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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 10th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Dinner numbers

The children's Christmas dinner will be on Monday 14th December, however the canteen will need to know numbers this week. Please can you let us know if you would like to order a dinner for the 14.12.26 by Friday of this week – Friday 13th November. The canteen can then order all the items needed. Thank you!

Reception Admissions 2027-28

Admissions for a Reception place in September 2027 are now open. If you or someone you know has a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 you can apply online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions Applications need to be in by midnight on 15th January 2027.

National Prem Awareness Day

We are the only primary school in Belper that hold the award for being a Prem Aware School, all staff have had training on this topic. On **World Prematurity Day**, we join families and communities around the world in raising awareness of babies who are born prematurely and the challenges they may face. This special day highlights the strength and resilience of premature babies, their families and the healthcare professionals who care for them. To show our support, children are invited to wear **an item of purple** with their school uniform on this day if they would like to do so (eg badges, a sticker, socks, hair accessories, scarf, gloves). Purple is the recognised colour of prematurity awareness, and by wearing it we can help start conversations, show kindness and raise awareness of an important cause. Thank you for your support. 💜

Little Lizzies

We will be continuing our stay and play session once a month called "Little Lizzies" for those families considering starting with us in the academic year Sept 2027. So far, we have had 2 sessions with wonderful feedback – please continue to spread the word! 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 is always 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 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.

Y6 trip – Rolls Royce Heritage Centre, Derby

Our Y6s will be visiting Rolls Royce on 26th November. They will spend time in the Heritage Centre and see the Merlin Engine which is part of their topic on WWII. They will also hear from people about what it is like to work at Rolls Royce – and maybe be inspired to think about their own career. Y6 will also meet some apprentices from the aerospace section who will be leading STEM workshops.

Y3, 4, 5 trip to Derby Theatre

Build on inspiring children to enjoy their reading Mrs Wilby and Miss Hickling have planned a trip to see the class Railway Children at Derby Theatre. The children will be going on Wednesday 9th December, this is a trip during school time and so will need to be in school uniform.

Y1 trip – Bluebell Farm

Well done to our wonderful Year 1 class who have completed their first trip to the farm. They had a wonderful time with children saying, "Best day ever" and "My favourite trip!". Bluebell's Farm staff were very complimentary on the behaviour and wonderful manners of the children; we are very proud of you all!

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 – 2026-27

	Calendar for 2026-27	
Wednesday 11th November	Christmas dinner orders need to be in to the school office.	Please ensure you have let school know if your child would like to have a Christmas dinner (Christmas dinner day 14.12.26)
Thursday 12th November	3pm Y2 leading Celebration of the word.	Families of Y2 children welcome to join us in the hall.
Monday 16th November	Prem Awareness Day (15.11.26) we can wear an item of purple to raise awareness.	This is an optional choice and children can wear an item of clothing or an accessory of purple, should they wish to do so.
Thursday 19th November	3pm Y1 leading Celebration of the word.	Families of Y1 children welcome to join us in the hall.
Tuesday 17th November	St Elizabeth's Feast Day	All pupils.
Friday 20th November	10am Mass for st Elizabeth's Feast Day	All welcome.
Thursday 26th November	3pm EYFS (Iona class) leading Celebration of the word.	Families of EYFS (Iona class) children welcome to join us in the hall.

Thursday 26th November	Y6 trip to Rolls Royce Heritage Centre, Derby.	All Y6 pupils.
Friday 27th November	Non uniform day in exchange for anything chocolate to support the SEA Christmas fayre	All pupils.
Monday 30th November	3pm Jesse Tree Assemblies begin daily.	All pupils and parents welcome to join us in the hall.
Wednesday 2nd 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 3rd December	6.30pm Christmas Disco	All pupils welcome if they like to dance or listen to music.
Friday 4th 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 7th December	2pm KS1 Nativity to school	All pupils.
Tuesday 8th December	2pm KS1 Nativity to families	Families of KS1
Wednesday 9th December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity to school	Families of KS1
Wednesday 9th December	Y3/4/5 trip to Derby Theatre to see a production of The Railway Children.	Pupils in Years 3/4/5.
Friday 11th December	Christmas Fayre	All welcome.
Monday 14th December	Children's Christmas Dinner	All pupils.
Tuesday 15th December	2.45pm Rocksteady Concert to whole school and parents of rocksteady pupils	All pupils and parents of Rocksteady pupils.
Wednesday 16th December	1.30-3.05pm Little Lizzies	Pupils and parents who want to attend our stay and play session for new starters in September 2027.
Thursday 17th December	10am Advent Mass	All welcome.
Friday 18th December	2pm Carols Around the Tree and break up!	All welcome.
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027	School closed for the Christmas holiday.	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 4th January 2027	Back to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 6th January	10am Epiphany Mass	All welcome.
Friday 15th January	Midnight – applications close for primary school places.	Parents of all new starters.
Friday 12th February	Break up for half term.	All pupils.
Monday 15th February to Friday19th February	Half term	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 22nd February	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 23rd February	Back to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 3rd March	Mother's Day Gift sale for children.	All pupils.

Wednesday 17th March	Parent's Evening	On school Cloud
Thursday 18th March	Parent's Evening	On school Cloud
Monday 22nd March	Y3/4/5 Easter Play to school	All pupils.
Tuesday 23rd March	2pm and 6.30pm Easter play to families.	Parents of Y3/4/5 pupils welcome to either performance.
Thursday 25th March	Big Lent Walk at 2pm	All pupils.
Thursday 25th March	Break up	All pupils.
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April	Easter holiday	School closed to all pupils.
Monday 12th April	Back to school	All pupils.
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Friday 28th May	Break up for half term	All pupils.
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	School closed for half term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 7th June	Back to school.	All pupils.
Wednesday 9th June	Sports Day	All pupils.
Wednesday 16th June	Father's Day gift sale for children.	All pupils.
Friday 2nd July	Summer Fayre and picnic day lunch.	All pupils.
Wednesday 7th July	Whole school transition day – the children all move up to visit their new classroom and teacher for the full day.	All pupils.
Friday 23rd July	Break up for summer holidays.	All pupils.
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Monday 6th September	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 7th September	INSET	School closed to all pupils.