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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 21st July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

After a somewhat unusual year I am pleased to report things are looking positive at St Elizabeth's. Yes, there will be some changes, as there are in all schools, but we can look forward to a time of refresh over the summer and coming back to school on **Tuesday 8th September** with a clear planned start, knowing all classes are fully staffed and curriculums continue to be carefully planned.

As you will know from my previous messages we are moving to 6 classes in September. The following chart shows a summary of this.

Class	Teachers	Franciscan value Faith is for all and in all we do
Reception Class - Iona	Miss Evans	Joy
Y1 Lindisfarne	Mrs Acton Mon/Tues Mrs Turner Wed/Th /Fri	Forgiveness
Y2 Durham	Mr Ward Mon/Tues, Thurs/Fri Mrs Acton Weds	Respect
Y3/4 Padley	Mrs Wilby	Service
Y4/5 Rodsley	Miss Hickling	Peace
Y6 Canterbury	Miss Holmes	Stewardship

As you will notice from the above chart the only class to be split is Y4, they will then join back together for Y5 and be in a single year group in Y6. The curriculum for both classes of Y3/4 and Y4/5 will follow a 3-year cycle to ensure coverage and progression between year groups.

The children in Y4 will still have times together as a class throughout their week, they will be taught science as a single year group and maths as a single year group. They will also be together at breaks and lunch time, including being called in for dinner together in the hall. Likewise, the Y3 children and the Y5 children will also have these times as a single year group.

Both mixed classes will go swimming, continue to do brass as their music lesson and school trips are already being planned.

Transition Day: Wednesday 22nd July

This year, children will have one full day in their new class with teachers.

Drop off point and times will remain the same as usual, with pupils meeting on the playground and then lining up to be taken in by their new teacher to their classroom for next year. Collection for children going to Y1 and Y2 will be from their classroom doors, for all KS2 children (years 3 to 6) this will be on the KS2 playground.

We look forward to welcoming all our children into their new classes!

Changes and goodbyes

The school minibus is due to be sold, and we have already said goodbye to **Mr Straughan**. The minibus will not be replaced.

Mrs Webster, our midday supervisor will also be leaving us, Mrs Webster has worked at St Elizabeth's for 15 years and been part of our family much longer as a parent here. We recognise that Mrs Webster has been there for all our children with a smile, encouragement and with the care she has shown to our children, often through the small acts of kindness, and has made a difference every single day.

Miss Peynado is leaving to begin her teacher training, and we could not be prouder! During her time here she has shown exactly the qualities that children need in a teacher: kindness, patience, warmth, positivity and an unwavering belief that every child can succeed. While we will all miss her enormously, we know she has an incredibly exciting future ahead.

Ms Fitzpatrick has worked at St Elizabeth's since September 2020, joining us just in time to be part of the COVID team! Ms Fitzpatrick has been an integral part of our school, bringing professionalism, dedication, compassion and high expectations into everything she does – all with a good dose of humour and generosity. Although we are sad to see her leave, we are also excited as she moves on to another school in our trust, St Thomas's CVA. Goodbye and good luck!

Mrs Parry is leaving after 23 years of being part of the St Elizabeth's family and we will miss her greatly as she ventures into a new career, we will miss her and wish her the very best of luck. Mrs Parry has requested that she is not mentioned in any leaver's assembly, but wanted to pass her own message on...

It is with the greatest sadness that I will be leaving the St. Elizabeths family at the end of term after so many years.

Those years have been filled with many wonderful moments, laughter and joy. And there has not been a day gone by when I have not experienced genuine support and true friendship from everyone – staff, parents and pupils alike.

Following my redundancy, my career, and life path, will be turning a corner. I can't yet see where this new path will lead, but I am excited and hopeful that whatever or wherever the destination may be, I will be able to face what lies ahead with faith and dignity.

It has been a privilege to have worked at St. Elizabeths, to have taught so many children and to have worked alongside such amazing and encouraging colleagues.

I will miss every one of you.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and kind words, especially over these last few weeks, they will never be forgotten.

Best wishes,

Mrs Parry.

Little Lizzie's

We will be starting a stay and play session once a month called "Little Lizzie's" for those families considering starting with us in the academic year Sept 2027. This regular monthly event builds the confidence of the children starting but also gives them and their parents a taster of school life. The afternoon session for

Little Lizzie's will always be on a Wednesday afternoon, starting at 1.30pm and ending at 3pm. Please tell anyone interested in joining us - all are welcome!

Dates are:

Wednesday 30th September, Wednesday 21st October, Wednesday 25th November, Wednesday 16th December, Wednesday 27th January 2027, Wednesday 24th February, Wednesday 24th March, Wednesday 28th April, Wednesday 26th May.

Then welcoming new starters on 2 afternoons on their own to join their class teacher on Wednesday 23rd June 1.15-3pm and Wednesday 30th June 1.15-3pm.

Parent Profiles

Arbor is used as our system in school to keep all contact information secure, but also readily available should we need to contact you. Please pop onto your Arbor profile and check your contact details are up to date. If you would like any support with this, please contact the office on 01773 822278.

Parent Survey

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.

From the whole team at St Elizabeth's, we wish you and your family a wonderful summer break together. Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Mrs Clemens.
Headteacher.

Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's – 2026-2027

Tuesday 21 st July	2pm Y6 Leaver's Mass and tree planting.	Pupils and Parents of Y6.
Thursday 23 rd July	2.30pm Y6 leaver's assembly.	All pupils and parents of Y6.
Thursday 23 rd July	Break up for summer holidays.	All pupils.
	Calendar for 2026-27	
Friday 4 th September 2026	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 7 th September 2026	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 8 th September	Term begins for all pupils.	All pupils.



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Wednesday 9 th September	3.45pm and repeated at 4.30pm meet the Teacher event.	All parents welcome, come into school and meet your child's new teacher.
Thursday 10 th September	NHS Flu immunisations	Pupils whose parents have given consent.
Thursday 24 th September	10am Mass for the start of the new school year and for Our Lady of Walsingham, Y3/4 children will be leading this.	Parents and Parish welcome.
Friday 25 th September	2-3.30pm Macmillan Coffee afternoon. Cake sale, meet the SEA, school council's coat swap, tours around school being given by Y6.	All welcome
Wednesday 7 th October	Individual school photos	All pupils
Friday 9 th October	6.30pm SEA Family Bingo night	All welcome
Tuesday 13 th October	Parent's Evening (not for Y6).	Parents from Reception to Y5, online on School Cloud.
Wednesday 14 th October	Parent's Evening (not for Y6).	Parents from Reception to Y5, online on School Cloud.
Wednesday 14 th October	Y6 residential until Friday 16 th Oct going to Dearne Valley.	Y6 pupils.
Thursday 15 th October	3pm Harvest Festival.	All welcome.
Friday 16 th October	World food Day, food from harvest donations delivered to Hope for Belper Food Bank.	
Tuesday 20 th October	Parent's Evening for Y6.	Parents from Y6 online on School Cloud.
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent's Evening for Y6.	Parents from Y6 online on School Cloud.
Thursday 22 nd October	TT Rockstars Day! Dress as a rockstar whilst you learn your number patterns and times tables!	All pupils.
Thursday 22 nd October	Break up for half term.	All pupils.
Friday 23 rd October	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October	Half term	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school	All pupils.
Tuesday 17 th November	St Elizabeth's Feast Day	All pupils.
Friday 20 th November	10am Mass for st Elizabeth's Feast Day	All welcome.
Friday 27 th November	Non uniform day in exchange for anything chocolate to support the SEA Christmas fayre	All pupils.

Monday 30 th November	3pm Jesse tree Assemblies begin daily	
Wednesday 2 nd December	SEA Christmas Gift sale for children takes place, this is a chance for pupils to buy a gift for a family member "in secret".	All pupils
Thursday 3 rd December	6.30pm Christmas Disco	All pupils.
Friday 4 th December	Non uniform day in exchange for anything in a bottle (eg shampoo, wine, bubble bath etc) to support the SEA Christmas fayre	All pupils.
Monday 7 th December	2pm KS1 Nativity to school	All pupils.
Tuesday 8 th December	2pm KS1 Nativity to families	Families of KS1
Wednesday 9 th December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity to school	Families of KS1
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Fayre	All welcome.
Monday 14 th December	Children's Christmas Dinner	All pupils.
Thursday 17 th December	10am Advent Mass	All welcome.
Friday 18 th December	2pm Carols Around the Tree and break up!	All welcome.
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January 2027	School closed for the Christmas holiday.	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 4 th January 2027	Back to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 6 th January	10am Epiphany Mass	All welcome.
Friday 12 th February	Break up for half term.	All pupils.
Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February	Half term	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 22 nd February	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 23 rd February	Back to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 3 rd March	Mother's Day Gift sale for children.	All pupils.
Wednesday 17 th March	Parent's Evening	On school Cloud
Thursday 18 th March	Parent's Evening	On school Cloud
Monday 22 nd March	Y3/4/5 Easter Play to school	All pupils.
Tuesday 23 rd March	2pm and 6.30pm Easter play to families.	Parents of Y3/4/5 pupils welcome to either performance.
Thursday 25 th March	Big Lent Walk at 2pm	All pupils.
Thursday 25 th March	Break up	All pupils.
Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April	Easter holiday	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 12 th April	Back to school	All pupils.
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Friday 28 th May	Break up for half term	All pupils.
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	School closed for half term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 7 th June	Back to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 9 th June	Sports Day	All pupils.

Wednesday 16 th June	Father's Day gift sale for children.	All pupils.
Friday 2 nd July	Summer Fayre and picnic day lunch.	All pupils.
Wednesday 7 th July	Whole school transition day – the children all move up to visit their new classroom and teacher for the full day.	All pupils.
Friday 23 rd July	Break up for summer holidays.	All pupils.
	Calendar 2027-2028	
Monday 6 th September	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 7 th September	Back to school	All pupils.