



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 23rd May 2025

Dear All

This half term seems to have sped by! I can't quite believe that we are moving into the final part of this academic year.

Y1 started their week with a trip to Brooklands Museum to learn more about transport through the ages. They had an amazing time and had lots to see and do. Even the coach ride was an experience they enjoyed!

Bishop Richard sent the children a lovely letter this week to thank them for sharing a selection of messages they wrote to Pope Francis, following his passing, thanking him for all his wonderful work.

Thank you so much to the families who helped during our pledge day on Saturday. The amount of effort that went into the grounds- painting, gardening, mending - has made such a difference! We are so very grateful for your time.

Mrs Claassen and I had the pleasure of attending the Musician of the Year awards last night and enjoy performances from pupils across Xavier primary schools. There was such an array of talent and Amelia and Katie in Y5/6 represented us beautifully. Amelia went on to win the competition with what the judges described as 'a heartfelt performance'. Well done girls we are so proud!!

This afternoon we had a beautiful Marion procession led by our children and crowning Mary with flowers. The children were so respectful and it was such a lovely way to end our half term. Thank you again for all the flowers that families have brought in to make this month of Mary so special.

Two of our wraparound staff left today as they came to the end of their time at university. Miss Tae and Miss Kesharwani have been with us for nearly two years and the children were very sad to see them go. We thank them for taking such good care of our pupils.

In other staff news, Miss Puddle will be leaving us at the end of the year. We thank her for her time with us and wish her all the best in her new post. A new teacher, Miss Smith, will be replacing her in Year 2 and will be spending some time in school for a few days a week after half term. Also, Mr Kinnear, our caretaker will be stepping away from St Cuthbert's after supporting us whilst finding someone to replace him. Barry has been such an asset to our school and made so many improvements to our environment. We will be inviting him back to celebrate his time with us and thank him properly.

***In the season of Eastertide, 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.***

Have a lovely half term.

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 being part of a community and that our Parish or Church is also a community. We read the story 'A Handful of Buttons' about different types of families and communities and then used buttons to create our own pictures of the people in our family and community. In English we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We retold and then sequenced the story using picture cards, created story maps to tell the story through our own drawings and came up with our own ideas for different characters we could have had in the story, instead of the very hungry caterpillar. We also learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly and practised our cutting skills by creating our own lifecycle of a butterfly with pictures.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a brilliant week! It started off with an amazing trip to Brooklands (see more further down!). The children were so well behaved and really engaged and eager to learn. They all thoroughly enjoyed it. On Thursday, we went to mass in the church. Again, the children all behaved (and read) beautifully and should be really proud of themselves. On Friday, the children had a drama workshop which was brilliant. We have also completed our learning about the foundations of multiplication and division in maths. In RE, we learned all about Pentecost. The children had really insightful conversations about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the responsibility that comes with them. Well done year 1 on a fabulous week and enjoy your well-deserved break!

**Year 2:** In RE this week we have continued to focus on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. We quickly recapped what they were and discussed how we can live these out in our lives. In Art this week we created a plan for our house tile, annotating it with all the tools and techniques we will need. We then used this plan to create our final piece which will be ready to take home after half term. In computing we finished our digital music unit and the children in small groups created a musical pattern inspired by the music we have been focusing on the past few weeks.

**Year 3:** This half-term, we been busy with lots of exciting learning! In Maths, we've started a new unit - getting to grips with money: recognising coins and notes, making change, and solving money-related problems. In Science, we've explored how fossils are formed and what they can teach us about the history of our world. In Computing, the class had fun using Publisher to create posters for our Rocks, Soils, and Fossils unit, picking a strong rock to show off its looks, strength, and other cool features. In RSE, we've been learning about the Holy Trinity in Catholicism and thinking about how it helps guide our lives. It's been a term full of discovery and learning!

**Year 4:** Year 4 have been busy this week showing off their creative sides! In Art they used their abstract animal drawings to create a glue pattern on a piece of cotton, ready to paint after half term to create Glue Batik inspired by our artist William Morris. In English they have been using their diary toolkit to box up ideas to write their own diary entry. In maths they have started a new topic - Money. They have been applying their decimal knowledge in to writing money in pounds and pence, using a decimal point and making estimates with money. In Geography they explored two case studies about earthquakes that have happened recently in Japan and Indonesia. They learnt about the Richter scale and discussed what causes earthquakes and the damage they can cause. In RHE they discussed how to love others. They recognised the actions which make them feel loved and cared for and made a list of ways they can put their love in to action.

**Year 5:** In Year 5, RE has been looking closely at the gifts of the Holy Spirit and what these look like in action in modern day. The children created a symbol for one of the gifts and then wrote about their design with links to how this would look in every day life. In Maths, learning has continued on translation and reflection. This has been a tricky non numerical concept for many in the class. We will revisit it to ensure that the children understand how to translate and reflect accurately. History has been eye opening this week as we looked at the journey of Empire Windrush. This led onto discussions about refugees and the children researched refugees who have achieved well in our country. In Science, the class have been undertaking an experiment about shadows throughout the day and understand what this tells us about the Earth spinning on its axis. Computing was filled with fun this week as the class spent their time using their new found skills to create a logo design for a brand.

**Year 6:** What an exciting week in Year 6. The children took part in auditions for our end of year play, Oliver with a Twist. They were so articulate and resilient throughout the auditions and showed such wonderful respect for each other. Our RE lessons have focussed on Martyrs and Saints this week. We looked at the life of Saint Philip Howard and discussed how he inspired others to follow Jesus through his example and sacrifice. We also thought about how the lives of the Saints can inspire us today. We did some Geography fieldwork this week, walking a short loop around Englefield Green to see what services the village provide and how the services can be improved. On Friday morning we celebrated a lovely Mass at the Church with our Year 1 buddies. Well done to everyone who read or served, thank you for bringing your gifts and talents to our Mass.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

This weeks winner in Reception is **Neev**, for being brave and resilient by practising her piano playing at home so that she can play happy birthday for us in collective worship.

Year 1's winner is always respectful and responsible, well done **Albert**.

**Darcy** in year 2 for showing resilience and 110% effort to improve her reading comprehension skills.

**Lochlan** in year 3 for consistently showing respect in class and pair discussions, listening attentively, and valuing everyone's opinions, even when they differ from their own.

**Tobias** in year 4 for showing a great attitude to his learning especially in Maths.

**Jack** in year 5 for showing the value of articulation. He had some fantastic answers in History and Science this week. Thank you for your contributions Jack.

**Lilly N** in year 6 for showing great resilience during our Oliver auditions.

## Year 5/6 Boys Football Update:

- **Monday 16th June** Mr Gray and Mr Sheridan have organised a friendly against St. Jude's to be played on our field. St Jude's are bringing two teams so both Y5 & Y6 are included in this. Please let the school office know if your son is unable to attend. Good luck team St Cuthberts!

## Absence requests during term time

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

### Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

### Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West- Tel: 01483 518130

South West - Tel: 01483 517179

North East - Tel: 01372 833588

## Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

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

**Monday 2nd June** - Reception children to wear pirate themed clothing

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

**Tuesday 3rd June** - Year 1 local walk to the church (in school time)

**Wednesday 4th June** - Colour mufti day, raising funds for Missio. Further details to be emailed out after half term (EYFS & year 5 = RED, yrs 1&6 = BLUE, yrs 2&4 = YELLOW and yr 3 = GREEN)

**Thursday 5th June** - Year 4 Cricket Workshop at St John's Beaumont School (collection from St John's at 3:15pm)

**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 have been emailed to selected parents)

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

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

**Thursday 19th June** - Year 5 Netball Rally (selected children from netball club)

**Friday 20th June** - St Cuthbert's Got Talent

**Saturday 21st June** - Englefield Green village Fair

**Tuesday 24th June** - Sports Day (first choice)

**Wednesday 25th June** - Good Shepherd (details have been emailed to selected parents)

## Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

**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

**Thursday 3rd July** - St Thomas Day

**Friday 4th July** - Year 2 Tennis workshop in school (PE kit required)

**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 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

## Xavier Musician of the Year

On Thursday evening, Katie and Amelia represented St Cuthbert's at the Xavier Musician of the Year competition. It was a wonderful evening full of beautiful performances. We are very proud of both girls who did exceptionally well to perform in front of such a big audience. Amelia won the competition with her sensitive rendition of Someone You Love by Lewis Capaldi. Well done, Amelia!



## Year 1 Class Trip

Year 1 had a brilliant time in Brooklands museum this week. They started the day with a "loopy gliders" workshop where they made paper aeroplanes and got to race them outside! We then went on a self-led tour of the aircraft factory. Here we got to take part in interactive activities like shaping metal and designing aircrafts. We also saw the development of aeroplanes through the years and found the propellers especially cool. After that, we did a tour around the bus museum. The children got on buses from the 1960's and even a bus that served food on board. We finished off the day with a guided tour about lots of different aeroplanes and got to go on the Concorde! The children all had a fantastic time and found it really enriched their History learning about the greatest inventions.



## Photography Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the "Our Beautiful Borough" photography competition. The children have all embraced the challenge with eagerness. There were countless amazing entries that illustrated the beauty of nature. It was an extremely difficult choice to make but the whole school winner is Indi. Indi will now be entered into a borough wide competition, with the chance to win a £50 supermarket voucher. Again, well done to all involved and congratulations Indi!

**Whole school winner & year 5 winner - Indi**



This is a picture of a morning sunrise in Englefield Green. We take this long route to school and walk every morning to appreciate the natural beauty of the woodland and help prevent further impact on the environment by not using our car for the whole journey; which also helps keep our roads next to our school safer.



**Reception - Max**



**Year 1 - Ralph**



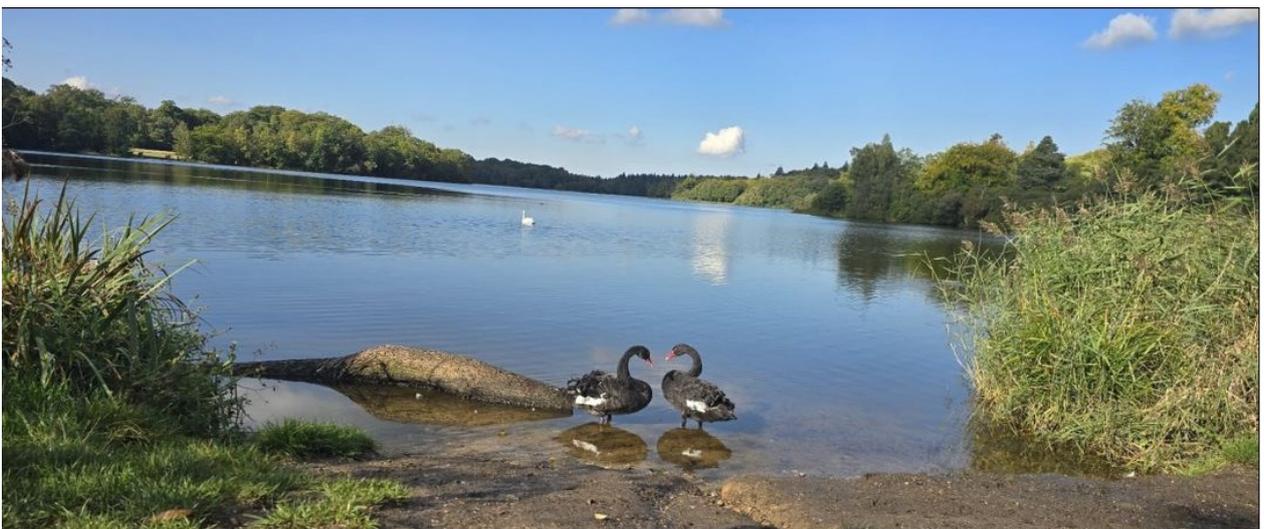
**Year 2 - Matthew**



**Year 3 - Christian**



**Year 4 - Izzie**



**Year 6 - Lilly N**

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Reception, Year 1 and 2 took part in Jungle Rumble drama workshops today, hosted by PERFORM. Details of their free trial class can be found on this flyer.



### Home-Start & Runnymede Family Centre

09.30am to 11.30am  
Tuesdays

10<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> June,  
1<sup>st</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> July

## Parenting Puzzle Course

Registration required

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