

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School



## WEEKLY UPDATE

Spring Term, 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break filled with joy and relaxation.

Our week began on a high note with our Gospel Assembly on Monday, where we celebrated the resurrection and the hope it brings to our hearts. It was a beautiful opportunity for our school community to come together and reflect on the significance of this special time of year.

On Tuesday, half of our Year 5 children had an exciting adventure as they visited Forest School. They had the opportunity to explore nature, learn new skills, and have fun outdoors. For those who missed out, don't worry - the other half will be heading to Forest School next week for their turn!

We are thrilled to see that the children have made a fantastic start to the Summer term. Their enthusiasm and energy are contagious. We've got lots to look forward to this term including: First Holy Communion, class assemblies, retreat days and our Year 5 residential.

We are excited about all the learning, growth, and fun that awaits us this term. Let's make the most of every moment together!

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Summer term ahead!

Miss E Simmons  
Headteacher



Gold Award Winners

LAGE

### Reflection

*In Sunday's Gospel we hear about how the risen Jesus ate some fish with his friends and gave them a special job to be his witnesses. Many of Jesus' first followers were fishermen and the first Christians used fish as a symbol that they followed Jesus.*

Father God,  
You sent your Son to share your message of love and forgiveness. Help us all to be witnesses to that love and forgiveness in our lives.  
Amen.



# Let Your Light Shine

**NEVER  
STOP  
READING**

## Unlocking Potential: 5 Reasons Reading Daily with Your Child is Invaluable

Reading with your child isn't just about flipping through pages; it's about opening doors to a world of possibilities. Here are five compelling reasons why making reading a daily ritual with your child is one of the best investments you can make in their future:

- 1. Building Bonds:** Shared reading time fosters a strong emotional connection between you and your child. It's a precious opportunity to snuggle up together, share laughter, and engage in meaningful conversations sparked by the stories you explore together.
- 2. Language Development:** Regular exposure to books exposes children to a rich tapestry of language. The more words children are exposed to, the better equipped they become to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- 3. Cognitive Development:** Reading stimulates a child's imagination and critical thinking skills. As they immerse themselves in stories, they learn to make connections, infer meaning, and analyze characters and plotlines.
- 4. Cultural Awareness:** Books provide a window into diverse cultures, experiences, and perspectives. Through reading, children gain insights into different ways of life, fostering empathy, tolerance, and respect for others.
- 5. Academic Success:** Research consistently shows that children who read regularly perform better academically. Reading proficiency is not only essential for success in school but also paves the way for lifelong learning. By instilling a love of reading early on, you equip your child with a powerful tool that will serve them well in all areas of life.

The benefits of reading with your child extend far beyond the pages of a book. It's a transformative experience that nurtures bonds, sparks imagination, cultivates empathy, and lays the groundwork for a lifetime of learning. So, grab a book, snuggle up, and embark on an adventure together—it's a journey that will enrich both your lives in countless ways.

## Attendance WC 8th April

Year	%
Nursery	92.2%
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	77.7%
Year 2	89.3%
Year 3	92.4%
Year 4	89.3%
Year 5	86.9%
Year 6	86%

*There are 164 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done*

*Congratulations to Reception with the best punctuality and Year 3 the best attendance this week.*

*The whole school attendance this week was 90.9%*

## Dates for your diary:

**April**

### Tuesday 16th - Class Photographs

*A photographer will be in school capturing our class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform and a beautiful smile!*



### Tuesday 16th - Year 5 Forest School

*Group B will be attending Forest School. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and brings their school uniform to change into ready for the class photo.*

### Thursday 18th - Prayer Relay Celebration

*Year 4 will be joining the Wythenshawe Catholic Cluster schools for Mass to celebrate our Annual Prayer Relay at St Paul's Catholic High School*

### Tuesday 23rd - SEND Together Coffee Morning

*Come and join our SEND parent support group for a coffee and supportive conversation, 9am - 10am*

**May**

### Tuesday 24th - Gold Award Party

*This half terms Gold Award Winners are invited to the Golden Party!*