



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 13th September 2024



Dear All

The children have settled into their first full week with us, however there are some very tired faces today! It has been lovely to see them in the new PE kit, which has been very popular with the pupils - they really do look smart but ready for action. Thank you again to the PTA for providing the shirts for every child. We will continue to phase in the new kit, but parents have until the next new academic year to fully adopt it. We have spoken to School Uniform Direct today; a further shipment of the black tops has arrived, these are now with the embroiders; so some of the pre-ordered items will hopefully soon be available.

We have experienced challenges with our IT systems this week, resulting in staff being unable to access online teaching materials. As expected, our teachers and LSAs have been calm and carried on and reverted to more 'basic' methods of delivering lessons, but the children's learning has not been affected. Other systems such as Seesaw may not be in use for the time being, so if parents could bear with us with regards to homework. You will also find that your Scopay accounts may not be entirely up-to date, especially wraparound care bookings; we will look to update this next week when the systems are fully operational on our end.

Our House and Vice Captains were elected this week after their impressive presentations to the rest of the school. We are so lucky to have so many worth candidates and I think the staff were quite relieved to leave the decision in the hands of the children. Many congratulations to the Year 6 pupils that were selected, I am confident that they will do an amazing job!

Year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age workshop on Wednesday to give them an active introduction to their history topic. The children looked wonderful in their period clothing and appeared to be having great fun with all the activities.

I attended the Xavier Opening Mass at St Joseph's Church in Guildford on Wednesday to welcome in the new academic year. I always feel privileged to be in a position of responsibility in education and this was a lovely way to reflect on St Cuthbert's achievements and look to the future.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus confounded the expectations of His disciples. This coming week the children will be learning that God's plans can be surprising and that following Jesus involves expecting the unexpected – with the assurance that Jesus is with us every step of the way.

**'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.'** Mark 8:34

**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:**

Reception have had a fantastic first full week with us at St Cuthberts. We have been busy exploring all the different areas of the classroom and outside area. It has been lovely to see the children playing so nicely together and making new friends. On Friday we went to our first whole school celebration assembly and all of the teachers were so impressed with how well we sat and listened. We started our phonics sessions and learnt how to talk like Fred the frog, as well as learning the sounds 'm' and 'a'. This week we have also been very creative and made some fantastic self-portraits to display in the school to introduce ourselves to everyone!

## **Year 1:**

Year 1 have settled in beautifully! They are all adapting new routines, such as putting their hands up, and learning so much. In RE, we have been learning about Creation and how God created the world and everything in it. We had an awe and wonder walk, observing everything God created for us. In Science, we've made a weather station which includes a rain gauge and wind indicator. This will allow us to measure the weather throughout the seasons and compare. A very exciting first week in Year 1!

## **Year 2:**

Year 2 have settled into their new classroom well. In RE this week we have looked at the story of Noah by retelling the story through drama. We have also been enjoying our Art lessons using different art materials to create texture and mark make.

## **Year 3:**

Year 3 have started their RE unit about family and home, exploring how God is present in every home, understanding the importance of compassion, kindness and patience. The highlight this week was when we spent a day at the Stone Age workshop, dressing up as people from the prehistoric period. We participated in multiple activities from handling artefacts to understanding the Stonehenge. Learning about the prehistoric period, we have also been looking at cave arts in Art; and we have been researching how different digital devices impact function in Computing.

## **Year 4:**

Year Four have had a great first full week! They have been little artists, sculpting interesting objects out of soap. They have been mastering 4-digit numbers in Maths and getting to know adventure stories in English. Well done, Year Four for all of your hard work this week!

## **Year 5:**

This week the children have been introduced to the new RE curriculum that we are transitioning over to inline with the Diocese. It is called 'To know your more clearly' and the Y5 focus is all about Moses. We have been watching a video about the story of Exodus and learnt why this has a significance on God and how he loves his people. In Maths, the class have been getting to grips with 6 digit numbers, including writing them down in words. In English, the focus has been writing a poem. The class have been using figurative language to create a poem all about the classroom with comparisons from the classroom in the summer holidays vs a classroom during term time. History has started with a bang and the class will be looking at the question 'Was the Anglo Saxon period really a dark age?' Computing got off to a great start with Mrs Harrington teaching them about systems. This will lead onto learning about how important systems are in a computer. I am so proud of the children and how they have been adapting to life in Year Five. We have had a great week and achieved lots!

## **Year 6:**

Year 6 have started the year full of enthusiasm and excitement. Our first RE topic is called Creation and Covenant. We are looking at the second account of Creation in Genesis 2 and the children have created beautiful pieces of art to illustrate one of the truths of the creation story. We also started our Geography topic on the Amazon with some map work and our Science topic on Changing circuits by building our own working circuits.

After some really rousing speeches our House and Vice Captain voting took place on Tuesday. I was so impressed by the effort and thought that went into the children's speeches and posters! You really have started the year very well, Year 6. I look forward to seeing where your hard work is going to take you.



During the week of 16th September we offer parents the opportunity to meet their child (ren)'s teacher and see their classrooms. This are short sessions where the teachers will talk about the year ahead. Please see below information on dates and times:

Monday 16th September:	9.00-9.20am	Year 3
	2.50-3.10pm	Year 1
Tuesday 17th September:	9.00-9.20am	Year 6
	2.50-3.10pm	Year 4
Wednesday 18th September:	9.00-9.20am	Year 5
	2.50-3.10pm	Year 2

### **Further dates for September:**

Monday 16th    Year 5 Saxon Workshop  
Friday 27th    MacMillan Coffee Morning

Please remember, Friday 4th October is an INSET day and the school will be closed to children.

11th October will be our 'photo day' and 24th October will be parents evening—more details to follow.

For more diary dates from October, please check the website [calendar](#).

### **School tours for prospective parents**

Wednesday 25th September at 9.30am, Thursday 3rd October at 1.30pm and  
Wednesday 9th October at 6pm

Complete this [form](#) to book your place

#### **16th September—potential disruption at pick up time**

We have been advised that there is a potentially large burial scheduled for next week, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of September, at Englefield Green Cemetery.

The interment will take place at approximately 12:30pm. There may possibly be some disruption to traffic and parking in the Village.

## Club time table -Autumn Term 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St Cuthberts Breakfast Club	St Cuthberts Breakfast Club	St Cuthberts Breakfast Club	St Cuthberts Breakfast Club	St Cuthberts Breakfast Club
7:50-8:35am Core Judo (years 1-6)	7:50-8:35am Match Point Tennis KS2	7:50-8:35am Match Point Tennis KS1		
3:20-3:50pm Spanish (years 5&6) with Mrs Missen	3:20-4:20pm Netball (years 4-6) with Mrs Gray & Miss Lewis	3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Dance	3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Dodgeball	
	3:20-4:20pm TKD London Taekwondo	3:20-4:20pm Active Soccer	3:20-4:20pm Year 5/6 girls football training with Miss Murtagh	
	3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Multisports / Athletics		3:20-4:20pm PS Coaching Girls Football (at St Jude's)	
St Cuthberts After School Club	St Cuthberts After School Club	St Cuthberts After School Club	St Cuthberts After School Club	St Cuthberts After School Club

Please visit our website for more information on [clubs](#) and [wraparound care](#)

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners: - certificates will follow next week

**Eva** in Reception was the first dojo winner for showing great independence in choosing her activities in the first few days of school.

Camilla in year 1 has been very articulate this week, using full sentences when explaining her answers

Year 2's **Eli - James** has made excellent use of vocabulary in his explanations in maths lessons.

**Okatakiye** in year 3 has been on task and shown great teamwork

**Izzie** in year 4, received the dojo for being consistently on task, working hard and showing respect. Well done, Izzie!

**Amelia M** in year 5 also received the dojo for the value of respect. She has worked so hard this week on presenting her work well and following all of our class rules.

And in year 5, **Sebastian** has been showing our Fair value of resilience by settling into his new class and school.

**Ten:Ten**  
Resources



At St. Cuthbert's, we use Ten:Ten as our worship resource. Please read the Ten:Ten parent newsletter to see what your child will be hearing and learning about in collective worships this month.

[Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)



# FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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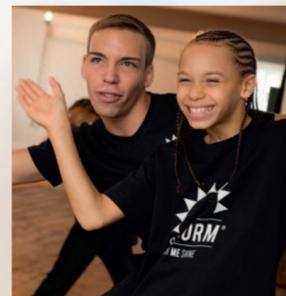
- ▶ Build confidence
- ▶ Boost concentration
- ▶ Enhance coordination
- ▶ Develop communication skills



— I think the whole Perform experience is absolutely brilliant. You get so much for your money and feel part of something really special. *Lucy Holmes*

### Why try Perform?

- ▶ Unique performing arts-based games and exercises
- ▶ Focus on a different social skill each week
- ▶ Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- ▶ Specially created scripts, videos and apps to support your child's learning
- ▶ End of term presentation for family and friends



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VIRGINIA WATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# Village Show

70<sup>th</sup> Annual Horticultural, Handicraft & Cookery  
Show



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Open to the Public at 2pm**

**Admission Free**

Refreshments, raffle, book sale & plant sale

**Community Centre, Beechmont Avenue, Virginia Water**