



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 9th May 2025

Dear All

We have all been discussing the news of the election of a new pope today and we are excited to welcome Pope Leo XIV. He will be in our prayers as we wish him every success in his role and continuing the amazing work of Pope Francis.

On Tuesday the KS2 children were treated to a fencing assembly with a demonstration of some of the techniques. Our children are lucky to have access to a range of activities such as this - please contact the office if your child has expressed an interest in joining the club that is on offer.

Our Pupil Parliament took place at the beginning of the week, giving all our groups of pupils with responsibility the opportunity to share their progress and ask children from across the school for their input as well. This is a opportunity for each of our pupils to become involved in the running of the school and share their suggestions.

Year 1 were lucky enough to have some visitors this week to further enhance their curriculum. The children took part in some role play to help them learn more about processes on planes - from safety briefings to engineering! Thank you so much to Mr Farraj and Mrs Crouch for giving their time and expertise - we really appreciate it.

Our youngest children shared their learning this morning in a beautiful class liturgy. They did amazingly well to talk in front of a large audience and share songs and actions as well. We were so proud of them! Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us.

Next week is SATS week for our Year 6 children. They have worked so hard in preparation for these tests and I know they will achieve the success that they deserve. We wish them lots of luck!

This week's collective worship continues to celebrate that Jesus is alive, He is our friend, and we can listen to and follow His voice. Through a story about a wayward sheep, children will think about whose voice they choose to listen to – and that if we want to follow Jesus' voice, we need to recognise it!

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish..."

John 10:27-28

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 continuing their learning about the Holy Spirit by reading the story "My Best Friend the Holy Spirit". We learnt that he wants us to grow in love, kindness, gentleness and joy and that sometimes we talk about the fruits of the Holy Spirit, because they grow within us whenever we are kind, loving, gentle and joyful towards others. We have also been learning about Mary Anning and how she became a palaeontologist by collecting shells on the beach with her Dad. We had a go at making our own dinosaur fossils using salt dough and dinosaur bones. Our week has also been very busy preparing for our class liturgy. Thank you everyone for coming, we hope you enjoyed it!

Year 1: Year 1 have had a fun-filled week. This week we had some wonderful visitors come into class, Captain Ramsey and crew manager Helen Crouch. The children had so much fun learning and reenacting all about aeroplanes. In RE, we have been learning about the Ascension of Jesus and the promise of the Holy Spirit. The children have been doing really well comprehending a tricky topic. In Science, we went on a tree hunt. The children identified trees around our field using a leaf guide. They were very excited to find oak, birch, hawthorn and may more! Well done, Year 1!

Year 2: Wow this week has flown by especially with the bank holiday on Monday. In RE this week, we learnt about the conversion of Saul who was a Jewish Pharisee persecuting those who chose to follow Jesus. We discussed the pivotal event of Jesus speaking to Saul from Heaven and Saul losing his eyesight for 3 days. We then thought about how Ananias would have felt when he was asked to find Saul and help him. We used this knowledge to retell the conversion of Saul in our own way either through a mini book or acting out with wooden dolls. In Maths this week we have begun our time unit. The children quickly recalled their Y1 learning of O'clock and half past and other time facts such as there is 60 minutes in an hour and 24 hours in a day. In Art this week the children created pinch / thumb pots and learnt the slip and score method to join pieces of clay together successfully.

Year 3: Year 3 have had an exciting and enriching third week of term, bringing history to life through local research and exploring listed buildings in our borough. In Science, students have investigated the properties of rocks like granite, marble, and chalk. Their creativity flourished in Art as we mimicked ancient Egyptian painting styles to create our own scrolls. In Maths, we've been working with fractions, solving problems and partitioning wholes using fraction strips and part whole models. Meanwhile, in Writing, we have dived into newspaper reports, exploring its features and developing our own toolkit for reporting. It's been a week full of discovery and hands-on learning!

Year 4: Year 4 have had another busy week! In maths they have been busy using tenths and hundredths to make a whole. In Geography they researched some of the most recent volcanoes, located 5 of them on the world map and wrote their own version of the legend of the two volcanoes, showing the difference between active and dormant volcanoes. In Science they were working scientifically, making observations and recording what minibeasts we could find in our local environment. In RHE they discussed 'What is the Church?' thinking about the wider Church and its mission to reflect the Holy Trinity through love for others. In Art they used a viewfinder to draw four different parts of an image to create a colourful abstract drawing of an animal.

Year 5: In Y5 this week, the children have been looking more closely at the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been making links between this and the Holy Spirit. In Maths, the children finished their learning on the unit of shape. They have become quite the masters of a protractor. In English, they planned their own big write and started their first draft, along with some editing. In Computing, the learning on vector drawings has continued. If they wish to practice this at home, we have been using Google Drawings. They have had a lot of enjoyment and new found skills have been picked up along the way. In Science, the class learnt about how night and day are formed and created stop-motion videos to showcase their learning.

Year 6: In our RE lessons this week, we explored the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. The children eagerly discussed various historical perspectives, developing their critical thinking skills in the process. In Science, we investigated how we see using black paper tubes. The hands-on experiments with light and shadow allowed the children to grasp complex concepts in a fun way. We've also focused on writing in the first person and the present tense. SATS is almost here! Please make sure to rest well this weekend. We are so very proud of all of you, we know everyone will be doing their very best.

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

This week our winner is **Audrey** in reception , for beautiful speaking and singing in our class liturgy.

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 is always kind and respectful, well done **Bonnie!**

Ella in year 2 for consistently showing pride within the presentation of her work and always showing resilience in class.

Livia in year 3 for articulation, using verbal reasoning and key vocabulary to explain concepts in Maths.

Amiyah in year 4 for an excellent attitude to learning in all subjects. Keep up the hard work!

Alexander in year 5 for bringing such joy to our classroom with the news of his charitable fundraising efforts. Well done Alexander.

Joshua Mo in year 6 for being articulate and independent in all aspects of school life.

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.

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

Summer Term 1 Diary Dates:

Monday 12th May – Year 6 SATS week

Saturday 17th May - Laudato Si Pledge Day 9:30am to 2:30pm

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 2 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 next week)

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 2 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)

PTA Lolly Sale Dates

Friday 23rd May Year 6

Friday 6th June Year 5

Friday 13th June Year 4

Friday 20th June Year 3

Friday 27th June Year 2

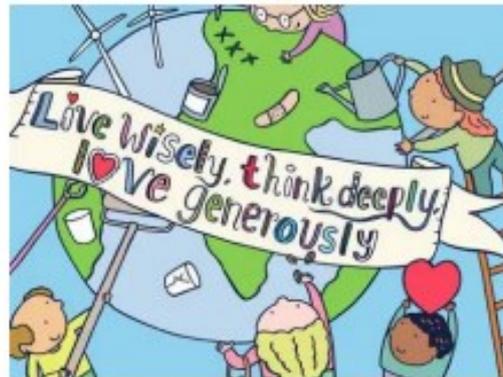
Friday 4th July Year 1

Friday 11th July EYFS

LAUDATO SI PLEDGE DAY - SATURDAY MAY 17TH 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 17th, 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.

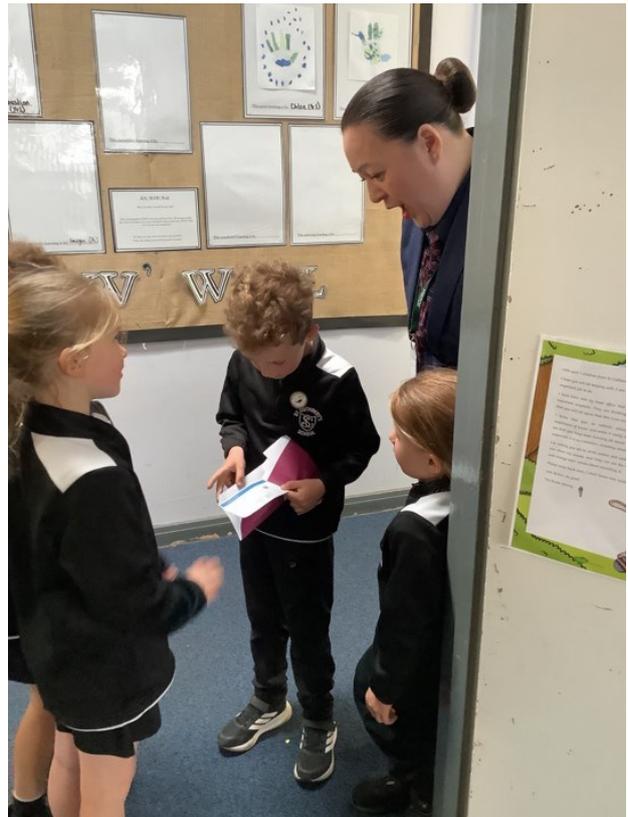
See you on Saturday 17th, and don't forget your gardening gloves and tools! 😊

All help is warmly welcomed (there will be tea, biscuits & sausage rolls on offer)

Year 1 Visitors

Year 1 had some wonderful visitors, Captain Ramsey Farraj and crew manager Helen Crouch from British Airways. The session began with all children having their passports and boarding cards checked before entering the “plane”. They learned all about safety briefings, development of planes, the engineering behind planes, the trials and tribulations of working on plane and even how to make paper aeroplanes.

They were given the opportunity to ask questions and then received a goody bag of treats!



Year 5/6 Girls Football

Miss Murtagh will be running training sessions until the May half term with the normal team. Then after May half term she will be opening training sessions up to Year 4 and 5 girls alongside the Year 6 squad to encourage interest for the new year.

Tournament Update - Tuesday 29th April

The Year 5/6 girls travelled to Cardinal Newman last week to take part in the Freddie Driessen memorial cup. The girls all played wonderfully and we came out third overall! They all received a medal and were thrilled with the outcome. Thank you to all players and supporters who travelled.



Year 5/6 Boys Football

Mr Gray and Mr Sheridan will continue football training up until the May half term (Wednesday 13th May & Wednesday 21st May will be the final two sessions).

A very big thank you to both Mr Gray and Mr Sheridan for volunteering their own time this year to coach the boys, what a great season it has been!



Celebrating Peace and Harmony - International Day 2025

What a fantastic day it was! Students across all year groups came together to celebrate the vibrant diversity that makes our school so special. International Day was filled with energy, creativity, and learning as everyone embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in different cultures, traditions, and activities.

Throughout the day, students participated in a range of exciting activities with their year groups, from cultural workshops and games to cooking sessions and traditional dances. Each class shared stories, art, music, and even food from their home countries, offering a unique glimpse into the rich tapestry of cultures represented in our school community.

The highlight of the day was seeing our students enthusiastically engage with one another, discovering new perspectives and deepening their understanding of the world around them. It was truly a celebration of not just the differences, but also the shared values that unite us all.

A huge thank you to all students and staff for making International Day such a memorable event! It was a wonderful reminder of the importance of cultural exchange and the joy that comes with learning about and respecting the diverse backgrounds that shape our world











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

BRAND NEW CLUB

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



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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.

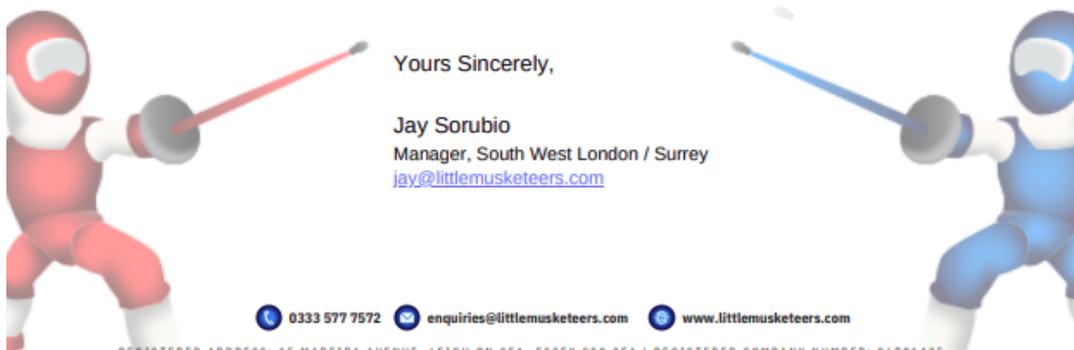
BOOKING DETAILS (please note that we have a new website and booking platform!)

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! 🗡️



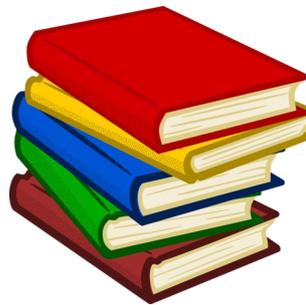
Charity Donation

Alexander in year 5 took on a reading challenge in the lead up to the Easter holidays. We are very proud to announce that Alexander worked hard on this challenge and read 14 books in the 5 weeks he allowed himself. He worked out that he read 5007 pages during this reading challenge!

Alexander's reading challenge is raising vital funds for Book Aid International. Book Aid International believes that everybody should have access to books. Every £2 that is raised will mean one book going to somebody around the world.

If you would like to help towards this very worthy cause, Alexander's mum has given us permission to share his Just Giving Page - https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicola-michael-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity.



Energy Efficiency Cookery Course

- Learn to cook healthy recipes with an air fryer.
- Receive your own air fryer to use at home on completion of the course.
- Reduce your ongoing energy consumption, using your new air fryer at home.
- The course aims to help residents who are experiencing fuel poverty and takes place at The Hub Englefield Green.

Course Details:

The course will run over three sessions and you need to be available for all three to apply.

- Friday 16th May, 10:30am to 12:30pm
- Tuesday 20th May, 10:30am to 12:30pm
- Friday 23rd May, 10:30am to 12:30pm



The Hub Englefield Green

How to book your place:

Contact Gulnar George on

Tel: 01784 557040 / 07721621878

Email: gulnar@thejourney.org.uk

* Please note places are limited.



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