



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 8th December 2023



*"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"*

Dear All

The children really enjoyed starting their week with a Judo demonstration and Y1-6 had the opportunity to experience this discipline themselves in a workshop. Those who attend Judo club at school also shared some of their skills!

The Reception and Year 5 mass on Tuesday morning was lovely. The older children sat alongside their buddies and supported the little ones in showing respect and guided them in the parts of the mass. It was impressive to see some of our Reception children reading in the mass as well!

Year 5 had a workshop on Wednesday to enhance their learning of The Bronze and Iron Age. This really brings the learning to life for the children. It was Year 2's turn to learn more about their topic of The great Fire of London in a workshop on Thursday.

The children looked amazing in all their blue today and all the classes spent time in the prayer garden to pray the rosary. They also took time to talk about Our Lady of Lourdes in class and why we mark this Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception.

We are currently moving our website to a new provider and updating much of the information. This takes time and may cause changes in the navigation on our current website, so please bear with us while this takes place.

After the sad news that Mr Taylor is leaving, some parents have asked about outside of school clubs moving forward. We have plans in place to ensure the children continue with their activities and will share these next week.

In this week's Gospel, John prepares the way for Jesus and announces that Jesus is more powerful. Advent is a time for getting ready for us to prepare the way for Jesus. Will we be ready to announce His arrival, like the angels on Christmas Day..

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you...

Mark 1:2

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Rainbow

Important Dates For December

Wednesday 13th	KS1 Nativity— 2pm—doors open at 1.55pm
Thursday 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, during school hours)

Contacting the school

To contact the school by email, please use our info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk email address.
This is the **only** email address that is monitored every school day during office hours.

Mr Taylor's Update

Next week will be the last week of Mr Taylors sports clubs for the year.

There is no girl's football on Tuesday.

Goodbye & Thank You

As you know I am leaving my post here next Friday December 15th.

Thank you for the lovely emails I have received and messages of support. I really appreciate the comments and you taking the time to do this.

It's been a pleasure to work with your children, I will miss them. I would like to wish them the very best of luck at future sporting events.

Thank you to the parents who have supported me for the time I have been at the school.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr T

Lost Property:

We have a very large collection of lost property items in the office. Please do have a look through at morning drop-off or afternoon collection to reclaim any items.

Please note: anything not collected by Thursday 21st December will be removed from the office.

External Clubs Final Sessions of the Term:

Core Judo - finished now until January

Match Point Tennis – finished now until January

Active Soccer - finished now until January

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning all about Advent. We looked at each of the candles on our Advent wreath at school and talked about what each of them symbolised. We decorated Advent candles of our own and practised our cutting skills by making some wreaths with holly made from paper. In maths we have been learning about shapes with 4 sides and used our detective skills to find the shapes with 4 sides hidden in pictures on our maths table and then found them in our classroom and playground in real life objects. In English we have continued to use our makaton signs to help us remember and sequence the nativity story.

Year 1:

We have had another brilliant week in Year 1. RE learning this week has been centred around Mary and how she is celebrated throughout the world. The children have been working hard on their nativity rehearsals and everyone has put in an amazing effort. In English, they are doing their second ever independent write. The children have been writing informal letters and the progress being made is fabulous. In maths, the children have started numbers to 20! This is going very well so far and we are focusing on ironing out any misconceptions before progressing onto addition and subtraction in the numbers to 20. A very productive and fun week in Year 1!

Year 2:

This week the children learnt about the Annunciation. they looked at this event represented in artwork and then created their own sketch of this based on the art work studied. The class completed a guided write based on Samuel Pepys diary. They learnt the text off by heart which helped with their writing. I am seeing handwriting improved, please keep encouraging joined handwriting at home too. In history, we had the Great Fire of London workshop from Freshwater Theatre. This was truly excellent! It helped to embed the knowledge already learnt but also introduced new facts too! The children were engaged from start to finish. Please ensure your child knows their part for the Nativity - we can't wait to show it to you next week.

Year 3:

This week in year 3 we have started out new topic on journeys. The cycle of a year and the span of a lifetime contains occasions for regular celebrations as well as unexpected surprises, when people want to celebrate with family, friends and communities. We have also been investigating magnetic materials and creating an understanding of how magnets behave in science.

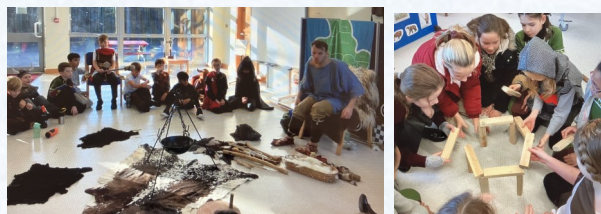
Year 4:

Year Four have started learning about Haiku poetry in English this week, they have written some lovely poems about winter and the other seasons. In RE, we have been preparing for Jesus and thinking about the gifts of love and friendship. We've started a new topic in Science about electricity and the children had some brilliant questions for things they'd like to discover throughout this topic!

Year 5:

In RE, we have been learning about the birth of Jesus, and how Joseph would have felt during this process. We discussed what his beliefs and values might be.

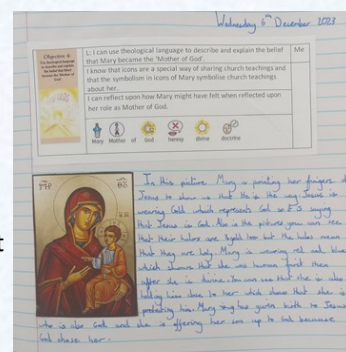
This week in Year 5, we have had a Bronze and Iron Age workshop. We did a number of activities ranging from research about the time period, to seeing what weapons they would have used to playing board games from that time. We had so much fun and learnt a lot about what life was like during this time.



Year 6:

This week we tried our hand at Iconography in RE. We looked at different icons that are used by the Orthodox church and discussed the meanings of the different colours and symbols. The children then analysed an icon, explaining what the image means.

In Science we are focussing on how we can keep our bodies healthy – after investigating what happens to our heart rate after exercise the children gathered data from their family members to find out how different people look after their health. Next we will be looking at the effects of drugs and alcohol on our bodies.



Catholic Life

CAFOD

The numbers are in and we raised a huge £701 for such a good cause. On Wednesday, we were joined by Jenny from CAFOD who talked to the whole school about where the money will go to and to thank the children for their generosity and hard work.

Here is what our Year Four Spiritual Council members had to say about their recent project;

'I am really proud that we walked our final mile and we completed the trek to Pakistan. Being part of the Spiritual Council is important because it is nice to be part of a team that create good fundraising ideas.' Enid

'Thank you so much for sponsoring money for the Trek to Pakistan. We have done this to help people in Pakistan to help people because of the floods. it is important to put others first.' Harrison

Thank you for your donations, it really means a lot!

From the Spiritual Council



Diocesan Day of Fundraising for Lourdes

We marked the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception with a BLUE mufti day to raise awareness of the message from Lourdes, the opportunities it can offer individuals and an opportunity to raise some funds to support helpers across the Diocese. Having this day across schools helps in uniting us in prayer for the most vulnerable within our Diocesan Community.

If you have not been able to yet, please donate £1 via your child's Scopay account.

School Council News

The School Council hosted a poster competition, to raise awareness for Laudato si' to look after our world starting with our school. There were many beautiful entries and the winning poster is from Amelia Poon. Well done! The winning entry's class has won a day planting flowers in the prayer garden, which has been graciously funded/donated by the PTA for the Spring term.



Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Camilla in EYFS has been learning all of her lines for the class mass and nativity and has been articulate and speaking them very clearly. Well done

This week's dojo winner in Year 1 is always so kind and respectful of everyone around him and his work. He takes extra initiative in the lunch hall to ensure everyone is making the Lunchtime Supervisors' lives easier. He is so attentive to his sentences and writing. He has been working so hard at singing and remembering his lines for the nativity. Well done for fabulous effort and initiative, **Zeke**.

Year 2's **Anna** has been very articulate in the play and knows all of her lines really well.

In Year 3, **Ellis** has always been showing initiative in starting his work and seeking challenges in his learning. Well done!

Reggie has been taking lots of time to practice his words for the Advent service and working hard to articulate them clearly.

Liam in year 5 has impressed with how he has settled into our school and taken the St Cuthbert's values on boards straight away.

In year 6, **Tomas** for showing our fair value of resilience by working really hard in all his Maths lessons this week. Well done, Tomas. We are very proud of you!

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.

School Nursing Service

The School Nursing Service are setting up a Parents drop-in service in Addlestone Family Centre on Monday mornings, starting on January 8th 2024 to support families in the area.

The school nurses will be running the clinic every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month starting on 08/01/24 at 09:30- 11:15 in Addlestone's Young People & Family Centre: address 121-125 Church Rd, Addlestone KT15 1SH.

The School Nursing service can offer **Referrals, support, advice, and signposting** regarding: **Dental care, Sleep, Toileting, Health promotion, Healthy eating, Heights & Weights, Behaviour, Mental health and Eating difficulties.**

There is free parking available on sight.

There are other clinics also running in Woking and Surrey heath information available on CSH website. [School nursing :: Children and Family Health Surrey \(childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk\)](https://www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)

The Surrey-wide 0-19 Advice Line on **01883 340 922** is available from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays) for parents to call for advice regarding any health issues.

School uniform fund

Need help with the cost of school uniforms?

If your child needs a school uniform, you may be able to receive some financial help.



Who can apply for a voucher?

- 1 Household annual income below £33,000.
- 2 Savings below £6,000.
- 3 Must be liable for Council Tax.
- 4 From nursery age up to school Year 11.



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Get more information on eligibility, and how to apply for funding by scanning the QR code or visit: www.runnymede.gov.uk/benefits-support/household-support-fund



Christmas Holiday Activities

Create a Christmas Village

21st December 2023
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm
Cost: £4 Age 4-12

Use mini cardboard houses
to create a gingerbread-style
Christmas village. Decorate
with paints, gems and glitter.

Four and five year olds must be
accompanied by an adult
Booking is essential
Book online at
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk> or
by phone: 01932 565 764



www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

The Olive Matthews
Foundation Trust

Runnymede
Borough Council



Ilona Hawker
Tennis

Come and play!

Tennis for Everyone *in your area...*

Venues include:

- Egham Orbit Leisure Centre (outdoor)
- Royal Holloway University (outdoor)
- Old Windsor Recreation Ground (outdoor)
- ACS International School (indoors)

**Sessions for juniors
and adults of all levels**

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