

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No 9



*"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"*

10th November 2023

Dear All

The children are settling right back into the swing of things and are working so hard!

Y1 and Y6 came together for their mass on Tuesday, which unfortunately, I was unable to attend but heard that it was lovely. The older children guide our younger pupils so beautifully and take them through the steps of the mass.

We had our second of three open events this week and the head boy, head girl and house captains did another amazing job of touring our visitors around the school. It was lovely to hear the positive feedback about St Cuthbert's from those who attended. Many of them are going to be attending our final open evening next Wednesday 15th November at 6.30pm - so thank you in advance to them!

Our Y6 children spent the afternoon on Thursday taking part in the Junior Citizens training, which gives them a range of important messages from fire and road safety to first aid. It is a valuable trip from which the children gain an enormous amount.

We took time to pay our respects to those who have sacrificed their lives in war today. The liturgy from the children in Y5 was respectful and carefully delivered and Reception to Y5 observed the silence together, which was done so well by even our youngest children. The Y6 children joined St Jude's for a remembrance service led by The Revd Canon Judith Allford.

Our Y4 children are on their way to High Ashurst on Monday for 3 days - I am sure they will have an amazing time! Thank you in advance to the staff accompanying them.

In this week's Gospel we are reminded to be ready for His return by loving God and by loving others.

'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Matthew 25: 13

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Rainbow

RE News

Wintershall Travelling Nativity

On November 14th, we are VERY lucky to have the **Wintershall Travelling Nativity** visiting our children at St. Cuthbert's. A little earlier than we would have liked, but due to their popularity we took the date we were offered. We are sharing the experience with St. Jude's School, meaning the Nativity will be set up on their field so St. Cuthbert's will visit over the road.

The classes will have the opportunity to meet the animals from the nativity scene as well as talk to the characters from the story. We can't wait to be immersed in the Nativity Story to kick start our advent season.

Please do ask your children about this experience as we are sure they will be overjoyed as such an exciting experience.

Diwali Dancing

Diwali is a Hindu celebration that happens every year. We always like to draw attention to other faiths where possible, and so, KS2 (Years 2,3,4&6) will be taking part in a Diwali Dance Workshop on Friday 17th November. This is free of charge to all children – fully subsidised by the school. We hope the children enjoy learning some traditional dance moves, whilst also gaining insight into another faith. If anyone celebrates Diwali, please do send in some pictures so we can share these with our whole school on Friday 17th November during Celebration Liturgy.

CAFOD Trek to Pakistan

We will be collecting the sponsorship money for the 'Trek to Pakistan' soon. We are almost half way there (we hit the 1500 mark last week), so please do keep encouraging your child to get their miles in. Every mile helps us to reach our goal. We are very motivated in school, we hope you are at home too.

Prayer Leaves

Thank you for all of the wonderful prayers on the prayer leaves. There was an overwhelming response across the school and these are now proudly placed on our prayer tree in school. Watch this space for our Advent Prayer cycle on Seesaw at the end of November.

Diocese Singing Christmas Card

We are fortunate enough to have Mr Ellson from the diocese come and support our hymn practices. He will be teaching the children 'As Shepherds Watched' for the Diocese singing Christmas card, which will be sent out via the Bishop's newsletter at Christmas.

Mr Ellson would like to take some photos to montage together to use in the background of the singing Christmas card and for this we require your permission.

If you have not yet completed the online form following our email yesterday, please complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/Upi9LTdjZ9> by 11am on Wednesday 15th November.

Important Dates For Next Week

Monday 13th to 15th November	Year 4—Residential at High Ashurst
Monday 13th	World Kindness Day
Tuesday 14th	Wintershall Travelling Nativity
Wednesday 15th	Year 6 Heights and Weights
	Open Evening for prospective parents
Friday 17th	Indian Dance Workshop
	Sports Crew Training
	Year 2—visit to church

All dates for events can be found on the newsletter [calendar](#)

Mr Taylor's Notices

Just a reminder there will be no year 5/6 boys & girls football clubs week commencing Monday November 13th as I am away with year 4 on their residential.

There will be no Dodgeball club next Thursday Nov 16th, due to a year 6 boys football match.

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

15th November Open Evening starting at 6.30pm

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

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

Coming up in December

Friday 1st	Christmas Jumper Day	Sunday 3rd	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4th	Years 4/5 reconciliation	Wednesday 6th	Yr 5 Viking Workshop
Friday 8th	Year 6 Reconciliation	Thursday 7th	Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Wed 13th	KS1 Nativity (afternoon, exact time to be confirmed)		
Thurs 14th	Christmas Lunch		
Friday 15th	EYFS Nativity (morning, exact time to be confirmed)		
Monday 18th	KS2 Advent Liturgy Rehearsal (in church)		
Tuesday 19th	7pm KS2 Advent Liturgy (in church)		

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. We created a map of their journey in our small world so that we could re tell the story together. We have also been learning all about Autumn this week and have been reading the story "Don't hog the hedge". We sequenced the story using pictures and sound buttons and worked as a team to create a story map, showing all of the different creatures that Hattie the hedgehog meets on her journey. In maths we have been learning about circles and triangles and used our shape magnifying glasses to go on a shape hunt in EYFS. We used the iPads to take pictures of the objects we found that were shaped like a circle or triangle.

Year 1:

Year 1 have had another fabulous week! We began this week with our class mass. It was lovely to see so many parents there to support. The children all did amazingly and got 2 faith Dojo points for their hard work! In RE, we have moved on from The Annunciation to The Visitation, learning about how the Holy Spirit visited Mary's cousin Elizabeth. In Maths, we are continuing subtraction and making good progress. In English, we are guided writing the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood. We have made a slight adaptation and the wolf is now an evil baby! This is preparing the children for their first big write next week, where the children will rewrite the story with a different exciting change. We began DT for this first time this week, which is very exciting! The children have begun to construct their windmills. We discussed the importance of having a sturdy structure. Another great week!

Year 2:

In Year Two, we spent time looking at the use of oils in Baptism. It was interesting to see the link between oils used to make people stronger, and how oils are a symbol of making our faith stronger. In English, the class changed the tale of The Gingerbread Man, to the tale of The Little Red Tomato. We rewrote this as a class in preparation for next week when the children will write their own versions for their BIG write. In Maths, we finished the unit on addition and subtraction by looking at adding and subtracting over a 10. In History, the focus remains on The Gunpowder Plot with figuring out if Guy Fawkes was a hero or a villain! What do you think...? In RHE we looked at keeping safe online. It was interesting to have discussions about online usage and the different reasons the children use the internet for.

Year 3:

In year 3 we have started our new visitors topic in year 3. reflecting on how Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love become a reality in the person of Jesus. We have also started to explore constructing castles out of 3D shapes in design & technology. Pupils should be collecting any junk material they may need for their designs over the next few weeks.

Year 4:

Year Four have had a great week, they are fascinated about learning about the Ancient Egyptians and have got a better understanding of how we discovered a way to understand hieroglyphs. We have had some interesting conversations in RHE about changes and the feelings that can come up when changes happen. In English the children have started to think about ideas for a Myth or Legend of their own! They are all very excited about High Ashurst next week!

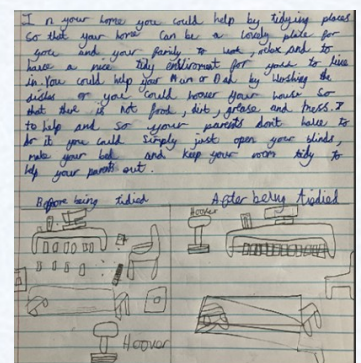
Year 5:

This week in RE, year 5's have been looking at ways in which we can remember, celebrate and respond to showing care and commitment. We have discussed how to show care and commitment in different facets of our lives and we have made links to religious beliefs, and how they have helped to shape our community.

Year 6:

What a busy week we've had. On Thursday afternoon we went to Thorpe Park to take part in the Junior Citizenship activities. The children learnt all about water and rail safety, first aid, how we can look after our own mental health and the importance of keeping our teeth clean.

On Friday we were fortunate enough to be included in the Englefield Green Schools Remembrance Service. It was a beautiful way to remember those who died for our freedom. We paid our respects by joining St Jude's and representatives of the Armed Forces for a remembrance service in their school hall led by The Revd Canon Judith Allford.



Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Anna in Year R has been articulate and was using brilliant sentences when talking to her friends and teachers.

In year 1, **Chloe** has been using her initiative in IT lessons; she created some fabulous digital artwork with her partner and works really well with others and is very respectful.

Miles has made a great start to his time at St Cuthbert's by following the FAIR value of respect in his learning.

Nyle has been articulate and explained the addition in the Maths lesson beautifully.

Charlie in year 4 has been working hard in all areas of his learning, being respectful with excellent manners.

In year 5, **Oliver** has been showing a great improvement with his work ethic, coming to all lessons ready to learn.

Eva in year 6 has been articulating her RE learning beautifully.

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 soon as possible – initially mornings only but with possibility of more hours.

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 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.

PTA updates

Pre-Advent and Christmas Fair

Pre-Advent

To kick-start the lead up to Christmas 🎄 🎅 and to incorporate some fundraising for the Christmas Fair we have decided to launch a new idea....

Pre-advent is not just to fundraise for the school but to encourage the children to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

By participating in this initiative, we are reinforcing the importance of empathy, compassion, and the joy of giving back! This supports all the hard work done at school by the children, teachers and staff. They have lots of great plans that the children will be partaking in also. Let's come together as a school family and make a positive impact on each other and the wider community.

To find out more about what the St Cuthbert's School Association have planned, please visit the [PTA website page](#)

PTA Key dates:

13th November - Kindness Bauble Pledge

17th November - Christmas Jumper Donations

20th November - Christmas jumper rail out

1st December - Bottle Tombola Donations in exchange for Christmas jumper day in school

3rd December - Christmas Fair 12pm-4pm



Thank you

The PTA would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped, supported and attended, before, during and after the recent School Disco. We had a great time. Seeing so many happy and excited faces really made it an enjoyable event. There were some great dance moves, creative flair with glitter, nail painting and coloured hairsprays and we even got a Macarena going!

Added bonus - We made a great profit of over £900!!!



ASCOT

THERE'S WRITING FATHER
CHRISTMAS A LIST,
THEN THERE'S

TELLING
FATHER
CHRISTMAS
YOURSELF

KIDS
GO
FREE*

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

HOWDEN CHRISTMAS FAMILY RACEDAY
SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Gather friends and family to enjoy the twinkling wonderland of Christmas at Ascot whilst raising money for your school. In addition to exhilarating Jumps racing there's plenty of fun for younger racegoers including pony rides, face painting and festive arts and crafts. Father Christmas and his reindeer will be in attendance and Mrs Christmas will return for her much-loved story telling before the candle-lit carol singing finale.

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*Maximum four children with a full-paying adult.

HOWDEN



The Englefield Green Shop will be running a drawing competition for under 12's for the month of November. The winner will win a voucher for Genevieve pottery paint and all profits made from the competition will be going back into the village to help fund local events. Please see below for details:

***Drawing competition
under 12's***

Have fun, get creative, win a prize and help your local community

We are holding a drawing competition for under 12s.

It's £1 per entry, you will be given a card to take home, decorate your Christmas card however ever you wish. Bring the card back to the shop by the 2nd December to be in with a chance of winning.

The winner will win a voucher for Genevieves pottery painting.

After the competition is over all cards will then be sold in The Englefield Green shop to help raise funds for the village.

Competition runs from the 1st November - 2nd December

Winner will be announce on the 4th December

