am St George's Day Mass.	All pupils, parents and parish welcome.
Monday 27 th April	2pm Compass talk to Y6 about SATs.	All Y6 pupils.
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday.	School closed.
Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATs week.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 14 th May	1.30pm Class Mass for Y5 and EYFS.	All pupils in Y5 and EYFS.
Friday 15 th May	Non uniform day for all.	All pupils.
Friday 15 th May	Y6 rainforest art sale.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 21 st May	1.30-2.30pm Marian Procession, bring flowers for Mary. The Chaplaincy Team then deliver these to the Elderly people in Belper.	All Pupils and then Faith In Action Team.
Friday 22 nd May	Y6 trip to Cadbury's world.	Y6 pupils.
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half term	All pupils.

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Half term	School closed
Monday 1st June	Return to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 3rd June	Sports Day	All pupils.
Thursday 4th June	5pm New starters meeting for September 2026 in EYFS.	Parents of new starters.
Monday 8th June	Week of phonics screening begins.	All Y1 pupils.
Saturday 13th June	First Holy Communion celebration in school all for children in the Belper Parish making their FHC.	Pupils and families of children making their FHC.
Tuesday 16th June	1.30pm Y3 First Holy Communion celebration, party afterwards (parents invited to the party too).	Parents and pupils in Y3.
Wednesday 17th June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Monday 22nd June	Compass to talk with Y6 about their transition to secondary schools.	All Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 24th June	New starters afternoon in EYFS for Sept 2026.	EYFS new starters.
Thursday 25th June	Book Bus coming to school 1pm until 4.45pm.	All pupils during school time, parents welcome after school.
Monday 29th June	INSET	School closed.
Friday 3rd July	Summer Fayre and picnic day.	All welcome to this school event.
Wednesday 8th July	Whole school transition day. The whole school moves up a year to their new classroom and with their new teacher in readiness for next academic year.	All pupils.
Friday 10th July	Reports for Rec to Y5 go out to parents.	Rec to Y5 reports out.
Friday 10th July	SEA outdoor disco.	All pupils welcome.
Monday 13th July	2pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	All pupils.
Tuesday 14th July	2pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	Parents of Y5/6
Wednesday 15th July	6.30pm Y5/6 Performance to the whole school.	Parents of Y5/6
Friday 17th July	6pm Outdoor disco. Exit and entry to this is via the side pedestrian gate.	All pupils welcome.
Tuesday 21st July	2pm Y6 Leaver's Mass and tree planting.	Pupils and Parents of Y6.
Thursday 23rd July	2.30pm Y6 leaver's assembly.	All pupils and parents of Y6.
Thursday 23rd July	Break up for summer holidays.	All pupils.
	Calendar for 2026-27	
Friday 4th September 2026	INSET	School closed to all pupils.

Monday 7 th September 2026	Term begins for all pupils.	All pupils.
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