



Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 25th April 2025

Dear All

It is such a joy to see all the children back in after the Easter holidays, full of enthusiasm. I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed the sunshine.

We started the week with the sad news of the passing of Pope Francis. The children have been guided through this time in prayer and activities to help them understand and appreciate his contribution to the Catholic faith.

We welcomed Miss Galvin to St Cuthbert's this week as our new Year 4 teacher. She has already settled in well and know she will be a great addition to our team!

A group of children attended a day of activities as part of 'Sportability' yesterday. They enjoyed boxing, dancing, football and even used a wheelchair and also had a chance to meet the Mayor. The children came back exhausted but full of tales of their action packed day!

With today being St Bernadettes' day, the children in this house celebrated by wearing their yellow t-shirts to mark the occasion. It is great for the children find a sense of belonging in another group within school and today is a perfect way for them to connect with children from other classes on this level.

Next Friday we are holding our first 'International Day' when the children will be able to dress up in traditional clothes or colours and share their culture and identity. We hope to make this a regular event in our yearly calendar and develop how we celebrate each time. The children will be taking part in a range of activities and be encouraged to share and celebrate their own culture.

In the second of our Eastertide collective worships this week, we celebrate the hope, joy and peace of Easter. The children will consider the meaning of faith and belief through the story of Thomas' encounter with Jesus.

Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:28

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

"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"

The Week That Was

Year R: This week, Reception have been learning all about the Ascension and thinking about what Heaven might be like. We discussed our thoughts together and then drew pictures of some of our ideas. We were very lucky to have a visit from Canon Chris on Friday. Thank you for giving up your time to spend with us! We also started our new learning all about dinosaurs this week. When we returned to school on Tuesday, we found a dinosaur egg had been left in our playground. We will be learning all that we can about dinosaurs over the next few weeks, just in case the egg hatches and we have a new pet dinosaur to look after! We have been reading the story 'Am I Yours?' about a lost dinosaur egg looking for his parents. It has helped us to learn the names and characteristics of lots of dinosaurs already. In maths we have been practising matching numeral and quantity, recapping our learning on 3D shapes and recognising and creating complex patterns.

Year 1: Year 1 have had a very good first week back. In RE, the children took some time to recap all of the scriptures we have studied so far. They had excellent recall and then performed it for their peers. In History, we have begun learning about the greatest inventions about transport. We discussed the resilience that the Wright brothers had, as they flew their glider 700 times before trying to fly with an engine. In English, we are doing newspaper articles, the children have learned lots of new vocab and the appropriate structure of a newspaper article. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2: To begin the week as a class we reflected on the life of Pope Francis and created thank you letters to him for his hard work during his time as Pope. In RE we discussed the events of the resurrection, ascension and Pentecost and ordered them chronologically. We focused on St. Luke and who he was and how important he was as he wrote the book of Acts and explored the book of Acts and the events that take place. We also asked wondering questions about the appearance of the resurrected Jesus and how the apostles would have felt during the resurrection and ascension. This week in English we have started looking at Newspaper reports and understood the features of a newspaper report ready to create a class example next week.

Year 3: Year 3 have had an exciting week filled with new learning! In RE, we explored how the Holy Spirit gives people energy, like wind and fire, to carry God's message. In History, we started a unit on Local History, learning about important sites like Royal Holloway and Runnymede Park and how we can help preserve them. Our Computing lessons focused on creating media and identifying road signs from around the world, while in Art, we began researching ancient scrolls as part of our Craft & Design unit. It's been a busy and fun week of learning across all subjects!

Year 4: Year 4 have had a great first week back after the Easter break! They spent some time writing beautiful letters of thanks to Pope Francis, created a human classification branch to group living things in Science and started to explore our new Geography topic where we made models of an area and replicated what would happen in an earthquake. They have been maths wizard's mastering how to divide 1 digit and 2-digit numbers by 10.

Year 5: As usual with the start of a new term, it is a week of new units and first lessons. RE is the unit 'To the ends of the earth' and is based around what happens after the Ascension and making links to the Holy Spirit and the sacrament of confirmation. In English, the class are learning how to develop a character throughout a story with a key event that changes how the character may think. In Maths, the class are learning about angles and had a very exciting lesson based around how to use a protractor. History this term is about journeys made in more recent history and Science is all about Space!

Year 6: In our RE lessons, we've been diving deep into the topic of the Resurrection. The children have shown incredible curiosity and engagement, exploring its significance in our faith and how it impacts our lives today. As we continue our preparations for SATs, I'm thrilled to report that all the children are doing very well. Their enthusiasm and hard work are truly paying off! Additionally, we've started a new Art topic that has sparked creativity—planning memory boxes! Each child will be bringing in personal items to incorporate into their boxes, making it a beautiful way to express their individuality. Start saving those shoe boxes, we will need them later in this half term. Lastly, we're working on writing thank you letters to Pope Francis. The children have been thinking about the impact he has had on their lives, the life of our school and on the world.

Sportability:

A group of children were selected to represent St. Cuthbert's as the annual Runnymede Sportability event on Thursday this week. They enjoyed a range of events including line dancing, wheelchair rugby, boccia, football and boxing. The children enjoyed the day so much. Alexander said, 'We did rugby but it was in a wheelchair. It was so much fun using the wheelchair to move around the hall.'



Year 5 Boys Football:

St. Cuthbert's Y5 team played Thorpe C of E this week in a friendly match and won 8-1. We are very proud of the sportsmanship of our boys. Please hear what they have to say about representing the school.

'It feels very special to represent the school because you get to represent the school and play football at the same time.' Rhys

'It makes me feel really proud because I get to show other schools what St. Cuthbert's is all about.' Alexander

'It is really fun playing as a team together.' - Charlie

Pope Francis:

This week the whole school has commemorated the death of Pope Francis. On Tuesday, we gathered together as a whole school community and spent time reflecting on the wonderful work that he has done in his position of the Pope over the past 12 years.

At St. Cuthbert's his messages ring loud and clear through our practices of Laudato Si and Catholic Social teaching principles.



This week, each class has been reading the book 'Dear Pope Francis' and the children have been writing letters which will form our own school book, 'Thank you Pope Francis.' We will share more from this when it is ready.

One of the big events on the Catholic Calendar is the current year named 'Pilgrims of Hope.' As a school we have made a pledge to live out the Pope's Laudato Si message. This is to look after God's wonderful world and we are starting at home - with a Spring tidy of our school.

Please save the date; **Saturday May 17th**. We hope as many community members as possible, will be available to come and help to tidy up some of our green areas in the school grounds.

Not only is this our Pilgrims of Hope pledge, but it will be help in honour of Pope Francis. The date coincides with the 10 year anniversary of the late Pope's letter being published.

St Bernadette Day:

St. Bernadette

Feast Day: 25th April

Saint Bernadette Soubirous was born on January 7, 1844 into a very poor family. She had a pleasant personality, very poor health, and bad asthma. Bernadette helped her mother around the house and took care of her siblings. She once said,

"I was nothing and of this nothing God made something great."

During the year 1858, Bernadette was 14 and preparing to receive her First Holy Communion. Bernadette, her sister, and her friend had gone to collect firewood. The two girls crossed the stream to the grotto. Bernadette, however, stayed on the other side because she did not want to make her asthma worse by walking through the cold water. The girls insisted she join them, and Bernadette began taking off her shoes when she heard a rustling sound. Bernadette looked around and then in the grotto, she saw a beautiful lady - this beautiful lady was a vision of Mary. She continued to visit the grotto and Mary appeared to Bernadette 17 times throughout her life.

Saint Bernadette is forever remembered for her perseverance in suffering, childlike trust, and humility. She is the patron Saint of shepherds and shepherdesses and of people who are persecuted or ridiculed for their faith.



Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

This weeks winner in Reception is **Teddy**, for always being kind and respectful to his friends and teachers. Well done Teddy for always being a role-model to your friends in class.

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 has put 110% effort into our class liturgy rehearsals, well done **Zina**!

Chloe in year 2 has won for having a great first week back to school and demonstrating all the school values especially being independent.

Beau in year 3 has won this week for staying focused and showing great independence in all areas of his learning.

Year 4's winner is **Isabella** for showing initiative and being a great helper within the classroom.

Hugo in year 5 has won for returning to full time so well and for always working incredibly hard in every lesson.

Our dojo winner this week in year 6 is **Danylo** for showing a great attitude to his learning especially in Maths.

Summer Term Diary Dates:

Tuesday 29th April - Year 5/6 girls football tournament at Cardinal Newman (selected children, leaving school at 12 noon)

Tuesday 29th April - *NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3:20pm—4:20pm* Fencing for KS2 with Little Musketeers (booking information at the end of this newsletter and on our school website)

Tuesday 29th April - Netball training to commence

Wednesday 30th April - Choral afternoon at St Dunstons Church (applicable parents have been emailed)

Friday 2nd May - International Day (children to dress up, further details have been emailed and below)

Friday 2nd May - Year 1 Class Liturgy (9am, parents welcome)

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 9th May - EYFS Class Liturgy (9am, parents welcome)

Monday 12th May –Year 6 SATS week

Saturday 17th May - volunteer day in school

Monday 19th May - Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum

Thursday 22nd May - Years 1 & 6 Mass at Church (9am start, children to be dropped straight to church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated)

Thursday 22nd May - Xavier Musician of the Year Evening

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - May Half Term

Summer Term Diary Dates:

Monday 2nd June - Summer term 2 begins, all children back to school

Monday 2nd June - Year 6 Bikeability starts (week 1 of 2)

Friday 6th June - Year 2 Class Liturgy (9am, parents welcome)

Tuesday 10th June - EYFS & Year 5 Mass at Church (9am start, children to be dropped straight to church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated)

Wednesday 11th June - District Sports (details to follow)

Friday 13th June - BUDS Day (9am start)

Monday 16th June - Year 6 Bikeability (week 2 of 2)

Friday 20th June - St Cuthbert's Got Talent

Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day (first choice)

Wednesday 25th June - Good Shepherd (details to follow)

Thursday 26th June - Back up Sports Day

Thursday 26th June - Years 2,3 & 4 Mass at Church (9am start, children to be dropped straight to church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated)

Tuesday 1st July - Moving Up Day / Induction Day

Summer Term Diary Dates:

Thursday 3rd July - St Thomas Day

Friday 11th July - St Benedict Day

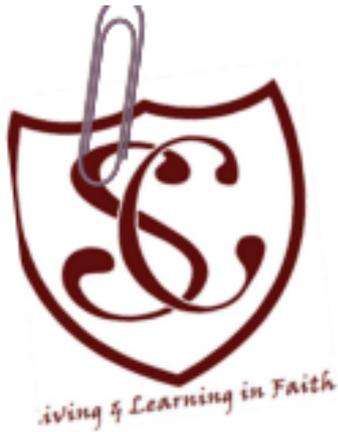
Tuesday 15th July - Year 6 play

Thursday 17th July - Thanksgiving Mass at Church (9am start, whole school to be dropped at church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated).

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 Retreat Morning at Church (after Mass)

Friday 18th July - 1:15pm school finishes for summer (no after school club)

Friday 2nd May - International Day



International Day



To mark the beginning of the Summer term and to celebrate the rich cultural diversity within our community, we are pleased to host an International Day for Cultural Diversity.

Let's come together to celebrate our differences and learn from each other.

Theme: A Celebration of Peace & Harmony

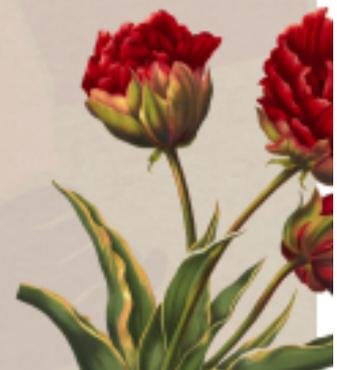
**Friday 2nd May
2025**

Children are invited to wear traditional clothing from their culture or the colours of their flag, if they'd like.

Would you and your child be interested in recording a short video to share a little about your culture with the class and post it on Seesaw? You could share things like:

- Traditions
- Favourite foods
- Music
- Or even show some cultural items

Thank you for your continued support!



St Cuthberts Clubs

If you wish to sign your child up to an external club ready for this term, please see below for booking details. These can also be found on our school website. All bookings and enquiries should be made directly with the clubs themselves.



PS SPORTS COACHING

SPORTS CLUBS
ST CUTHBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday - Athletics/ Multi-sports
3:20 - 4:20pm | Yrs 1,2,3,4,5 & 6

Wednesday - Dance
3:20 - 4:20pm | Yrs 2, 3,4,5 & 6

Thursday - Dodgeball
3:20 - 4:20pm | Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

Dates, Prices & Bookings
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We accept childcare vouchers

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 **ATHLETICS**
Learn the foundations of athletics event through game-based activities. Our elite athletes will take part in live activities to build core skills and learn running, jumping and throwing techniques.

 **DANCE**
Fun warm up games, easy to learn routines to popular music. Opportunities to perform to parents and school at talent show and summer fair.

 **DODGEBALL**
Dodgeball is a super fun game played with soft, safe balls. The children are split into two teams and aim to hit each other with the balls. The children learn defending and attacking techniques and take part in matches.



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St Cuthberts Clubs



TechyTots

Summer Term 2025 – £90 per child (was £100!)

📖 Fun, hands-on coding classes for KS1 and KS2

🎯 Build problem-solving, sequencing & debugging skills

🚀 Special offer this term to celebrate last term's success!

Book Online



Weybridge and Surrounds

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📄 Children's Coding Classes /

<https://techtots.co.uk/weybridge-and-surrounds/>

Core Judo booking link = [St Cuthberts \(6 - 11yrs\) at St Cuthberts School, Englefield Green | Core Judo Schools Program | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

St Cuthberts Clubs



ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TENNIS

BREAKFAST CLUB

SUMMER TERM

APRIL 23RD - JULY 9TH

07.50AM - 08.35AM

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WEDNESDAY: YRS R - 6 (KS1&2)

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*we require a minimum of 6 players per group in order for the session to run.

St Cuthberts Clubs

BRAND NEW CLUB

KS2 Fencing with Little Musketeers
Tuesdays 3:20pm-4:20pm in the studio



THE UK'S NO.1 PRIMARY SCHOOL FENCING PROVIDER

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School - Little Musketeers Club Summer Term

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Little Musketeers is an exciting club inspired by the Olympic sport of **Fencing**. Classes are designed and managed by Olympian and 4 time British Champion James Beevers. All our coaches are trained personally by James and hold enhanced DBS certificates.

Our engaging and varied programmes appeal to a child's sense of play and are taught in a fun, safe and educational environment. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a duelling musketeer, a master Jedi, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Little Musketeers are proud to be internationally endorsed by Olympians, educators and scientists from across the world. All our equipment is safe plastic or foam while still giving the children the real feel of fencing.

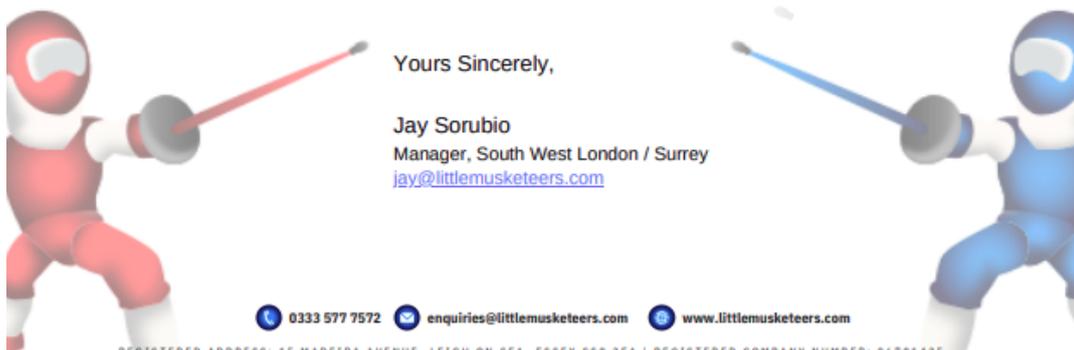
BOOKING DETAILS (please note that we have a new website and booking platform!)

Summer Term

KS2 : Tuesday Afternoons 3:20pm-4:20pm

1. Visit <https://www.littlemusketeers.com/south-west-london-surrey>
2. Select "**St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School**"
3. Choose the appropriate course and click "**Book**" (Click More Info for dates)
4. **Login** or **sign up** to create a new user account
5. **Review and Confirm** details to make payment

We look forward to welcoming your young musketeer to our club! En garde! 🗡️



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