



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 26th 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

Another busy week.

Family dining is in full swing - however we are still making adjustments and are keen to have the children's views on how we can improve the system. The meals continue to be well received and the ability to pick options is definitely a hit!

It was lovely to see so many children in their brownie and scout uniforms this week to celebrate St George's Day. It is great to see how many of our pupils are part of these outside clubs as it is so worthwhile.

Year 6 took a trip to Royal Holloway University this week to spend an afternoon at the Emily Wilding Davison gallery. They learnt all about paleontology, climate change and stop motion animation. What a great learning experience!

A small group of children from a range of year groups enjoyed an activity packed day yesterday as part of a Sportability event. They were able to take part in a number of different sports and the feedback was really positive!

The Year 4 class liturgy was so moving this morning as the children shared their learning and made links to all the areas they have been studying. They performed and spoke so beautifully and there was even a standing ovation at one point! Thank you to parents who were about to attend.

Year 5 had an exciting day today taking part in a science workshop. When I popped into the studio, they were fully engrossed in a range of activities developing their scientific knowledge and understanding.

This week's Gospel describes Jesus as the true vine to which we must remain connected in order to bear fruit. In the coming week we will be exploring this connection and children will learn that they too can 'bear fruit' in Jesus' name.

**Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty." (John 15:5)**

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Rainbow**

## Important Dates for April & May:

Saturday 27th	Cross Country at Notre Dame School
Tuesday 30th	Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum Year 4 Cake Sale
Thursday 2nd	Year 3 Trip to Runnymede
Thursday 9th	Ascension Day - Whole School Mass at 9am
Friday 10th	Year 3 Class Liturgy—Year 3 parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 21st	Year 2 Cake Sale
Thursday 23rd	Geography & History workshop for parents at 9am
Friday 24th	Marian Procession

We are delighted to have the Breck Foundation return to St Cuthbert's to speak to the children about online safety in June.

 They will also be holding a **parent information evening** on Zoom at **6pm on 5th June**—please do save this date in your diaries and we will send out the zoom link nearer the time. We hope many of you can attend. Online safety is a huge topic and as parents / carers we cannot stay informed enough.



## 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:

In EYFS **Maxim** has been showing independence in his English learning and writing a brilliant letter to our dinosaur pen pal!

**Dale** in year 1 has been showing excellent resilience and attitude when faced with a couple of challenges lately . Well done, Dale!

**Charlotte** in year 2 has been making a good effort to write accurate sentences in English, showing great respect of her learning.

Well done to **Tobias** in Year 3 for his RESPECTFUL attitude towards his learning.

Year 4's winner is **Meron** for trying his hardest in all areas of his learning and for consistently showing independence and initiative

Our dojo winner in year 5 is someone who has been working really hard in class and shown an improved attitude to learning. Well done **Nathan**.

In year 6, for making a real effort to improve his tenses and spelling in his writing, **Henri** received the Dojo.

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## The Week That Was

**Year R:** This week, Reception have been learning about Pentecost and discussing how the holy spirit was sent to help us. In English we have been reading the story "Dear Dinosaur", about a little boy that writes to a dinosaur pen pal. We have been composing our own questions that we would like to ask a dinosaur and writing letters, to send the dinosaur a message about us at St Cuthbert's. In Maths we have been focusing on the numbers 11-16. We have been practising how to "build" these numbers using different resources and using tens frames to order and compare the quantities.

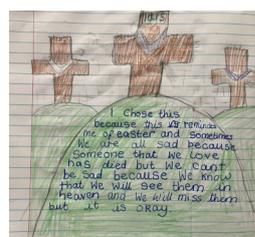
**Year 1:** We have had another brilliant week in Year 1. In RE, the children had a visit from Canon Chris where we discussed the prayer Glory Be. We have been learning the scripture "The Road to Emmaus" in the lead up to Pentecost and the children role played the story beautifully! The children enjoyed our Science lesson this week. We have begun a new topic - types of animals. We made an A-Z of animals and had some amazing suggestions such as quail and ocelot. Our maths learning is centred around capacity at the minute. The children had fun comparing capacities of containers by filling them with water! In ICT, we have been using laptops to create groups. The children have been opening files, dragging things into groups using the touch-pad and saving files. Very well done this week, Year 1!

**Year 2:** In Year Two the class started a new unit of learning in RE based around Pentecost. To start, they have been learning about how messages are spread and they wrote a postcard to Jesus explaining why he is a hero. In Geography, the writing the children looked more closely at Newspaper Reports and dug deep into the 4W's. Maths has seen the continuation of fractions, with children learning about unit and non unit fractions. Art was fun this week, the class are learning about clay and how to join clay together using the score and slip method.

**Year 3:** In year 3 we have been learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they energise us. We have been exploring this topic in our diary big writes, imagining we have received one of these gifts. In science we have been investigating how hard/soft different rocks are with scratch tests. We are looking forward to next week. On Monday we will start our swimming lessons and on Thursday we have an exciting trip planned to Runnymede. We will be investigating the different listed sites and uncovering why they are protected.

**Year 4:** Year Four worked really hard to make sure they put together a fantastic class assembly this week, and didn't they do well? Well done, Year Four, all of your hard work paid off! They've also been planning a debate texts in English and learning about grouping living things in Science! They have been working really hard on their fractions and their times-tables!

**Year 5:** This week in RE, we have been comparing our own and other people's ideas about questions concerning giving and refusing to give and appreciating the cost of giving, whilst realising that these questions are difficult to answer. We have linked this to how feelings and beliefs affect giving and compared this with Jesus and the Easter story.



**Year 6:** On Tuesday afternoon Year 6 went to the Royal Holloway University to meet with the artist Sean Harris and the palaeontologist and climate scientist, Danielle Schreve. The children learnt about climate change, paleontology and stop motion animation. This is the start of a wonderful art project Year 6 will be doing. Watch this space for updates.

In RE we looked at faith – we discussed Jesus' appearances to his disciples and how difficult it was for his disciples to believe, even when He was standing right in front of them. We discussed how difficult it can be to believe something you cannot see and then talked about belief as a choice that we make every day.



## 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)



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**Open Morning** - Saturday 11 May 2024 - 9:15am - 12:30pm  
**Year 5 Taster Day** - Monday 1 July 2024

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