



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 21st 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

Well, we are finally there! It has been a long term, but a successful one. The children have worked so hard and made a great start to the school year - I really am so proud of each and every one of them.

The data reports are coming home with the children today and will give you their scores in recent tests. I meet with every teacher to discuss progress and any children that are not on track to achieve the expected standard are given support. This may be in the form of intervention or in-class support.

The Advent service was held in the church on Tuesday evening and the Key Stage 2 children provided a delightful performance. It was so lovely to see the church so full and our pupils so proud to share their beautiful voices. It always makes me emotional!

Thank you so much for all the cards and gifts that have been sent in for the staff and myself. There have been such lovely words of thanks written which is really appreciated. The staff of St Cuthbert's work tirelessly and your children make such efforts worthwhile. They are a credit to you all and we all thank you for your support this term.

I wish you all the best for the festive break and I hope you enjoy this special time with your families.

We will see you all back on the 8th January!

God bless you all
Mrs Rainbow

Important Dates For January

Monday 8th	Return to School
Wednesday 10th	St Bernadette House Mufti (Uniform with house T-Shirt) Year 2 Walk to Englefield Green
Friday 12th	New Year's Mass @ 9am
Week of 15th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 24th	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Friday 26th	Year 6 Class Liturgy
Sunday 28th	Mrs Rainbow's Induction Mass

Half Term—House Winners

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

On 10th January, all children in **St Bernadette** house are welcome to come into school in mufti, wearing their **yellow house T-Shirt** to celebrate their win.

PE and Clubs—FAQ

Following our email last week, we have received a few questions regarding PE and clubs which we thought we would answer via this newsletter.

PE:

Each subject has a teacher who leads on it, which will be Mr John. He will be liaising closely with PS Sports Coaching who will deliver most of the PE lessons. St Cuthbert's will continue to be part of sporting events such as Cross Country and District Sports.

Clubs:

Please note the time change for **Judo** on a Monday Morning. This will now be starting at **7.50am until 8.35am** in line with the tennis clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as it will allow the children more time to get changed into their uniform / PE kit and be ready in class for their learning at 8.50am

Netball Club: This is available to boys and girls in year 4, 5 and 6 who will be training together. Based on numbers, there may be an opportunity to extend the club to year 3—we will look at this in the new year.

All outdoor sports clubs will be on in all weathers. In case of severe rain, we will make arrangements to bring the children indoors and either use the hall or studio.

After School Club:

This will continue to run as usual. If your child is joining one of the sports clubs or Spanish, they will take themselves to after school club afterwards. Any girls who are signed up for football at St Jude's on a Thursday will walk back to St Cuthbert's with the coach if they are attending After School Club.

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week Reception have been writing letters to Santa to tell him all about their Nativity show. We used our Fred Talk to help us write the words we needed, to tell him all about the different parts we played in the show. We have been practising our fine motor skills by making Christmas shapes in the play dough area using different cutters and using our knowledge of pattern and shape to decorate Christmas presents. We have really enjoyed taking part in lots of Christmas activities, talking about our plans for the Christmas holiday in circle time (and singing lots of Christmas songs!)

Year 1:

All the children have had another fabulous week, to top off a brilliant first term in Year 1. In RE this week, we learned about the ways in which Christians celebrate Christmas. We discussed the importance of the crib and what it symbolises. In maths we have continued with numbers to 20. The children have been working on ordering and estimating numbers on a number line. There has been great excitement in English writing. We are writing a response to Father Christmas. He sent a letter to all of the schools Elves asking how the children have prepared for Christmas. We told him about our nativity, decorations, travelling crib and so much more. The children have worked so hard and learned so much this term, they are overdue a well-earned rest! Hoping everyone has a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year.

Year 2:

What a wonderful half term we have had in Year Two. Thank you again for the very generous presents for our class team, it is lovely of you to think of us and much appreciated. This week, we finished off the RE unit around Advent as well as the unit in RE about getting help in an emergency. In Writing, the whole school had a writing task to accomplish - a mission set by Father Christmas to write to him to tell him all about how the children at St. Cuthbert's have been preparing for Christmas. Have a great Christmas break and we will see you in the new year.

Year 3:

In RE we have been learning about Ordinary time and how we are reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians. We have been writing letters to Father Christmas, informing him on how St Cuthbert's prepares during Advent for the birth of Jesus. Thank you so much for all your help and support this year. I hope you all have a well deserved rest surrounded by families and loved ones.

Year 4:

Year Four have done fantastically on this last week of term! They did such a brilliant job in the Advent service and did us all very proud. They finished off their DT project and evaluated what they would do differently next time. They also got their artistic skills out for their Christmas cards! Well done for a fantastic term Year Four! Have a wonderful Christmas!

Year 5:

This week In RE, we have been learning all about the arrival of Jesus and the Christmas Story. We have recapped how Advent is a time for waiting in hope and linked the words of the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah to the coming of the Messiah.

Year 6:

This week we made links between the Magnificat and stories from the Old and New Testament. Through our study of the Gospel of Luke this half term, we have seen how Luke used references from the Old Testament to help people understand the importance of Jesus' birth.

We have come to the end of our DT unit – the children have all made a Christmas stocking working on sharpening their sewing skills including running stitch, blanket stitch and attaching a fastener in the form of a button.

The children did so well at the Advent service. I was very proud of all of them, our song was particularly tricky and they performed it beautifully.



St Cuthberts Parish



Carol Service

to celebrate
The Epiphany of the Lord, the Feast of The Three Kings
Sunday 7th January 2024 at 3:00pm
The Assumption of Our Lady Church, Englefield Green



**COME WEARING A CROWN OR
DRESSED AS ONE OF THE THREE KINGS**

Join us as we sing carols together to celebrate the end of the Christmas season and afterwards for a celebration in the Jurgens Centre – bring Christmas food and drinks to share with others!

Term Dates

Academic Year 2024—2025

Please see below term dates for the next academic year. These are in line with schools from Xavier CET. We will confirm all further INSET Days in due course.

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Inset Day	Monday 2nd September 2024
Term starts	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
Term ends	Friday 20th December 2024
Schools closed	Monday 2nd December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Term starts	Monday 6th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025
Term ends	Friday 4th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Terms starts	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025
Term ends	Friday 18th July 2025

Our End of Term Celebration

At the end of every term, we celebrate our children's achievements, with special awards for children who have excelled in various areas / subjects.

Overall Dojo

Maxim, Grace, Eleanor, Nyle, Reggie, Jamie and Keavy

Reading Award

Bonnie, Valentino, Rosie, Tobias, Rhys, Kitty and Vansh

RE Award

Albert, Ezekiel, Jennifer, Anais, Indiana, Sophia and James

Excellent Attitude to Learning

Elizabella, Alexander, Roman, Armando, Caitlin, Carolina and Georgina

FAITH Award

Key Stage 1—Eli-James (year 1), Key Stage 2—Gaia (year 5)

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 team. We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Extended Schools Assistant 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



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