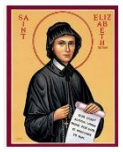
St Patrick and St Edmund's Yearly Overview 2026–2027

St Elizabeth Centre



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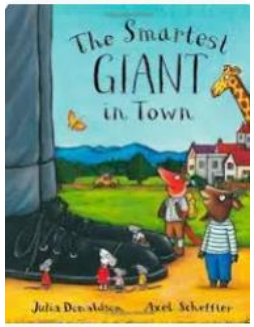
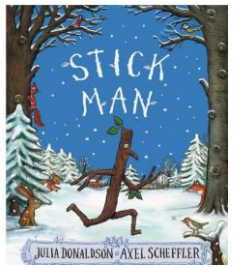
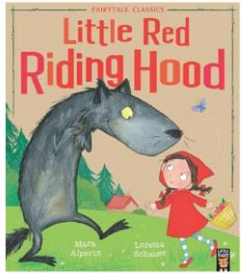
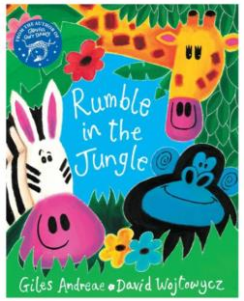
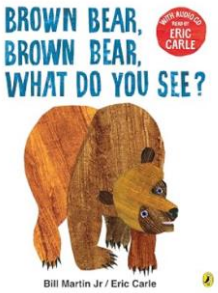
Building the Kingdom – Catholic Social Teaching	**Human Dignity** *Sept – New Beginnings* "For I know the plans I have for you…" Jeremiah 29:11 **Solidarity** *Oct – Faith & Mission (Mission Month)* "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19	**Preferential Option for the Poor** *Nov – Remembrance & Eternal Hope* "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25 **Common Good** *Dec – Advent & Christmas* "The light shines in the darkness…" John 1:5	**Participation** *Jan – Wisdom & New Year* "Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." Psalm 90:12 **Common Good** *Feb – Love & Compassion* "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14	**Common Good** *Feb – Love & Compassion* **Dignity of Work** *March – Lent* "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Psalm 51:10	**Solidarity** *April – Eastertide* "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25 **Care for Creation** *May – Mary & Trust* "The Mighty One has done great things for me…" Luke 1:49	**Common Good** *June – Service & Community* "Serve one another humbly in love." Galatians 5:13 **Care for Creation – Stewardship** *July – Growth & Gratitude* "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." Psalm 107:1
Monthly Prayer Focus	Family and Community "This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you." John 15 v12-17		Dignity of Work "The lord blesses our work so that we may share its fruits with others." Deuteronomy 14 v28-29		Solidarity and the Common Good "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it." 1 Corinthians 12:26	
Big Question	*Who cares for me?*		*What makes me special?*		*Who helps us in our community?*	
Core texts	 **The Smartest Giant in Town** *Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler*	 **Stick Man** *Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler*	 **Little Red Riding Hood** *Traditional tale*	 **Rumble in the Jungle** *Giles Andreae & David Wojtowycz*	 **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** *Bill Martin Jr & Eric Carle*	 **The Little Red Hen** *Traditional tale*

Literacy	**Theme:** Clothes, kindness, helping others, seasons **Communication & Language:** Naming clothing, requesting, commenting, describing textures. **Reading:** Shared story reading, sequencing events, identifying characters. **Writing & Mark Making:** Mark making clothing patterns, tracing lines, emergent writing. **Vocabulary:** shirt, tie, shoes, giant, town / kind, helpful, generous	**Theme:** Autumn, family, journeys, Christmas **Communication & Language:** Vocabulary linked to trees, seasons and family. **Reading:** Recognising repeated phrases, retelling the story through props. **Writing & Mark Making:** Story maps and symbols, writing names, emergent captions. **Vocabulary:** stick, tree, branch, family / journey, rescue, belong	**Theme:** Traditional tales, forests, food, safety **Communication & Language:** Asking and answering questions, role-play language. **Reading:** Understanding story structure, character recognition. **Writing & Mark Making:** Mark making maps, labels and simple messages. **Vocabulary:** basket, woods, wolf, grandma / careful, disguise, suspicious	**Theme:** Animals, habitats, movement **Communication & Language:** Animal vocabulary, sounds, descriptive language. **Reading:** Matching animals to text, identifying rhyming patterns. **Writing & Mark Making:** Animal-themed mark making and descriptive words. **Vocabulary:** lion, tiger, monkey, elephant / habitat, fierce, powerful	**Theme:** Colours, animals, repetition **Communication & Language:** Repetitive sentence structures, turn-taking communication. **Reading:** Predictable texts, symbol matching, repeated refrains. **Writing & Mark Making:** Colour words, animal labels, independent mark making. **Vocabulary:** bear, bird, horse, colour / predict, notice, describe	**Theme:** Farms, food, teamwork **Communication & Language:** Sequencing language, making choices, expressing preferences. **Reading:** Retelling events, beginning / middle / end. **Writing & Mark Making:** Recipes, lists, labels and meaningful marks. **Vocabulary:** hen, wheat, bread, farm / cooperation, effort, responsibility
Maths (taught at each pupil's developmental stage, 1–12)	**Number and Quantity** Noticing when items are added or removed (the giant's clothes); number songs and routines; counting small groups to 3, then 5. **Key concept:** linking number words, symbols and actions to small quantities.	**Matching, Sorting and Pattern** Sorting sticks, leaves and natural objects by size and colour; matching identical objects; copying simple patterns. **Key concept:** same / different; more and fewer.	**Shape, Space and Position** Positional language on Red Riding Hood's route through the woods (in, on, under, next to); big / small; shapes in the basket. **Key concept:** early spatial awareness and size comparison.	**Counting and Comparing** One-to-one counting of jungle animals; subitising small groups; comparing sets; numerals to 5, then 10. **Key concept:** developing number sense – more / fewer / same.	**Pattern and Sequence** Colour patterns and repeated sequences from the story; number order; one more and one less. **Key concept:** recognising and continuing sequences and number order.	**Measure and Early Calculation** Weighing, filling and mixing ingredients; combining and sharing; practical problems; doubles and halves (higher stages). **Key concept:** applying number skills in real-life contexts.
R.E. (Reception curriculum)	**Branch 1:** **Creation and Covenant** **Wk 1:** The Sign of the Cross **Wk 2:** Genesis – God's creation is good **Wk 3:** Creation reveals God's love **Wk 4:** God loves each unique person **Wk 5:** Caring for ourselves and others **Wk 6:** Celebrating God's beautiful world **Wk 7:** Baptism – belonging to God's family	**Branch 2:** **Prophecy and Promise** **Wk 1:** Mary's "yes" to God **Wk 2:** Advent – hope, peace, joy and love **Wk 3:** The Nativity and shepherds **Wk 4:** St Francis and the first crib **Wk 5:** Christmas around the world **Wk 6:** Dignity of work and caring for others	**Branch 3:** **Galilee to Jerusalem** *Jesus' identity, teaching, ministry and the Kingdom of God* **Wk 1:** Jesus, God's Son, for everyone **Wk 2:** Visit of the Magi **Wk 3:** Jesus welcomes and blesses children **Wk 4:** Feeding the 5,000 **Wk 5:** Welcoming and helping others **Wk 6:** Glory Be and the Trinity	**Branch 4:** **Desert to Garden** *Lent, forgiveness, Holy Week, the Eucharist and Easter hope* **Wk 1:** Lent, ashes and saying sorry **Wk 2:** Kindness during Lent **Wk 3:** Holy Week and Easter Sunday **Wk 4:** Holy Week and Easter symbols **Wk 5:** Caring for those in need **Wk 6:** Easter customs worldwide	**Branch 5:** **To the Ends of the Earth** *Ascension, Pentecost, the Holy Spirit and the mission of the Church* **Wk 1:** Pentecost – wind, fire and courage **Wk 2:** The Holy Spirit helps Peter share the Good News **Wk 3:** Pentecost – the birthday of the Church **Wk 4:** The first Christians – prayer and sharing **Wk 5:** God's family – caring for one another **Wk 6:** Sunday – celebrating with the parish family	**Branch 6:** **Dialogue and Encounter** *Christian dialogue, different faith traditions and the common good* **Wk 1:** Parishioners – living as friends of Jesus **Wk 2:** St Peter and St Paul **Wk 3:** Images of Jesus from different cultures **Wk 4:** Life in Nazareth at the time of Jesus **Wk 5:** Festivals and celebrations across faiths **Wk 6:** Showing kindness and care as we move on

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Key Liturgical dates	**8th** September – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary **15th** September – Our Lady of Sorrows **1st** October – St Thérèse of Lisieux **4th** October – St Francis of Assisi **7th** October – Our Lady of the Rosary **18th** October – World Mission Sunday	**1st** November – All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) **2nd** November – All Souls Centre feast day) **22nd** November – Christ the King **29th** November – First Sunday of Advent **8th** December – Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) **25th** December – Christmas Day	**3rd** January – Epiphany 4th January-Feast day of St Elizabeth Anne Seton **10th** January – Baptism of the Lord **2nd** February – Presentation of the Lord **10th** February – Ash Wednesday **11th** February – World Day of the Sick (OLOL)	**1st** March – St David **17th** March – St Patrick **19th** March – St Joseph **21st** March – Palm Sunday **25th**–27th March – Easter Triduum **28th** March – Easter Sunday	**5th** April – The Annunciation of the Lord (moved from 25th March) **23rd** April – St George **9th** May – Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) **16th** May – Pentecost **19th** May – St Dunstan's Feast Day **31st** May – The Visitation (Mary visits Elizabeth)	**4th** June – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus **24th** June – Birth of St John the Baptist **29th** June – St Peter and St Paul (Holy Day of Obligation) **1st** July – The Precious Blood of Jesus
RSHE	Religious Understanding Me, My Body, My Health	Religious Understanding Me, My Body, My Health	Emotional Wellbeing Life Cycles	Religious Understanding Personal Relationships	Life Online Keeping Safe	Religious Understanding Living in the Wider World
Science	**Materials, Clothing and Seasonal Change** Explore fabrics: soft, hard, rough, smooth, waterproof. Observe autumn weather and how clothing keeps us warm and dry.	**Trees, Plants and Autumn / Winter** Explore sticks, leaves and bark. Investigate changes in trees. Compare living and non-living things.	**Animals, Humans and Senses** Woodland animals and humans; body parts and the five senses through sensory activities.	**Animals and Habitats** Compare jungle animals – features, movement, diet and habitats. Sort by similarities and differences.	**Animals, Colours and Observation** Observe animals, colours and patterns; sorting and matching; comparing animal features.	**Plants and Growing** Plant seeds and observe growth; what plants need; food origins and simple life cycles.
Geography		**Seasons and Our Environment** **Focus:** Seasonal change, weather, natural materials, local environment, journeys and routes.		**Animals Around the World** **Focus:** Habitats, hot countries, rainforest environments, comparing places.		**Farms and Food** **Focus:** Farms, land use, crops, local and rural environments, farm to fork.
History	**People Who Help Us** **Focus:** Past and present, clothing then and now, people who help us, personal history.		**Traditional Tales** **Focus:** Old and new, homes and forests past and present, sequencing events.		**Animals in Our Lives** **Focus:** Personal memories, caring for animals, past and present experiences, sequencing.	
P.E.	Sherborne Developmental Movement					
Computing	J2E using JIT Turtle and JIT Paint • Interactive whiteboard games • YouTube Kids for nursery rhymes, sensory songs and stories					
Art	**Self and Clothing** Colour and texture, printing patterns onto the giant's tie, collage clothing, self-portraits, mark making.		**Woodland Art** Forest textures, printing with natural objects, colour mixing, collaborative woodland scenes.		**Colour and Animals** Colour exploration, painting techniques, mixed-media animal artwork, sensory mark making.	
DT		**Structures and Joining** Building stick creatures, joining with tape, glue and fasteners, making shelters and homes.		**Moving Animal Puppets** Selecting materials, simple mechanisms, exploring movement, evaluating favourite features.		**Food and Farming** Exploring ingredients, mixing, kneading and shaping bread dough, farm models.
Music	Singing / hymn practice					

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Other key dates	**21st** September – International Day of Peace October – Black History Month **10th** October – World Mental Health Day **9th**–13th November – Anti-Bullying Week **11th** November – Remembrance Day **3rd** December – International Day of Persons with Disabilities **10th** December – Human Rights Day		**27th** January – Holocaust Memorial Day **1st**–7th February – Children's Mental Health Week **9th** February – Safer Internet Day **20th** February – World Day of Social Justice **4th** March – World Book Day **5th** March – Women's World Day of Prayer **8th** March – International Women's Day **21st** March – World Down Syndrome Day **22nd** March – World Water Day		**22nd** April – Earth Day **10th**–16th May – Mental Health Awareness Week **14th**–20th June – Refugee Week **20th** June – World Refugee Day **18th** July – Nelson Mandela Day	