

## St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Eastertide!!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your families and enjoyed the few days of nice weather.

This short half term has got off to its usual busy start. On Tuesday, our Year 4 enjoyed the celebration of the cluster Prayer Relay. We celebrated with a Resurrection Mass at St. Paul's.

On Wednesday, Mrs Capper and Mrs McCaig-Luke took our Debate team along to the Primary Urban Debate League Round 2. The children took part in some tricky debates and performed well.

Our Year 5 and 6 both enjoyed trips out to the Yeshurun Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Gatley. Mrs Lurie, one of our Governors, met them there and gave them a tour. They were able to ask lots of questions to find out more about Jewish life and the importance of the Synagogue as a place of worship. Mrs Lurie, was of course very complimentary of both the children's knowledge and their behaviour throughout the visit.

Our Reception children enjoyed a local walk to the Fire Station, where they enjoyed viewing a fire engine up close, using the water hose and got to have a look around the station

Yesterday, 13 of our children received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. It was a beautiful service and we thank both Fr. Stephen and Fr. Nick for celebrating the Sacrament.

**Have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend!**  
**Mrs Kelly**

## Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!



### *You are the resurrection*

*How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back*

*You suffered death but conquered it*

*You laid in the tomb but on the third day*

*You rose again*

*O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned*

*You are the resurrection, our hope and our life*

*O glorious and victorious Redeemer*

*Help us not to be afraid of death*

*For we must pass through it to see you face to face*

*And on the last day we will rise again*

*For you said so*

*Let us rejoice and praise you*

*Our Blessed and triumphant Lord*

*On this happy, joyful feast.*

*Amen*

*Diana Ng*

*Sutherland/CAFOD*



## In the Spotlight

Year 2 have had a fantastic term so far and have shown great enthusiasm towards their learning.

Science has been exciting learning about 'Materials and their Properties'. We have investigated the absorbency of different materials and had fun suggesting new uses for some of the materials. We have also been exploring our school grounds this half-term and thinking about how we can look after the school environment. We have been litter-picking and thinking about the different recycling stations we have around the school.



So far in History this term, we have looked at 3 of the 5 people from our 'Famous Five' topic. We enjoyed learning about

Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London, Malala and her inspirational story and Christopher Columbus and his voyages!

In Design Technology, we have been designing and making flapjacks! First, we evaluated existing products, then we came up with a new, healthier recipe. We used a range of skills to make them and finally we tasted and evaluated our products.



## Sporting News

Good luck to our Year 5 boys who will be representing St Elizabeth's in 7 v 7 football on Thursday 5th May. We're sure you'll show true sportsmanship and 'Let your light shine!'

## Coming Up

Year 5 7 v 7 Football, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9:30 – 11:30

Year 5 and 6 Rounders, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 3:45 – 5:50 at Manchester Health Academy

## House Points

### St Maximillian Kolbe



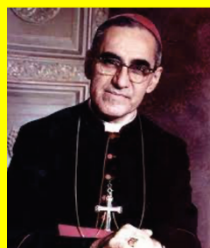
**687 Points**

### St. Angela Merici



**593 Points**

### St Oscar Romero



**633 Points**

### St Josephine Bakhita



**613 Points**

Congratulations to this week's winning house: Team Kolbe!



Today we celebrate the feast day of one of Mrs Kelly's favourite saints.

St. Catherine of Siena – one of her most famous quotes is *'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire'*

St. Catherine is the patron of Europe and perhaps we could all pray to her for an end to war in Ukraine.





## Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday.



Please remember these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus Christ on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Chinonyelum

Cyrus

Flynn

Frankie

Harry

Izobelle

Joseph

Joshua

Mackenzie

Marcel

Maria

Matilda

Noah

Oliver



## Attendance WC 25<sup>th</sup> April

Year	%
Nursery	93%
Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	95%

There are 201 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4** with the best punctuality, all children were on time every day!

Congratulations to **Year 2** with the best attendance this week. Whole school attendance this week was 98%.

**Open Morning**  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am to 12:30pm

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## Library Corner

This week's recommendation is for the adults, as Mrs Kelly is very proud to announce that her cousin, Niamh Hargan, has published her first book, 'Twelve Days in May.' The book went on sale yesterday so Mrs Kelly hasn't had time to read it yet! However, knowing what a talented writer her cousin is she's sure it will be an excellent read if you enjoy a good romcom!



## Top Tweets



Please look at the tweets below, they give a great sense of what St. Elizabeth's is all about! If you don't already follow us on Twitter you'll find us at @stelizabethsM22.

A live feed also appears on the front page of the website.



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 25 Apr

Today we had our first Eastertide assembly, we celebrated the hope, joy and peace of Easter and considered the meaning of faith and belief through listening to the story of Thomas' encounter with Jesus.

#Eastertide  
@TenTen\_UK



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## Article of the Fortnight

### Article 31 (leisure, play and culture):

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



### Why is play important to children?

It's good to have fun and relax.  
Some play is good for exercise.  
It can help you get on with people and make friends.  
You might learn to take turns and to share.  
It can help your education and learning.  
It can help your mental health.  
Play can help you to imagine and be creative.  
It's one of the rights children have.

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 26 Apr

Hot cross buns, hot cross buns, one a penny, two a penny hot cross bun!

Reception enjoyed making hot cross buns on Monday and we enjoyed eating them even more 🍌🍌🍌



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St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 23h

Year 5 had a fantastic morning at the Yeshurun Hebrew Congregation Synagogue. Thank you Mrs Lurie for your warm welcome and taking the time to teach us about the Jewish faith

#TogetherAsOne  
#LearningInLoveAndFaith



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St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 22h

Reception's topic is "a ticket to ride" and we enjoyed our walk to Wythenshawe fire station. We were delighted to be invited inside... we saw the fire engine, used the hose and asked the firefighters about how their vehicles help them! Thank you so much @manchesterfire 🚒



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St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 27 Apr

Our Year 5 and 6 debate teams are having a fantastic time @Debate\_Mate today

#FutureLeaders  
#DebateMate



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St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 23h

Can you guess what Nursery's new topic is?

They're exploring things that go round and round!



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## Dates for your diary:



### May

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 visiting the Marist Centre

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Football, 9:30am – 11:30am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 & 6 Rounders, 3:45pm – 5:50pm at Manchester Health Academy

WC Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATS week

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 First Holy Communions

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning, all children invited to bring a flower to school (Year 3 children to wear their communion outfit)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Mini Vinnies trip to Shrewsbury Cathedral

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – School closes for Whit holiday at 3pm

### June

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Party! Children invited to wear colours of the flame – red, orange, yellow

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Jubilee Celebrations! Children invited to wear red, white and blue or dress as a royal!