



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 19th April 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 such a joy to see the children's lovely faces after the Easter break! They have been excited to finally get onto the field in their breaktimes and we are hoping the weather continues to improve! Year 4s having their level 1 bikeability sessions with Surrey Cycle Training, Year 1 and 6 going to church for their buddy mass and so much more...

With the introduction of school meals being cooked onsite and a new menu with options, we have also reorganised our routines at lunchtime into a 'family dining' model. Myself and Mrs Gray visited other schools who have established this model and we were keen to take it on at St Cuthbert's. We have spent the week trialling different ways of implementing these changes, but the main themes include the children showing good manners by waiting until their table has all finished eating and also taking the responsibility of supporting one another. This week, we have had 2 sittings - one with buddies, so Y5 mixed in with Reception children and Y6 with their Y1 buddies. The second sitting has been Year 2, 3 and 4. It has been lovely to see how the children have interacted and it has created a much-calmed lunchtime. There has also been a significant reduction in food thrown away! We are continuing to tweak the system with the help of the children's suggestions - but so far we are seeing positive results!

We held our second Pupil Parliament on Wednesday this week and the children were given the opportunity to meet with a group of their choice and share their suggestions. Already we have heard about a range of projects that the children want to work on. This is such an important way to give our pupils a voice and empower them to play a vital role in how St Cuthbert's moves forward.

We are looking into the possibility of a nursery at St Cuthbert's and have sent out information to gather further views from our school community. There will be a meeting next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm online - if you could spread the word and share the link with anyone you think may be interested.

Today the children enjoyed a visit from the MP Ben Spencer. He spent time walking around the classes and then answered questions in an assembly. The children were interested in the role he plays in our community and had lots of great questions.

Next week the children will explore how they can respond to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who knows each of them personally.

**'I am the good shepherd.'** (John 10:11)

Have a lovely weekend

**Mrs Rainbow**

### Important Dates for April:

Monday 22nd	Year 3 parents—High Ashurst Information morning in Studio (9am)
Tuesday 23rd	St George's Day (scouting uniform)
Thursday 25th	Sportability at RHU (children attending have been informed)
Friday 26th	Year 4 class liturgy
Saturday 27th	Cross Country at Notre Dame School
Tuesday 30th	Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum Year 4 Cake Sale

Please have a look on our [website](#) for any confirmed events from May onwards.

### Geography & History Workshop for Parents

Following the recent success and engagement of Mrs Gray's Writing Workshop, we are pleased to announce Miss Lewis will be hosting a Geography & History Workshop for all parents. The school office will send a reminder closer to the time to obtain attendance numbers.

**Date: Thursday 23rd May 2024**

**Time: 9am - 10am**

**Location: The Studio**

## Fair Dojo Winners:

F **faith**

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

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

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

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

Reception's winner is **Elizabella**, for showing initiative with her friends and being kind and considerate to those who need help.

This week's dojo winner in year 1 is **Sheerin**, who shows kindness everywhere she goes. She is a very good friend and polite to everyone she speaks to. She works really hard and her handwriting is beautiful. Well done, Sheerin!

Year 2's **Eden** has been making a big effort with his focus and respect for learning this week, especially in his writing.

Well done **Coralina** in year 3 for her ARTICULATION when identifying the features of a diary entry.

Year 4's winner is **Matilda** for consistently trying her best in all areas of her learning, for being kind to others and generally showing respect and appreciation to all areas of school life

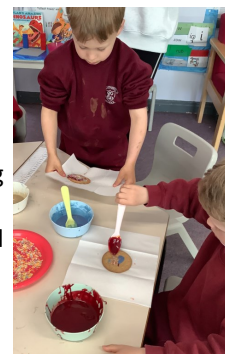
Our winner in Year 5 is someone who is always polite in class and is very articulate. Well done **Fenton**.

Year 6's winner this week is **Luke**. For show great enthusiasm for all lessons, giving his very best and always being ready to learn.

# The Week That Was

## **Year R:**

This week, Reception have been learning about the ascension and drawing pictures to show what they think Heaven might be like. We were lucky to have a visit in class from Canon Chris, to tell us more about the ascension and the Holy Spirit. On Monday when we came into class, we discovered that a dinosaur had left one of their eggs in our garden. We have spent the week investigating to find out what kind of dinosaur might be inside and read the story "Am I Yours?" about a lost dinosaur egg looking for their family. In maths we have been exploring odd and even numbers with the help of the Number-blocks! For our cooking this week, we practised our decorating skills to decorate a biscuit with icing and different toppings. They looked very yummy!



## **Year 1:**

Year 1 have had a very busy first week back! We have started new topics across the board. In RE, we are doing "to the ends of the earth." We have been recapping all the scriptures we've covered to date. This will help the children when they are introduced to the Holy Spirit in the coming weeks. In History, we have started Great Inventions: Transport. The children have been learning about the Wright Brothers. There is great excitement around this topic as our trip is approaching. We have begun learning about newspapers in English - which was brand new information for some of the children! They have been making excellent progress and have all settled back in really well.

## **Year 2:**

Welcome back to Year Two for the final term, the Summer Term! We hope for lots of sunshine and smiles over the next 13 weeks as it is such a fun and jam packed term for us at school. This week was a start of lots of new units including; Geography - what is a world wonder? RE - Spreading the Word (about what happens after Easter), RHE - One World (learning about different homes and schools all over the world), Science - Habitats and so much more. As well as this, in English we finished off the last unit with our letter BIG write and in Maths we started a unit on Fractions. We also really enjoyed Pupil Parliament where we spent time with the children leadership groups and listened to all of the good work our children are doing to make a difference to the school.

## **Year 3:**

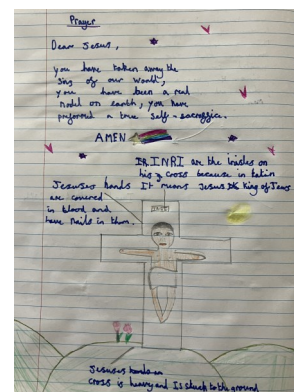
This week in Year 3 we have had a visit from Canon Chris who explained how the Church celebrates Pentecost. In Maths we have finished our unit on mass and have now started capacity, by measuring in millilitres and litres. In history we have started our topic on local history. This term we will be answering the question, 'Why should we preserve our locality?' We are very excited for our trip to Runnymede in a couple of weeks time, where we will investigate the listed sites there to answer this question.

## **Year 4:**

Year Four have been busy working hard on their class assembly this week. We have a class of really talented children, which we're looking forward to showcasing next week! Bikeability has been in full swing, along with lots of excitement and interest for our new topics this half-term. In Geography, the children are learning about volcanoes and earthquakes and in Science, about classifying living things.

## **Year 5:**

This week in RE, we have been discussing the stations of the cross and how they show the journey of Jesus' trial. We discuss the account of Luke's Gospel and made links to why Jesus forgave and remembered those who crucified him. We then composed a prayer in thanks to Jesus regarding his self sacrifice.



## **Year 6:**

Year 6 and Year 1 attended mass together in the Church this morning. The children read and sang beautifully. It was lovely to share this special time together with our parents and parishioners.

In Art we started our new topic – looking at 3D art installations. We will be using different materials to create 3D art focusing on what is important to us. We are also looking forward to our visit to the Emily Wilding Davison gallery at Royal Holloway University to visit the exhibition 'The Cave Hunters and the Truth Machine'. This will be the start of our very exciting art project.

## 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](#).

Please note, Netball Club is full, however, you are welcome to email for your child to be on the waiting list. Anyone interested in Spanish would need to wait until autumn, when we will have a beginners session.

### Before and After School Club Time Table

#### Summer 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.50-8.35am Judo – Year 1-6 (Core Judo)	7.50-8.35am Tennis KS2 (Matchpoint Tennis)	7.50-8.35am Tennis KS1 (Matchpoint Tennis)		
3.20 – 4.20 Athletics Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 (PS Sports Coaching)		3.20 – 4.20 Dance (Yrs 2-6) (PS Sports Coaching)	3.20 – 4.20 Girls Football (Yrs 3-6) (PS Sports Coaching)	3.20 – 4.20 Cookery Club (Yrs 3 – 6) (SmartRaspberry Cookery)
	3.20-4.20pm Martial Arts (London TKD)	3.20-4.20pm Football (Yrs R-4) (Active Soccer)	3.20 – 4.20 Dodgeball (Yrs 3-6) (PS Sports Coaching)	
	3.20-4.20pm Netball – Years 4, 5 and 6 (Miss Lewis and Mrs Gray)			
3.20 – 3.50 Spanish – Yr5/6 (Mrs Missen)	3.20 – 3.50 Spanish – Yr4 (Mrs Missen)			

## 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)



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

### Thursday 25th April



Join Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE for an online session that explores this topic and challenges stereotypes.

**facefamilyadvice.co.uk**

(7pm to 9pm) £24

**Book now via the website**

## Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety? Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE

**THURSDAY 2nd MAY 7-9PM £24**

Available to book now [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## April 2024 Newsletter

### 2nd Edition

**Monday 22 April**

19:00 - 21:00

£24

**Improving Family Communication**

How to reduce the shouting and start the talking.

**Thursday 25 April**

19:00 - 21:00

£24

**Supporting a Child with ADHD**

Challenging the stereo types and explaining how this condition impacts on the child and giving ideas on how we can support them.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people?

Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice?

Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school?

Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists.

Contact Jenny Finlayson at the CAFOD A&B office:

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Website: [Schools volunteers \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://schoolsvolunteers(cafod.org.uk))



## SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a new challenge? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.



### FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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## Clubbercise class!

Clubbercise, St Cuthbert's School, Englefield Green,  
from 7:30-8:15 p.m. on Monday's.

*First class is free!*

BACs, Cash, Revolut, Wise (Paypal) can be taken

£8 Pay As You Go or  
Buy 4 classes upfront, £7.00 each / £28 per month.

Plus, a loyalty card which gives you your 9<sup>th</sup> class free!



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