



THE FEDERATION OF ST ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

7th February 2025

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



School Attendance

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.

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW !!**

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

INFANTS TOP 3 YTD

KINGFISHERS	97.2 %
OWLS	96.1 %
LARKS	95.9 %

JUNIORS TOP 3 YTD

ST THERESE	97.3 %
ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	96.8 %
ST JOHN	95.5 %

School Closes for Half Term next Thursday 13th February at 3.20pm

Inset Day— School Closed: Friday 14th February

School returns - Monday 24th February at 8.30am

IMPORTANT

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH & MORNING BREAK SNACKS

Please ensure you provide healthy snacks in your child's lunch box.
We ask that parents provide only one small treat per day.

THE Wednesday
WORD



**SHARING
SUNDAY'S
GOSPEL**

**A Gift to You & Your Family
from Your Catholic School**

When Jesus had finished teaching by the lakeside he said to Simon Peter, "Sail out into deep water and let down your nets." "Master" Simon Peter replied, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing but if you say so, I will let down the nets." And when he and his companions had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear and they filled their two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made. But Jesus said to Simon Peter "Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch." Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Adapted from Luke 5:1-11

The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

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

If God is for us, who can be against us? **Romans 8:31**

Important Upcoming Dates

Please note: Dates may be subject to changes so please check your child's Google classroom

Tuesday 11th February 2025	Year 6 Height & Weight check Year 5—ROMAN DAY
Thursday 13th February 2025 Liturgy 9am—9:30 am	Bluebirds—Mother Theresa Hall St Bernadette—Don Bosco Hall
Friday 14th February 2025	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 17th—21st February 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	Book Week

PARKING REMINDER

ALL PARENTS & CARERS

DO NOT park across the entrance gates or across the ZIG ZAG area when dropping of your child it is very dangerous !! Please **do not park** in private bays in the estate or surrounding our school.

*Please park with consideration and respect to our neighbours **at all times.***

Change in Weather

Parents - please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the cold months ahead i.e. waterproof shoes and a warm waterproof raincoat.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

ST ELPHEGE'S SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

A number of children across The Federation suffer with food allergies. Nuts are the cause of some of the most severe allergies present in our community. For some of these children, merely being in the same room as nuts or products which contain nuts can induce a life-threatening allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis typically develops rapidly and results in swelling of the airways, severely restricting the individual's ability to breathe.



PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK ALL FOOD & DRINK ITEMS BEFORE BRINGING INTO SCHOOL - NO NUTS !

SCHOOL LUNCHES PLEASE CHECK DAILY

We are delighted to see the majority of families taking up the offer of free lunches in each school.

Caterlink offer a varied menu to ensure the children get to enjoy the options available.

PLEASE CHECK THE DAILY MENUS TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD WILL ENJOY THE OPTIONS OFFERED & PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH IF THEY DO NOT LIKE WHAT IS AVAILABLE.



A polite reminder, for the safety of everyone, that dogs are **not permitted** on the school grounds. We ask all parents to follow policy as instructed and not wait to have to be told about it. The school does have safety concerns raised by parents and carers that dogs are being brought within the school grounds. Please be respectful to others at all times.