



# Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 6th June 2025

Dear All

Well, coming back into school and moving into June we were expecting better weather, but unfortunately we had our first wet playtime in a long while!

The Year 6 children were visited by teachers from Salesian on Monday to give them the opportunity to ask any questions they have about moving onto secondary school. The normal queries about detentions and amount of homework came up, but hopefully any worries they have were addressed.

Some of our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability this week to practice their skills riding on the roads. The instructors were very complementary about our pupils (as always) and appreciated their attention and focus when learning about important information.

We are looking forward to welcoming in visitors for BUDS morning next week next Friday 13th. The children always enjoy sharing their presentations as we move towards Fathers' Day. We will be holding activities in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 up until 10am and the rest of the school until 10.30am, so if you have children in the younger year groups, it would be advisable to visit them first and then move onto children in Y3 upwards.

Year 2's liturgy was lovely this morning - they really enjoyed sharing their learning with the rest of the school and parents. Their singing was amazing and they filled the hall with their beautiful voices! Well done Year 2! Thank you to the parents who were able to join us.

This week the Liturgy of the Word provides a deep dive into the Holy Spirit. Through the Scripture reading, children will discover that the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost is cause for celebration, leading to a prayerful invitation to be filled with the Spirit now!

***'And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."***

***When the day of Pentecost arrived ...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.'***

***John 20:22 & Acts 2:1,4***

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 about the life of Saint Peter and the story of him walking on water. We then explored floating and sinking in the water tray and the children thought of some describing words to explain what the water looked like, sounded like and felt like when they walked through it themselves! We started the week with our pirate dress up day. The children had great fun dancing and singing to pirate songs, creating their own pirate costumes in the art area and practising walking the plank on the pirate ship they built in the playground! We also learnt about some of the famous pirates in history and discovered that one of the only pirates to ever bury treasure shared a his name with someone in our Reception class. I wonder if any of the children can tell their families what it was?

**Year 1:** On Tuesday, the children had a tour of the church with Canon Chris. They saw all the behind the scenes and learned about how the church supports our community. Thank you Canon Chris for a wonderful morning. In RE, we have been learning all about the mission of the church. We thought about why Jesus gave us the gifts of the Holy Spirit and what he wants us to do with them. The children made posters about how they can spread the good news by living out our Catholic Social Teaching Principals. In DT, we have begun our journey to making smoothies. The children investigated different foods to identify whether they were fruits, or non-fruit. In Maths, we are finishing up our fraction's unit, the children have a good secure understanding of halves and quarters now. Well done, Year 1!

**Year 2:** In Year 2 we have had a very busy week. On Monday we began learning what a diary entry is and when people write them. We have imitated a model diary entry this week in preparation for our class innovated version next week. Tuesday brought around our new unit of learning in RE where we looked at the parable of the Good Samaritan through godly play, thought of wondering questions relating to the parable and then acted out the parable in small groups. All of this learning brought us to think about who the neighbour Jesus refers to. On Wednesday we started our science learning all about plants! We shared what we already knew about plants from year 1 in preparation for our next lesson where we will be investigating seeds and bulbs, and we will be planting them later in the unit. Any donations of pots, labelling equipment etc would be greatly appreciated to bring this unit alive. On Thursday in DT we started to learn how to sew using a running stitch and how to use a needle safely. On Friday we were lucky to have Canon Chris and his friends join us in the afternoon.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have had such an exciting first week back, full of fresh ideas and new adventures in learning! In Computing, we eagerly dived into coding on Scratch, creating their own little games and stories by programming characters to move and interact—it was wonderful to see faces light up as their ideas came to life on screen. In English, we've been sharpening our writing skills by crafting newspaper reports, adding direct speech to bring our stories to life with direct speech, making our writing really pop. Over in RE, the class started exploring a fascinating new unit about special places in Christianity, thinking about why certain locations hold such deep meaning and importance for people's beliefs. Meanwhile, in Geography, we began an exciting unit on coasts, chatting about what we already know, imagining what it would be like to live by the sea, and exploring the unique features that make coastal areas so special. It's been a joyful and inspiring week, full of curiosity and creativity!

**Year 4:** This week Year 4 have been super busy! In maths they have been using their reasoning skills to solve money word problems and started our new unit of work - time. In English they have been writing their diary entries taking inspiration from our Geography and RE topics. In RE we explored our new topic - Building Bridges. We discussed our long-term friendships and thought about why we made friends and why we stayed friends. In Art they used acrylic paint to paint over PVA glue batik designs. They used their mood boards from lesson 1 to inspire their choices of paint colour. In Geography we finished our earthquakes and volcanoes topic by making our very own volcanoes using an empty plastic bottle, strips of newspaper and PVA glue. Once they are dry, we will test the volcanos eruption...watch this space!

**Year 5:** In Year 5 this week we have continued our RE learning from last term. This week has been focusing on Mary the Mother of Jesus in her role as his disciple. The class have been thinking about what makes Mary an excellent role model for a person who has received their confirmation. In Science, the class were very excited to welcome their new pets - our curly caterpillars. We will be tracking these little guys on their life cycle journey over the new few weeks. In Geography, a new unit began based around trade. This week the class looked at where their uniform would have originated from around the world.

**Year 6:** This week in Year 6, we're diving into some exciting art projects! Our focus has been on creating stunning assemblage pieces inspired by the legendary artist Louise Nevelson. The children have been gathering materials and experimenting with different textures and forms, and we can't wait to see how their masterpieces turn out! We have been exploring report writing in the form of a biography. The children are exploring how they can use subheadings and including quotes, which brings their biographies to life in a captivating way. In RE, we've been discussing the virtue of charity. The class has generated some fantastic ideas on how we can put this into practice in our school and community. It's wonderful to see the children thinking about how they can make a positive impact!

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and **articulate**

**I** independence and **initiative**

**R** respect and **resilience**

This weeks winner in Reception is **Elliot**, for always treating our learning resources with respect and being a fantastic role model at tidy up time!

This weeks dojo winner in Year 1 has been working so hard on her writing and produced some beautiful sentences in her last big write. Keep up the good work, **Elizabella**.

**Sebastian T** has won this week's aware in Year 2 for his excellent effort when practising the class liturgy.

**Joshua** in Year 3 for working hard on his newspaper report writing and showing great resilience in improving his hand-writing and presentation across all subjects.

**Lily** in Year 4 for growing in confidence and challenging herself in English and maths.

**Olivia S** in Year 5 for putting in 100% effort to her Maths learning this past week. She really is showing the values of resilience and independence in this area of her learning. Well done.

**Leo** in Year 6 for excellent participation in all lesson and being very articulate when doing so.

## 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!

## Girls Football Update:

I am opening girl's football training to all year 4, 5 and 6 girls who would like to play to gauge (and increase) interest for next year's squad! All experience levels are welcome. We will be training on Thursdays (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July), from 3:20 - 4:20pm. Parents are to collect from the gate by the field. Thank you, Miss Murtagh

## Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

**Monday 9th June** - 9am Pentecost Mass in the school hall, parents welcome to attend

**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 (children in this house are welcome to wear their house t-shirt)

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

**Friday 11th July** - St Benedict Day (children in this house are welcome to wear their house t-shirt)

**Tuesday 15th July** - Year 6 play

**Wednesday 16th July** - 2:45pm choir concert in the school hall. Parents welcome to watch if their child is performing

**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 13th June Year 4

Friday 20th June Year 3

Friday 27th June Year 2

Friday 4th July Year 1

Friday 11th July EYFS

## Year 1 Church Visit



## Great Big Green Week Photography Competition

Indi's beautiful picture of an Englefield Green sunrise was the winner of our whole-school photography competition - Our Beautiful Borough. As Indi won, her photograph was entered into an under 18's borough wide photography competition, to celebrate The Great Big Green Week. I am delighted to say that Indi was selected as winner by a panel of judges! The panel loved the way that the sunlight came through the trees in this photo and the story behind it. Many congratulations to Indiana on this achievement as I've been told they had many high-quality entries to the competition this year. Indi will now attend an award ceremony with the Mayor where she will receive a £50 supermarket voucher and her photo will be on display in the Civic Centre! Well done 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.**



# SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

RACING TO ZERO SUMMER MILE FAMILY RACEDAY  
SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Pack up a picnic and enjoy action-packed family time while raising money for your school. The thrilling racing takes centre stage on the track and there's endless adventure for younger racegoers. Saddle up for a pony ride, take a spin on the Ferris wheel or swing into a round of mini golf. There's also the chance to master some circus tricks, twirl your way through a maypole workshop and much more.

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# Princess Alice Hospice Summer Fete & Dog Show

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Games

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Foods

Dog  
Show

Artisan  
Stalls

Sunday 15 June

12:30pm - 4:00pm



## Sandown Park Racecourse

Fete is £3 entry (Under 5s FREE)

Dog Show competitors – advance online registration  
£5 per category (£7 on the day).

[www.pah.org.uk/fete](http://www.pah.org.uk/fete)



Princess Alice  
Hospice



## 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

Free course run by Runnymede Family Centre.

Having children is rewarding, but it can also be stressful.

Learn how to deal with the challenges of parenting using a positive approach, for a calmer, happier home life in this five week course.

This will be held at the  
Tesco Community Room, Tesco Addlestone,  
117 Station Road, Addlestone, KT15 2AS

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