



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

Week ending 15th 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

It has been assessment week for the children this week and they have all worked hard to apply their knowledge and skills to tests in maths and reading. We continue to build on their writing skills in class through our regular 'Big Write' sessions and refine this practice. We will be sharing the results towards the end of term and adjusting our provision for children who may need further support to meet year group expectations.

The choir spent the afternoon on Thursday at St Dunstan's church as part of the Choral Festival Day. It was such a lovely event - there is nothing more beautiful than children's voices in church!

Mrs Gray is holding a writing workshop next Tuesday 19th at 9am which parents are welcome to attend to gain a clearer understanding of how we teach the subject, as well as providing suggestions to help support your child.

We have St Cuthbert's Day next Wednesday 20th so will be marking it with some creative work in house groups in the morning and the sports crew will be leading some activities in the afternoon for our younger. The children are invited to come into school in their house coloured t-shirts alongside school uniform—see page 2 for more information.

Next week in collective worship we will be reflecting on God's Perfect Promises and children hear Jeremiah's prophecy declaring that God's people will find belonging when His law is written on their hearts. The prayer time this week invites children to remember that they belong to God and He loves them.

'This is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them, I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people.' (Jeremiah 31:33)

I hope you have a lovely INSET day and weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

Important Dates for March

- **Saturday 16th March** - Cross Country at Notre Dame School—postponed until **Saturday 11th May 2024**
- **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.

20th March—St Cuthbert's Day

On Wednesday 20th March we are celebrating the patron saint of our school; St. Cuthbert.

Children in KS2 are invited to come into school wearing school uniform with their house T-shirt instead of the shirt.

Sports Crew, Sports Captains, EYFS and KS1 children can wear their PE kit with their house T-shirt as they will be taking part in a sports festival in the afternoon. This has been planned by the sports crew as part of their silver award. Year 3 can also wear their PE kit with house T-shirt as they have PE in the morning.

On the day we are hoping to make a collage for the school hall using the house colours. May we ask you to gather items in shades of **red, green, yellow and blue**. The items needs to be **flat** such as magazine cut outs, yoghurt pot lids (washed please) coloured cellophane, felt, fabric etc. Buttons and other small embellishments would work well too. If the children could bring these in between Monday and Wednesday.

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

This week's winner in EYFS is **Maxim**, for always showing our school fair values by being a kind, articulate and respectful member of the class. Well done!

This week's dojo winner in year 1 is someone who shows the most resilience. He is diligent and tries his hardest again and again. Well done **Alex**.

Charlotte is this week's year 2 winner for being independent with her learning and using thinking skills.

Well done to **Auriah** in year 3 for always taking a lot of care and pride in her INDEPENDENT work. She always completes her work to a high standard.

Dojo winner for year 4 is **Stefan**, for being a kind and well-mannered member of the class, who consistently shows respect to others. Well done!

Our dojo winner in year 5 is someone who is respectful in and out of class and is always articulate with their answers. Well done **Matilda**.

Diyanah in year 6 for putting her very best into every lesson, every day - showing great independence and resilience.

Football at St Cuthbert's

This week our year 6 boys team took part in a football tournament at Royal Holloway. The competition consisted of 6 teams who all played each other with the top 2 playing a final. We ended up winning the group, recording 4 victories and 1 draw in the process. Sadly, it wasn't meant to be in the final, as the boys succumbed to a 2-0 defeat. The year 6s did St Cuthbert's proud and played some amazing, fluid football and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship on and off the pitch.

The boys did bounce back from our final defeat the following day with a stunning 10-2 home win in the league, again demonstrating an excellent example of teamwork. Well done all.



School Council & Eco Warriors

In collaboration with the Englefield Green Village Forum and Woodland's Trust, the School Council and Eco Warriors planted 36 hedge/tree saplings on the school playground. With the intent of caring for and looking after our common home.



The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning about the story of "The Good Samaritan". We spoke about how important it is to always be kind and helpful, just like the good Samaritan. We then set up our own 'Good Samaritan Hospital' in our role play area. In English we have been reading the story 'Farmer Duck' and using our Fred talk to work as a team to create a word bank, filled with pictures and words of all of the farm animals we could think of! In maths we have been exploring adding one more. We had to match the right amount of farm animals to the numerals on the animal pens and then add 1 more to see how many we had then.

Year 1:

Year 1 has had a different week; we have been doing our first ever standardised assessments! It has been interesting but all children have tried so hard and worked so well. It's really tricky to stay focused for so long but the children have put in amazing effort. In RE, we have been learning about the Last Supper. We have discussed key words like betrayal and also how Jesus wanted us to remember him. In Geography, we are touring the world! We've learned about the Amazon Rainforest and also Mali in Africa. The children have had a brilliant week and all deserve a lovely long weekend.

Year 2:

In maths this week we will be finishing our unit on measuring. We have been using rulers and metre sticks to measure different objects. We have thought about the units we measure in and why we would measure large things in metres and not centimetres. In English we have focused on our comprehension skills and how we answer questions about a text. We have also focused our spellings on adding the suffix 'er' and 'est' to words. In Science we have been evaluating our sculptures (which many of you helped produce) by looking at the changes to the shape of the clay we made. Some changes were trickier than others, so we have been thinking about why. In music we have been using the glockenspiels to find the pulse and rhythm of reggae beats. We have discovered that year 2 are a very musical bunch and really enjoy listening to different genres of music!

Year 3:

In year 3, we have been reflecting on the story of Gethsemane based on Mark 14:26-31, thinking about how it is sometimes hard to be totally giving. In computing we have been creating and organising yes/no questions inside of branching databases. In science we have been investigating how the size of body parts can affect our ability to perform a task with scientific enquiries.

Year 4:

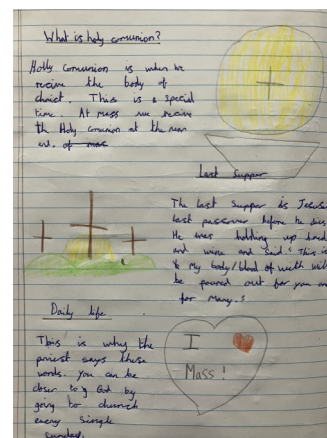
This week, Year Four have enjoyed starting a new RE topic about self-discipline during Lent. They have thought about what life was like for Roman soldiers on Hadrian's wall and wrote their own Vindolanda tablets. In Science, they created some of their own wind instruments and gained a better understand of how pitch changes in a variety of instruments.

Year 5:

This week in RE we have finished out topic on memorial sacrifice. We discussed and engaged with questions on life choices in light of religious teaching about sacrifice. We linked this with holy communion and the last supper.

Year 6: This week we studied the Trial of Jesus the Nazarene. Did Jesus get a fair trial? We looked at Jewish law, His alleged crimes and the time line of events. The children are working on creating presentations to present their findings.

In history we looked at the links between the Ancient Olympics and the Modern Olympic games. The children used the research they did for homework to make comparisons between the two events. Our Science focussed on viruses, bacteria and fungi. We are setting up an investigation to see the best conditions for growing mould - watch this space.



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)

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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Monday
18 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

A different approach to supporting Anxiety, Anger, OCD & Neurodiversity

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

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