



## Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 23 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

It was lovely to welcome the children back after a short break and into another busy week!

Y4 took part in a Roman workshop on Tuesday and were really enjoying their day when I popped in. They all looked amazing, dressed in traditional clothing, which helped them to fully immerse in the day.

Y3 spent Tuesday morning at the church with Canon Chris on their retreat which is always a lovely way to give our children reflection time. Some of the children in the class also signed up for the 'Feet First Walking Training' which gave them guidance about road safety. The organisers commented on the children's model behaviour, which is also great to hear.

Y2's class liturgy was a joyous occasion this morning. It is lovely for the children to have the opportunity to share and celebrate their learning and lead a liturgy. They spoke with such confidence and were so proud of their achievement - as well they should be! Thank you to the parents who were able to join us.

Last, but by no means least, we were delighted to receive confirmation of our IQM Inclusive School Award recently and will shortly be receiving a plaque!! The report was very positive and reflected the great practice we have day to day to support all of our pupils. Today, I wanted to share one paragraph about our children, as they are at the centre of all we do-

*'The pupils were a delight to speak to. They spoke about how much they like helping others, the range of opportunities they have in lessons and out on trips. They spoke about the range of musical instruments they can learn as well as the wide range of after-school clubs. They have great pride in the work they do as Wellbeing Ambassadors, Play Leaders and Peer Mediators. They are well trained for their roles and very much want to be kind to people and to do good by supporting younger pupils and peers. The Head is easy to talk to as are all members of staff. They know who to go to if they have worries and are confident that they will be helped.'*

God's Perfect Promise to Abraham was that He would bless Abraham and his family. We are descendants of Abraham and receive the blessings of God's promise through Jesus. Next week children will explore how they can be a blessing to others this Lent.

**'I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore.'** (Genesis 22:17)

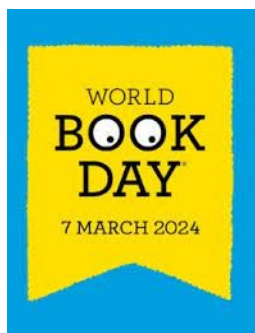
Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Rainbow

## Important Dates for February

Tuesday 27th	EYFS Heights, Weights & Vision Check Year 4 Retreat at The Jurgen Centre Year 5 and 6 Science Fair
Wednesday 28th	Class Photographs— Years R, 3 and 5—please see email re PE arrangements KS2 Surrey Youth Games Assembly  No Boy's football training with Mr John
Thursday 29th	Year 5 Football Tournament at RHU

### **World book day - Thursday 7th March.**



This world book day, we would like to bring words to life with our costumes. Children are invited to come into school in a costume that shows us the meaning of a word, it could be any word of your choosing and the word should be displayed somewhere on the costume.

If you already had a costume planned, don't worry, just think of a word that links with your costume, for example, your Harry Potter costume could show us "magic" or "bravery" your superhero costume could show us "strength" or "nobility".

The children will be parading their way into collective worship at 9am that morning, and parents are welcome to stay after drop off and watch the parade and cheer them on,

We look forward to seeing all of your costumes and words!

## Save the date—MAGS Day—Friday 8th March 2024

A call to all female relatives of all our children—Mothers,  
Aunts, Grandmothers and Sisters

More information on the details for the morning will follow in next week's newsletter



## Lent Reconciliation

During the season of Lent, we offer an opportunity for the children in Y4 and above to go to Reconciliation. Thank you to Canon Chris for being with us for two days to ensure a peaceful and reflective time for our children.

### Children's Voice

Afterwards, it made me feel forgiven and loved by God - Charlie, Year Four

It makes me feel like I've been wiped clean and that I've been sorry and told Jesus how he can help me to be better - Billy, Year Five

It is always nice to go to Reconciliation because it makes me think about what I have done wrong and how I can improve my behaviour in the future - Hattie, Year Six

## 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, **Ralph** has been articulate during class carpet times and offering to share his ideas and answer questions. Well done Ralph!

In year 1, **Luca** has been working so hard in English and produced beautiful sentences. His phonics knowledge helps him to spell excellently. Well done, Luca!

In year 2, **Iris** is always so respectful with her friends and peers at school.

In year 3 our dojo winner is **Lily** for her respectful attitude towards her music lessons with Mr Elson.

**Hugo** in year 4 received the Dojo for trying really hard in all areas of his learning and writing some brilliant independent sentences in English! Well done, Hugo!

Our dojo winner in year 5 is someone who has been showing great respect in the classroom and has a great attitude to learning. Well done **Enzo**.

The dojo winner in year 6 this week is **Tati** - for taking responsibility for his own learning by working hard in every lesson, managing his distractions and asking an adult when he needs help. Keep up the good work, Tati!

# The Week That Was

## Year R:

This week Reception started their new topic "On the Farm" and we have been reading the story 'What the Ladybird Heard'. During the week we created maps for Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh, wrote wanted posters to help the police catch them and wrote speech bubbles for all of the different animals on the farm using our Fred talk. In maths we have been learning to measure objects and compare them by length and height. We then used ribbon to measure each other, made predictions about whose ribbon would be longer or shorter and then ordered them by height.

## Year 1:

Year 1 have had a fun filled first week back! We have started a lot of new topics this half term including Desert to Garden in RE, where we discuss Holy Week. The children have learned about Ash Wednesday and have made Lenten promises. In DT, our new topic is textiles and we have begun our journey to making puppets! The children are very excited about this and love being creative. We are doing our big writes in English this week, focusing on Adventure Stories! The children have produced some really lovely writing and I am so pleased with their progress. Well done, Year 1!

## Year 2:

YR 2 had a visit from Canon Chris this week. He explained the Eucharistic Prayer and what the words mean when they are said in Church. In English we started a new unit based on Non Chronological reports. The children blew me away with their rehearsal of the model text. They have great minds for learning words off by heart! In maths we have continued with multiplication and division, with a focus near the end of the week on doubling and halving. We started a new History topic too. The children will be focusing on local heroes this half term. The class ended the week with their Class Liturgy. I was very proud of their performance, given such a short time to rehearse the lines and movement. Well done children.

## Year 3:

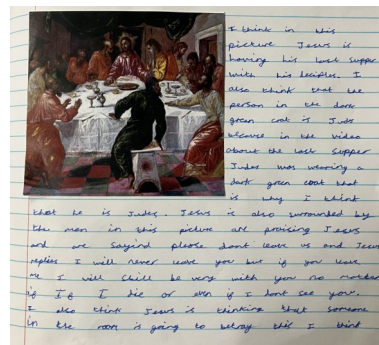
In year 3, we enjoyed a spiritual retreat lead by Canon Chris and Mrs Gray, learning about how we can all be a superhero. We enjoyed a walking trip outside of school with Feet First, learning about road safety. In geography we created globes with our family and then learnt how to identify the Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, South Pole, North Pole and Equator.

## Year 4:

Year Four have had a great week this week. They loved the Romans workshop and learnt loads of interesting facts! They have done some fantastic editing of their play scripts and started writing them up in neat in their big write books. Well done Year Four, for a great week!

## Year 5:

This week in RE, year 5's have been learning about the Last Supper. We have discussed how the disciples prepared Passover for Jesus and compared this to the words of Mark's gospel. We also looked at different art works depicting the Last Supper and what this represents.



## Year 6:

This week we started our new RE topic – Desert to Garden. We are going to follow Jesus on his journey through Holy Week. We are learning to 'deep read' looking at scripture in detail; analysing the word choices and discussing what the Gospel writer is really trying to tell us.

We have started our DT topic on automata toys. Our focus skill is to measure and cut wood and paper following a cutting list. Later in the topic we will use cams to make our toys move.

## 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

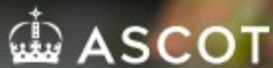
#### **SPRING TERM 2025**

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





# SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**SPRING FAMILY RACEDAY  
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH**

Join us, join in and raise money for your school at our springtime extravaganza, featuring the finale of Ascot's Jumps season and countryside-themed attractions.

There are animals to encounter, roaming entertainers to meet and arts and crafts skills to learn. But that's not all; follow our Furlong Friends trail, sit-back and watch a cinema screening, or maybe even get your face painted. And no wondrous day would be complete without a visit from The Gruffalo himself – have your camera at the ready for the opportunity to meet-and-greet.

Queen Anne Enclosure tickets £30 | \*Accompanied under 18s admitted free

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Entertainment correct at time of going to press but may be subject to change, all activities and demonstrations are free of charge to racegoers.

## Vacancies within The Xavier Catholic Education Trust

### **Exam Invigilator @ Salesian School Chertsey**

£11.50 per hour



We have an exciting opportunity for Exam Invigilators to join our friendly and committed team at Salesian School on a casual basis. The role provides invigilation for internal and/or external examinations in accordance with the school's examinations procedures, policies and the required practices set by national examining bodies. As this is a casual position you will work when available and be called upon when required to support during the exam season.

This position requires flexibility as there are various exams and mock exams held throughout the academic year, these usually fall within November, January, and March. The Summer exams are held in May and June. For Summer 2024 the public exams commence from 8th May.

The working hours for this role can vary as exam environments have to be set up before the beginning of the school day and can continue after the school day has finished. A typical morning exam session for an invigilator would start at 8am and afternoon session starts at 1230pm.

The role involves supervising students whilst sitting exams, collecting papers, and dealing with queries that may arise during the exams. Punctuality, reliability, initiative and a fair but firm approach with students are all essential. Full training will be provided.

For further information please contact Rose Clare, Exams Officer [rclare@salesian.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rclare@salesian.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Administration Assistant, Teach SouthEast**

**Salary:** £15,687 pa actual salary based on XCET salary grade PS 5.2 (FTE £24,977)

**Hours:** 25 hours per week. Ideally 9:30 - 2:30 daily.  
(Hours can be flexible for the right candidate depending on their commitments).

**Location:** Xavier Catholic Education Trust offices, Salesian School, Guildford Road, Chertsey KT16 9LU



We are looking to appoint a friendly, well organised, efficient person to join our busy team as an administrator. You will be someone who is skilled at interacting with a wide range of people. Previous experience in a secretarial, PA or administrative role is desired but not essential. Training on the job will be given. You will be confident and well presented, have a friendly, positive disposition with a committed and co-operative approach to work, and be highly self-motivated and hardworking with a willingness to learn new skills.

The post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure. The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

For a more detailed job description, and to apply, please follow this link: [Administration Assistant - Teach SouthEast - Eteach](#)

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2024



At Xavier Teach SouthEast, we are proud to offer an internship programme which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom.

## NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

- **Funded internship** for **secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates** (£300pw)
- Non-funded internship for non-undergraduates and **all other secondary subjects and primary** teaching.
- **Aim:** to help undergraduates in all subjects, as well as those considering a career change, to explore how rewarding a career in teaching can be.

As part of the programme, you will:

- Get involved in all aspects of school life
- Receive bespoke training
- Work closely with a Mentor to observe and teach lessons
- Meet regularly with fellow Interns, ECTs and SCITT trainees
- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT

*"The internship was a brilliant hands-on experience that gave me a wealth of knowledge about life as a primary school teacher. The programme gave me the best opportunity to gain first-hand experience teaching, observing and helping to plan lessons."*

Intern 2022



## INTERESTED?

Scan the QR code for the application form or visit  
[www.teachsoutheast.co.uk](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)



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# SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

*Come and find out more!*

**The Marist Catholic Primary school,**  
58 Old Woking Rd, West Byfleet  
KT14 6HS

Date: Friday March 22nd, 2024  
Time: 9.15am - 12pm

- School tour
- Observe 2 lessons
- Meet trainees
- Ask questions
- Routes available
- Next steps