



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 22nd 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

St Cuthbert's Day was such a lovely day for the children who came together in their houses to contribute to a huge collage of St Cuthbert using each of their colours. We had an assembly to learn more about St Cuthbert and his life and then the sports crew led activities in the afternoon for some of the children.

Next week the teachers will be sending home your child's scores from recent tests. These come alongside an explanation of how to interpret these results, however they are only an indication of the children's achievements and cannot be taken in isolation. The teachers and myself meet to review each child's progress and adjust necessary support going forward.

Thank you to Mrs Kingston who came to talk to our younger children about Ramadan last week. We are so lucky to have parents that are willing to give up their time to help enrich the curriculum.

Our science fair winners in Year 5 and 6 will be showcasing their projects next Wednesday alongside other schools - we wish them all the best!! Thank you to Mrs Garlick who came share her expertise and guide these children in how to best present their ideas on the day.

We have noticed a few children, especially in KS1, have been left to walk into school on their own recently. Can I stress that any child that does not have signed permission to walk to school alone must be escorted to the point where we have staff stationed on gates to receive them. So, for KS1 that is the red gate and KS2 that is after the second gate leading into the playground. I appreciate your cooperation in keeping our children safe.

Just a reminder that school finishes at 12pm next Thursday!

As we moving into Holy Week, we remember the last days of Jesus's life on earth before he died on the cross on Good Friday and rose to new life on Easter Sunday. The children will be considering the importance of this time and reflecting on our mission to share God's love with everyone, everywhere.

Have a restful weekend.

**Mrs Rainbow**

## Important Dates for March

- **Monday 25th** Pre-loved Uniform Sale (outside School Office)  
Girls football match at home to St. Anne's
- **Tuesday 26th** Lenten Sales  
Girls football match at home to Cardinal Newman
- **Wednesday 27th** Xavier Science Fair at Cobham International School  
Year 2 walk to RHU (am)  
Faith in Action Retreat
- **Thursday 28th** 12 noon school finishes for Easter



We are supporting **Mission Together** with our **annual Lenten Sales** event next week on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** . Please ensure your child has a small purse (up to £5 should they want to play every game) with loose change please.

The cost of the mufti is also included in this loose change so please do give generously. The colour of mufti is to choose **one** of the **colours** of the children on the Mission Together logo.



Many thanks,  
Mrs Gray and the Spiritual Council

## Catholic Social Teaching

During Lent, the children have been introduced to some of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching - ask your child about this and see if they can remember any of them including; stewardship, human dignity, peacemaker and common good.

In Year 4 RE, Marion wrote a beautiful letter that was too good not to share. It sums up how we should be living our lives. Well done Marion.

*Dear St Cuthbert's Community*

*I wanted to inform you that the world is a lovely place but it would even be better if we spread the word.*

*The world would become a cruel mean world if nobody is kind. We need to spread the word about being kind to others. Here it is.*

*Love those you hate and treat them how you want to be treated. Can you imagine if nobody did that?*

*The world could be full of selfishness if one person did a mean thing and the other does it back. Sadly, that happens a lot.*

*Be true in your love and don't just do something because you want something. Be kind because you want to do good.*

*We need to spread the word if we want the world to live like God. So let's go out today or we will live a life of misery.*

*From*

*Marion*

# The Week That Was

## Year R:

This week, Reception have been reading the Easter story and discussing the emotions of the different people we met in the different parts of the story. In English, we have been reading the story "The Scarecrows Wedding". The children went on a hunt around our playground, just like the characters in the story, to find all of the items on the list they would need for the scarecrows wedding, then they made lists of their own. In maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and practised finding the numbers we needed to bond together to make 10, by making some number 10 aliens. We turned our number bonds into number sentences and practised using the sign for addition and equals.

## Year 1:

We have had another brilliant week in Year 1. In RE, the children are learning about the crucifix and what that means for Catholics. We have been discussing Holy Week and establishing an understanding of the progression of events. We are doing our big write in English - non-chronological reports. The children have chosen to write about either; chimpanzees, giraffes or elephants. We are working on our drafting and editing skills to ensure that every sentence has capital letters and full stops. In Geography we are continuing learning about the world. Last week we discussed the Amazon rainforest and this week we talked about big cities around the world! It has been a fun-filled week of learning!

## Year 2:

We have had yet another fantastic, fun filled week in year2! We have been continuing to think about how materials change shape in our science lessons. We considered different objects and how they change shape. We have been getting creative in English. We have been really trying to extend our vocabulary and adjective use when writing. Some quick snippets of fantastic writing were:

*'Carlos and his friends climbed rapidly but carefully'*

*'Carlos could feel his heart racing, as sweat dripped slowly down his red, hot face.'*

*'Suddenly the tigers began to growl and spit, so, with trembling hands, Carlos began to nervously ascend the cliff.'*

On Wednesday we celebrated St. Cuthbert. We enjoyed working together in our house's to create a collage in all the house's colours. We thought about St. Cuthbert and the sacrifices he made for God.

We have been measuring in grams and kilograms during maths this week. We have been reading scales and comparing mass. Next time you are cooking perhaps you could look for the mass of the ingredients you are using with your child!

## Year 3:

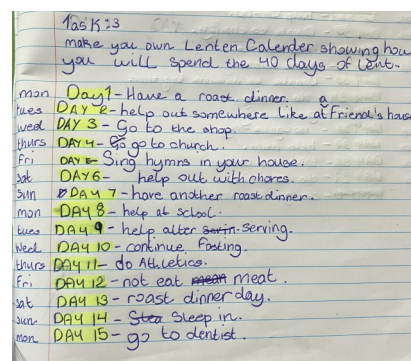
We all worked collaboratively as a school on a piece of artwork to celebrate St Cuthbert's Day. In Maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions on bar models and number lines. In English we have finished our big write on persuasive adverts, by writing an advert for a hotel in the tropical rainforest climate. In computing we have planned a branching database to organise dinosaurs by their unique attributes. We will use our plan to create this branching database on the computers next week.

## Year 4:

In their RE lessons, Year Four have been focusing on how they can show love and be kind to everybody, no matter what. Some of the children held a lovely buddy collective worship on this theme. It was great to see everyone getting stuck into the collaging for St Cuthbert's Day! They have been writing some persuasive texts this week and used some of their persuasive techniques in their RE learning too.

## Year 5:

This week in RE, we have been learning about Lent and how it is an opportunity to turn away from evil. We discussed how Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan in the desert. We then talked about how Jesus was tempted by the devil and how he resisted him, strengthening his mission. We then made a plan of how we would like to live out Lent this year.



## Year 6:

This week we continued our work on the Trial of Jesus of Nazareth. The children have now created power point presentations to present their findings using all the evidence they have gathered about the chain of events as well as Roman and Jewish law at the time.

In DT the children are completing the frames for their automata toys and they have started work on the finishing touches. They have also set up an investigation to find the best conditions for mould to grow in their Science lesson. They will use the results of the investigation to help them build effective composters.

## 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 **Elliot**, for being a very kind and considerate friend. Elliot has been helping others to grow in confidence and independence through his kindness.

This week's dojo winner in year 1 is always very respectful and responsible, to her work and class mates. She is a wonderful friend and gives full effort to all of her work. Well done, **Bella!**

**Kian** in year 2 received the dojo for being resilient during a DT lesson, when a design plan wasn't coming together and he made a new plan and carried on. Well done.

Year 3's **Isabella** has been a role model for all our FAIR values. Especially for her articulation in English lessons.

In year 4, **Isioma** has consistently been showing resilience and trying her hardest in all areas of her learning, well done Isioma!

Our dojo winner in year 5 is someone who has been participating very well in class and has been doing excellent home learning. Well done **Noah**.

The Year 6 dojo winner is **Keavy**, for showing our Fair values of independence and resilience. Keavy you give your very best in every lesson, using your own initiative to find the resources you need to complete your work to a very high quality. Well done.

## Before and After School Clubs / Activities for Summer Term

Below is our time table for summer clubs.

All current clubs will continue to run with the exception of Multisports on a Monday as PS Sports Coaching are changing this to an Athletics Club, available to years 1—6.

We are also very excited to announce the start of a new after school **Cookery Club** on Fridays for Key Stage 2.

Please see next page for more information on our new clubs. For details and booking links, please visit our website



PS SPORTS  
COACHING

## NEW ATHLETICS CLUB STARTING

Monday 15th April

Years 1 - 6

3:20 - 4:20pm

The **mini athletes** will learn the foundations of running, jumping and throwing through fun games and activities. Our **older athletes** will learn skills and techniques to run faster, jump higher and throw further!

Every session will end with our most popular games secret saver or capture the flag!



## SmartRaspberry cookery school

### You Are Invited to Join Our After-School Cookery Club

Introducing our exciting club for budding young bakers and cooks in years 3-6



St Cuthberts



Fridays 19/04/24-12/07/24



12 weeks @£11p/w

3.20-4.20pm

- A variety of savoury and sweet dishes
- All ingredients, cooking equipment and packaging are provided
- Take home what you've made at the end of each session!
- A laminated recipe card with a healthy message on the back
- Dishes are either ready to eat or need to be cooked or refrigerated at home

**CLICK HERE** for more info & to book your space.



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## 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**

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

### **Spring Term 2024**

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

### **Summer Term 2024**

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

## CANON CHRIS SPAIN—"SEARCH FOR THE HERO"

It was lovely to see many from the school at our **Ash Wednesday** Masses in the parish. It fell in half term and marked out the start of an important journey of faith, love, sacrifice, and witness.

The year 3, 4 and 5 classes came to join me at the church and the Jurgen's Centre, for three separate **Lenten retreat days**. We read from the scripture and looked at the love and bravery of Jesus in Holy Week. We looked at the *famous Superheroes* and our *present-day heroes* in our lives. The conclusion of the day was to build a superhero reflecting Gospel Values with aims and intentions based on the witness and love of Jesus. A hero we concluded is not someone without fear, but someone who overcomes fear and does great things! We had a brief history lesson looking at some of the heroes who brought about the parish and the school. The Jurgens family, the family of "David Greig" who ran a supermarket chain later taken over by "Key markets". As a great philanthropist he was persuaded to donate the organ to the new "Assumption of our Lady Church". The first "St Cuthbert School" was founded by the hard work and heroism of many after the war and incorporating the evacuee families that had moved into the village. "Canon Preedy" was a great mover in getting this project underway. His name is on the list of priests who have served the parish.

Celebrating "**reconciliation**" with the year 4, 5 and 6 in school brought me great joy. The pupils excelled themselves in coming in a prayerful spirit, to examine where they need God's help, mercy, and forgiveness in this season of Lent. It was a great pleasure to be an instrument of God's Love and His Sacramental Grace. Some of our "non-baptised" and those of "other Faith Traditions" came to talk with me, that too was a great pleasure. On one occasion I stayed for a school lunch! I was made very welcome by pupils of all ages who came over to chat with me, and the lovely kitchen staff who catered for my Gluten Free needs. Many (mainly from year 3) joined in our lovely celebration of **First Reconciliation**, in the church, with myself and four visiting priests. It was lovely to see the joy and enthusiasm as they came and celebrated this great sacrament. They all lit candles in thanksgiving and left with a smile!

It was lovely to meet with Mrs Rainbow (Head of School), Mrs Gray (Deputy-Head & R.E. / Liturgy lead) and Paul Mould (Chair of Governors) to keep us to task on **Home – School – Parish** links. Mrs Gray led us through the new *Prayer and Liturgy Directory for schools* "To love You more dearly". I have purchased a copy myself, there is much to digest. I believe that the school is really doing well in it's focus on faith, something which is beneficial for the whole school community – pupils, teachers, staff, and governors and hopefully for parents too. I am happy to meet with parents by appointment to discuss their faith journey, spiritual or pastoral issues. Please contact me at the Priest's House.

It was lovely to meet many of the mothers and female relatives of the pupils on the annual **MAGS Day**, after a moving assembly I managed to visit (briefly) each class and see them in action. I felt slightly outnumbered – but thank you for having me!

Whilst not directly involved, I have been hearing great things about **Music in School**. Including the recent event at Woking. Whenever I am in school for Mass or a liturgy there is always great enthusiasm in singing.

I have really enjoyed my **class visits** this term on a Friday afternoon. Thank you:

For sharing so much with me about what you are learning

For asking such inspirational questions

For feeding back so well on what we have shared.

I am looking forward to speaking to the **staff** at two staff meetings next term on "The Eucharist" and "Reconciliation".

I am now preparing for Palm Sunday (this weekend) and Holy Week. Families are welcome to all our **Holy Week Masses and Liturgies**. Five pupils from St Cuthberts will be among those having their feet washed on Holy Thursday. We have a Children's Station of the Cross on Good Friday and hope it will be well supported by families from the school. We always get a lot of children and young people to our Food Blessing too (details in the Parish Newsletter). Please ensure you have a copy of our Holy Week times of Masses are on the website, our Facebook / Livestream Page and in our church.

**I still love books!** Also, I am always delighted to hear news of pupils past, present and future. As such I am pleased to see that a past pupil (Angus Dustagheer) has brought out his first children's book called "Mime". It is available on Amazon and through other retail outlets. Suitable for ages 7-11 it is a great read. I have two books written by my Niece's husband Mike Tilles "The shark who was afraid of the Dark" and "The Dove who learned how to Love". I have a few copies available at Half Price.

Thank you to Mrs Gray and the staff team for all you do in sharing the faith and the faith values that we uphold as Church and School. I hope that everyone has a blessed and happy Holy Week and Easter. Thank you for your care, commitment, and kindness. Don't forget to "search for the hero inside yourself" and bring out Christ's *light* and *love* in others.

God Bless

Canon Chris

School Chaplain (St Cuthbert's)

Parish Priest (Assumption of our Lady)

*Working with the Royal Holloway University*



## 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](#)

**PS Sports Coaching** are running Multi Sports during the Easter Holidays at St Ann's Heath 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April and Holy Family 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> April

[More info and sample timetable](#)

[Bookings](#)

Funding for pupil premium families is available through the HAF scheme @ Holy Family

[If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, you will receive a voucher from your school. On this voucher there is a link to a booking system to search for camps and book places.](#)

A green-themed poster for PS Sports Coaching's Easter Holiday Multi Sports. The background features various sports equipment like a tennis racket, a soccer ball, and a basketball. At the top, the text 'DAILY DODGEBALL & FOOTBALL FRIDAY' is written in large, bold, green letters. Below this, the PS Sports Coaching logo is displayed. The main title 'EASTER HOLIDAY MULTI SPORTS' is in large, bold, green letters. Below the title, the locations and dates are listed: 'ST ANN'S HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL' (Sandhills Lane, Virginia Water, Surrey, GU25 4DS) for '2ND - 12TH APRIL', and 'HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL' (Ongar Hill, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 1BP) for '8TH - 12TH APRIL'. The drop-off and collection times are also provided: 'Drop Off 8.30am - 9.30am' and 'Collection 3:30pm - 4:30pm'. A note states that courses are open for girls and boys in Reception to Year 6, and that children will need a packed lunch, snacks, and drinks. The daily price is £30, and it encourages trying a variety of different sports each day. A list of sports activities is provided in a table. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a 'SCAN ME' button. The footer includes the website 'pssportscoaching.com' and a note about accepting child care vouchers. The poster is designed by Juise Designs.

## DAILY DODGEBALL & FOOTBALL FRIDAY

**PS SPORTS COACHING**

# EASTER HOLIDAY MULTI SPORTS

**ST ANN'S HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
Sandhills Lane, Virginia Water, Surrey, GU25 4DS  
**2ND - 12TH APRIL**

**HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Ongar Hill, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 1BP  
**8TH - 12TH APRIL**

**Drop Off 8.30am - 9.30am**  
**Collection 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Courses open for girls and boys in Reception to Year 6.**  
**The children will take part in a variety of sports throughout the day.**  
The children will need a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day.

**DAILY PRICE £30**  
Try a variety of different sports each day

Dodgeball	Capture the Flag
Tennis	Secret Saver
Hockey	Scavenger Hunts
Football	Easter hunts and activities
Rugby	Mini Athletics
	Nerf

To book visit [pssportscoaching.com](http://pssportscoaching.com)  
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SCAN ME




## MUSIC WORKSHOP

**18 MAY 2024**  
10AM-12PM

**Year 4 students...**  
Designed for children who are currently in Year 4 academic year 2023-24 and looking to join SWPS in Year 7, 2026. Children are invited to join us for a morning getting familiar with the school, immersing themselves in our Music facilities, meeting our teachers and enjoying a fun and vibrant musical morning

[www.swps.org.uk/y4workshops](http://www.swps.org.uk/y4workshops)






## ART WORKSHOP

**20 APRIL 2024**  
10AM-12PM OR 1PM-3PM

Designed for children who are currently in Year 5 academic year 2023-24 and looking to join SWPS in Year 7, 2025. Children are invited to join us for a morning of getting familiar with the school, immersing themselves in our Art and Design studio, meeting our teachers and creating a piece of art.

[www.swps.org.uk/y5workshops](http://www.swps.org.uk/y5workshops)




### Sir William Perkins School

Our range of tailored events are designed to provide an insight into different aspects of our girls school for all members of the family.

Year 5 Art workshop – Saturday 20 April 10am – 12.00pm or 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Open Morning – Thursday 2 May – 9.15am – 11.15am

Year 4 Music workshop – Saturday 18 May – 10.00am – 12.00pm

For all event bookings please visit our website [www.swps.org.uk/admissions/visit](http://www.swps.org.uk/admissions/visit)