



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 27th June 2025

Dear All

Our prayers were answered with the weather for our Sports Day on Tuesday. The children had a great day and I was most impressed with the team spirit and kindness I saw from our wonderful children when their friends needed support. The day ran beautifully and we had joint house winners - St Thomas and St Cecelia!! The only hiccup was with the picnic lunch as the kitchen encountered last minute issues with their supplies. Thank you to Mrs Gray for organising and to all the family members who were able to attend and cheer the participants on!

Members of our school council attended the Good Shepherd mass at Arundel Cathedral on Wednesday where schools from the diocese gathered to share their Pilgrims of Hope pledges about caring for our environment and look after our world.

Yesterday the Y2,3 and 4 children came together for a buddy mass at the church. This is such a lovely time for the children to worship and celebrate St Peter and St Paul's Day and the Y3's First Holy Communion. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

This morning we had an assembly from Egham library to encourage all the children to take part in the Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. The children were told all about accessing the challenge by visiting the library or going online. We would love to celebrate any pupils who complete the challenge in our celebration assemblies in September.

Next Tuesday, the children will be moving up into their new classes for the day. This will give them the opportunity to get to know their new teacher a little more before September. Miss Smith who will be joining our team and teaching Year 2 will be with us for the day and we have a slight change in Y1 as Miss Murtagh reduces her working days to 3 per week and Mrs Mason steps in and returns to teaching to join us 2 days a week alongside her.

This week we look to Peter and Paul, who both have unique roles to play in the mission of the Church. Peter is the rock on which Jesus would build the Church, and Paul leads Jesus' missionary work through his letters and teaching. Both are heroic followers of Jesus who we can be inspired by.

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church..."

Matthew 16:16-18.

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 reading the story "If Jesus Came to Visit Me" and continuing our learning about being a friend of Jesus. We thought about what we would do if Jesus came to visit us. Where would we take him? What would we ask him? What gift would we give him? We then painted and drew our ideas for where we would like to take him and the gifts we would give to him, as well as writing questions we would like to ask him using our Fred talk. We have also been reading the story "My Granny is a Pirate". We turned our family members into pirates and thought of words we could use to describe them. In maths we have been practising counting on to find the answer and using a number tack to help us.

Year 1: Year 1 have had a very busy week this week! Sports day went brilliantly and all children had an amazing day, their sportsmanship was commendable. The children have also sat their NFER assessments this week. They were resilient and persistent, taking their time and re-reading their answers. They have all done really well. In Geography we have been learning all about animals and their habitats. The children have learned about whale sharks and their migration to the Ningaloo Reef. We made our own Ningaloo Reefs on paper plates. In DT, we have been tasting different flavour combinations to choose our ingredients for our smoothies. The children had some very interesting reactions! Well done, Year 1

Year 2: This week in RE we have researched how the Christian community helps charities in our local area. We used some of the fundraising ideas we do in school to inform our posters about this. This week also meant the children completing their end of year assessments. They faced this week with extreme determination and should be very proud of themselves. On another note, Tuesday was sports day and it was lovely to see all the children coming together and cheer on their house and they all showed great sportsmanship. In Science this week we thought about what plants need to survive and what happens to plants when they grow under different conditions.

Year 3: In Year 3, we've had a fun and busy week filled with exciting learning across our subjects! In Computing, we explored Scratch and used coding blocks with the pencil extension to create digital drawings. We investigated how to use a programming extension and had great discussions about which blocks to use and how they work together to make the sprite move and draw. In Maths, we continued our Turns and Angles unit, learning how to identify and compare right, acute, and obtuse angles. We enjoyed solving angle problems and using our knowledge to spot angles in real-life objects around us. In RE, we started our new topic on Islam. We explored how Muslims pray, the meanings behind their actions, and why the mosque is such an important place of worship in the Islamic faith.

Year 4: Year 4 have had a very busy week this week! We started the week off with a reading assessment, having to read 3 different texts and answer lots of questions using all of our skills we have learnt over the year in Guided Reading to answer them. In RE we discussed penance and absolution with some fantastic role play to help us to understand what the priest says to us during this time. We had an amazing Sports day supporting each other and our houses, with a picnic lunch being the highlight for lots of us! We completed arithmetic and reasoning assessments for Maths. I am very proud of how hard the children have worked on these. We had a DT day, baking and tasting our very own biscuits. We followed a recipe and started to budget and create our own biscuits in groups. We celebrated The Feast of St Peter and St Paul at mass on Thursday. The children were reverent in Church and represented St Cuthberts really well. In Science we have been learning about how many different types of teeth humans have and used modelling clay to make a 3D model of our mouths.

Year 5: What a busy week for Y5. The children started their week with continuing their DT project on building bridges. They used wooden doweling this week to build right structures using triangles for strength. On Tuesday, the class participated in Sports Day but had a little bit of time to complete some maths based on negative numbers. The children have been learning to count forwards and backwards through zero. In English, the class have been writing their draft version on their big write based on an explanation text. In Computing the class continued exploring Scratch to be able to create a quiz.

Year 6: What a fantastic week it has been in Year 6! Our students truly shone at Sports Day, leading their houses with enthusiasm and spirit in their war cries. It's incredible to see their team spirit come alive! In our Theme Park Maths project, we've been knee-deep in calculations, working out our daily running costs and creating a realistic marketing budget. The level of engagement has been brilliant, and the children are really applying their skills! Rehearsals for "Oliver with a Twist" are going swimmingly! The excitement is palpable as we edge closer to performance day, with just a few more song words to be memorised. In Religious Education, we've been delving into Catholic Social Teaching, which has led to some thoughtful discussions. We also kicked off our Abridge transition project, exploring Visio Divina—a beautiful form of prayer that encourages reflection and spirituality.

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

This weeks winner in Reception is **Samuel**, for lovely articulate answers in our RE lesson this week.

This weeks' dojo winner has worked so hard during our tests, he made sure to Fred talk every word and never gave up. Well done, **Arthur** in Year 1!

Otylia in Year Two for having great pride in her work.

Connor in Year 3 for showing excellent sportsmanship by supporting others, playing fairly, and demonstrating our school value of respect throughout Sports Day.

Rosie in Year 4 for always setting an outstanding example in class, working hard with a positive attitude and challenging herself further with her learning.

Harrison in Year 5 for the value of respect through listening to teacher feedback and acting upon it to improve his handwriting.

Vilte in Year 6 for showing respect and resilience in all lessons.



Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

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)

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

Thursday 10th July - Year 3 class trip to Runnymede

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

Monday 14th July - Year 6 dress rehearsal in school

Tuesday 15th July - Year 6 play at 6:30pm, children to be in school at 5:30pm

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 4th July Year 1

Friday 11th July EYFS

Girls Football

We have one more week left of open football training for any girls in Year 4, 5 and 6 who want to come along and join in, on the 3rd of July. There will be no more football training after that this year. It is from 3:20 to 4:20 and parents are to collect by the field gate. Also, please can any remaining kits be returned from our squad this year. Thank you for all your support with the girls team. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. All the best, Miss Murtagh

Sports Day 2025

Sports Day 2025 was an amazing success and a huge thank you to our children and their families for making it such a special day by being in keeping with our school FAIR values. A special thank you to the PTA for providing well needed orange slices for the children and a refreshing ice pop to finish the day.

Field events

Brought into the schedule in 2024, the field events were successful again this year. The children jumped, threw and bounced their way to victory. Every child participated in every field event to make a cumulative total for each house.

EYFS and KS1

The children enjoyed their early experiences of competing in front of their families. They loved carrying bean bags on their heads, participating in the traditional egg and spoon and even doing their best baton handovers in a relay. All children did incredibly well and we were so proud of them all.

Picnic lunch

The weather was in our favour and enabled us to enjoy a picnic lunch on the field. Thank you to the kitchen for boxing up the burgers so they could be eaten alfresco with families.

KS2 races

It was a competitive afternoon for our older children. They enjoyed their races, especially the longer 200m and obstacle races. The relays were tense with some close finishes. Displays of sportsmanship were seen throughout the afternoon and just like the younger children, they made the staff all so proud.

We are already planning 2026! Let's hope the weather gets the memo again...

The Good Shepherd

Our Y6 School Council members represented St. Cuthbert's School today at the Diocese Good Shepherd celebration. The children were so proud to carry the school banner and to offer up the school Pilgrim of Hope pledge. The girls were beaming with pride when they saw the huge cheque being presented to Mission Together. The Lenten Sales, that they organised with the rest of the school council, raised over £700 which made a huge contribution to the £6000 cheque given to the diocese from the schools. All four of us were so proud to see Mr Ellson play the piano at the event too and to finish off the day, the girls got to meet the Bishop! It was a fantastic day all round.



Buddy Mass

On Thursday 26th June, Years 2, 3 and 4 gathered at the Church for a special Buddy Mass to mark the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, which falls this weekend. It was a beautiful occasion that brought the school community together in prayer and reflection.

This Mass was especially meaningful for our Year 3 children as we also celebrated their First Holy Communion. We are incredibly proud of the reverence, joy and maturity they showed during the service. A big thank you to all the staff and families who supported them on their journey of faith.

As part of their preparation, the Year 3 children have been working hard on their **Faith Plates** – a creative and personal expression of their spiritual reflections and learning. These special keepsakes will be delivered next week and are sure to be treasured at home.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration so special!



Hot Weather

With the hot weather we have been experiencing and are forecast to have next week, we wanted to remind you of some key points to ensure the safety of all children whilst at school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing suncream, has a sunhat with them, and a water bottle. The children have access to water throughout the day and are encouraged to fill their bottles up regularly.

Our staff are very vigilant at break and lunchtime and encourage the children to play in shaded areas.

Health England provide some very useful information for staying safe in the hot weather, please read using the following link - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather>

It is vitally important we all play our part in keeping our children safe and healthy during this hot weather.



Summer Reading Challenge

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Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



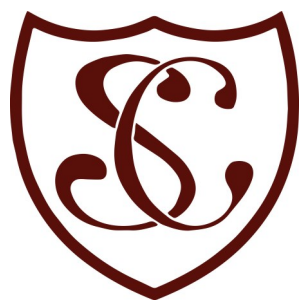
Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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!