



# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter No 7

*"We are a Catholic community, living and learning in faith.  
Through the Gospel values of faith, hope, trust and love,  
we aim to recognise individuality and enable each other to fulfil our potential"*

20th October 2023

Dear All

As the last week before half term has come to a close, it has been lovely to celebrate the children and how they have settled into their new year groups this year. It was such a joy to see proud faces from parents and teachers throughout the parents evening. Thank you for taking the time to attend an appointment - it was lovely to see you all!

I was especially proud to welcome a group of prospective parents to St Cuthbert's for the first of our open events. Our head boy and girl and house captains did an amazing job of touring our visitors around the school - they did a better job than me!! We have another open afternoon on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm and an open evening at 6pm on 15<sup>th</sup> November - if you know of any parents looking for a place in September, please pass the message on.

It was the Year 6 boys turn to take part in self defence training this week - they looked like they enjoyed themselves and learnt valuable skills about how to keep safe.

Our walk to Pakistan is going well and the children are working hard to add to our total - if you do any walking in the half term, please encourage your child to record their miles on their class charts.

Congratulations to St Bernadette's who scored the highest number of house points this half term and will be allowed to wear their colour mufti on the first Wednesday back after half term!

Have a lovely half term!

**Mrs Rainbow**

**Head of School**

## Important dates for the first week back after half term

- **Monday 30th October:** Year 4 will have PE instead of Tuesday. Please come to school in PE kit
- **Tuesday 31st October** School photographs (individual and siblings).  
Can **ALL** children come to school in school Uniform.
  - \* EYFS children—Please bring PE trainers to school
  - \* Years 5 and 2—please bring your PE kit to school, you will be able to change after lunch
- **Wednesday 1st November :** 9am - All Saints Mass (parents welcome)  
St Bernadette House Mufti Day

### Half Term—House Winners

Today we announced this half terms House Dojo winners. Congratulations to St Bernadette, who ere the overall house winners for this half term and as their prize, have won themselves a house mufti day.

**On 1st November**, all children in **St Bernadette** house are welcome to come into school in mufti, wearing their **yellow house T-Shirt** to celebrate their win.

### Mr Taylor's Notices

- **Tuesday 31st October** 3pm - Year 5 football match away to St Charles.  
There is NO girls football training
- **Friday 3rd November** 3pm - Year 5/6 Boys cup football game at home to Ashley

### Open Mornings / Afternoons

We will be holding open events for prospective parents for the next academic year on the following dates; please do share them with anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2024

8th November	Open Afternoon starting at 1.30pm
15th November	Open Evening starting at 6.30pm

Canon Chris will be available for SIF signing at the Jurgen Center on below dates and times. Please do keep an eye on the weekly parish newsletter in case any of these change:

Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	3.45-4.30pm
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	6.30-7.00pm
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	11.00-11.30pm



# The Week That Was

## Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning about Baptism and why it is important. We looked at the different symbols of Baptism, when each one is used in a Baptism ceremony and what each of them represents. We also took a trip to church to see Canon Chris, he showed us around the church and talked to us about what would happen in a Baptism ceremony. Thank you to our parent helpers that came with us! In Maths we have been exploring mass and capacity. We compared and ordered objects by mass using our weighing scales and used the story 'Dear Zoo' to help us talk about the different sizes of the boxes and what we thought could fit inside each box. In English, we finished our topic about ourselves and our families by drawing a picture of our family, then using our Fred talk to write labels and sentences about them.

## Year 1:

What a first half term for everybody! Year 1 has worked incredibly hard to adapt to the transition from reception. They have all exceeded expectations. All the children are working hard, staying in their seats and putting their hands up beautifully. We finished out RE module this term with a visit to the prayer garden, we discussed the importance of Our Mother Mary and explained The Rosary. In Art, the children produced some beautiful Clarice Cliff plates which involved a robust knowledge of primary and secondary colours. The children are continuing their journey of sentence writing in English and in Maths we seemed to have cracked number sentences! It has been a very encouraging and enjoyable first half-term. Have a restful and peaceful break, God bless.

## Year 2:

Year Two have been busy bees this week with learning about some of the symbols in Baptism, we were so fortunate to have a visit from Canon Chris too. He explains things so well. In English, the children have been writing about Rosa Parks to support our learning in Black History Month. We have finished off our learning about the weather in Geography by looking at weather maps of the UK and linking this to learning about capital cities. Have a great half term!

## Year 3:

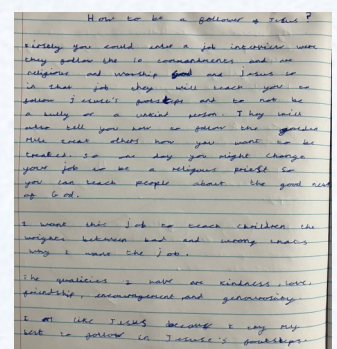
In year 3 we have been learning about the promises and commitments made at Baptism in RE. For science we have explored our school grounds looking for examples of seed dispersal and then recreating them in models. Finally, to end our instructional writing in English, we have written a set of instructions on how to wash a dinosaur.

## Year 4:

Year Four have been editing and writing the Biographies that they have planned this week and they are looking fantastic. They have been getting the hang of adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers that involve exchanging. In RE they have been learning about people that have been called to do God's work and what it takes to be a prophet. Well done for all of your fantastic learning this week and the whole of this half term, Year Four! Have a well-deserved break!

## Year 5:

In Re we have started our new topic about Life Choices. We have discussed what it means to show care and commitment throughout our lives. We followed this up by understanding how we all have a mission and compared Jesus' mission and what it takes to be a follower of Jesus.



## Year 6:

After a wonderful week at PGL, Year 6 walked straight into Assessment week. The children have worked really hard this week to show what they have learnt this half term. In RE we discussed the importance of Laudato si and reflected our responsibility as Catholics to care for the environment.

In Art our focus this week was on Lubaina Himid, the first black woman to win the Turner prize. The children have started thinking about what they feel strongly about and will create a piece of art in the style of Himid.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

**Theo** in EYFS has won this week, for showing great resilience and settling into Reception really well!

**Grace** in year on has shown excellent initiative since the start of the year. She looks around the classroom and sees what needs to be done. She get son with her work and is a brilliant helper for everyone

In year 2, **Jennifer** is always working hard and showing the values of resilience when work can get tricky and independence for attempting to work out problems on her own.

**Eoin** in year 3 received the dojo for his ARTICULATION in his instructions big write

Our Dojo winner in Year 4 is **Robyn** for consistently being on task, trying her hardest with her learning, showing respect and being an excellent role model.

**Liliana** in year 5 is someone who shows great respect to everyone in the class and is always eager to participate.

In year 6, **Georgina** was showing incredible resilience, independence and has been wonderfully articulate in every lesson

## **Wrap Around Care—Recruitment**

We are still actively recruiting to increase our staff numbers for our wrap around care.

Should you or anyone you know be interested in working at either our Breakfast or After School Club, please do get in contact.

**Mondays to Fridays,  
7.30am to 8.40am for Breakfast Club  
3pm onwards for After School Club  
Term time only – 38 wks pa.**

**Salary: Surrey S3.1 - FTE £19,313 p.a., £2,623 pro rata, £10.29 per hour**

St. Cuthbert's is a happy and caring school with wonderful children and a great staff team. We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Extended Schools Assistant, able to start work with us as sible – initially mornings only but with possibility of more hours. soon as pos-

We are looking for applicants who:

- Are supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Are patient and care for children
- Are team players who are flexible and personable
- Are positive and resilient in their approach with children



Previous experience of working with children and young people is desirable, but not essential.

Please email [office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) for an application form or call Mrs Turner for further details.

St. Cuthbert's is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS is essential for this position, which can be organised through the School.





### **Has your child missed their FLU vaccination at school?**

If unsure, please call 01483 794887

We are offering a drop-in clinic for the seasonal FLU vaccine for children who may have missed this vital vaccination at school.

Nurses will be available to discuss any queries you may have regarding vaccinations.

**At The Hythe Community Centre, Thorpe Road, Staines-upon-Thames, Surrey. TW18 3HD**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 3 pm & 4.30 pm.

No appointment required just turn up.

**Please use the entrance from the main road, and not through the school car park.**



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## **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER P/T**

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an experienced Communications professional to produce and edit accurate, well-written online and offline content across diocesan platforms telling the Church's story and its contribution to society. The successful applicant will support our Head of Communications in managing the digital and print presence of the Diocese, working on a range of projects and campaigns and supporting the content management of our website and social platforms.

**Salary:** £17,500 (FTE £35,000)

**Hours of work:** Part time (0.5 FTE), 17.5 hours per week

**Location:** Crawley - with hybrid remote working

**Closing date:** Wednesday 15 November

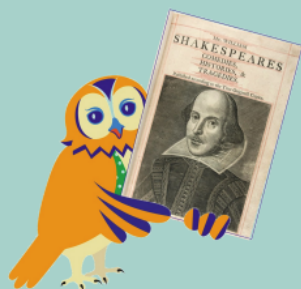
**Visit our website to find out more and apply:** [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/comms](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/comms)

## Half Term Events:

# Shakespeare's Creatures

Wednesday 25 October, 1-4pm

Natural History Museum, South Meadow Lane



From characters with donkey heads to naughty dogs, plays set in enchanted forests or out in the heathland, nature is all around in Shakespeare's plays and poems.

Join us for a free drop-in themed activity session inspired by the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Shakespeare's First Folio and the nature found in its pages.

Take part in free activities including:

- \* Write with a quill pen
- \* Make donkey ears inspired by Nick Bottom from A Midsummer Night's Dream
- \* Spot Shakespeare's creatures in a trail of our Natural History Museum
- \* Create a bear as featured in the famous stage direction; 'Exit, pursued by a bear'

More information at [collections.etoncollege.com](https://collections.etoncollege.com)



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## HALF TERM JUDO CAMP

SUITABLE FOR PLAYERS AGED 6-9 YEARS OLD ONLY



OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> 2023

### TIME:

Camp runs from 10:00 - 16:00  
Early drop off from 09:00am

### VENUE:

The Dojo, Green Road, Thorpe Green,  
Surrey, TW20 8QL

### COST:

Cost is £60 for the 2 days  
or £40 per day

COACHES: Great Britain Internationals  
and the Core Judo coaching team.



PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THE PORTAL:

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## HALF TERM JUDO CAMP

SUITABLE FOR PLAYERS AGED 8-13 YEARS OLD ONLY



OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> 2023

### TIME:

Camp runs from 10:00 - 16:00  
Early drop off from 09:00am

### VENUE:

The Dojo, Green Road, Thorpe Green,  
Surrey, TW20 8QL

### COST:

Cost is £105 for the 3 days  
or £40 per day

COACHES: Great Britain Internationals  
and the Core Judo coaching team.



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**Saturday 4th November**

**2:15-3:15pm**

(early entry at 2pm for NCT members)

Buckland Primary School, Berryscroft Road, Staines TW18  
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Buy and sell clothes, books, equipment etc for 0 - 9 years.

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**Visitor Mornings**  
Thursday 9th November 2023 9am-11am  
Tuesday 14th November 2023 9am-11am  
Book your place now at  
[www.hallifordschool.co.uk](http://www.hallifordschool.co.uk)

Close of registration for 11+ 2024 & 13+ 2026  
is Friday 1st December 2023.

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