



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 11th July 2025

Dear All

We are nearly at the end of the academic year and as busy as ever!

We were (beyond) delighted with the KS2 SATs results that came out this week. It was so rewarding to see the children achieve what they truly deserve after all their hard work. I am so grateful to all the staff and especially Mrs Claassen for their dedication to the children on every level!

On the topic of Mrs Claassen - I am proud to announce that she has been appointed to Assistant Head from September. Mrs Claassen is a huge asset to our school and I am confident that she will be a continued success in this new role.

Core Judo ran some great sessions and an assembly for the children this week to give them a taste of this sport. It was lovely to see the children who come every week share their skills as well!

The Year 3 children enjoyed a trip to Runnymede to learn more about the Magna Carta yesterday. They had a range of activities to complete which spanned across different areas of their curriculum. Thank you so much to the parents who were able to come along and support.

All the children across the school took a pilgrimage of hope today to round off this special year. The KS2 children visited the church, completing activities along the way and enjoying some more at the Jurgen centre. They had some spiritual reflection in the church as well. The EYFS and KS1 children had the school to themselves to complete their pilgrimage and complete activities across our grounds. Thank you so much to the parents who gave their time to accompany the children.

The teachers will be staying in the same year groups this coming academic year - with the addition of Mrs Mason to teach alongside Miss Murtagh in Year 1 and our new teacher Miss Smith joining Year 2, replacing Miss Puddle. Our LSAs will be finalised in September as Mrs Balestrazzi is leaving us to pursue her passion to work in specialist provision. We will miss her hugely, but know she will flourish in this setting.

We were sad to share the news with you that the funding for a possible nursery at St Cuthbert's was not successful. I am sorry for those parents who were keen to enlist their young ones. However, we will not be giving up on the idea and hope that one day this will be an addition to the school.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbour, but sometimes it can be tricky. In this assembly, children will explore how we can love others through our everyday actions when we realise that everyone we meet is our neighbour!

***"Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."***

***Luke 10:36-37***

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 all about Judaism and have been comparing similarities and differences between what we already know about Christianity and what we learnt last week about Islam. We will be continuing this learning next week when we meet to share what we have learnt with Year 1 and they teach us about what they have learnt too! We have been reading the story "Sharing a Shell" in our literacy lessons and created our own shells for the characters in the story. We also took part in a circle time this week to talk about moving to Year 1. We shared our thoughts and feelings about moving up and got to think of some questions to ask our new teachers.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a great week. We have been continuing our learning about Judaism in RE. We have made our own Kippa's and also made a poster of everything we have learned so far. We are going to share our learning with reception next week. In English, the children have all written their own biographies. This will then go with the to Year 2 as their final piece of Year 1 writing for their new teacher to read! We have been working hard in maths learning about money and have begun learning about time. We are learning how to read to the hour and half hour. In Geography we learned all about the migration of swallow. It has been a great week. Well done, year 1!

**Year 2:** In RE this week we have looked further into the Jewish faith and found out about the Torah. In Science this week we have planted cress seeds and we are attempting to grow a bean in a bag. You may be able to see these from the window in the classroom. In maths this week we have been analysing data through tally charts, tables. Block diagrams and pictograms and have created our own versions of these.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have had an amazing week as we prepared for their upcoming trip to Runnymede, diving back into the fascinating history of the Magna Carta. We've explored its significance, the role of the Barons and Jurors in standing up for justice, and reflected on the symbolism of the JFK Memorial. In English, we've started an exciting new unit on Portal Stories, building a toolkit for writing imaginative narratives using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and dramatic connectives. In Maths, the children have begun a short unit on Statistics, learning to read and interpret pictograms and bar graphs with growing confidence. In RE, we've been learning about Islam, focusing on the importance of wudu and how this ritual washing spiritually prepares Muslims for prayer.

**Year 4:** Year 4 had the best time in their Judo session on Monday learning how to safely manoeuvre their bodies. In maths we have been exploring the unit statistics, where we have been interpreting and solving problems with bar charts, pictograms, and line graphs. In English we have been writing our very own explanation texts, using the toolkits and modelled texts to help us. In Science we set up an investigation into tooth decay using eggshells to replicate our teeth, milk, orange juice, lemon juice and fizzy drinks. We will be checking every day over the next week for decay and to find out which of the liquids are good (or not so good!) for our teeth.

**Year 5:** In Y5, the children had a wonderful opportunity to enhance theirs (and mine!) knowledge of Judaism. Three visitors from the Jewish Synagogue in Staines visited our classroom and spoke about life as a modern Jew. They corrected our pronunciation of special words, explained about the Shema prayer and the mezuzah as well as the importance of the TaNaKh. The children's minds were blown when they all said that Judaism does not recognise Jesus as a Biblical figure in the Bible. It gave a lot for us all to think about. In Science, the class reflected on past observations of our precious butterfly pets. In Geography, the class put their home learning knowledge about Fair Trade into action and in English the children have been learning how to use speech correctly within a short story. Maths has been interesting as it has taken the children (and the teacher!) back before they were born to before 1965 when imperial measures were in use. The class have tackled some tricky problems of converting imperial measures (mass, capacity and length) to metric measures.

**Year 6:** Year 6 have been buzzing with excitement lately as they've been hard at work on the props and backdrops for our upcoming performance of *Oliver with a Twist*. It's been fantastic to see the creative process unfold; the students have genuinely impressed us with their initiative and teamwork.

In addition to their theatrical efforts, they've been cooking up some amazing dishes, using ingredients like salmon, peppers, and pineapples. The food was not only delicious but also beautifully presented, showcasing their culinary skills. It was wonderful to see them clean up after their cooking sessions, demonstrating respect and responsibility.

This week, we took a moment to reflect and learn about the Rosary, focusing on one of the Sorrowful Mysteries, which added a meaningful layer to our week. We can hardly wait for the performance of *Oliver with a Twist* next week – make sure to book your tickets on Scopay!

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** **faith**

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

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

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

This weeks winner in reception is **Olivia.**, for always showing respect and kindness towards her friends and teachers.

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 has been really persistent with his big write and made sure his handwriting was beautiful, well done **Telmo!**

**Sheerin** in year 2 for being respectful to others around the classroom.

**Lochlan** in year 3 for showing respect to our local heritage site during our school trip, helping his partners and adults in the group.

**Charlie** in year 4 for growing in confidence this week during our maths lessons, keep up the fantastic work!!

**Robyn** in year 5 for being conscientious with her learning this Summer Term and for showing the FAIR value of respect to her peers.

**Lily M** in year 6 for showing great resilience and being very articulate in lessons.



## Summer Term 2 Diary Dates:

**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)

## After School Club Party

We're excited to celebrate the end of the school year with an After School Club Party next **Wednesday (16th July)**. There will be pizza, ice lollies, and summer themed crafts and activities for the children to enjoy.

If your child would like to change out of their uniform, they're welcome to bring a change of clothes to put on after school ends at 3:20pm. Looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon!

If your child does not usually attend After School Club on a Wednesday and they would like to attend the party, please email the school office to book them in (usual charges apply).



## Year 3 Class Trip

We had a fantastic time on our trip to Runnymede, bringing all our classroom learning to life in a truly memorable way. We began our day by completing the *Writ in Water* task, where we paused to hone our senses—listening carefully to the rustle of the trees, watching the play of light on the water, and feeling the textures around us—to reflect quietly on the values of justice and freedom. At the *Magna Carta Memorial*, we took a step back in time and imagined ourselves as barons in 1215, standing up for fairness and change. Later, we became Jurors in a real-life-inspired case: deciding who was responsible for the chipped edge of the JFK Memorial! We listened to different testimonies and worked together to reach a fair verdict. As part of our visit, we also explored the importance of preserving local historical sites like Runnymede. We discussed how these places help us connect with the past, understand our shared heritage, and strengthen our sense of community. We finished the day peacefully, sketching and writing in our nature journals under the shade of the trees, taking in the calm and beauty of the historic landscape. It was a day full of history, creativity, and thoughtful reflection.



## Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, the school went on a Pilgrimage as part of their commitment to the Year of Hope. KS2 ventured to the Church. On route, letters had popped up around the village and the children worked out that these spelt PILGRIMS. This and spent time in quiet prayer using a five finger reflection. Canon Chris kindly opened up the Church specially for the pilgrimage and popped in to say hello! The children worked together with other year groups to complete an activity on the Catholic Social Teaching principles. They even enjoyed their tuck shop at the Jurgen Centre too - thank you to Mrs Try for delivering it for the children.

KS1 and EYFs went on a mini pilgrimage around school to find the CAFOD CST characters. They matched them up and worked together to understand more about the different principles.

Thank you to our volunteers who helped to walk with the children and to keep everyone safe. We really appreciate you.

### Why did we go on Pilgrimage?

We went on the pilgrimage so we could spend time with God but also have fun.

To show that we are all Pilgrims of Hope.

To grow our faith.

To embrace hope in the year of hope.

To help the younger children learn more about CST.

### What did it mean to me?

It meant that we could get closer to God.

It helps me to grow closer to God and to show us which path to choose.

It was great that we all participated in it.

### What will I take from it into the future?

To know that God loves us all equally.

That being calm can make you really happy.

I learnt how people are helping in their parishes all over the world.

I learnt that people travel far to praise God.

We have to let go of the past and come into the future.

It inspired me to use CST to help others. I learnt that little things can help to make a big difference.



# St Cuthberts Autumn Term 2025 Clubs

## Core Judo



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### JUDO FACTS

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Judo is an Olympic sport, watch team GB in Paris 2024 and beyond.

Core Judo Academy is one of the top judo clubs in the UK



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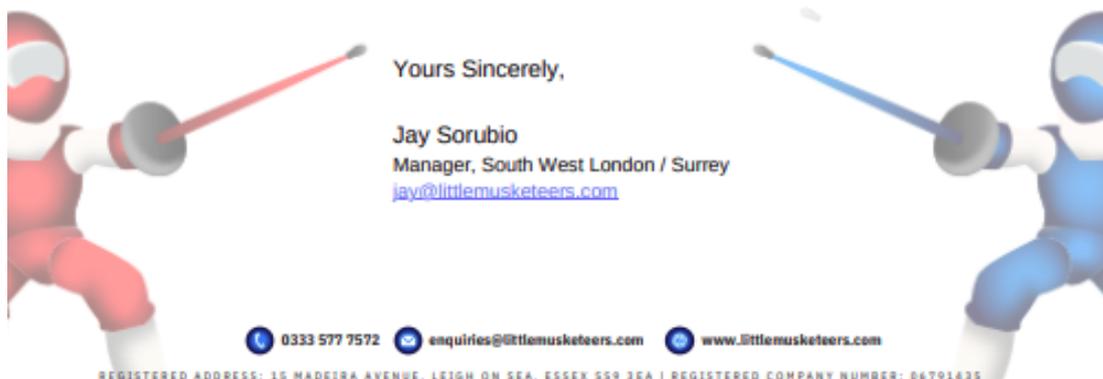
### BOOKING DETAILS

Autumn Term September to December (11 Sessions)

KS2 : Thursday Afternoons 3:20pm-4:20pm

1. Visit <https://www.littlemusketeers.com/south-west-london-surrey>
2. Select "**St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School**"
3. Choose the appropriate course and click "**Book**" (Click *More Info* for dates)
4. **Login** or **sign up** to create a new user account
5. **Review and Confirm** details to make payment

We look forward to welcoming your young musketeer to our club! En garde! 🗡️



Yours Sincerely,

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## PS Coaching



# PLANET SOCCER COACHING

## SCHOOL CLUBS

ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Tuesday – Multi Sports

3:20 - 4:20pm | Yrs 1,2,3,4,5,6

### Friday – Dodgeball

3:20 - 4:20pm | Yrs 1,2,3,4,5,6

*Bookings Open Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July*

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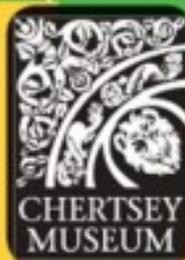
There will be no Techy Tots in the Autumn Term. Janet, who runs the club, has made the difficult decision to stop running her franchise. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at St Cuthberts and asked us to pass on her best wishes.



**A full club timetable will be shared next week, including netball & football.**

## Summer Holiday Activities:

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### Make a Roman Shield

7th August 2025

Create a Roman Shield out of cardboard!

Time: 11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £4

Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be accompanied by an adult

### Make a Lolly Stick Bird Feeder

14th August

Use lolly sticks to make a bird feeder.

Time: 11am-12 pm or 2-3pm Cost: £4

Age 5-12. 5 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

### Toys Through Time

21st August

What were toys like in the past? Find out and play with a variety of traditional toys.

Time: 10am-12pm Cost: free, drop-in. Book online

Family session aimed at 5 to 12 year olds. All children must be accompanied by adult

### Make a Jumping Jack

28th August

Use paper and string to make a Victorian-style moving toy

Time: 11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £4

Age: 5-12. 5-6 year olds must be accompanied an adult.

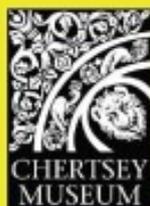
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Call 01932 565764 to book your place



Summer Holiday Activities:



For All  
The  
Family

1st Saturday  
of the month  
1.30pm-3.30pm

# Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination  
meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



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