



The Federation of St Elphege's Catholic Schools

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The children have successfully completed another term at St Elphege's. They have worked very hard and made the school a very happy environment to spend each day.

A testament to the children, staff and parents' hard work is a recent **best schools in Britain league table** published in The Times which lists the top 1000 schools in Britain. My estimations suggest that there are around 20,000 primary, Infant and Junior schools in the country.

St Elphege's has been ranked 134. This is the top 1%.

<https://www.thetimes.com/best-schools-league-table/primary>

This is an incredible achievement that we should all celebrate and be very proud of. The work we do at St Elphege's enables children to achieve their dreams when they are older. Well done to everyone in our community for making this possible.

As we move closer to Christmas day, it is of great importance that we all remember the true meaning of Christmas - that baby Jesus was born and brought with him **Hope, Love, Joy and Peace**. These values are integral to our Christian mission at St Elphege's and we must show these to one another in our everyday lives.

Thank you to the parents, children and staff for making St. Elphege's such a joyous school to be a member of and I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas spent with your loved ones.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him..." - John 1:9-10

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Hawkes
Headteacher

