



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 13th June 2025

Dear All

We said a proper goodbye to Barry on Monday and the children, staff and parents had the opportunity to thank him for all he has done for St Cuthbert's. Thank you to the PTA who came along to be part of his assembly as well!

On Tuesday, the children from Reception up to Year 3 were treated to a 'Brickies' workshop as part of The Big Green week. They had to design and build ecological schools with Lego and we were lucky enough to have the Mayor of Runnymede visit and take part in the Year 1 workshop!

Our netball team took part in a rally on Thursday afternoon. They worked so well as a team and played 6 matches - which was challenging in the heat! Well done to all of them.

The St Cuthbert's Got Talent Show was such a delight today! We had so many talented children audition and the finalists performed on stage to the rest of the school. Thank you to Mrs Farraj who organised the whole event!

This Saturday is the Englefield Green Fair and St Cuthbert's have a stall which will be manned by teachers and PTA. Please pop along and see us!

We have Sports Day for all the children on Tuesday and we are hoping that the weather will have cooled down, however can you make sure the children have sun cream applied before school (and to last the day) hats and their water bottle please.

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus saw the peoples' need, prayed and provided through an unbelievable miracle. Today He continues to provide for our hunger and need, especially in the Eucharist. Children will understand how we can offer the 'loaves and fishes' of our time, talents and prayer to Jesus. They will discover that He multiplies our offering and fills us with His love.

'And taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to Heaven and said a blessing over them. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.'

Luke 9:16

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

The Week That Was

Year R: This week Reception have been listening to the story of Saint Phillip and the Ethiopian. We talked about how happy the man from Ethiopia felt once he had heard all of the good news about Jesus and about the start of the first Church in Ethiopia. We looked at some of the art created by people in Ethiopia, sharing the good news and tried to recreate some of the styles of the pictures in our own pictures of Jesus. In Literacy we have been looking at poems all about under the sea creatures in the book "Commotion in the Ocean". Each day we listened to the different poems and tried to listen out for the describing words that gave us clues about the sea creature and had to guess which one we thought was being described. In maths we have been practising grouping, we completed challenges by putting different amounts of objects into groups to see how many groups we could make with each of the different quantities.

Year 1: Year 1 have had a brilliant week. In RE, we continued our learning about Christianity and got into some really interesting conversation about the different Abrahamic religions. The children were really respectful and engaged. In DT, we have been practising our cutting and juicing skills in preparation for making our smoothies. In English, we have been studying a biography of Julia Donaldson. This will allow the children to understand the structures and features so they can write their own biography as their last big write in Year 1, for their new teacher to read in September. We also took part in a Brickies workshop this week, and the mayor visited! She was very impressed with Year 1's creativity, listening skills and team work. Well done Year 1 on a fabulous week.

Year 2: Newsletter - Year 2 have had a very exciting week this week. We begun the week with 2 visitors. One of the visitors, Sacha spoke to the children about her Christian worldview and we discussed the similarities and differences between the two faiths. Our other visitor was a grandparent who discussed with the children what their seaside holidays were like when they were younger and we compared it to our seaside holidays we go on now. On Tuesday, the children participated in a brickies workshop where they created eco friendly school plans out of Lego including wind turbines, lots of trees and ponds. In English the last 3 weeks the children have been writing diary entries, this week they wrote their independent piece based on a fairytale character of their choice. To finish the week we all watched the St. Cuthberts got talent finalist show. Well done to the Y2 children who participated.

Year 3: This month, Year 3 has been buzzing with excitement and creativity! In English, we've been diving into suspenseful storytelling, using powerful verbs and "magpying" interesting vocabulary from our model text to make our own writing pop. In Maths, we've been mastering time, solving duration problems, and exploring angles and turns—learning all about shapes, directions (clockwise and anticlockwise), and the different types of angles. Over in Geography, we've become coastal detectives, investigating how coastal regions change with the seasons and through time. In Guided Reading, we're thoroughly enjoying *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, where we're not only loving the story but also honing our comprehension skills. It's been a month packed with hands-on learning, and we can't wait for the next adventure!

Year 4: In Year 4 we have been learning about how attitudes towards crime have changed over time in History. In Science we have been exploring how the digestive system functions and explaining how food breaks down at every stage. In Maths we have started a new unit topic - Geometry - Angles and 2D Shapes. We have been exploring right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles using kung fu moves. In RHE we started learning about the world around us. We explored similarities and differences between lifestyles, situations and experiences of two children from Malawi, thinking about how we can live our lives with care and consideration for others, doing what we can to help create a fair and equal society.

Year 5: In Year 5 this week, the class continued their new RE unit based around other faiths. This term the class will be looking at Judaism, in relation to Christianity. This week the class were introduced to the TaNaKH and made comparisons between this and the Bible. In Maths the class continued their learning about decimals and were able to multiply and divide these numbers by 10,100 and 1000. In RSE the class are inspired by the One World unit. This week they learnt about different types of energy that can replace fossil fuels. Well done to those children who found out all about energy saving light bulbs - an in class challenge that was posed to them.

Year 6: What a fantastic week we've had at school! A huge well done to all our Year 6 students for completing their final Bikeability week. It's been brilliant to see everyone gain confidence and skills on their bikes—great job, everyone! In addition, we've started an exciting new Design Technology unit focused on food. The kids are buzzing with enthusiasm, and I can't wait to dive into some cooking later this term. There will be plenty of opportunities to whip up some delicious dishes, so watch this space! On another note, rehearsals for "Oliver with a Twist" are in full swing, and the performances are shaping up to be absolutely delightful. The enthusiasm from our talented cast is infectious, and I'm sure it's going to be a show to remember. Lastly, our Maths project is off to a lively start as students embark on designing their very own theme park! It's a fun and engaging way to apply their learning, and I can't wait to see their imaginative ideas come to life.

Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

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.

Friday 27th June - Mufti Day

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

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)

Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

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

Brickies Workshops in aid of the Great Big Green Week

KS1 and Year 3 took part in Brickies workshops, all in aid of the Great Big Green Week. The children had to build ecological schools and had amazing ideas like wind turbines, solar panels and even a swing powered hot tub for the teachers! Their creativity really shone. We were also very lucky to have a special visitor at one of the workshops, The Mayor of Runnymede, Magaret Harnden. Madam Mayor took part in Year 1's workshops and was very impressed with the children's creativity and behaviour.



Scooters/Bikes



We are accepting pre-loved scooters and bikes that would be suitable for Reception children. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you would like to donate.

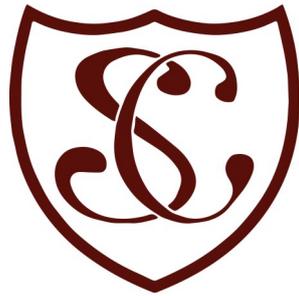
Mufti Day– Charity fundraiser

For the school council's final charity fundraiser the children had to research a local charity they would like to raise money for. Their chosen charity is the village centre which houses the community fridge, baby basics and The Child Contact centre all under one roof. To raise money the school council decided on a mufti day which will take place Friday 27th June. Further details to follow on how to donate .

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!