



## Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 4th July 2025

Dear All

The Year 6 children were given a taste of secondary maths on Monday as a teacher from Salesian came to teach a calculator workshop. The children were given lots of puzzles to solve and activities to help them use a scientific calculator.

Moving up day was a great success and it was lovely to see how excited the children were on their way into new classrooms. The smiles continued throughout the day and it was lovely to see what a positive experience they had.

We have been very grateful for the air-conditioning units this week (thank you to the PTA!) and now have enough for one between two classrooms which has kept the temperature down significantly. For the first two days of this week, whilst the heat was at its highest, some children brought hand held fans in which we were happy to overlook in these extreme circumstances, however I would ask that moving forward these are not used in class as they are quite distracting for the children.

Thank you so much for your responses to the letter regarding Smartphones which went out this week. Many parents have voiced their support for this move and we are glad to work alongside you for the good of our pupils.

Jesus' disciples were amazed at what they could do in the power of Jesus' name. But Jesus reminded them not to rejoice because of what they could do, but because God called them His children! In the Liturgy of the Word this coming week, children will be inspired to know that with Jesus they too can do incredible things in His name, and whilst they may find reward on Earth, their real reward waits for them in Heaven.

***'Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.'***

***Luke 10:20***

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rainbow  
Head of School

***"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 were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Kingston to teach us all about Islam. We learnt all about going to the Mosque to pray, about the celebration of Eid and about the values and beliefs of Islam. The children were very interested and asked lots of great questions about what Mrs Kingston was telling us. In our English learning we have been reading the story "The Troll". We designed our own troll soup for the pirates and wrote a list of ingredients to go in the soup. Some of the ingredients were yummy that we thought the pirates would like, some of them were not so nice, like spiders and worms! In maths we have been learning about numerical patterns using numbers to 20. We practised counting forwards and backwards from 20 and played lots of games to help us with our counting.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a really productive week. In RE, we have been learning all Judaism. We had a workshop with the Jewish museum in London and the children participated really well. We got to see a Torah scrolls and learned lots of Hebrew words. In Maths, we have begun our learning about money. The children have been recognising coins and notes of different values. In Science this week, we learned about how animals are classified by their behaviour - like what they eat. We made Venn diagrams of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. In English, we have been story mapping a biography all about us for our new teacher in September. In Geography, we learned all about a day in the life of an African elephant. Well done Year 1 on a great week!

**Year 2:** On Monday we started our new writing unit on narrative stories. We listened to the story of Goldilocks and the three bears and incorporated drama to bring the story telling to life. On Tuesday the children had their transition day, they were all excited to tell me what they had done in Year 3. On Wednesday this week we joined in with a sports festival organised by the sports crew, the children worked cooperatively. On Thursday in RE we have begun to look at the Jewish faith and linking this to Jesus' worldview. On Friday afternoon we were lucky to have Wentworth Tennis Club in to run a session about tennis for the children which they really enjoyed.

**Year 3:** We've had such a fun and exciting week in Year 3! Our swimming session on Monday was amazing—especially in this heat, it was the perfect way to cool down and a fantastic start to the week. On Tuesday, we had our transition day, which was incredibly fun as we moved into the Year 4 classroom, met our new teacher, and took part in a number of exciting activities and games, including helping to design some artistic pieces for the new displays. Then on Wednesday, both Year 2 and Year 3 joined together for a brilliant Sports Festival run by the Sports Crew. We went around a carousel of activities in groups, taking part in each fun event—huge thanks to the Sports Crew for organising such an incredible day! It's certainly been a very eventful week, all while completing our learning too—we've especially enjoyed writing suspenseful stories in English and recognising and describing 2D shapes in Maths.

**Year 4:** In Year 4 this week we have been exploring a new text type in English. We have looked at an explanation text, story mapped it and boxed it up. Now we are ready to start creating our own explanation texts. We have reflected on our Building Bridges topic in RE thinking carefully about what we can do to examine our own conscience and to reconcile with those around us and God. In RHE we have looked at differences between people across the world and thought about how it would feel if we were not allowed to do the things we get to do, like go to school and have the houses we have.

**Year 5:** In Year 5 this week. The children have been learning about how the covenant of Abraham links both the Christian and Jewish Faiths. In Science they went for a safari walk around the grounds to see any evidence of life cycles. Trade is still the topic of conversation in Geography and this week the children were discussing the pros and cons of home grown food vs supermarket chain bought. In Maths, the children have been using their full brain to convert units - some tricky work with converting mm into km! In English, the class are studying a model text based on how to use speech effectively in a story.

**Year 6:** In Year 6 we've started making props for our upcoming production of *Oliver with a Twist*, and the rehearsals are going brilliantly! The enthusiasm from the cast is infectious, and we can't wait to see how it all comes together. On Monday we took a poignant trip to the Englefield Green War Memorial and Cemetery, where we learned about the brave villagers who lost their lives during the World Wars. This week, we delved into the impact of war on those who stayed behind, discussing the realities of rationing and how the roles of women evolved. As part of our transition work, we explored Lectio Divina, using scripture as a focus for our prayers—a lovely way to encourage mindfulness and reflection. It's heartening to see our students engaging so deeply with these topics.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** **faith**

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

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

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

This weeks' winner is **Cassie** in reception, for being respectful and looking after our classroom and her friends.

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 has transitioned back into school really well and has been really resilient. Well done **Abdul-Basit!**

**Arianna** in year 2 for showing respect and resilience in all lessons.

**Charlotte** in year 3 for showing wonderful initiative and appreciation by actively looking after our learning environment both indoors and outdoors and always being keen to help keep our spaces tidy, cared for, and welcoming for everyone.

**Anna** in year 4 for following our FAIR values and always giving 100% to everything she does!

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

In year 6 our dojo winner is **Daisy**, for showing great resilience and independence in improving her acting and singing skills.



## Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

**Monday 7th July** - Core Judo taster sessions in school (Rec - Year 5) PE kit to be worn

**Wednesday 9th July** - St Bernadette house, children welcome to wear their own clothes (winning prize)

**Thursday 10th July** - Year 3 class trip to Runnymede

**Friday 11th July** - Whole School Pilgrimage

**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 11th July EYFS

### **Faith Plates**

In keeping with St. Cuthbert's tradition, Y3 have painted their 'faith plates' again this year. Year Three is a special year as it marks the age of being able to continue a child's journey in the Catholic Faith and we mark this with all of the children in Year Three, by inviting them to create a faith plate.

With thanks to the PTA for covering the cost, to Miss Syeda for organising and overseeing the painting and to Genevieve's Gallery for sending the resources needed - our children were able to create a memento of their special Holy Communion Day, or to commemorate their own faith.

### **Mufti Day– Charity fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Village Centre. In total we've raised £338 which will go towards all the wonderful things this charity does in our local community such as a community lunch for over 55's, cook and deliver meals to the vulnerable and many more.

### **Girls Football**

There will be no more girls football this year! Thank you for all the support, and I wish all the Year 6 girls the best of luck moving forward. It will re-start in the Autumn term.

## Innovate Catering - September onwards

Innovate IFG

### Introducing innovate! your school's new caterer!

#### Dear Parents and Guardians,



We're delighted to introduce ourselves as your child's new school caterers. At Innovate, we believe that great food fuels great learning. Our new menu has been specially designed for primary school children—offering tasty, nutritious meals that support healthy growth, curious minds, and happy lunchtimes.

**Designed for Young Appetites:** We use simple, child-friendly language and offer familiar, comforting meals that help children feel confident trying new flavours—like Creamy Korma or pasta with a rich tomato and lentil sauce.

**Health and Nutrition First:** We're passionate about creating meals that taste good and do good. Our menus are packed with the nutrients growing children need and meet all School Food Plan standards.

**Fresh, Colourful, and Seasonal:** To introduce children to a wider range of ingredients, we're using more seasonal vegetables and bright, colourful produce throughout the year—not just the usual sweetcorn and peas.

**Sustainable and Smart:** We're committed to reducing food waste by making the most of every ingredient. Dishes like our Cauliflower Pasta Bake use the whole vegetable—leaves, stalks, and all—without sacrificing taste or appeal.

**Inclusive for Every Child:** We've developed a range of allergen-aware meals that are free from gluten, dairy, eggs, and soya—ensuring that every child can enjoy lunch safely, confidently, and without compromise on nutrition.

**Save £500 a Year with Free School Meals:** All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get a free hot lunch every day—no need to register.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you could still be entitled to free school meals if you receive certain benefits. It's worth checking—families can save over **£500 a year** per child, and it helps the school too.

Check your eligibility and apply at: [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

**We're Excited to Get Started!** We can't wait to become a part of your school community and serve meals your children will look forward to every day. We'll be in touch again soon to share more of what's to come from September.

**Warm wishes,  
The Innovate Team**





## SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN for KIDS

If your child is between 7-12 years old, the Foxhills Summer Camp is a perfect way for them to spend the school summer holiday.

It's a chance to meet new friends, try fun activities and learn new skills.

<https://bookwhen.com/foxhills-summer-activities>

To sign-up to the summer activities, you must be referred by a referring agency and these activities are aimed at young carers, children and young people in need or who qualifies for free school meals.

Any questions please email [sport@runnymede.gov.uk](mailto:sport@runnymede.gov.uk) or call 01932 425677



**Runnymede**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Activity	Day, time and location
<b>Addlestone</b>	
Pop-up Bush Craft activities Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Wednesday 30 July, 10am – 2pm</b> Victory Park, Addlestone, KT15 2AZ (Next to bowls club)
Summer Roadshow Bowls / Laser Tag Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Wednesday 30 July, 12pm – 4pm</b> <b>Wednesday 6 August, 12pm – 4pm</b> Victory Park, Addlestone, KT15 2AZ (Bowls Club)
<b>Chertsey</b>	
Pop-up Bush Craft activities Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Monday 28 July, 10am – 2pm</b> Gogmore Farm Park, Curfew Bell Rd, Chertsey, KT16 9FG
Summer Roadshow Fitness / Multisport Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Tuesday 29 July, 10am – 2pm</b> <b>Tuesday 5 August, 10am – 2pm</b> Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Chertsey, KT16 9DR
<b>Egham</b>	
Pop-up Bush Craft activities Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Tuesday 29 July, 10am – 2pm</b> Hythe Centre Park, Rochester Rd, Egham, TW18 3HN (grass outside area)
Summer Roadshow Laser Tag / Self Defence Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Monday 28 July, 10am – 2pm</b> <b>Monday 4 August, 10am – 2pm</b> The Hythe Centre, Thorpe Road, Egham, TW18 3HD
Summer Roadshow Science Lab / Multisport Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Thursday 31 July, 10am – 2pm</b> <b>Thursday 7 August, 10am – 2pm</b> RHUL, Sports Centre, Prune Hill, Egham, TW20 9TR
Multi Activities Summer Camp Lunch and snacks included.	<b>Monday 4 August – Thursday 21 August</b> <b>9am – 3pm</b> Egham Orbit, Vicarage Road, Egham, TW20 8NL
Big Hat Bush Camp Shelter and fire building, camp fire cooking and team building challenges. Breakfast, lunch, take home dinner included.	<b>Monday 11 August, 9am – 4pm</b> <b>Friday 22 August, 9am – 4pm</b> 123 Almners Road, Lyne, KT16 0BH



# EGHAM CRICKET CLUB SUMMER CAMP

AGED 5 - 15 YEARS OLD

9am - 3pm

4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August

- Suitable for players of all abilities
- Please bring your own packed lunch, drinks & cricket equipment (if you have)
- Fun cricket-based games & activities
- Match play
- Opportunities to use cricket nets
- Fun competitions
- Skilled-based drills

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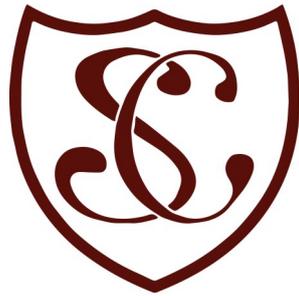


**EGHAM CRICKET CLUB,  
VICARAGE ROAD, EGHAM, SURREY, TW20 8NP**

## 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!