

Faith

Kindness

Love

Persevere

*St Elizabeth's Primary School and Nursery Class*

**Welcome to our weekly update!**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Enjoyment

Respect

Dear parents and carers, families and friends,

A very warm welcome to our latest school and nursery update. Happy reading!

### • Staff development day

As a team, we began familiarising ourselves with The Curriculum Improvement Cycle (CIC) which is a 10-year, systematic review of Scotland's curriculum, designed to ensure it remains relevant, reduces clutter, and increases clarity for learners. We viewed and listened to information from South Lanarkshire Council as well as from Education Scotland. Our staff then also worked on various aspects of our Improvement Plan such as Wellbeing, Big Maths and various resources we are implementing across the school.

Our support staff undertook Give Us a Break Training (GUAB). Give us a break! was developed by South Lanarkshire Council Psychological Service, in collaboration with Macmillan Cancer Support and NHS Lanarkshire. It is an eight session group work programme based on a solution focused approach and specifically supports children who have experienced bereavement or loss.

Our nursery staff reviewed the draft Care Inspectorate Report from our recent visit and once this is finalised, we will share this with you. The staff and children have also recently been auditing our playrooms and, following this, we have now made changes to zones and areas within each room.

All in all, another busy, productive day in the life of St Elizabeth's!



### • Bishop Toal's Lenten Message

Bishop Toal has recorded a Lenten message for the pupils across the Diocese of Motherwell. You can access this via either the OneDrive or YouTube links below:  
[Clipchamp](#)

[https://youtu.be/LE-Gq\\_VLSwU](https://youtu.be/LE-Gq_VLSwU)

With every blessing for the beginning of your Lenten journey, *Claire O'Neill*  
*RE Coordinator and Primary RE Adviser for The Diocese of Motherwell*

### • Lenten Message from Pope Leo

'I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour'



## • Play Pedagogy Award

We are delighted to have signed up for the Play Pedagogy Award which will involve our whole school. Play pedagogy is an educational approach that places play at the heart of learning. It goes beyond traditional methods, recognising play as an important way for children to explore, discover and develop essential skills. As parents, how can you help us?



**Encourage Play** - creating a play friendly home environment using everyday objects such as spoons, cardboard tubes, fabric scraps, stones, old keys or any object that can be moved around that children can experiment, discover, invent and have fun with.

**Observe and Listen** - watch your child play. What interests them? What challenges them and how they overcome those challenges? Their play stories are windows into their world.

**Be curious** - asking what if? And finding out together can be a great way of opening minds to ideas and problem solving.

The links below will give you more info about the award -

[www.playscotland.org](http://www.playscotland.org)

[info@playscotland.org](mailto:info@playscotland.org)

## • Parent's Evening

A wee reminder to book your appointment time via the Parents Portal. We are looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks time.



## • Nursery Wellbeing Day

Many thanks to everyone who made it along to our wellbeing morning last Friday. It was lovely to have so many of you joining us.

## • Lenten focuses

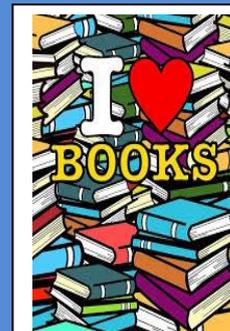
We have enjoyed a dress down day across our school today. Next week's focus is Dress Like a Grown Up - please help your child to be responsible in what they choose to wear. Football strips are not allowed on any of the days. Thank you very much for your support.

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dress Like an Adult
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Crazy Hair Day
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress Like a Celebrity
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Back to Front Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Bring a Toy Day (no electronics)

Children can choose to take part in each of these activities each week and, if they do so, are asked to bring a donation for their class SCIAF box please. Alternatively, any child is welcome to wear their school uniform each Friday if they would prefer, there is no obligation to take part each week.

## • World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and our Reading Champions would like to make the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March a focus for our school and nursery children and adults to really enjoy and celebrate books. More info will come to you. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer to be a mystery reader for our children any day that week, would you please let the school office know by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and we will be back in touch with you next week once we start collating responses.



## Important Dates

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Rugby sessions in school for P5/6 and P6/7 classes

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - dental checks for P1-P7 children

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Community Partnership Meeting 6-7pm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - Rugby sessions in school for P5/6 and P6/7 classes

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar - World Book Day - children are invited to bring a favourite book or character to school.

## • Can you help us?

Our school and nursery are looking for any of the following items, we would be delighted if anyone is able to help us.

- Real plants, plant pots, buttons, string, measuring tapes, rolls of masking tape/cellotape
- Cushions, rugs.

We would be delighted to receive any of these items to help make our nursery and school environment so cosy - please hand any items into the school office or to a member of staff. Thank you for any help you can give us.

*Every good wish, have a lovely weekend ahead*

*Mrs Grant, Head Teacher*



