



## ST ELPHEGE'S INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

18th December 2025

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



School finishes tomorrow at

**1:30PM**

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN ON TIME

### School Attendance

**ATTEND TODAY ! ACHIEVE TOMORROW !!**

If you are in any doubt about whether to send your child to school because of sickness, the school office are always happy to discuss this with you.

Our aim at St Elphege's is for all children to have an overall attendance of **96%** or higher

#### INFANTS

RECEPTION **96.5%**

YEAR 1 **93.7%**

YEAR 2 **95.8%**

#### JUNIORS

YEAR 3 **93.8%**

YEAR 4 **95.2%**

YEAR 5 **96.09%**

YEAR 6 **95.4%**

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,

As we reach the end of a truly successful term, we look back with immense pride on the achievements of our school community. We are delighted to celebrate St Elphege's being named the 47th best primary school in the *Times Top 1000*, a testament to our happy children and dedicated staff.

However, as we prepare to break for the holidays, our hearts turn to the true meaning of this season: the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amidst the festivities, we remember that Christmas is, above all, a celebration of God's love entering the world through the Nativity. We hope this profound message of hope and peace resonates in your homes, reminding us all of the light of the Infant Jesus. We wish you a holy Christmas and a joyful New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th January 2026.

Mr Hawkes, Mr Jones and all the staff at St Elphege's.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR YEAR 3 AND

Online registration for First Holy Communion 2026 is now open.

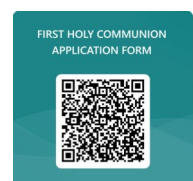
QR codes for registration are available in the church foyers.



To confirm your registration, a face-to-face interview will commence on the following Sundays: 4th January 2026 through to 25th January 2026, between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm in Ellis Hall.

We kindly encourage all eligible candidates to attend in person and to bring along a Baptism Certificate and a registration fee of £20 in cash.

For more information, please contact the parish office: [wallington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk) or Mrs Haridas at [dharcidas1@suttonmail.org](mailto:dharcidas1@suttonmail.org)



**At the right time, I, the Lord will make it happen. Isaiah 60:22**

**Parents in Nursery and Year 2 - REMINDER**

Applications for September 2026 admissions are open and **MUST** be submitted to your local authority via [www.eadmissions.org](http://www.eadmissions.org) by the deadline **15.01.2026**

## St Elpheges Church CHRISTMAS schedule

Christmas and New Year Programme		
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Youth Choir Carols	7:00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reconciliation Service	6:00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	St Elphege's School Carol Service	6:00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Party	1:00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christingle (Children Service)	3:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December	MORNING MASS	10:00am
	FAMILY VIGIL MASS	4:00pm
	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS	6:00pm
	CHRISTMAS CAROLS	11:30pm
	MASS AT MIDNIGHT	12:00am
	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	9:00am
		10:30am
25 <sup>th</sup> December		10:00am
26 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of St Stephen/Commissioning of Alter Servers	11:45pm
31 <sup>st</sup> December	CROSS-OVER NEW YEAR MASS	9:00am
1 <sup>st</sup> January	NEW YEAR MASS	10:30am
		6:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> January	EPIPHANY MASSES	9:00am
		10:30am
		12:00pm

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

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.

**Wednesday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Good News for Families**  
**TOGETHER TIME**

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**Enjoy reading the Gospel**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph; but before they could be married she became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary so he made plans to break the engagement privately. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that she is going to have a son. You must name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had told him to do and took Mary into his home as his wife.

Well done to Louise E. in Year 2, who entered the BBC's 500 Word Story and has made it through to the second round with her story 'An Unexpected Adventure'.  
Good luck, Louise!

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## The Unexpected Adventure

Fox Felix woke up from his nap. Felix was on the airplane heading to Africa. He was going to visit his uncle named Fernand, his aunty Fernanda and their little baby called Fernandina. Mummy Flora and Daddy Fred were exhausted because they were awake for the whole journey to the airport and awake for the flight, so their only plan was to sleep.

When they got there, Felix excitedly banged on the wooden door. Uncle Fernand made the apartment himself out of tree trunks since he was a builder and it was too expensive to buy an apartment. Aunty Fernanda slowly opened the door and whispered to them... "Hello Felix, Felicity (Felix's little sister), Fred (Dad) and my dear sister Flora. We have to be quiet because I just put Fernandina to sleep but anyways come in!".

When they put their shoes away, washed hands, changed from their outside to home clothes, they sat down on wooden chairs to have scrumptious lunch of coconut rice. Once they had lunch Aunty Fernanda said that she planned for them to go to the jungle. Everyone agreed to this idea. When they got to the jungle Mummy Flora and Daddy Fred were even more exhausted, so they took a nap next to the wide river.

But Felix did not want to sleep or wait till his parents woke up. He curiously started to roam around the jungle. After one hour of wandering Felix felt hungry so he decided to go back but when he looked around he didn't know where to go.

Suddenly he heard a rustling sound coming from the biggest tree. Felix froze. What could it be? Could it be dangerous? Will it hurt him? Will it eat him?! But when Felix turned to look at the big tree, there sat a monkey smiling at Felix. "Hello, are you lost?" asked the monkey. Felix slowly nodded. The monkey thought hard and then said "Is your picnic next to the wide river?" Felix nodded.

"Oh goody, then I can take you back to your picnic. And my name is Marney," said the monkey with a wink. Felix was not frozen anymore but instead was smiling. Finally when they got to the wide river they saw the parents and Felicity all nibbling the picnic food and when they saw Felix they all ran to hug him and shower him with kisses.

Felix told them all about Marney helping him, his parents were amazed and said to Marney that they will reward him with something special! They gave him a piece of gold. "I will give you something in turn," he said. A colourful carpet sprinkled with glowing dust which could extend and fly anywhere you wish. "That is beautiful and so generous. Thank you," said Mummy Flora.

**MORAL OF THE STORY...** Remember wander with an open heart and kindness, you can make new friends on your way!



Louise E, Year 2

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## 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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