

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School



## WEEKLY UPDATE

Spring Term, 26th April 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As usual it's been another busy week for us all, here's some highlights and achievements from the week.

On Monday our Gospel Assembly was a heartwarming celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday. We were introduced to Jesus the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd takes care of his sheep, just as Jesus takes care of us. He knows each one of us and calls us by our name.

Our St. George's Day Celebration was a Fundraising Success! Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised an impressive £138 to support our Junior Leadership Team who have already put the money to good use purchasing dolls, prams and target board games to enhance the playground equipment. These additions are sure to enhance outdoor play and creativity for our children. Well done, Junior Leaders!

Today marks a bittersweet moment as our Nursery bids farewell to the adorable ducklings. Throughout their time with us, the ducklings have brought joy and wonder to all our children. We extend our gratitude to Nursery staff for providing this enriching experience for our children.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our girls' football team! Starting next Friday, 3rd May, girls in Year 4 - Year 6 are invited to sign up and join the team. Please sign up on School Jotter.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss E Simmons  
Headteacher

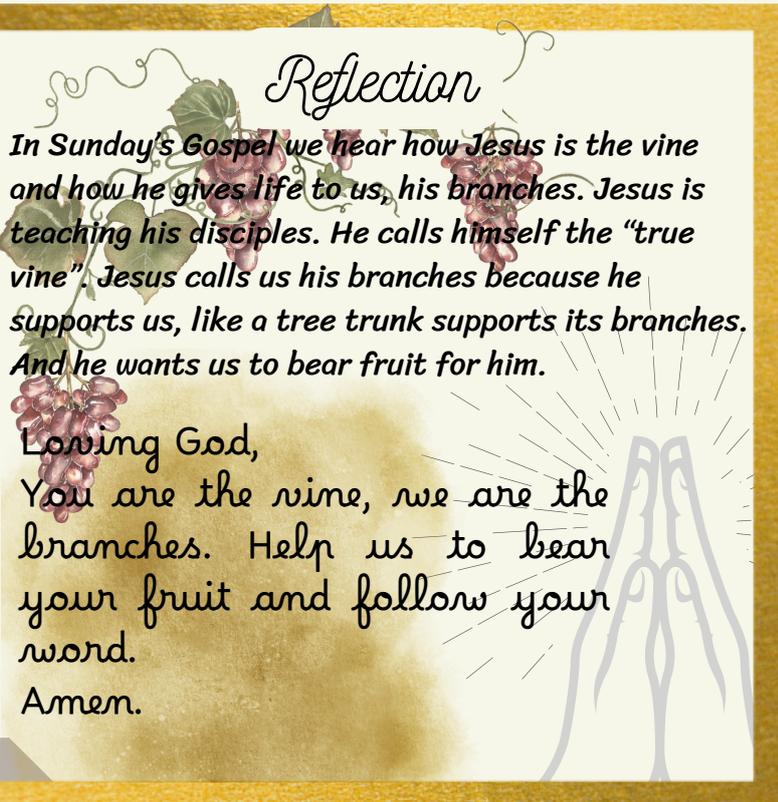


**Gold Award Winners**

### Reflection

*In Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus is the vine and how he gives life to us, his branches. Jesus is teaching his disciples. He calls himself the "true vine". Jesus calls us his branches because he supports us, like a tree trunk supports its branches. And he wants us to bear fruit for him.*

*Loving God,  
You are the vine, we are the branches. Help us to bear your fruit and follow your word.  
Amen.*



# Let Your Light Shine

## In the Spotlight

What a fantastic few weeks the Nursery children have had. As part of our topic "It Grew and it Grew." last week saw the delivery of five duck eggs. The children were fascinated to watch the eggs hatch in the incubator. We have had the opportunity to hold the ducklings, watch them while they have a bath and to see how much they've grown. It's all been very exciting. We will miss them a lot when they go back to the farm on Friday! The children have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a duck, creating duckling artwork, making ducklings from play dough and listening to and retelling the story, 'Come on Daisy!'



In Maths this half term the children are focussing on counting and number songs to 5, particularly 5 little ducks and 5 little speckled frogs, which the children have enjoyed acting out with toys and puppets. We have been comparing amounts using more than and less than using beans and counters. We have been measuring beanstalks and using the language tall, taller, tallest and short, shorter, shortest.

As part of our Science focus the children have planted cress seeds and beans to grow our very own beanstalks, inspired by the story Jasper's Beanstalk. We have been learning about pond life, and next week we will be finding out about the life cycle of a frog.

We are also very busy learning our Set 1 Speed Sounds and we are very impressed with how well the children are doing! Remember to keep practising these at home.



## Attendance WC 22nd April

Year	%
Nursery	85.9%
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	89.7%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	93.7%

*There are 190 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done*

*Congratulations to Year 4 with the best punctuality and Year 1 the best attendance this week. The whole school attendance this week was 92.6%*

## Dates for your diary:

# May

### Friday 3rd - Reception Junk Modelling Day

*Our Reception Children are taking part in a Junk Modelling Day to enhance their creativity whilst expanding their vocabulary. This will be a messy day in Reception so children are encouraged to wear play clothes.*

### Friday 3rd - Cake Sale

*After their sweet success the Junior Leadership Team are organising another Cake Sale. Cakes and toast will be on sale for 50p each. They are fundraising to improve our playground equipment.*

### Friday 3rd - Girls Football

*Mrs Lee and Miss Allen are excited to start a Girls Football Team. They are hoping to organise a friendly with some of our local schools to showcase their skills and put our new football kit to good use!*



### Tuesday 24th - Gold Award Party

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

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