



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 2nd May 2025

Dear All

I has been lovely to see the children enjoying the sunshine- long may it continue into the upcoming Bank Holiday weekend!

The children in the choir enjoyed their Choral Day on Wednesday afternoon and joined other schools to showcase their talents. We are so lucky to have the specialist tuition of Mr Ellson to support the choir as well as the rest of the school in their singing.

Year 1 shared their class liturgy this morning and, although I was not able to attend, I have seen them practicing all week and enjoyed snapshots of their assembly. The children were so enthusiastic in sharing their learning through songs and performances. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

We held our first International Day today! It was amazing to see all the children dressed in clothes to represent their culture. They have been completing a range of different activities in each year group to fully explore and share the diversity we have in our school. The children also enjoyed taking part in a parade in the afternoon to celebrate further. Thank you to Miss Syeda who has led in organising the day - we hope to build on it's success next year!

Can I gently remind parents that our uniform policy does not allow children to wear trainers, apart from on PE days as part of their kit. We have noticed a number of children in trainers alongside their school uniform.

Some of the residents in the local area have come into school to share their concerns about parents parking on yellow lines outside the school gates. I appreciate that parking during drop off and pick up time is difficult but we need to be mindful of the safety of the children and adhere to parking restrictions.

This coming week we are celebrating our ongoing friendship with the risen Jesus. Through the Gospel story of Jesus sharing a miraculous breakfast with His disciples, children will learn that they can trust Jesus to provide for their needs – because He loves them!

***Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some."***

**John 21:5-6**

Have a lovely long 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 about Pentecost. We heard about how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his friends and it appeared as fire and wind and helped them to speak different languages to spread the good news about Jesus. We thought about what we might like to ask the Holy Spirit for help with and we created fire pictures to represent the presence of the Holy Spirit. We have also been reading the story 'Dear Dinosaur' and thinking about the questions we would like to ask a Dinosaur if we met them. We then started to learn about Mary Anning, one of the first Paleontologists, and had a go at digging for fossils in the sand ourselves. In maths we have been learning about number patterns beyond 10 and playing games to help us spot the patterns in numbers beyond 10.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a very busy week. We have been practising for our class liturgy all week and the children have put in so much effort. It went wonderfully and they should all be so proud. In RE, we have been learning about the road to Emmaus. The children reenacted the scripture and have also been learning the words to the Glory Be prayer. In History, we learned about the development of aeroplanes over time, comparing the Wright brothers Flyer to an airbus A380. In English, the children have been story mapping and guided writing a newspaper article. This will support them with their independent big write over the coming weeks. Well done, Year 1!

**Year 2:** In RE this week we have focused on the event of Pentecost and acted this out in a Godly play. On Friday, the children participated in their first international day, they all enjoyed sharing their cultures with each other and everyone was excited. In Art we have begun our clay modelling unit and in our first lesson the children explored different ways to shape the clay by smoothing and mark making.

**Year 3:** This week was full of exciting investigations and hands-on experiments! We dived into Ancient Egyptian art, experimenting with vibrant palettes to mimic the style of their scrolls. In Science, we explored rocks, soils, and fossils around the school, classifying them as natural or man-made while enjoying the sunshine. In RE, we reflected on the Glorious Mysteries and the power of the Holy Spirit during Jesus' Ascension. We also explored the importance of local historical buildings and their unique architectural significance. Lastly, in Maths, we wrapped up our capacity and volume unit with some fun problem-solving challenges. What an adventurous week of learning!

**Year 4:** Year 4 have had a wonderful week enjoying the sunshine! They have been building their comprehension skills in their Guided Reading lessons. In English they have been planning and boxing up their ideas to be able to write a debate text. Together they have produced good ideas for topics they would like to debate; I'm looking forward to reading their debates next week! In Art they were immersed in the sights and sounds of the rainforest, inspired to create a series of drawings, and used their ideas to create a mood board. In RE they thought of questions to ask Peter and John about the Holy Spirit giving them courage. In groups they role played asking Peter and John the questions with some very reflective answers to the questions.

**Year 5:** In RE this week, the children have been looking more closely at the Holy Spirit. They looked at artistic interpretations of the Holy Spirit and reflected on which one talks to them and gave reasons why linked to scripture. Protractor skills have been improving in Maths. The children have been using the knowledge that angles around a point measure 360degrees and angles along a line measure 180degrees, to answer questions about angles. In English, the class have really got to grips with character development throughout a story and have planned and started their guided write. History moved along well this week and evidence of home learning was clear as the children were able to use their knowledge about Sir Walter Raleigh to support their in class lesson. In Science, the children learnt more about our Solar System - the Milky Way. They created mnemonics about the names of the planets.

**Year 6:** This week has been buzzing with creativity and learning in Year 6! Our budding writers have dived into the world of formal letters, writing some truly persuasive paragraphs. The ideas they came up with were not only imaginative but showed a real understanding of the genre.

In Science, we've kicked off an exciting new unit exploring light. The students have been delving into how light travels; our light experiment leading to great excitement. Our RSE lessons have taken a practical turn as well, with discussions centred around managing money. We've been examining what value for money really means and learning about fair trade, which has prompted some thoughtful conversations. To round off the week, we celebrated an international day, where cultures came alive through research into the food and traditions from around the world. It was a delightful experience that enriched our understanding of global diversity!

## A Wonderful Choral Afternoon!

What a delightful afternoon we had this week at St Dunstan's Church in Woking! Three schools – St Cuthbert's, St Hugh's, and St Dunstan's – came together for an unforgettable Choral Afternoon, filled with singing, laughter, and new friendships. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement the children united to showcase their musical talents.

Each school brought their unique flair, putting on beautiful performances that truly uplifted the spirit of the occasion. The sound of voices blending in harmony was nothing short of magical. It was heartwarming to see the children from different schools mingling, exchanging smiles, and cheering each other on.

The event wasn't only about music; it was a wonderful opportunity for our children to connect and make lasting memories. A big thank you to everyone involved, especially Mr Ellson for making this Choral Afternoon such a success and the parents who provided the transport.

Here's to more collaborations and musical adventures in the future!

## Month of May



The Month of May celebrates our Lady, Mary. To recognise Mary as an important person in Jesus' life, we have several traditions that we uphold;

Rosary prayers. We pray the Rosary every day and children are invited to bring in their own Rosary beads. We do, however, have full class sets and provide these in class. We ask that Rosary beads brought in are labelled and with anything brought into school you understand the risk of it being lost, broken and stolen.

Break time prayers. Our prayer leaders lead the Rosary group every Friday in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. The leaders attend formation training so they are well equipped to be able to confidently lead on these important prayers.

Flower donations. Each week, different classes bring in flowers for adorn our altar. This brings so much joy and colour to the hall. These can be fresh flowers, potted plants or your Holy Souls bulb that was given out in November. It would be wonderful to see as many spring time bulbs as possible to complete the cycle of new life - the message that was given out with the Holy Souls bulbs. Please see the rota below for when to bring flowers in.

<b>Wb: Tuesday 6th May</b>	EYFS & Year 6	Year 3
<b>Wb: Monday 12th May</b>	Y1	Y4
<b>Wb: Monday 19th May</b>	Y2	Y5



## Ten:Ten

May begins and we are still in the season of Eastertide. As we continue to celebrate the Risen Jesus, we are invited to get to know Him; to recognise Jesus in our lives, listen to His voice and follow Him.



We also celebrate Mary our Mother, as May is traditionally the month of Mary. Many parishes and schools will be honouring Our Lady with spring flowers in May Processions and opportunities to pray the Rosary.

Please use the below link to access Ten:Ten's newsletter which shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

This week our winner in Reception is **Mason**, for being articulate and joining in well during our Liturgy rehearsals.

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 has taken so much respect with his presentation and handwriting lately. Well done, **Telmo**!

**Bella** in year 2 for being articulate when explaining her answers and opinions in class discussions.

**Leah** is this weeks winner in year 3 for staying focused in her learning and consistently demonstrating the FAIR values throughout the week.

**Nina** in Year 4 for showing a fantastic attitude to all of her learning!

**Isioma** in year 5 for being resilient in Maths this week, and for learning how to accurately use a protractor.

**Liliana** is this weeks winner in year 6 for excellent contributions to class discussions.

## Summer Term Diary Dates:

**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** - Laudato Si Pledge Day 9:30am to 2:30pm (details on email & on this newsletter)

**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).

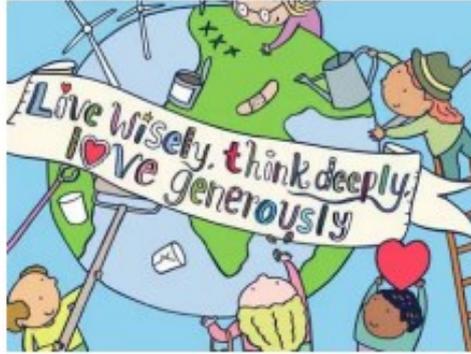
**Thursday 17th July** - Year 6 Retreat Morning at Church (after Mass)

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

# LAUDATO SI PLEDGE DAY - SATURDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2025

9.30AM - 2.30PM

[Laudato Si' animation for children](#)



As part of the Year of Jubilee, we are asked to make a community pledge. Ours is in line with the letter from the late Pope Francis, the Laudato Si. This letter asks everyone to look after their common home.

We are hosting a community clean up day for our school and are inviting you to join us on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, anytime between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

We have a few areas that are looking a bit sad and could do with a tidy up and I am sure that many hands would make light work with these areas.

If you aren't able to give the gift of time, we have updated the Amazon Wish List for items we will need to make the day a success.

<https://amzn.eu/gSbCQQN>

We can't wait to see you support our school community in any way you can.

See you on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, and don't forget your gardening gloves and tools! 😊

## Vacancy

Sadly Mr Kinnear will be leaving us at some point during the Summer Term. Please be assured you will still see him around at St Cuthberts for the time being.

If you know of anybody that might be interested in the below position, please ask them to contact Miss Elmer in the school office.

### Caretaker – St Cuthbert’s Catholic Primary School, Englefield Green

*Salary: £16,735 pro rata, per annum (FTE £26,777)*

*Hours : 22.5 Hours per week - flexible working hours between 7am and 3:20pm Mon to Fri, 52 weeks per year*

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Caretaker to join our small, friendly one form -entry school in Englefield Green. We are offering a part time role of 22.5 hours per week - with flexibility during the holidays.

The role would equally suit someone looking for a part time role in a step towards retirement or someone looking to gain experience of premises management. A willingness to contribute to all areas of busy school life is a must and support and training will be provided.

**Full Job descriptions and application available via Eteach: <https://www.eteach.com/job/caretaker-1470924>**

*The school reserves the right to withdraw the advert if a suitable candidate is found.*

## 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

<b>Tuesday - Athletics/ Multi-sports</b>
3:20 - 4:20pm   Yrs 1,2,3,4,5 & 6
<b>Wednesday - Dance</b>
3:20 - 4:20pm   Yrs 2, 3,4,5 & 6
<b>Thursday - Dodgeball</b>
3:20 - 4:20pm   Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

**Dates, Prices & Bookings**  
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**ATHLETICS**  
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**DANCE**  
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**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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# AFTER SCHOOL Football

23RD APRIL - 16TH JULY

£78  
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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

We run classes at various locations in Weybridge, Woking, Virginia Waters and surrounding areas. We run classes after school, at the weekend and durin...

 [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 children will have an assembly next week run by Little Musketeers**



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

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

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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.

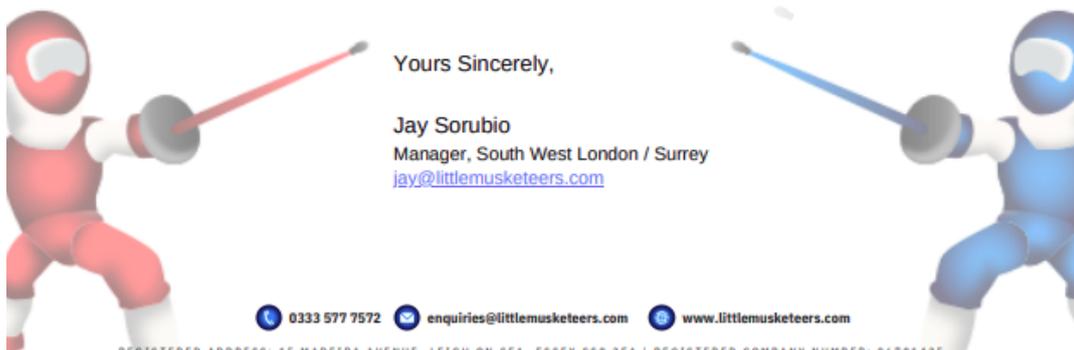
**BOOKING DETAILS** (please note that we have a new website and booking platform!)

#### 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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The Hub Englefield Green

## Thursday Club Club Leaders Required

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 [TheHubEnglefieldGreen](https://www.facebook.com/TheHubEnglefieldGreen)

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**Whole School Open Morning**  
Saturday 17 May, 9.00 – 11.30 am

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