Date: Thursday 1st October 2026

ST ELPHEGE'S RC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



With God, all things are possible...

UPCOMING EVENTS

The month of October is the month of Our Lady.

Children will be praying the rosary each morning focussing on the different special times in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Infant parents are welcome to join their children in the Mother Teresa Hall to pray and a timetable will be sent out to you from the school office.

Rosary beads are available from Mrs Haridas in the school office for 50p.

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. Every child must aim to have a **minimum of 96%.**

You can keep track of your child's attendance through the Arbor Parent Portal.

Infants	Attendance	Juniors	Attendance
Nursery	98.3% ★	Year 3	96.7%
Reception	97.5%	Year 4	97.0% ★
Year 1	96.8%	Year 5	94.3%
Year 2	96.8%	Year 6	94.4%

Year 6 Admissions Reminder

The application portal to apply for secondary school is now **OPEN**.
The deadline for applications is **31st October 2026.**
Applications **MUST** be submitted by this date otherwise your child will not be allocated a High School. Please log into your **E-ADMISSIONS account** and submit your application ASAP.
If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Empowering Dyslexic Learners: Smart Strategies for Spelling by Helen Barrett, Dyslexia Specialist Assessor and Tutor.

This session explores why dyslexic learners often find spelling uniquely challenging. You'll also learn a wide range of practical, fun, and memorable spelling strategies you can use at home to help your child build confidence and retain spellings in the long term.
Helen Barrett is a dyslexia specialist with many years' experience at the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity, where she works as an assessor, course leader, and specialist teacher. As both a professional and a parent of two dyslexic young people, she brings practical expertise and real-life insight into what truly helps dyslexic learners thrive.
If you would like to join this meeting on Zoom, please register in advance by emailing your first name, surname and email address to:
admin@suttondyslexia.org.uk
You will receive an acknowledgement, and the access details will be sent by email on the morning of the meeting.

Notice for Year 6 parents –
Dates Father is available to sign forms

Fr. Patrick will be available to sign the **Priest Reference Form for Catholic Schools** every Sunday in September, from **11:50 am to 12:30 pm**, in the Ellis Hall.
The final signing date will be **Sunday, 4 October 2024.**
Please remember to bring your child along with their **Baptism and First Holy Communion Certificates.**

Please note: If you are not a parishioner of St Elphege's Church, kindly see your own parish priest.



Diocesan Beginning of Year Mass at St George's Cathedral

On Friday 25th September, children from St. Elphege's represented the school at the Southwark Diocese Beginning of Year Mass with Archbishop John Wilson.
It was a wonderful celebration which included over 160 schools!





Round Towers Youth Section is hosting Gaelic Football Open Sessions for boys and girls aged 5 to 14, with all experience levels welcome.

The sessions will run from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm at **Mitcham Rugby Club** on Friday, September 25th, October 16th, and November 13th.

To register your interest, email secretary.roundtowers.london@gaa.ie or contact:

Danny O'Donovan (07796934748)
or
Michael Maher (07886471626).

PTFA Annual General Meeting Reminder

The PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday 13th October. The meeting will take place at the school with the option of those who can't attend in person being able to join through Microsoft Teams. There will be refreshments. Please come along to find out about all the good work and money raised for the school last year and for the plans for this year. Please arrive at the school for **7:15pm** to settle in with the meeting starting at **7.30pm**. We hope you can make it. If you plan to come in person please let Georgina, Kayla, Dinu or Anna know, so we can organise refreshments.



PTFA Clothes Collection

The PTFA's next clothes collection will happen on Friday 6th November 2026.
If you have any clothes you wish to donate, please bring them to the school office and inform Mrs Glanville or Mrs Haridas.
Thank you in advance!



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

THE Wednesday WORD
Good News for Families

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL
WITH SCHOOLS,
PARENTS & FAMILIES

Jesus said “There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, rented it to some tenant farmers and then went off far away. When the fruit season came, he sent some of his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. But the farmers seized his servants. He then sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But the farmers said to one another, “Look – here’s the heir; come on, let’s take over his inheritance.” So they seized the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?” “He’ll bring those bad men to the bad end,” was the reply. “Then he’ll rent vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit at harvest time.

Adapted from Matthew 21:33-43