



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



Weekly Update – Friday 5th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are entering our busy time of year as we prepare for Christmas, and the school hall is filled with the sound of children singing carols. Please check the dates below for details of our performances and Christmas activities and do keep checking your emails for communications as we approach the end of term.

Our KS1 children had a fantastic time at their disco this afternoon. The staff couldn't resist joining in the fun and an appearance from Santa made the afternoon extra special. Thank you to the Y5 parents for organising both our KS1 and KS2 discos. We look forward to seeing our older children and parents at the KS2 disco tonight.



This week in school

Y4 Roman Day

The Y4 children looked a little different as they arrived in school on Wednesday dressed in tunics and togas. As part of their 'Roman Day' they made replicas of Roman shields and learnt some of the manoeuvres of the Roman army. They also had a go at 'Roman' cooking, making pizzas which they shared with parents at the end of the day!



Reconciliation Services

As part of our Advent preparation, we held KS1 and KS2 Reconciliations Services this week. The children were encouraged to reflect on their actions and ask forgiveness for the things they have done wrong as they prepare for Christmas. The Y2 and Y3 children dramatised the parable of the Prodigal Son and explained that this shows God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Following the service, Mgr Bill, Canon John, Fr Peter and Fr Arulraj came in to school to hear individual Confessions for children in Y5 and Y6. We were delighted to welcome Fr Arulraj, who is new to the parish of St Thomas Aquinas in Ham.



Sports Update from Mr Sagar and Mrs Knowles

On Tuesday, a group of boys from Y4 and Y6 represented the school at the Borough Small Schools 5-a-side football tournament. The team played lots of fast-paced games, scored some great goals and showed excellent teamwork. The boys came third overall, which was a fantastic result. Well played, boys!



The next two weeks in school

Y6 Pilgrimage to St George's Cathedral – Tuesday 9th December

On Tuesday afternoon Y6 will be attending the Diocesan Schools' Advent Service at St George's Cathedral. While there, they will have the opportunity to walk through the Holy Door which is only possible in a Jubilee Year.

Y6 parents, please note that children will be arriving at school at around 4pm. If you would like your child to walk home from the station, please email school to let us know this.

Whole School Pantomime – Wednesday 10th December

The whole school will be watching The Wizard Theatre's production of 'The Reluctant Dragon' on Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, please make your contribution towards the cost of this in Arbor Pay in the payment 'Christmas Activities and Design & Technology Parental Contribution'.

KS2 Carol Service – 7pm Thursday 11th December

We are looking forward to the Advent Carol Service which is taking place on Thursday 11th December at 7pm. Tickets have been sent home in your KS2 child's reading packet.

Please return any unwanted tickets or email us to let us know you will not be needing both your tickets by Monday 8th December. We will re-allocate returned tickets to those on the waiting list for additional tickets.

On the evening, children should come to school at 6:30pm wearing smart, clean school uniform including a tie. Children may wear their PE kits to school on this day to help them have a clean uniform for the concert. Entry to the school hall is at 6:45pm and parents will need to show their tickets. There will be a collection for our Advent charity, CAFOD World Gifts after the service. As this is a liturgy, photography is not permitted, however the service will be recorded by school and shared on Google Classroom.

KS1 Nativity

The Y1 and Y2 Nativity will be taking place on Friday 12th December at 10:00am. Children should come into school as normal and parents will be able to enter the hall through the main entrance to the hall at 9:45am. There will be a collection for CAFOD World Gifts after the service.

Schola singing at St Winefride's Parish Advent Service – 7:00pm Monday 15th December

The Schola Choir will be singing at St Winefride's Parish Advent Service on Monday 15th December. Parents from school are welcome to attend.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Tuesday 16th December

We have our whole school Christmas lunch on this day. Children are offered a traditional roast turkey lunch (or vegetarian option) with crackers and Christmas songs. They are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers with their school uniform and Christmas accessories.



Advent Mass – 2pm Thursday 18th December

Canon John from St Winefride's Church in Kew will be celebrating our Advent Mass for us on 18th December. All parents and family members are welcome to join us for Mass. The readings and prayers will be led by our Y5 children.

Information for Parents

Message from the PTA

A huge thank you to Reception, Year 1 and the PTA Committee. We are delighted to share that we raised an amazing £5,211.42 from our Christmas Morning event.

St Elizabeth's 2025 Tea Towel – The Perfect Christmas Gift!

This year's St Elizabeth's tea towel is part of the Year 6 fundraiser and celebrates the Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope. What makes it truly special is that the children have hand-drawn their own portraits, making each tea towel a unique keepsake full of creativity and school spirit.

These tea towels make ideal Christmas gifts for family and friends – a wonderful way to support our Year 6 pupils while celebrating this special year.

We are offering multi-buy discounts:

- 1 for £7
- 2 for £13
- 3 for £19
- 4 for £25

Orders placed before Friday 12th December will be sent home with your child during the week commencing 15th December. Thank you for your support!

Order yours now via bit.ly/PTAteatowel

Easyfundraising

Please do sign up to Easyfundraising to help to raise funds for the school while you shop online. The school receives up to 5% of each transaction at thousands of shops. It is completely free of charge to us and to you. Details of Easyfundraising were sent home in an email this week but you can also download the app here.



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School Values Awards

Congratulations to the following children for earning a School Values Award this week:

Reception: Leo

Y1: Ian

Y2: Zoe

Y3: Jimmy

Y4: Harry

Y5: Yoma

Y6: Peggy



Upcoming dates

December

Tues 9 th	pm	Y6 Pilgrimage to St George's Cathedral Advent Service
Wed 10 th	2:00 p.m.	Christmas panto in school for all classes
Thu 11 th	10:30 a.m.	Last swimming lesson for Y5 & Y3
Thu 11 th	7:00 p.m.	KS2 Advent Carol Service
Fri 12 th	10:00 a.m.	KS1 Nativity Performance
Tue 16 th	12 noon	Christmas Lunch
Wed 17 th	9:30 a.m.	Reception: Carols around the tree
Thu 18 th	2:00 p.m.	Anticipating Christmas Mass prepared by Y5 – All parents and carers welcome
Fri 19 th	2:00 p.m.	End of Autumn Term <i>Children to be collected at 2 p.m.</i>

January

Tues 6 th	8:45 a.m.	Children return to school
Tues 6 th	10 a.m.	Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Jane Hines and the staff of St Elizabeth's