



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
'Love one another as I have loved you'

Weekly Update – Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Week and Arts Week!

We have been having an amazing week celebrating Book and Arts Week and our theme for this year was Journeys.

Round the World Day

On Monday, we started off the week with our Round the World Day, a whole-school creative journey where each year group "travelled" to different countries with each class teacher. From painting on the "ceiling" like Michelangelo or learning to create Australian indigenous art, children learnt about different countries and created an artwork inspired by that nation's culture, traditions or famous artists and filled up their passports with flags from each country they "visited".



Author Visit

On Tuesday, author Gareth P Jones gave an entertaining and energetic presentation to each class. Performing original music (based on his books) on his keyboard and ukulele, Gareth's lively and humorous songs delighted the children. From werewolves and vampires in Transylvania to bunnies with extra-long ears, Gareth shared his experiences of being an author and the writing process in a fun and interactive way.



Assemblies

On Wednesday, Mrs Agbo shared her experiences of teaching in Uganda adding a further country for children to include in their passports. The children were fascinated by her photographs and stories about living and working in Africa.

On Thursday, the Year 6 Librarians revealed their favourite books and also demonstrated how performance poetry can take us on a journey, performing Gran, Can You Rap.



Book Swap and Paired Reading

On Thursday, children brought in a book to swap with their classmates and they were delighted to receive a new book to take home. Children also enjoyed paired reading with the older children reading with the younger ones.

Book Character Day



We concluded the week with Book Character Day and it was so exciting to see the fun and creative costumes that the children came in! What an incredible week we've had!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who donated books, made and organised costumes, and came in to read stories and help with art and crafts. Thank you to Mrs Branch who led a pebble art session for Y2 and Y3. Finally, thank you to Mrs Mottram and Mrs Briggs for organising this special week and we hope that the children will continue to read, write and create all through the year!



Sports Update from Mr Sagar and Mrs Knowles

This week, St Elizabeth's enjoyed the second of our three play-off fixtures, this time in the boys football league. The team travelled to a tough away fixture at St James' Catholic Primary School. As expected, the game was a cagey affair with both sides testing each other's defences. St Elizabeth's played a good passing game, worked hard as a team and, despite St James' eventually proving the stronger team, chased the game with passion, right until the final whistle. Well done on an excellent season, boys!

Orchestra Concert





Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Orchestra Concert yesterday evening. The children's performances were wonderful as was the violin duet by Mrs FitzGerald and Mrs Christensen, our violin teacher. Well done everyone!

Y6 Pupil Chaplains visit Small Steps

On Monday a group of Y6 Pupil Chaplains visited Small Steps to present them with a cheque for the money that the school collected.

They loved looking round the centre and learning about the specialist equipment that our money will help to buy.



Y6 to Junior Citizen Day

This week our Y6 children took part in the Junior Citizen Day at Holly Lodge. This session, led by TfL and the police, teaches the children the skills they need for transition for secondary school such as travelling independently, keeping safe online and contacting emergency services.



Next week in school

Sponsored Walk – Monday 16th March

The Sponsored Walk is happening on Monday. Children should come into school in PE kits with trainers. They should also have a water bottle and a coat.

Thank you to the parents who are going to be joining us on our walk. Please do ask your family and friends to sponsor your child for their efforts. You can send in cash or a cheque to the school office or donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/schoolsponsoredwalk2026>

If you donate to JustGiving, you can add Gift Aid to your donation. Thank you.



Awards this week

Values Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Values Award this week:

Reception: Santiago

Y1: Federico

Y2: Anna

Y3: Raielle

Y4: Sophie

Y5: Kateryna

Y6: Jack



Upcoming dates

MARCH

16 th	a.m.	Sponsored Walk
18 th	All day	Y3 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum
18 th – 20 th		Y5 School Journey to Sayers Croft
18 th	p.m.	Infant Choir to sing at Greville House Care Home
23 rd	p.m.	Y4 to Orchestra Unwrapped at the Royal Festival Hall
25 th	9:30 a.m.	Y4 Passion Play – parents invited
26 th	a.m.	Stations of the Cross – children only
26 th	10:30 a.m.	Y4 & Y3 last swimming session
27 th	2:00 p.m.	Term ends. Children to be collected at 2pm

Attendance and punctuality this week

Congratulations to Y1 and Y6 for having the best attendance this week at 99.7%.

Well done to Y5 for having the best punctuality this week with the least number of lates, closely followed by Y3.

The next newsletter will be sent on Friday 27th March but there will be an RE newsletter next week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Jane Hines and the staff of St Elizabeth's

Please see below for sporting opportunities or for opportunities provided by supporters of our school



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https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RQOst3j_FjVetvM6sslcO-zQK-8Bc5p3OqUtpx9gcE/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.bc0m7asgsb3k



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Free Taster
Session
Tuesday
28th April

Girls only group sessions (Yr2–Yr11)
Tuesday 5pm–6:30pm from 21st April

All Stars (Reception–Yr3)
Fridays 5pm–6pm from 24th April

Girls Only
Pizza &
Cricket
12th May

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