



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

**Weekly Newsletter – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been experiencing some difficulties this week with our emails. This is a global issue where emails sent from LGfL email addresses to Gmail addresses have been going into recipients' spam folders. We have been assured that this issue is being solved, but please do keep checking your spam folders to see if you have missed any communications from school.

This week, we have sent the following emails:

- Information about the RE programme called 'Lighting the Path'.
- Information about the revised Relationships and Sex Education Policy.
- Autumn Term dates.
- Class Information Session slides for Y6, Y5 and Y4
- Termly Topics Information for Parents for all classes

Please do let us know if you feel you have missed any of these communications and we can resend. Thank you for your patience!

**This week in school**

All of our Reception children have now joined us and they have made a brilliant start to the school. Next week the Reception children will meet their Y6 Buddy who will sit with them when they start coming to whole school assemblies. Y6 can't wait to meet their Reception Buddies!



### Canon John's visit

We welcomed Canon John from St Winefride's into school this week. He visited all the classes and met some of our new Y6 Pupil Chaplains and Mini Vinnies who are just beginning their new roles.



### Mini Vinnies' Macmillan Cake Sale – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

In assembly today, the Mini Vinnies introduced themselves. They are a group of Pupil Chaplains who are part of the youth section of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Their role is to examine the need in our community, reflect on the gospel and support those in need.

They are inviting the whole school to put faith into action through a cake sale to support Macmillan Cancer Support on Thursday 24 September. They have asked Y5 and Y6 children to provide the cakes and bakes and everyone should bring in £1 or £2 to buy a cake after school. Please come along to support!



### **New playground toys**

The children have been excited to see the new toys arriving at playtimes. These have been provided by the PTA who also funded the repairs to our log swing and balance logs in the outdoor gym area.

We would not be able to fund these repairs or buy new equipment without the hard work of our PTA or without your support of our school events, so on behalf of the children, thank you very much!



### **Bo our school dog returns**

Bo, the school dog popped in for a quick visit today after a long break over summer. She visited all classes from Y1 to Y6 and spread a little joy for a Friday afternoon. For parents in Reception, please do let school know if your child has any concerns about dogs and we will adapt Bo's visits accordingly.



### **Information for Parents**

#### **Fr Tom Scannell**

We were very sad to hear that Fr Tom Scannell who was the parish priest at St Winefride's Church in Kew died last week. Fr Tom was a dedicated governor at St Elizabeth's for many years and a great supporter and friend of our school. His funeral will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm at St Winefride's Church.

### **Extra-curricular clubs update**

Our extra-curricular clubs started this week and it has been fantastic to see so many children taking part. We review our clubs offer regularly and this term we are pleased to introduce Judo Club on Tuesdays after school.

Our running club welcomes children in KS2 to join them on Friday mornings from 8 a.m. for a before-school run in Richmond Park. You don't need to be an experienced runner to take part. There is a slower paced group for those who are new to running or who prefer to take it easy.

There are still places available at Basketball Club on Friday morning before school. If your child is interested, please click here to register your child:

<https://knights-basketball.classforkids.io/info/1163>

### Next week in school

The Class Information Sessions continue next week. These sessions are led by your child's class teacher and are an opportunity to hear what your child will learn this year and how you can help them at home. They begin at 9:00am and last approximately 45 minutes.

Y3 - Monday 21st September

Y1 - Tuesday 22nd September

Y2 - Wednesday 23rd September

Reception - Thursday 24th September

### Awards this week

#### Values Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were spotted living our School Values:

Poppy, Arthur, Leo, Angel, Marcus and Elliot



## Upcoming Dates

### SEPTEMBER

|                      |                   |                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  | Y3 Class Information for Parents Session in school                                                                |
| Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  | Y1 Class Information for Parents Session in school                                                                |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  | Y2 Class Information for Parents Session in school                                                                |
| Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Reception Class Information for Parents Session in school                                                         |
|                      | 3:15 p.m.         | Pupil Chaplains' cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support                                                           |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8:45 a.m.         | PTA Pre-loved Uniform sale                                                                                        |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> | a.m.              | Diocesan Schools' Mass for the beginning of the school year,<br>Representative group of Pupil Chaplains to attend |
|                      | p.m.              | Richmond Music Trust clarinet lessons start for Y4 class                                                          |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> | 3:30 p.m.         | Piano concert                                                                                                     |

### OCTOBER

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| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> | All day          | National Poetry Day                               |
| Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 6 p.m.           | Movie Night – led by Y6 parents                   |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | All day          | CAFOD Harvest Fast Day                            |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 9.00 a.m.        | PTA meeting in the Food Tech Room                 |
| Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 11:00            | Missio Mass in Hampton – details to follow        |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>   | All day          | 'Children's Mental Health Wear Yellow Day'        |
| Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:30 a.m.        | Harvest Mass led by Y5 – Parents & Carers welcome |
| Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>  | tbc              | PTA Bingo night – parents and children invited    |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. | Parents' Coffee Morning – all parents invited     |

## Attendance this week

Congratulations to Y4 for having the highest attendance at an amazing 99.6% closely followed by Y6 at 99.2% - well above our school target of 97%.

Well done too to all the children in Y3 for excellent attendance with all children arriving in school before the register was taken this week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hines and the school staff

## St Elizabeth's Safeguarding Team

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school is Mrs Hines and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Compton. If you have any concerns about the safety of a child in our school you can contact Mrs Hines or Mrs Compton in confidence by email at [safeguarding@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk). If a child is at immediate risk of harm, you should call 999.



**Have fun  
and learn  
Spanish**

**Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:50 PM**  
**Children aged 4-11 years**

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**Richmond**  
Your Spanish Language School

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### **Bienvenidos a Escuela Richmond**

Escuela Richmond is your Saturday Spanish Language club for primary school aged children. We run on Saturdays from 10am to 12:50pm at St Elizabeth's School.

We welcome primary school children of any Spanish level, and we still have a few spaces left for September 2026. We start on Saturday 19th September! For further information, please see the attached flyer.

To claim a 1-hour free trial, please email [info@escuelarichmond.com](mailto:info@escuelarichmond.com)

Escuela Richmond looks forward to teaching your children to speak Spanish!