



Week ending 3rd May 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

The Thanksgiving mass for our previous governors last weekend was a lovely opportunity to show appreciation to a number of people who have given their time and support to St Cuthbert's. I am eternally grateful to anyone who gives their time to help move our school forward and I know how much of a commitment the role of governor is!

Year 1 were fortunate to have sunny weather for their trip to Brooklands Museum on Tuesday. The children had a great time visiting all the exhibits and their exemplary behaviour was commented on by a number of members of the public. Thank you to the parents who joined the class to support.

Year 6 were busy making lanterns with the help of staff from Royal Holloway on Tuesday afternoon. Their creations will be on display in the university library before the end of term and parents will be invited to view them.

Year 3 learnt more about the Magna Carta during their school trip on Thursday. We are so lucky to have historical places of interest such as these nearby to support our curriculum. Again - thank you to the parents who were able to give their time to attend.

Forty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension and hear about how the disciples witnessed Jesus ascending into Heaven. We also remember the instructions Jesus left His disciples - to share the Good News and do incredible things through the power He would give them. This coming week we will be helping children consider how they can honour Jesus and follow His instructions to be disciples themselves.

'And so, the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven.' (Mark 16:19)

Have a lovely long weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

Important Dates for May:

| Monday 6th | Bank Holiday—School closed |
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| 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 |

May - The Month of Mary

During the month of May, it is a St. Cuthbert school tradition that families bring in flowers (or plants) to adorn our altars and prayer tables. Please see the rota for your class;

EYFS and Y5 - WB; 6th May Y1 and Y6 - WB; 13th May Y2,3,4 - WB; 20th May

We can't wait to fill our school with beautiful flowers to honour Mary.

Thanks,

Mrs Gray

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 Elliot, has been showing **independence** in his learning and creating his own story map on the playground

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 is someone who is always respectful and kind. She was brilliant on our trip and answered so many questions really well. Good job **Darcy**!

Joshua in year 2 has been showing the value of faith. He has been a good friend to other children in the class

Well done to the **whole of year 3** for their independence and articulation on our school trip this week. **Nyameba** in year 4 is having excellent presentation in his books and working hard in all areas of his learning.

Zaiden has been putting a lot more effort into his work and has been contributing well in class this week In year 6, Polly received the dojo for being articulate, respectful and for living out her faith everyday



Events during the Summer Term

Geography & History Workshop for Parents - Thursday 23rd May 2024 @ 9am



Parent information evening on Zoom at **6pm on 5th June** Children assemblies on 6th June



Xavier Musician of the Year on 6th June 2024





7th June

INSET Day—School closed to children



District Sports (selected KS2 children—tbc) on Wednesday 12th June



BUDS Day on Friday 14th June



Tuesday 9th July—**Sports Day** (11th July back up date)



More dates are on the school calendar on our website



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The Week That Was

Year R: This week, Reception have been learning about the Holy Trinity. We also discussed how we are all made in the likeness of God and that we should look after each other as God wants us to. In English we have been writing instructions for how to look after our pet dinosaur and creating our own story maps for our focus story "How to look after your dinosaur". In maths we have been practising our addition and subtraction. We set up our own currant bun shop and practised 'taking away' some of the currant buns and seeing how many were left at the end!

Year 1: Year 1 have had the most fabulous week! Our trip to Brooklands Transport Museum was a success. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learned so much. We also had comments from members of the public saying

how well-behaved all of the children were! Their learning this week also went really well. In RE, we started talking about the ascension and the promise of the spirit. This is quite a difficult concept to comprehend but the children have been making excellent progress. As we have entered

May, we have begun saying The Rosary together. In maths, the children have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. This establishes an understanding for multiplication and division. In English, we have drafted, edited and done the final draft of our newspaper reports. We have been working really hard at revising our phonics for the upcoming screening check. Well done children on a brilliant week!

Year 2: This week, Year Two have learnt that Jesus sent Holy Spirit to look after us when he ascended into heaven. In English, they have been linking their writing with RE and have written a guided piece of writing all about Easter Sunday and how the women found the tomb empty. maths saw the end of fractions and the start of a new unit based around time. In Geography, the class learnt more about world wonders, this week about a natural wonder; The River Amazon. In DT, the children reflected on their use of score and slip to see how they would make joins even stronger for their final piece of art work. The thumbs pots will come home today so you can see how well their application of this skill went.

Year 3: In year 3 we finished our RE topic on energy. We reflected on the energy and power of the Holy Spirit. We had a fantastic time on our school trip to Runnymede, exploring our local history and answering the question 'Why should we preserve our local history?'. Thank you to Mr Sturgess, Mrs Try, Mrs Herbert and Mrs Wharf for volunteering and helping our class on our school trip.

Year 4: Year Four have been enjoying discovering living things in our habitat this week and thinking about how they can sort them into different groups. In Maths, they have been working hard on decimals and understanding tenths of a number. They have started designing some keyrings to be 3D printed and are excited about getting to see the printer in action! Well done for a fab week, Year Four!

Year 5: This week in RE, we have been learning about the road to Emmaus. We discussed the story and how the disciples were still in morning and had not realised Jesus had returned. We made links to why the disciples were unsure and uncertain of the significance of what had happened, until they had met with Jesus who helped them understand. Our task was to write a diary entry, from the point of view of Cleopas, regarding the journey to Emmaus and the joy at realising Jesus had returned.

Year 6: This week year 6 were lucky enough to work with the amazing Sean Harris and Danielle Schreve to create lanterns. The art is based on our visit to the Royal Holloway last week. The children were perfect ambassadors for St Cuthberts and Sean and Danielle were very impressed by the thank you letters they received from us.

Year 6 and Year 1 had their buddy liturgy this week. The liturgy was beautifully prepared and led by Year 6 and some of the Year 1 children joined in to help us with prayers. It was lovely to see the buddies working together to write down their prayer intentions.









Thursday 16th May—A slightly different menu

If your child usually has a pack lunch but would like to have a school lunch on 16th May, please email the <u>office</u>. Children can still chose in the morning whether they would like to have the chicken goujons or veggie nuggets.



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

Summer Term 2024

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



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Active Soccer and Manorcroft United Junior Football Club will be re-launching its Weetabix Wildcats girls football training on **Friday 10th May**.

The training will take place at Cooper's Hill Recreation Ground, Cooper's Hill Lane, Englefield Green, TW20 0GP (nearest postcode).

8-11 year olds, Friday evenings, 5.30-6.30pm

5-8 year olds, Saturday mornings, 9.30-10.30am

The cost will be £3 per session. No previous experience necessary. Scan the QR code in the appropriate flyer to book, or visit <u>www.englandfootball.com/play/youth-football/weetabix-wildcats</u> and enter your postcode to bring up the Cooper's Hill sessions.

JOIN US AT THE MARIST SENIOR TASTER DAY FOR CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS Friday 14 June 9 am - 3 pm

Looking for schools for Year 7 entry in September 2025?

Year 5 pupils are invited to explore, experiment, and learn on our Senior Taster Day.

Packed full of activities like Outdoor Learning, PE and History, this is an excellent opportunity to experience life in the day of a Marist student.

Spaces are limited so book your child's place today!

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