



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 13th June 2025

Dear All

Well it certainly has been a busy week! The summer term is speeding past with all the activities and events that are taking place!

The whole school started the week on Monday with mass to mark Pentecost and then Reception and Year 5 took part in a buddy mass on Tuesday at the church. It was lovely to see our youngest children standing up in mass to ready so beautifully, with their role models alongside them.

The Year 4 children have been completing their multiplication times tables check. They have worked so hard and given their best to the tests this week - they really do deserve to achieve success.

Also some of our youngest children have been completing their phonic screening check to see how well they know their sounds. They have been doing so well and we are so proud of them.

District sports was a great success. Our children continue to excel in their sporting ability and achieved first place. We are so proud of their efforts and the way in which they supported one another throughout the events of the day.

There have been auditions taking place for the St Cuthbert's Got Talent Show that is taking place next Friday 20th. The children have so many talents to share and I am just glad that I am not being asked to judge the winner!!

Year 4 enjoyed cricket workshops at St John's Beaumont School yesterday afternoon and parents were treated to a display to round off the events. They really enjoyed their time and the opportunity to learn new skills.

BUDS morning was a great success today and once again we had such an amazing turn out from all the family members. The children put on stunning performance to mark Father's Day and it was a delight to see so many adults then supporting pupils in the classrooms. Thank you for everyone who was able to attend and many thanks to the PTA who provided bacon sandwiches, tea and coffee!

Finally, can I ask parents to be careful when considering whether or not to send their children into school if they are not well. We believe that attendance is very important, but we do have pupils with suppressed immune systems who need to be protected from certain viruses. Please contact the office if you need advice in such matters.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus explains that He wants to share more with His friends, including understanding the mystery of who God is. This coming week the children will learn that to help, Jesus sends us His Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth of God's way.

***At that time: Jesus said to His disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth..."***

***John 16:12-13***

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

## The Week That Was

**Year R:** This week Reception have been learning about Saint Paul and the story of how he changed his ways and started to write lots of letters to tell everyone about Jesus. We then shared our own ideas for what we thought people should know about Jesus and made our own drawings and messages all about him. In English we have been continuing to read the story Tiddler, we all thought of different tales that Tiddler could have told and then drew pictures and wrote sentences about our ideas. This week we have also been working hard to learn our song for BUDs day and create presents and cards for the Dads, Grandads and Uncles in our lives. We hope you enjoyed the assembly, well done Reception!

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a very busy week! They have all completed our phonics screening checks. Everybody tried their best and did really well. Thank you to parents for extra work done at home. In RE this week, Year 1 have been learning about all the different types of Christians. We have been discussing our big Christian family! In English this week, the children have begun their independent big write. They are doing diary entries and are all making brilliant progress, making sure to write in the past tense. The children created bar charts in Science to display Year 1's favourite pets. They collected data and displayed it appropriately. Well done Year 1 on an amazing week!

**Year 2:** Thank you to everyone who attended BUDs day the children had so much fun creating their textiles pouches. In History we have begun to think about seaside holiday's then and now and thought about questions we can ask our visitor next week to draw out similarities and differences. In RE we thought about how we can serve others in the local community and linked this to some local charities.

**Year 3:** This week in Year 3, we have been busy and enthusiastic learners! In Maths, we explored the unit of 'Time', from reading analogue clocks to solving real-life problems involving years, months, days, hours and minutes. In English, we began an exciting new unit on suspense stories—together we shared creative ideas to design and build our class story map. In RE, we continued learning about Special Places of Worship around the world and reflected on how these connect to our own place of worship in the community. During Computing, we had lots of fun using Scratch, applying coding blocks to guide our sprite through a maze from start to finish!

**Year 4:** Year 4 have had a busy week! In maths they have been working hard to convert analogue time to digital time. Over the week everyone completed the Multiplication Check, well done to each of you, we are all very proud of your efforts. We started our new Science topic human nutrition with lots of discussion about how we digest our food. On Thursday we went to St John's Beaumont for a cricket workshop. They all had so much fun and there are some potential cricket players in our group! In RE we discussed what our conscience is and used the title 'Building Bridges' to describe how Christians can build 'bridges' of friendship and goodness through their thoughts and actions. We had great fun learning our song for the BUDS performance and enjoyed having those that could join us this morning for some biscuit taste testing for our introductory DT lesson.

**Year 5:** In RE, the children researched a saint and gave example of how this person led a life of discipleship. In English, the class wrote and rehearsed limericks for a special day - BUDS. We hope you like them. In Maths, learning about decimals has continued and the children have been learning about adding and subtracting decimals with different numbers of decimal places. In Science, the class used their homework research about Jane Goodall to supplement their lesson based on life cycles. Our caterpillars are growing well and a few have even moved to the lid of their home whilst they get ready for their next stage of their life cycle. It was lovely to see the BUDS in on Friday. Thank you for supporting the children with their space artwork.

**Year 6:** Firstly, a big well done to Year 6 for coming first in their category at District Sports! What an amazing achievement, and we are so proud of all your efforts. This week in Art, we got creative and completed our memory boxes, which turned out beautifully. It's always wonderful to see the students express their thoughts and feelings through their artwork.

In maths, we've been busy with an exciting project where we pretended to run our own bakery. The children got hands-on experience in calculating how much of each ingredient they needed for their delightful treats, as well as understanding profit and loss. They also learned how to scale recipes up and down and even worked on figuring out the area to determine the size of packaging.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

This week's winner in Reception is **Maria C** for being articulate during our BUDs rehearsals. Well done for signing so beautifully.

Year 1's winner is **Angelo** for working so hard in preparation for his phonics screening check. Well done, Angelo. Keep up the good work!

**Harrison** in Year 2 for ensuring he is always ready for all his learning!

**Eleanor** in Year 3 for articulation, contributing her ideas thoughtfully and speaking with confidence during class discussion.

Well done to everyone in **Year 4** for completing the multiplication check. You have worked so hard learning your timetables, you should all be super proud of your efforts!

**Mia W** in Year 5 for being so articulate when completing her home learning consistently during your time in year five. Mrs Gray always enjoys her creative videos.

Our Dojo winner in Year 6 this week is **Enzo**, for showing our fair value of Faith by actively including others in games.

## 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 16th June** - Year 6 Bikeability (week 2 of 2) . Bikes to be brought to school on Monday, they can be left here until Friday.

**Monday 16th June** - Year 3 + selected year 5 children to go swimming (x5 weeks, finishing on Monday 14th July)

**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). Timings as follows:

- 10:45 - 12pm EYFS and KS1 running races. Families invited to watch.
- 12 - 1pm picnic lunch on the field. All families invited. Children who have a hot school lunch will receive this in a takeaway container to enjoy on the field (burger, vegetable sticks & a cookie).
- 1:10 - 3:10pm KS2 running races. Families invited to watch.

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

**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

**Saturday 28th June** - Faith in Action Awards (selected parents have been emailed)

## Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

**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 20th June Year 3

Friday 27th June Year 2

Friday 4th July Year 1

Friday 11th July EYFS

## Term Dates Sept 2025 – July 2026

### Autumn Term

Term Starts	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
Term Ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025 (St Francis Xavier Day)

### Spring Term

Term Starts	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Term Ends	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Summer Term

Term Starts	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Term Ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026

*Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised in term time and the Local Authority may impose fines for unauthorised absences.*

*Finish times: half term = 3:20pm, end of full term = 1:15pm*

## Term Dates Sept 2026 – July 2027

### Autumn Term

Term Starts	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026
Half Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026
Term Ends	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026 Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2026 Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 (St Francis Xavier Day)

### Spring Term

Term Starts	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Term Ends	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2027

### Summer Term

Term Starts	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
Half Term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
Term Ends	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2027 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	

*x2 more inset days TBC*

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## Faith in Action Colour Mufti Day

### Faith in Action

Our Faith in Action group have been working hard all of this year to show their faith in action. They wanted to make an impact and so suggested having a Mufti Day in aid of Mission Together - a charity they feel close to after many years of supporting it at St. Cuthbert's.

They asked the children to dress in the colours of the Mission Together logo. This brought so much joy and filled our school with colour.

In total, they raised **£241**. Wow! What an achievement. Well done to the group.

## District Sports 2025

On Wednesday 11th June, school took over 40 of our KS2 children to district sports at the Xcel Sports Centre in Walton.

The children ran, threw and jumped their way to success and finished joint first overall school. We tied with Holy Family on a staggering 201 points.

The year groups placement;

Year 3 - 1st place

Year 4 - 4th place

Year 5 - 2nd place

Year 6 - 1st place

The staff and volunteers were so proud of our children, not only with their performances but with their attitudes to winning and losing. The day was filled with smiles, laughter and cheer.

A big thank you to the volunteers, Mrs Heffernan and Mrs Price who managed the finish line - not something for the faint hearted. Three cheers to the families who were able to support too. The children loved to hear the support from the stadium.



## EYFS and Y5 buddy Mass

On Tuesday EYFS and Y5 met at the Church for their Summer Buddy Mass. Every child made us so proud as they worshipped respectfully, sung beautifully and even joined in with the sung Alleluia and Great Amen with such gusto for a small group. As always, thank you to Canon Chris for leading the Mass so well. He was particularly impressed by our readers in both year groups. For EYFS it was a huge milestone to read in Church for the very first time and they spoke beautifully.



## Pledge Day

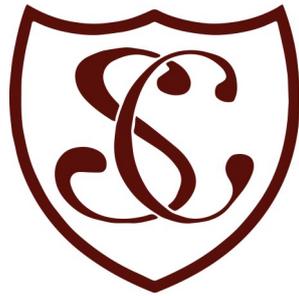
On Saturday 17th May, our school community came together as part of our Pilgrims of Hope Pledge to neaten up our school grounds. We were so fortunate to have an excellent team of volunteers who were able to put the gardening tools to good use to clear old planters and give them a new lease of life. Seeds were sown, bedding plants were put in place, broken planter beds were mended and many more jobs achieved. A huge thank you to the PTA and families who bought seeds, plants, tools and many other items from our Amazon Wish List. We are extremely grateful for your support - as always.



## Instagram

If you don't already, please be sure to follow our school Instagram page

**@stcuthbertsschool**



This is an invaluable resource to share upcoming dates, reminders and showcase everything that is going on in school

Say cheese!