

Welcome back to everyone following the Easter holiday. I hope you all had a restful break. Our summer term will be a very busy one with First Holy Communion, Confirmation and many other exciting events. Please see the date list below for further details.

Stars of the week

Preschool - Harriet and Leighton
Reception - Paddy and Ivy-Grace
Year 1 - Skyler and Sofia
Year 2 - Ellie and Gabriela
Year 3 - Archie, Hei-Lok and Zelda
Year 4 - Alice and Nancy
Year 5 - Ty and Lilly-Rose
Year 6 - Mateusz and Eden
Club star - Harry
CST stars - Oakley, Lillia and Lilly-Rose

Congratulations to all the children who have been nominated in our Gifts of God assembly today. We are very proud of you all.

Swimming

Congratulations to our swimming team who completed so well this week. We are so very proud of you all in the way you competed and the team spirit you showed. You represented our school wonderfully. Well done - we are really proud of all of you and your achievements.

Mobile phones

A reminder that children should not have mobile phones in school unless they are needed for when pupils walk home alone. If this is the case, phones must be brought to the school office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day. Pupils who do not walk home alone, should not need their phones in school. Thank you.

Sacraments

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the upcoming sacraments of First Holy Communion with our Y3 pupils and Confirmation with our Y6 pupils later this year. The pupils are preparing well in school and I know they are also preparing by attending Mass on Sundays. First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 18th May at 10.30am. Confirmation takes place on Monday 1st July at 7pm. We also look forward to welcoming the Bishop to school during the day. Both Sacraments will take place at St John's Catholic church. I am sure you will join me in praying for all the children taking the sacraments this year and for all their friends who support them so well. Thank you.

Important dates

Friday 26th April - Mass led by Y2 pupils (All welcome)
Monday 29th April - INSET day (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 30th April - Flag football enrichment day
Monday 6th May - Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 10th May - Mass led by Y1 pupils (All welcome)
Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communion (10.30am St John's Church)
Wednesday 22nd May - Auditions for St Elizabeth's got talent
Thursday 23rd May - Sports Day (Preschool and Reception - 9am, KS2 - 10.45am, KS1 - 1.30am)
Friday 24th May - Mass led by Y3 communion children (All welcome)
WB: Monday 27th May - School closed for half term
Monday 3rd June - School open
Wednesday 5th June - Y6 leavers photos and class photos
Thursday 6th / Friday 7th June - Y6 residential to Beaudesert
Tuesday 11th June - Family breakfast
Friday 14th June - Mass led by Reception class (All welcome)
Friday 14th June - Non uniform day (Donations for children's tombola please)

Easter Activities

Thank you so much for your support before the Easter break as we worked together to raise money for our chosen charities. Tabor House, Fr Hudson's care, Heart of Tamworth and CAFOD will all benefit from your kind generosity. Our children have also learned about the importance of supporting others. It is amazing what we can achieve as a St Elizabeth's team. Well done everyone.

Pope Francis says

"Jesus has triumphed over evil. He turned His cross into the bridge to the resurrection. Raise your hands to Him daily to praise and bless Him. Tell Him the hopes of your heart and share with Him your deepest secrets. God loves this kind of living, concrete, and heartfelt"



Our virtues this half term are: Eloquent and Truthful

Our Catholic social teaching focus this half term is: Subsidiarity. (This means ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to give their views about decisions that affect them)

Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

Our special prayer intentions this week are for people living with the effects of war.

Parish news

Find out about the amazing work and opportunities in our local parish and how to get involved by following the link below:

[Welcome - The Catholic Parish of St. John' the Baptist in Tamworth \(tamworthrc.church\)](http://tamworthrc.church)



Social media

Please follow us on social media to find out what our children have been doing and to keep up with important information. We have an 'X' account (Twitter) which can be accessed @elizabeths_cp. We also have a new Facebook account which can be accessed by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093043407490>.