

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No 10

*"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"*

17th November 2023

Dear All

Well, the weather has not been with us for most of this week but this has not dampened our spirit!

The children all had the opportunity to visit St Jude's School across the road to take part in the workshops provided by Wintershall. The children came back so enthused by their experiences and tales of the animals they'd seen (we could hear the donkeys from our playground!). The staff running the workshops asked that the message be communicated to me that they had never seen as well-behaved children as St Cuthbert's pupils!! So proud!!

The Y4 children had a great time at High Ashurst and the staff accompanying them said they were a dream! The children enjoyed a range of activities and came back exhausted but full of their stories.

I have noticed a few boys wearing thermal type leggings under shorts for PE. As per our uniform policy, the children can wear maroon jogging bottoms when the weather is colder. I would advise that children wear both shorts and jogging bottoms during these months so that they have the option to take a layer off.

Can I also remind parents about safety measures during drop off times. Between 8.30am and 8.40am can children coming through the KS1 entrance be escorted to the red gate, where a member of staff is situated, before being left. In the area by the KS2 gate children should be supervised until the gate is opened by a member of staff. Thank you for your cooperation in advance -safety is always our priority.

Earlier today you will have received an email with the link to a parent survey. We value your feedback and hope you will take a few minutes of your time to complete the online [questionnaire](#)—if possible by end of next week.

We have anti-bullying week next week when the children will be taking part in a range of activities on this theme. The baubles that have been coming in with kindness pledges have set the tone beautifully. I am now looking for pupils from Y4 to volunteer to become well-being warriors and support mental health throughout the school.

In this coming week's collective prayer and worship the children will learn that God wants them to experience being loved and choose to love Him in return. We will be asking the children to celebrate the precious gifts God has given them.

**'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful
in small things; I will trust you with greater.'**

Matthew 25: 23

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Rainbow

Important Dates For Next Week

Anti Bullying Week

Next week St Cuthbert's will be taking part in our anti-bullying week. To kick-start the week on Monday, we would like to invite all children to wear their odd socks with their school uniform, to celebrate that everyone is different. We will also be having a collective worship led by our year 5 peer mediators, to tell the children all about what their role is and how they can be kind and help a friend in need.

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| Monday 20th | Odd Socks Day—to wear with usual school uniform Year 6 Boys League Football Game vs. St Jude's |
| Wednesday 22nd | St Cecilia Feast Day—children in St Cecilia to wear mufti with their blue house T-Shirt (no football kit please) |
| Thursday 23rd | 11:30am - 3:30pm Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition at RHU |
| Friday 24th | EYFS Class Birthday Party (mufti party clothes to be worn) |

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

Mr Taylor's Notices

PE changes week of 20th November: Please note, Year 1 will have PE on Monday and Friday next week; can they please come in school uniform all other days.

There is **no Boys football** club on Monday Nov 20th due to a year 6 game for selected players.

There is **no dodgeball club** on Thursday November 23rd November, due to the year 5/6 girls football tournament at Royal Holloway.

Coming up in December

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| Friday 1st | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Sunday 3rd | Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 4th | Years 4/5 reconciliation |
| Monday 4th | Core Judo Taster Day in school (years 1 - 6) PE Kit required |
| Thursday 7th | Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshop |
| Wednesday 6th | Yr 5 Viking Workshop |
| Friday 8th | Year 6 Reconciliation |
| Wed 13th | KS1 Nativity— 2pm—doors open at 1.55pm |
| Thurs 14th | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 15th | EYFS Nativity— 9am—doors open at 8.55am |
| Monday 18th | KS2 Advent Liturgy Rehearsal (in church) |
| Tuesday 19th | 7pm KS2 Advent Liturgy (in church) |

Admissions—Consultation

Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation that the governing body as the admission authority for St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2025-26. This is to fulfil our obligation to consult on the Admissions Policy and SIF every 7 years, please note there are no changes, other than the dates, to our previous versions.

Please find further information on the school's [website](#).

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Travelling Nativity

It started off soggy for our Year Five and Six but ended up bright for the remaining classes, but what a workshop it was and completely worth the struggles with the weather.

The children first met Lucy, from Wintershall, who explained about the four weeks of Advent. The classes then went onto explore five different stations where they met various people from the advent story;

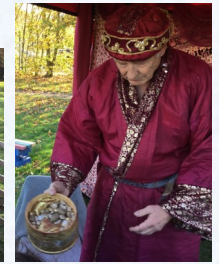
Mary, Melchior - one of the wise men, a shepherd and her (real life!) sheep, Zechariah - Elizabeth's husband and finally Sam the donkey and his owner.

At each station the children were provided with an item to reflect on. We will be focusing on these items in our prayer and liturgy time throughout advent.

Anna from Year Two said; *It was really nice and the children enjoyed it because they got lots of gifts for Advent.*

Rosie from Year Two said; *I enjoyed meeting Mary the most because she was really nice. She was telling us about baby Jesus.*

Teddy from Year Two said; *I liked meeting the wise man, Melchior. He showed us the presents that the wise men delivered. These are myrrh, frankincense and gold. He gave us all a gem too!*



Singing at St. Cuthbert's

We are so fortunate to have Mr Ellson, from the Diocese choral group, to be with us in school this year. We have been gifted this opportunity by the diocese and we feel so grateful to have been chosen for such a wonderful chance at making our singing nice and strong at school. Mr Ellson has made such a huge impact on the singing at St. Cuthbert's in such a short space of time so far.

Prayer through Song

More commonly known as hymn practice. Mr Ellson leads Prayer through Song with the whole school on a Thursday morning. He is currently teaching the children 'While Shepherds Watched' for the diocese signing Christmas card.

Year Three Music

He is teaching the Year Three music lessons this year, with Mrs Missen there for support and to take some of his methods and songs to the other KS2 classes that she teaches.

Choir Club

On a Thursday lunch time, Mr Ellson is running Choir Club. This week was the first week and the children sang so beautifully. This is for Years 4-6, and the children have volunteered themselves. It is important that the children do continue to attend week on week, it is important to be committed. They have their first occasion in the diary; Sunday 3rd December at the School Fayre. Please do come and watch them sing in the fire pit area around 1.30pm.



Diwali

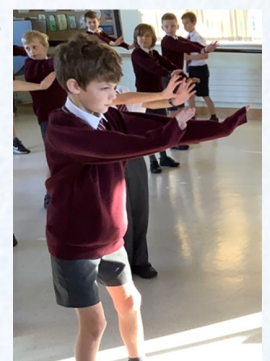
Diwali was celebrated on Sunday 12th November. This is the festival of light At St. Cuthbert's we like to celebrate all faiths and so KS2 were able to participate in a Diwali dance workshop this week.

A few girls from Year Four said;

Olivia - *I enjoyed how we learnt about different countries dancing. It was really energetic! We learnt about how Diwali is celebrated.*

Indiana - *I like the different dance moves. It was really fun because it was something different to what we usually do.*

Liv - *I found it quite fun as we learnt how they celebrate Diwali and their special types of dancing. It thought it was quite cool!*



The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception were very lucky to visit the team at Wintershall, to hear more about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of baby Jesus. We were given gifts to collect on the way round, to signify each person we met on our journey. A donkey, a manger, some wool, a jewel and a feather. The children really enjoyed meeting the different characters on their journey. This week we have also been reading the story 'Stickman' and our learning has been all about winter. We talked about what we would do if we found stickman, then drew pictures to represent our ideas and labelled our pictures using our Fred talk.

Year 1:

Year 1 has had another fun-filled week of learning. In RE, we have been discussing the nativity and the birth of Jesus. This was supported beautifully by the children's trip to St Jude's to watch Wintershall actors depict the nativity. We have also begun learning our songs for the nativity play and have been making good progress. The children have done their first independent big write this week, by retelling Little Red Riding Hood. They made adaptations to the story and have been writing it all by themselves, this is very tricky but the children have all shown excellent resilience. A good week for all in Year 1.

Year 2:

In Year 2, we finished off our unit about Baptism by visiting Canon Chris at Church. We had a lovely visit where we reflected on the unit through prayers, and also a signs and symbols hunt. In History, it was the final week of learning about the Gunpowder Plot before moving onto The Great Fire of London next week. The children wrote their BIG write story about their version of The Gingerbread Man. In Maths, we have been learning about shapes.

Year 3:

In year 3 we have been learning about how Isaiah announces the coming of God and how Gabriel announces the coming of Jesus to Mary. We also had a visit from Wintershall and met Mary, the Shepherds, the Wise Men and well as others who are a part of the advent story. In science we investigated various methods of seed dispersal in a seed triathlon to see which method was most effective and which seeds can travel the longest to survive.

Year 4:

Year Four enjoyed lots of fantastic team-building activities at High Ashurst this week. Many overcame their fears, as they tackled climbing high on the climbing walls and swinging through the trees on high ropes! They learned how to build fires and dens and above all spent time working on their teamwork, resilience and communication skills. Returning to school, they have written some beautiful recounts of their time away! Well done for doing us all proud this week Year Four!

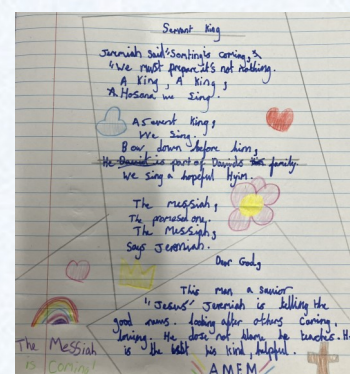
Year 5:

This week in RE we have learnt about the prophet Jeremiah and how he loved his fellow Jewish people. We discussed what sort of King God needed to send and how Jesus managed to fulfil his promises. We then completed different poems titled 'Servant King'.

Year 6:

This week Year 6 has been learning about Miriam and her role in the salvation story of the Old Testament. Miriam was brave; she was wise, and she taught her people to have hope and to show gratitude. The children also enjoyed their trip to the travelling Nativity – they particularly enjoyed collecting the different symbols from the different parts of the Nativity story.

We continued our work on the circulatory system. This week we discussed the role of the heart in pumping blood around the body as well as the purpose of blood and how it carries oxygen and nutrients to all parts of the body. In Maths we started our unit on Fractions focusing on creating equivalent fractions and simplifying.



Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

In Reception, **Albert** has been showing respect in all lessons and listening really well. Well done, Albert!

In year 1, **Alice** has been working really hard on being independent in her math's. She is taking responsibility for her own work and trying so hard. Well done, Alice!

Imogen in year 2 has been showing beautiful manners and being respectful to all of the children and adults in the classroom.

In year 3, **Ethan** has been working extremely hard to be RESPECTFUL and ready to learn. His positive attitude to learning this week has been amazing.

Millie in year 4 has been showing excellent resilience on our residential, getting stuck into all the activities and climbing to the top of the climbing wall! Well done, Millie!

In Year 5 **Eesha** has been displaying great faith in and outside the classroom and is always respectful. Well done Eesha.

Taz in year 6 has been showing our fair values of independence and initiative by taking his learning seriously and asking questions that help him understand the learning better.

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 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.

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