St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending your child's Parents' Meetings this week. We hope that you enjoyed having a look at your child's work and hearing how they have settled into their new classes.

This fortnight in school



Y6 Evacuee Day

As part of their study of World War 2, our Y6 children spent the day as wartime evacuees last week. In the morning they visited Richmond Museum to find out what life was like in Richmond during the war. Using real artefacts, they learnt about 'Make do and mend' and rationing. In the afternoon they learnt and performed a brilliant wartime jive with Lee from 'Boundless Dance'.





Y6 Remembrance

Thank you to Y6 pupils for leading our Remembrance assembly on Wednesday this week. The children explained the significance of the poppy. They also presented their research on their family members who played their part in the First and Second World War – some amazing stories of bravery and sacrifice.



Black History Month Projects

In our assembly last week children shared their Black History Month projects with the school. Among the inspirational people the children had researched were Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Katherine Johnson, Wilma Rudolf and Ronald Moody. Well done everyone!



Schola Concert at St Elizabeth's Church

Last week our Schola Choir performed a repertoire of liturgical music at St Elizabeth's Church. Each member of the choir sang a solo in front of an audience of family members and parishioners, using their talents to raise money for 'Mary's Meals' charity.



Y2 to Richmond Museum

This week, Y2 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Museum of Richmond as part of their History topic on local heroes.

The children had a wonderful time exploring artefacts and original documents, helping them learn all about the brave soldiers from our local area who served in the First World War. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that really brought their learning to life!





Pumpkin soup making in Reception

Last week Reception enjoyed sharing a story called 'Pumpkin Soup'. They decided to make their own soup to taste in class.



They first made a shopping list of the ingredients they would need and then helped to chop up the vegetables to make their own soup.

Y1 Visit to Holly Lodge

Y1 enjoyed an exciting educational visit to Holly Lodge, where they explored how changes in the weather affect animals during the winter months. The children learnt about the different ways animals adapt to colder temperatures, including hibernating, storing food and finding warm places to shelter.
This visit helped the children develop their understanding of seasonal changes and how animals prepare for winter. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our Science learning to life and encourage curiosity about the natural world!





Sports News



Last week, a team of Y5 and Y6 girls represented St Elizabeth's at the Borough Football Tournament. The squad played 8 games of football over a whole day, showing great teamwork and determination. The girls displayed some excellent tackling, made some good saves in goal and improved throughout the day. Well done to all the squad!

This week saw a double header of football fixtures against Meadlands School. The girls played well against a very strong team and, despite conceding early goals, regrouped well to restrict the scoring in the second half.

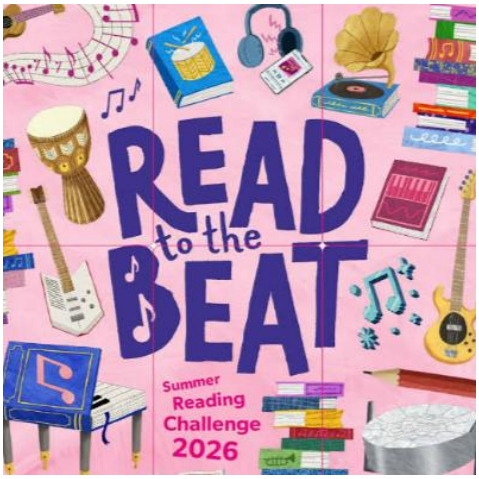
The Y5 and Y6 boys played a very competitive, finely balanced game with an opportunity to establish new player combinations for the season ahead. The squad's determined play saw St Elizabeth's win 2-1 with the goals scored by Szymon and Bernard.

Well done to all our footballers for an excellent start to the season!

Reading Updates

Summer Reading Challenge

We are delighted to announce that St Elizabeth's was the top school for participation in the Summer Reading Challenge in the whole of Richmond Borough! The children's passion for reading was evident with 45% of the school participating.
We are also very grateful to parents for supporting their children in their reading journey, by taking them to the library to sign up, reading together with them and sharing their love of books.



Guinness World Records

On Thursday 8 October, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6 joined **Take 10 to Read**, the National Literacy Trust and the British Council's attempt to set a new Guinness World Record title for the most people reading online in 12 hours. We have now received confirmation that the attempt was successful! 153,862 participants took part from 92 countries and well done for helping to set a new reading record!

Upcoming Dates

Odd Socks Day

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children in schools across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day when children are encouraged to celebrate their differences by wearing odd socks or a pair of socks they would not normally wear to school.

Induction of Fr Francis Murphy – 7pm St Elizabeth's Church on Friday 20th November

We look forward to welcoming Fr Francis Murphy, the new Parish Priest at St Elizabeth's to school on Monday ahead of his induction Mass on Friday. We would like to invite children who are St Elizabeth's parishioners to join staff members in representing the school at the Induction Mass. Children would need to wear smart school uniform. Please do contact Mrs Diver via admin@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk to let us know that you would like to attend.

Information for Parents

Photos of 'Friends in Heaven'

During November children in all classes are invited to bring in a photograph of a family member who has died to place on our Remembrance table in the school hall. The children are encouraged to show the photograph in assembly, with support if needed, and then we all pray the Eternal Rest prayer together. Children can bring in original photographs or photocopies of photographs and we will return these to you at the end of November. We find that this is a positive way to share with children how we continue to cherish and pray for our family members who have died.

School Uniform

Now we are in November all children should be in their winter school uniform. All children should be wearing a shirt with a collar and a school tie. Children should be in grey trousers or skirts or pinafore dresses. They should wear school shoes with their winter school uniform and grey or maroon socks or tights. Thank you for helping our pupils to look smart and take pride in their uniform.





PTA Update

The Christmas Morning Market

Planning is underway for the Christmas Morning Market on 27th November. Parents and carers can enjoy hearing each class sing Christmas tunes while having tea or coffee and browsing the market stalls. To have a successful event we need your help:

- International food stall: Please let your class rep know if you can contribute a nut-free dish or dessert.
- Raffle prizes: If you have any prizes to donate, please email the PTA.
- Hampers: Hamper collection and mufti day will be on 20th November. Please look for items to donate such as wine, mince pies and chocolate. Baskets and wine boxes to use as hampers would also be welcome.
- Y6 stall: Y6 will be selling wreaths and table centrepieces.

The PTA Shop: 2027 Calendars, Class Photos and NEW Totes

Our 2027 calendars, class photos and all-new totes are on sale in The PTA Shop. They make lovely Christmas gifts for grandparents, support our fundraising and are a keepsake of our school community. Please pre-order by Wednesday 18th November to help keep waste to a minimum. Class photos and totes will be available for collection at the Christmas Morning Market, or, if you can't make it, sent home with your child in the week beginning 30th November. 2027 calendars will be sent home with your child in the week beginning 14th December.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

We've partnered with a local school to offer high-quality real Christmas trees available for home delivery. St Elizabeth's receives £10 for every tree sold. Last orders are 27th November.

Upcoming Dates

NOVEMBER		
Tue 17th	All day	Reception to Y6: Nasal Flu Immunisation
Thurs 19th	6:00 p.m.	Vocal Concert
Fri 20th	All day	PTA Mufti Day – hamper food donations
Fri 20th	p.m.	Last Clarinet session for Y4 Class
Thu 26th	a.m.	KS2 Advent Reconciliation Service led by Y3 – children only
Thu 26th	p.m.	Confessions for Y6 & Y5 – children only
Fri 27th	a.m.	PTA Christmas Market with carol singing by each class
Mon 30th	All day	Last full week of clubs
DECEMBER		
Fri 4th	2:00 p.m.	KS1 Christmas disco
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	PTA Christmas Disco for KS2
Wed 9th	2:00 p.m.	Wizard Theatre Christmas production 'Dr. Dolittle'
Thu 10th	10:30 a.m.	Last swimming lesson for Y5 & Y3
Thu 10th	7:00 p.m.	KS2 Advent Carol Service
Fri 11th	10:00 a.m.	KS1 Nativity Performance
Tue 15th		Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Wed 16th	9:30 a.m.	Reception: Carols around the tree
Thu 17th	11:30 a.m.	Anticipating Christmas Mass led by Y4 – Parents welcome
Fri 18th	2:00 p.m.	End of Autumn Term *Children to be collected at 2 p.m.*

Awards this week

Values Award

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Values Award for living our School Values this fortnight:

Sherwin

Zoe

Eddie

Lia

Annabelle

Ali

Freya

Isabella

Jireh

Lucja

Ximena

Lara

Fernando





Million Word Readers

Huge congratulations to the following children for excellent achievement in reading:

Toni, Oliver and Tom in Y4 for reading a **million words**

Antonia and Elise in Y5 for reading **five million words**

Eddie in Y6 for reading **ten million words**

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to Y5 and Y6 for having the best attendance this week at 98.4%

And well done to Y3, Y4 and Y6 for having the best punctuality again this week with the least amount of children marked late in the register!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hines and the school staff

Safeguarding concern?

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child at St Elizabeth's please contact the Safeguarding team, Mrs Hines and Mrs Compton, by email at safeguarding@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk or by telephone on 02089403015.

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999.