



Weekly Newsletter **St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School**

Week ending 2 February 2024



*"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

First and foremost, can I say a huge thank you to everyone who played a part in making my induction mass such a special event on Sunday. I was completely overwhelmed by the kind words, good wishes and all the people who gave their time to help organise, bake cakes and provide refreshments. The PTA's 'rainbow' treats were amazing and I cannot thank them enough for laying out such a delicious spread!! It was lovely to see past head teachers of St Cuthbert's in attendance, as well as friends and colleagues from other Xavier schools. It felt like the final piece to the puzzle in my joining this wonderful school and will treasure the day forever.

The teachers and a few of our pupils attended the Deanery mass on Monday after school at Christ the Prince of Peace church in Weybridge. It was a lovely occasion and opportunity to come together with other Catholic schools and our head boy and girl represented us well.

The coming week is children's mental health week and the theme this year is - 'my voice matters'. I will be talking to the children about mental health and well-being during Monday's collective prayer and worship and there will be a range of activities linked to this theme going on in class over the course of the week. The well-being ambassadors are almost trained up and will be launching their roles after half term.

Next Thursday we have parents' evenings which is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. A selection of books will be available for parents to look at during the appointment. We will also have some samples of a possible new PE kit (for September) laid out that pupils and parents may like to share their views on.

If I could make another plea with regards to dogs tied up outside the school - we have had some children express worries about dogs being attached to each of the entrances to school. If I could ask owners to attach leads a little further away from the gateway where the children enter the school. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Jesus' life was very busy, but He found peace by going to a quiet place to pray and be with His Father. We too can find peace in the busy nature of our daily lives.

In the morning, long before dawn, He got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. (Mark 1: 35)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Rainbow

Important Dates for February

Monday 5th	Mental Health Week Dental Hygienist talk to children in Year 1-6
Tuesday 6th	Years 1 & 6 PTA Cake Sale
Wednesday 7th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th	Parents Evening
W.C 12th	<i>Half Term</i>
Tuesday 20th	Year 3 Retreat at The Jurgen Centre Year 4—Roman Workshop Year 5/6 Girls Football League Game at home to Cobham Free School
Wednesday 21st	Year 3 Feet First Walking Training
Thursday 22nd	Year 5 & 6 Reconciliation
Friday 23rd	Year 2 Class Liturgy - Year 2 parents welcome - 9am in the school hall Year 4 Reconciliation
Tuesday 27th	EYFS Heights, Weights & Vision Check Year 4 Retreat at The Jurgen Centre Year 5 and 6 Science Fair
Wednesday 28th	Class Photographs KS2 Surrey Youth Games Assembly No Boy's football training with Mr John
Thursday 29th	Year 5 Football Tournament at RHU

Coming up in March

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (parents will be invited to watch the children's parade—details to follow)
Friday 8th March	MAGS Day—mums and female relative will be invited for our special collective worship (details to follow)

Our Website has a new 'Look'

The link to this newsletter will have taken you to our updated website. We hope you find some time to browse through it. We are still finalising some of the pages with more information and hope you like the new Look.

Lost Property

Our ever-increasing lost property basket is at capacity again. If your child has any missing items please do have a good look through at morning drop-off or afternoon collection. The basket is located in the main school office.

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, **Lara** has been trying hard in her phonics lessons and creating some fantastic pieces of independent writing!

This week's dojo winner in year 1 is someone who always wants to learn more and more! Her curiosity for Geography, History and Science is brilliant. She always takes initiative and is very articulate when explaining interesting facts. Well done, **Antonia**!

Bella in year 2 for always showing the value of Faith by helping her peers whenever they need it.

Well done **James** in Year 3 for his RESPECTFUL attitude towards his learning this week. Well done for being so focused, especially in English and Maths.

In year 4 **Olivia S** has been trying hard in her English learning, showing super independence in her writing and fantastic acting skills in her role-playing! Well done Liv!

In Year 5 **May** has been very resilient in her work this week, especially maths. Well done May.

Our dojo winner in year 6 this week is **Tayah** - for much improved sentences starters in her writing. Well done, Tayah!

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.**

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.

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. In English, we wrote speech bubbles for our favourite characters in the story and designed a menu for Goldilocks to open her very own porridge cafe! In maths, we have been learning about the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We met Numberblocks 6, 7 and 8 and practised spotting the quantity and the numeral in lots of different ways. On Friday we were very lucky to have a visit from Canon Chris, who shared with us the story of the feeding of the 5000 and talked to us about how Jesus cares for everyone. Thank you Canon Chris!

Year 1:

This week Year 1 has been working really hard. We've learned about how the disciples chose to live simply and followed Jesus. We've been discussing how sometimes we can get caught up with material possession and what really matters in life. In English, we have moved onto Adventure Stories! We are story mapping and learning lots about tension and the structure of a good story. Maths is going well, we have moved onto subtracting using number bonds to 20. The children are using manipulatives and learning lots! Our herb garden we planted a few weeks back has sprouted! We have coriander and basil on the move, it has caused great excitement and the children can't wait to try our class herbs! Well done, Year 1!!



Year 2:

In Y2 this week the children reflected on their learning about books, specifically the Bible. The children who led were articulate in their responses when reading the scripture about Jesus' Baptism. In Science, the children have been monitoring and recording the progress their seeds and blubs are making. In English, for the last two weeks of term the class are writing across-tic poems based on the journey of food. In Maths, the children were assessed on their knowledge of money from the last two weeks and they did really well and are now ready to tackle multiplication and division.

Year 3:

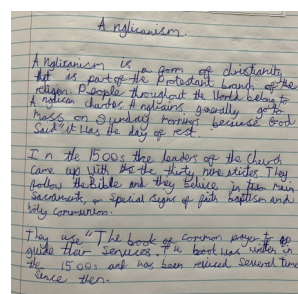
In year 3, we were blessed with a visit from Canon Chris who taught us about the Liturgy of the Word. The readings proclaim the message of God's love and truth, mercy and forgiveness as it has been told by the People of God in the Old and New Testaments. We have finished our big writes on narratives, using inspiration from our visit to Ancient Butser Farm.

Year 4:

Year Four have found learning about the different rivers around the world, fascinating! They discovered some interesting facts about their uses and how they have changed over the years. They were interested to connect these facts to what they had learned about the river Nile last half term. I've also been blown away by the incredible acting skills in the class, as the children role-played the first scene of Oliver Twist for our next English topic on play-scripts!

Year 5:

This week in RE, we have been learning about other Christian communities. We discussed what ecumenism is and looked at Paul's words about Christians being in unity. Our task was to research different Christian denominations and share our findings with the class.

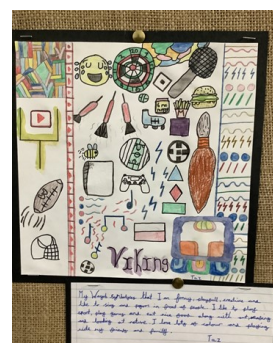


Year 6:

This week we had another visit from the Students at Royal Holloway. They are working with the children to build robot cars that they will then program using Microbits. This makes up part of our computing curriculum.

In RE we looked at what John is trying to teach us about Jesus when he tells the story of Jesus walking on water. We will continue to study the 7 miracles described in the Gospel of John.

The children completed their art inspired by the Maya tradition of 'Wayob'. Here are some lovely examples of their work.



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

Are you worried about how they are feeling?



DECREASING DEPRESSION

Tuesday 6th Feb 7-9pm. £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a two hour online talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENT page

Family Gardening Day: growing food and flowers, craft , lunch included

► **Wednesday 14th**
February 10 am.-
12.30

- The Hub, Englefield Green,
- 57, Larchwood Drive, TW20 0SL
- Booking required please contact
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