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NEWSLETTER

Monday 21st September
2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at St Elizabeth's. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children have made a fabulous start to the school year. We have welcomed 20 new children into our Reception Class, as well as Kit and Oli in Y2 – everyone has made a brilliant start.

Macmillan coffee afternoon – Open afternoon

To welcome everyone to the start of our school year and to have time to meet other friends/parents in school you are all warmly invited to our open afternoon based in the school hall. The afternoon will begin at 2pm and end at 3.30pm, the usual time for ending our school day. During the afternoon you will be able to meet our fantastic SEA (St Elizabeth's Association) parent volunteers, there will be a cake sale (so please send donations in (with ingredients listed if at all possible), any coats that you have grown out of please donate to our School Council Coat Swap, Y6 will be giving tours of the school, our very own St Elizabeth's choir will be singing around 3pm and the CEO of our trust, Mrs Lisa Walton, will be attending.

The children will be visiting the hall to purchase their own cakes (one to eat and one to take home) at the times below:

Reception and Y6 at 2pm

Y1 at 2.15pm

Y3/4 at 2.30pm

Y4/5 at 2.45pm

Miss Hickling our SENDCo will also be available to answer any SEND questions you may have. Mr Ward, our deputy head, will be on hand to sell raffle tickets – you have been warned 😊

Little Lizzies

We will be starting a stay and play session once a month called "Little Lizzies" 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 both them and their parents a taster of school life. The afternoon session for Little Lizzies will always be on a Wednesday afternoon, starting at 1.30pm and ending at 3.05pm. 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 1.15-3.05pm and Wednesday 30th June 1.15-3.05pm.



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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.

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 – 2026-2027

	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.
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 30 th September	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters 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	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters welcome.
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.
Wednesday 25 th November	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters 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 families	Families of KS1
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Fayre	All welcome.
Monday 14 th December	Children's Christmas Dinner	All pupils.
Wednesday 16 th December	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters welcome.
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.
Wednesday 27 th January	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters welcome.
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day, theme “Reflect on tech: exploring digital well-being and our relationship with technology”.	
Wednesday 10 th February	10am Ash Wednesday Mass	All welcome.
Friday 12 th February	Young Voices	All members of choir.
Friday 12 th February	Break up for half term.	All pupils.
Monday 15 th Feb- Fri 19 th February	School closed for 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 24 th February	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters welcome.
Monday 1 st March	CAFOD speaker in school assembly to launch the Big Lent Walk.	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	2pm 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.
Wednesday 24 th March	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters welcome.
Thursday 25 th March	Ping pong ball race and Easter hat/cap parade.	All pupils.
Thursday 25 th March	Big Lent Walk at 2pm – be ready for this whatever the weather!	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.
Wednesday 28 th April	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters welcome.

Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 5 th May	Class photos.	All pupils.
Thursday 6 th May	10am Ascension Mass.	All welcome.
Monday 17 th May	Y6 rainforest art sale.	Pupils and parents of Y6.
Monday 17 th May	1pm-4.45pm Book bus, parents welcome from 3pm.	All pupils. Parents welcome from 3pm.
Friday 21 st May	Y6 trip to Cadbury World.	Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 26 th May	Little Lizzies – stay and play for parents and children ready to start school next year.	New starters welcome.
Wednesday 26 th May	3.45pm and then repeated at 4.30pm New starters parent meeting.	Parents of all new reception pupils for September 2027 welcome.
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	1.15pm Sports Day	All pupils.
Wednesday 16 th June	Father's Day gift sale for children.	All pupils.
Wednesday 23 rd June	New reception starters afternoon – official welcome to the new Little Lizzies!	All reception class new starters for September 2027.
Wednesday 30 th June	New reception starters afternoon.	All reception class new starters for September 2027.
Tuesday 29 th June	10am Mass St Peter and St Paul.	All welcome.
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 9 th July	End of year reports to parents for Reception to Y5.	Reception to Y5.
Monday 12 th July	1.45pm Y6 performance to school.	All pupils.
Tuesday 13 th July	1.45pm and repeated at 6.15pm Y6 performance to parents.	Parents invited – priority tickets to Y6 families.
Wednesday 14 th July	2.30pm Musical showcase.	
Friday 16 th July	Y6 reports to go to parents.	Parents of Y6 pupils.
Tuesday 20 th July	2pm Y6 Leaver's Mass	Pupils and parents of Y6.
Friday 23 rd July	2.30pm Y6 Leaver's Assembly.	Pupils and parents of Y6.
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	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Wednesday 8 th September	Back to school.	All pupils.