



ST ELPHEGE'S INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS



12th March 2026

God is good all the time & all the time God is good

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 96%

A child's attendance is calculated on whether they are present at morning and afternoon registration. If your child is late after the register has closed or is collected for an appointment before afternoon registration, this will count as a half-day absence. Routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for **outside the school day**.

Week Ending 6th March 2026 results

<u>INFANT</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>	
RECEPTION	96.78%	YEAR 3	97.92%
YEAR 1	96.33%	YEAR 4	96.15%
YEAR 2	95.62%	YEAR 5	95.1%
		YEAR 6	98.33%

Parent Consultations - Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March 2026

REMINDER

Please login to your parent portal and scroll down to Parent and Guardian Consultations.

Follow the on-screen instructions to book your time slot.

Due to the Parents Meeting BALLETT, NETBALL & STRINGS are **CANCELLED** next TUESDAY.

Please ensure you collect your children at 3:20pm PROMPTLY

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2026	YEARS 4 to 6	LENTEN JUNIOR MASS
MONDAY 16th MARCH 2026	ALL YEAR GROUPS	PAR DAY 1
TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2026	ALL YEAR GROUPS	PAR DAY 2
FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2026	ALL PARENTS & CARERS	COFFEE MORNING—LISTENING & ATTENTION STRATEGIES from 8:30AM



St Elphege's Catholic Schools

Parent Governor Votes

Voting Closes: Thursday 19 March 2026, 10am

Voting slips are available from the school office, by request.

You may also cast your vote by following the link in the email sent on Thursday 12 March at 10am

Each parent of a child in our schools has one vote to cast, regardless of the number of children you have who attend our schools.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD Sharing Sunday's Gospel

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus span on the ground, made a paste with the spittle put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means "sent"). So the blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Other said "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said "I am the man." Some of the Pharisees did not believe that Jesus had healed him and they drove him away. Jesus heard about this and when he found the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir" the man replied, "Tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe." and he worshipped Jesus.

Adapted from John 9:1-38

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL STRINGS GROUP

The children performed at the Coulsdon and Purley Music Festival on Friday 6th March at Wilson's Grammar School. The children impressed the judges and were awarded the "Elsie Brown " Challenge cup award for orchestras and large ensembles on the day.



The Infant and Junior choir also performed on Saturday 28th February and both choirs won the class award.



WELL DONE

Special Thanks to our fantastic hard working Music teams who have supported the children; Mr & Mrs Wileman, Mrs O'Donovan, Mrs Hawkes, Mr Jones and Mrs Russell.

DONATIONS REQUEST - SPARE SOCKS FOR JUNIOR CHILDREN

If you have any spare clean socks you would like to get rid of please consider sending into the school office.

PARKING REMINDER ALL PARENTS & CARERS

We are again appealing for parents & carers to park with consideration to our neighbours. We continue to receive complaints from residents in the surrounding residential areas about cars blocking spaces and noise levels at the beginning and end of the day.

The Local Authority and Parking enforcement have been notified and vehicle details continue to be recorded.

MISSION BOXES - Please return your Mission boxes via your child's class before the deadline of Monday 23rd March 2026.

Parents and carers are reminded that all letters & correspondence sent home are available on the St Elphege's School website under the Parents & Carers section.



Parent Feeding Group for Children with Autism

Feeding challenges are common for children with autism, especially between ages 4 and 8. These can include strong food preferences, sensitivity to certain textures, sticking to only a few familiar foods, or needing mealtimes to follow a very specific routine. These patterns can affect nutrition and make family life such as mealtimes, social activities, and daily routines more stressful.

Many children also experience eating-related anxiety, which can lead to worry before meals, refusal, or meltdowns, making picky eating even harder to manage.

Who is the programme for?

Parents of children with a formal diagnosis of Autism between the ages of 4 and 8 years old.

The programme is designed to support parents in understanding the links between anxiety and feeding challenges and to provide practical tools to reduce stress around mealtimes. The study will involve group sessions, questionnaires and a focus group that will be formed at the end of the intervention to gather feedback about the benefits of the intervention.

How will the group run?

The group will run **in person** with a total of 7 sessions over 6 weeks. You will be committing to the following:

- 5 weekly sessions of 90 minutes.
- 1 session with your child of up to 45 minutes in clinic.
- 1 in person / virtual feedback group session of 90 minutes



How to sign up

If you would like to take part in an **in person** parent feeding group that will run for **6 consecutive weeks** on Monday Mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am, please scan the QR code, or click on the link below to complete the referral form.

Following referral parents will be sent a food diary electronically to have a better understanding of your child's food repertoire. Parents will then be booked in for an initial assessment session to discuss current concerns.

**Where: DBT Clinic, Birches Close,
Mitcham, CR4 4LQ**
6 Mondays from 11/05/2026 10-11:30am
Free onsite parking available

<https://forms.office.com/e/3ixjeg5Jk9>





Discover Community Spaces at St Elphege's – Now Open for Lettings!



At St Elphege's, we're proud to be at the heart of our community — and now we're excited to offer our versatile facilities for evening and weekend lettings! Whether you're looking to host a class, run a group, or bring people together for a special event, our school provides the perfect setting.

Spacious Halls for Your Activities

We offer **two large, bright halls** ideal for a wide range of community activities. From **yoga classes** and **Slimming World meetings** to **faith gatherings**, workshops, and clubs, our halls provide the flexibility and comfort you need to create a welcoming atmosphere.

Ample On-Site Parking

Your participants can enjoy the convenience of **plenty of on-site parking**, making events easy to access and stress-free for families and community members.

All-Season Sports Field

St Elphege's also boasts a **large, well-maintained football field**, available **all year round**. It's the perfect space for **football training**, matches, sports camps, and outdoor community events.

Why Choose St Elphege's?

- Convenient location within the community
- Safe, secure and well-maintained grounds
- Flexible spaces suitable for small and large groups
 - Competitive lettings rates
 - Very large car park

If you're interested in booking one of our spaces or would like more information, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch with our school office to check availability and pricing.

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