



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

Week ending 8th March 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

What a busy end to the week!

World Book day on Thursday was a great success, with our new approach to costumes that represent a word. This prompted so many discussions about vocabulary and the children learnt so many new words! Thank you so much for your support in the creation these masterpieces!

MAGS morning was such a delight! I was overwhelmed with the number of visitors that joined us for what was an emotional assembly. The children provided some wonderful songs, poems and letters to thank the amazing mothers in their lives - I had to keep back the tears on many occasions. The classrooms were buzzing with activity as our visitors supported children with cooking, clay work, construction and textiles. The morning was rounded up beautifully with refreshments provided by the PTA and served by some of our dads - thank you so much to those who contributed!

As part of our long-term planning, architects are visiting the school, who specialise in educational facilities, to carry out a space needs assessment and prepare a masterplan for our school site. They will be looking at current arrangements, how well spaces work, capacity, and options for making better use of the buildings and grounds. To start this process, they would appreciate your thoughts and ideas as to how we could develop the school buildings and site for the benefit of the whole school community. Please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/AXGTGWn79d> to their questionnaire - if you could spend a few minutes to share your views.

Next week is assessment week for most of our children, to gather information about how they have progressed during this term. We will share results before we break up, so you can see how they are getting on.

A gentle reminder that we have an INSET day next Friday 15th March - so I hope the children enjoy a long weekend!

God has promised His people throughout history that He will be close to them. Next week's collective worship explores the Old Testament concept of God's presence residing in the Temple and helps children consider that they are temples where God dwells with them today.

'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; He has ordered me to build Him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may His God be with him! Let him go up.' (2 Chronicles 36:23)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Rainbow

Important Dates for March

- **Tuesday 12th March** - Year 6 RHU tournament
- **Wednesday 13th March** - Year 6 boys league game against Pyrcroft (to replace training)
- **Thursday 14th March**—Choral Festival at St Dunstan's Church
- **Friday 15th March** - Inset day, school closed to all children
- **Saturday 16th March** - Cross Country at Notre Dame School
- **Monday 18th March**—Wear your Scouts or Guides Uniform in aid of St Patrick Day
- **Tuesday 19th March** - Parents writing workshop in the studio
- **Wednesday 20th March** - St Cuthbert's Day
- **Thursday 21st March** - Year 5 & 6 boys league game to Thorpe Lea
- **Tuesday 26th March** - Lenten Sales
- **Tuesday 26th March** - Girls football match at home to Cardinal Newman
- **Wednesday 27th March** - Xavier Science Fair at Cobham International School
- **Thursday 28th March** - 12 noon school finishes for Easter



18th March—Celebrating St Patrick with our Scouts and Guides

We invite all children who are part of a Scouting or Guiding organisation to come to school wearing their Scouting or Guiding uniform in aid of St Patrick's Day on Monday 18th March. With this we are looking to celebrate the children's involvement and to raise awareness amongst other children.

Writing Workshop — 19th March

I hope you are able to attend the upcoming writing workshop for parents.

This will outline:

- * the schools progression documents for writing
- * an overview of Talk for Writing and how we teach this in our classes
- * a short insight into our handwriting policy
- * a brief look at the school's spelling programme
- * the end of year expectations for each year group.



By running this workshop, I hope that you are able to support your children further with their writing at home.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions about how we approach writing so please do have a think. If you wish, please email them to info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk (marked to my attention) in advance so they can be addressed more thoroughly through the workshop rather than an 'add on' at the end.

Thank you,

Mrs Gray

Mission Together

Fran Thomas, the Missio Rep from our Parish came in on Monday to lead on an assembly to the whole school. She talked through this years Missio fundraising mission; helping to support families in India.

On Tuesday March 26th, St. Cuthbert's are having a day of fundraising for this important charity.

- Mufti day wearing a colour from the Mission Together children on the logo. Please choose one colour if possible, rather than a mix of colours. Mufti payment is included in the Lenten Sales donations (see below).
- Lenten Sales ran by the Spiritual Council and House Captains. Please bring along £5 (in change) so your child can participate in the games. These will be 50p each and there are around 10 games.

All funds raised are taken to the Good Shepherd event ran by the diocese. Mission Together is the Diocese' chosen charity to which all schools contribute.



Many thanks,

Spiritual Council

Fair Dojo Winners:

F **faith**

A **appreciate** and **articulate**

I **independence** and **initiative**

R **respect** and **resilience**

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Bonnie in EYFS has been really independent in phonics lessons and doing some great reading! Well done, we are very proud of her!

In year 1, **Chloe** is always so respectful and kind to everyone around her. She works so hard to develop her sentences and is working so well independently

Sarah in year 2 received the dojo this week for showing respect and kindness to her class mates when they needed her help

Lily in year 3 received the dojo for her APPRECIATIVE and RESPECTFUL attitude towards PE learning this week.

Caitlin in year 4 has been working really hard on her independent writing and using interesting language choices. Well done!

Our dojo winner in year 5 is someone who has been participating more in class and showing a strong work ethic. Well done **Lilly N.**

Ben has been showing great resilience in improving the quality and quantity of his writing and is therefore our dojo winner in year 6.

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning the story of the "Little Red Hen". We used the story to help us write a list of ingredients for the little red hen and a set of instructions, to help her make her bread. During MAGs day we then had a go at baking bread ourselves! In maths we have been focusing on the quantities and numerals for 9 and 10. We had to sort different number representations, such as dot patterns, picture cards, Numberblock figures and Numicon pieces into two groups. One group for all of the different ways we could see 9 and one for all of the different ways we could spot 10. In RE we have been hearing the story of Jesus and the children and learning to say the Glory Be prayer as a way of saying thank you for everyone.

Year 1:

Year 1 have had another brilliant week. We started the week off with some lovely RE learning about The Widow's Mite. We discussed the importance of giving during lent, and what we would give to people in need. We are doing our guided write this week, a non-chronological report all about orangutans. In Science, we are learning about our senses and the children had to use their sense of touch to describe items from the feely bag to their group. We had World Book Day on Thursday which was a brilliant success - the children all looked fabulous and the celebrations were brilliant. The children were working so hard this week producing cards and songs for our lovely mums. A very busy week in Year 1!

Year 2:

In Y2, we moved onto a new unit based around opportunities. We had an excellent classroom discussion about what opportunities mean and it was decided that every moment throughout the day is an opportunity to make good choices. In English, it has been BIG write week. The children have been writing non chronological reports. I can't wait to mark these and be wowed by their use of 2A sentences and BOYS sentences. In Maths, the children finished off multiplication and division and moved onto learning about length and measure. DT was tricky this week as the class made their model using wheels and axles. Over the next weeks they will add to their design to make their car unique.

Year 3:

In year 3 we went on a scripture hunt to investigate how Jesus calls all people to a new way of living through the Beatitudes. We had world book day and all came dressed as a word. To end the week on MAGS day, our family helped up to make a savory tart to finish our DT unit on seasonal eating.

Year 4:

Year Four have had a great week. They looked absolutely fantastic in their World Book Day costumes. They've started learning about persuasive writing in English this week and they used their persuasion skills for their writing in RE. They designed their car bodies to be as streamlined as possible and then made them. They are looking brilliant! Thanks MAGs for all of your help!

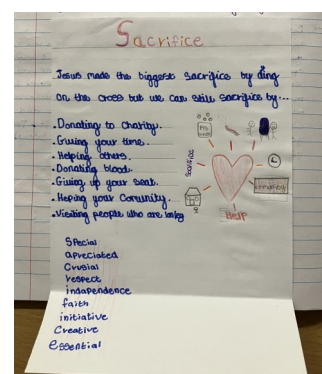
Year 5:

This week in RE, we have been learning all about sacrifice and what Jesus did for us. We discussed how life is full of giving and taking and how it is important to get the balance right. We linked this to the current day and how Jesus sacrificed himself for us.

Year 6:

This week we tried to put ourselves in the shoes of the soldiers that arrested Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We did a hot seating activity – some of us pretended to be the soldiers and the rest of us asked them how they felt when they arrested Jesus. We asked them if they were frightened, if they knew who Jesus was and if they thought he was frightened or even dangerous.

In writing we are working hard on keeping our reader in mind. We are thinking about how we can structure our sentences and paragraphs to give the reader the best reading experience possible. We are using the short film, Alma, as inspiration for our writing.



Term Dates Academic Year 2024–2025

*Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised in term time
and the Local Authority may impose fines for unauthorised absences.*

Please note that School finishes at 1:15 pm (after lunch) at the end of each term. Half terms end at normal time.

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts	Monday 2 nd September 2024
School Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
Term Ends	Friday 20 th December 2024 (1.15pm)
School closed	Monday 2 nd September 2024 (INSET) Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 (INSET) Friday 4 th October 2024 (INSET) Monday 2 nd December 2024 (SCHOOL CLOSURE)

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February 2025
Term Ends	Friday 4 th April 2025 (1.15pm)
School closed	Friday 7 th February 2025 (INSET) Friday 14 th March 2025 (INSET)

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May 2025
Term Ends	Friday 18 th July 2025 (1.15pm)

St Cuthbert's School Choir will be taking part in the Choral Festival. If you are free, do come and watch them at St Dunstan's Church in Woking on Thursday 14th March.



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SCHOOL SINGING PROGRAMME

CHORAL FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH

3:45PM

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH—WOKING



A Celebration of Singing and Music-making

Directed by Fraser Ellson

Please join to listen and reflect, as children from a selection of schools perform sacred and secular repertoire including a set of Lenten hymns.

Free admission



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

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](#)



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For more information, please call Lisa on 07779 451317.

