



## Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 27th September 2024

Dear All

We have sadly seen a wetter week this week - it seems like summer has left us! But the children are still in high spirits and working hard.

It was a privilege to present the role of responsibility badges yesterday to children who have been voted in. The children are so keen to play an important part in making St Cuthbert's the best it can be and I am really grateful for their dedication.

We held our annual MacMillian cake sale this morning raising money for cancer support. Thank you to our staff and parents who supplied cakes and the members of the PTA who sold second hand uniform, we are so grateful! If you were unable to join us please feel free to make a donation via their website.

I started tours for prospective parents this week. I really enjoy showing off the school and the head girl and boy, house and vice captains always do an amazing job of touring people around. We have more dates (below) to visit so please encourage anyone looking for a school place to come and visit.

**Thursday 3rd October at 1.30pm and Wednesday 9th October at 6pm**

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

We have spoken to all the children about looking after their property this week as Mr Kinnear, our caretaker, has brought a few abandoned wet items of uniform off the field. We also discovered that the local wildlife had eaten into some of these garments. Our staff try to do a sweep of the playground and field as they come in from breaks but if you could encourage your children to check they have everything - if I could also ask everyone to label every item (however old your child is), as we have already built up a huge basket of lost, unnamed property already.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the parents that have given their time to help in the library with our new reading system. It looks like we are far enough along the process to assign the children books next week. Also, we opened an Amazon wish list and have been completely overwhelmed with the rush of books and other items to support the curriculum. Thank you so much!!!

A reminder that next Friday 4th is staff INSET so the school will be closed while we have training. And on the note of reminders, could I ask parents using the road directly outside the school gates to follow the unofficial one way system and continue around the loop so we can avoid traffic issues and vehicles performing three point turns in the middle of the road. Thank you for your understanding.

In this week's Gospel, we learn how the disciples jealously wanted to keep the power to heal to themselves. Gospel Worship this week explores Jesus' response to our envious tendencies and challenges pupils to celebrate the abilities and character of others.

**'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'** (Mark 9:40)

**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 being a good friend. We read lots of stories that taught us something important about how to be a good friend. The first story was, 'The Selfish Crocodile'. We talked about the importance of kind words with our friends and how to say "Please stop, I don't like that", when someone is doing something we do not like. We then read the story 'The Smeds and the Smoos' and learnt how to ask to join in with other people's games so that no one feels left out like the characters in the story. Lastly, we read 'Sharing a shell' and learnt how to take turns in the classroom using the words "My turn, your turn" and using the sand timer to help us share. In maths we have been comparing the mass of objects and using the weighing scales to decide if they are heavy, or light.

**Year 1** have had such a good week! In RE we were learning about different prayers and different ways to pray. The children completed a prayer hunt and got stickers for each prayer they achieved. In History, we investigated a loan box from Chertsey Museum. This contained real toys from the 1950's and 1960's. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking and comparing! We also brought our own soft toys into school for Science, we discussed the materials they are made from. We then grouped materials we thought would be suitable and unsuitable to make a soft toy out of. It has been a really active week of learning and the children have done wonderfully.



**Year 2:** In RE this week we thought about how we can harm or help ourselves and others and in what ways we can repair our friendships with God when we may turn away from God and act badly. We then thought about how we can be good stewards of God's world and how to look after the animals in the world. We made birdfeeders and read 'somebody swallowed Stanley' to inspire conversations about stewardship. In Art we created observational drawings of our soft toys and thought about how to add detail through mark making techniques please see the school's Instagram page of this task. Year 2 have shown great resilience the last two weeks as we have completed our baseline quizzes and should be very proud of themselves.

**Year 3** were immersed in using natural materials to mimic a prehistoric cave art, using different tools to create line-focused paintings. In RE, we have been exploring God's vision for every family, understanding how every member supports one another and that through Jesus' message we know that love is the greatest strength a family and home can have. We have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different types of objects (i.e., opaque, translucent and transparent materials) to identify which of these would be suitable for making our shadow puppet play.

**Year 4** have been showcasing their creativity this week, they drew some beautiful pictures for their RE and spiritual journaling. They have been writing some creative adventure stories and they've been making sculptures out of wire. They have enjoyed finding out about how solids, liquids and gases can change state in Science and how the internet works in computing. Well done, Year Four for a great week!

**Year 5:** This week the children have been exploring the Ten Commandments and why they were given to the Israelites. They have been learning about God's forgiveness due to the covenant that was in place. In maths, the learning has been focused on rounding to the nearest 100,000 and 10,000. In English, the class have been participating in guided writing, in which we have been focusing on stem sentences and phrases that might be used in a formal letter. History was excellent with lots of children knowing about Sutton Hoo- thank you for supporting their home learning with this. They used evidence to explain what they know about Sutton Hoo. In RHE, the class have been learning about keeping safe online. Please do talk with them about this to see how they can put this into action at home too.

**Year 6:** Year 6 have been working on a short children's book about God's redemption plan. Once they have completed their booklets they will share them with their buddies in Year 1.

We have also been working on our geographical researching skills, but finding out as much as we can about the city of Manaus. The children have been looking carefully at the sources of information to decide if they are primary or secondary sources. We have also had a first go at doing a set of SATS practice papers, the papers will come home once we have worked through them in class. The children were really sensible and very resilient during their first set of assessments. Well done everyone!

## Changes to PE Days for EYFS & Year 4

**EYFS** will now have PE on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays**

**Year 4** will now have PE on **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

On the note of PE—there is no longer a requirement for KS2 children to have shin pads and mouthguards as part of their uniform. All sports played will be non contact. However, those attending football training after school will need shin pads and football boots

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

**Arison** in EYFS has been very articulate and joining in well with our phonics sessions.

Year 1's **Telmo** has been giving beautifully articulate maths answers

In year 2, **everyone** received the Dojo certificate for showing incredible resilience while completing beginning of year 2 quizzes

**Imogen** in year 3 has been consistently respectful, leading by example by following class rules and supportive of her peers.

**Quinn** in year 4 received the dojo for working his hardest in his learning and having some excellent question ideas in book club.

For super concentrating on his learning and for making sure he checks and edits, **Nico** in year 5 received the Dojo

**Zaiden** in year 6 has been showing the fair value of resilience and working really hard on focusing during his independent learning.

## October Diary Dates:

4th October	INSET day and the school will be closed to children.
<b>9th October</b>	<b>MATHS Workshop in the Studio</b>
11th October	School Photographs
Week of 14th	Year 6 PGL
22nd October	Year 6 Self Defence Workshops
24th October	Year 6 NCMP (Heights & Weights)
24th October	parents evening from 2pm till late—more details to follow.
Week of 28th	half term



Mrs Claassen invites all parents to her MATHS Workshop on **9th October at 9am** in the Studio. This is where you will receive an overview of the maths curriculum as your child(ren) progress through primary.

### **10th October—Join Us for the Mary's Meals Fun Run!**

Our children will be running / jogging around the playground to raise money for Mary's Meals, providing food and hope to children in need. Keep your eyes peeled for a sponsor form to support this fantastic cause and let's make a difference together!

## Diary Dates for remaining term:

4th November	All Souls Mass (parents welcome)
6th November	NSPCC workshops in house
Week of 11th	Anti Bullying week
11th November	Remembrance Day
13th November	Flu Immunisations (nasal spray)
19th November	Year 6—Junior Citizen
21st November	Christmas Jumper Day
22nd November	St Cecilia
24th November	Christmas Fayre
2nd December	Xavier Feast Day—School Closed
3rd December	Exposition of the blessed sacrament (children only)
5th and 6th	Reconciliation for years 4, 5 and 6
11th December	KS1 Nativity
13th December	EYFS Nativity
19th December	KS2 Advent Service

## Message from Canon Chris

It is good to hear how quickly the children settled in to the new academic year and it was lovely to celebrate "Education Sunday" and Home Mission Sunday" with them, here in church, as well as a lovely Start of the Academic Year Mass in school. It is so important that we work together to unite the home, the school and the parish.

### **SCHOOL SIF FORM SIGNING**

I am looking forward to meeting any **year 6 parents** (and pupils) for the school form signing for Secondary Faith Schools. Please come to the side entrance of the Jurgen's Centre and I will be signing in the parish office.

**THURS 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 3:15 – 4:00PM**

**TUES 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER – 6:45 – 7:30PM**

This allows you plenty of time to submit the application to Salesian School, St Bernard's or other faith schools requiring a priest's form to be completed.

In December I will be signing for the next intake of the **EYFS (2025-26)** pupils: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am-12pm and on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3.20pm-3.50pm and 7pm-7.30pm

### **OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY**

October 4<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day here at St Cuthbert's School. It is also

- (1) **CAFOD** Fast Day
- (2) **The Feast of St Francis of Assisi** (patron saint of ecology)
- (3) The conclusion of "**the Season of Creation**" – praying for all creatures, care for the earth and sustainable living in our fragile world.
- (4) It is the fifth anniversary of my institution as a **Cathedral Canon**.

### **We invite all the school families to our 10am Family Mass on this day at the Assumption of our Lady.**

Please feel free to bring drawings or photographs of your pets and animals, your gardens, your favourite outdoor places, your favourite plants, flowers or crops, seaside scenes, rivers, mountains, lakes etc.

Mass will start at 10am and there will be special blessings for "our world" to complement the work on creation carried out in school.

Mass will be followed by coffee, tea and soft drinks.

### **DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN / THE WORD WHO IS LIFE**

As those of you from the parish know, I have been asked (by Bishop Richard) to be the moderator of our new larger parish. Schools and parishes are asked to pray for the changes, so that we (as Missionary Disciples) may do all in our power to make the love and gifts of Jesus known. Many children from the school will be preparing for their First Holy Communion – please, with all the young people from the parish, share in the Mass each week, and why not participate with the offertory procession, serving, welcoming or reading?

I hope to see many of you over the weekend, some of you who can come on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and others in the near future.

God Bless,  
Canon Chris

## Notices

### **Drop off and Pick up times**

The school day starts at 8.50am and children should be dropped off at 8.40am. The outer gates open at 8.30am (if these are not open at the exact time, this is usually due to staff being called away and we will open the gates as soon as we can).

The school day finishes at 3.20pm and children should be picked up outside their classrooms (in KS2 on the playground) by 3.25pm. After this they will be taken to the office and any children not picked up by 3.30pm will be sent to the After School Club and may incur a charge if it happens regularly.

### **Snacks**

If you send your child in with a snack for the morning break, we ask you to only send in **fresh** fruit or vegetables. Friday's PTA tuck shop will remain the treat day for those who sign up for it.

### **Contact details**

It is important that we have up-to-date details for all parents / carers. If you have moved or changed your phone number and/or email address, please email the office with an update on [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Earrings**

As per the School's uniform policy and for Health and Safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear earrings in school (not even taped up).

### **Email messages to school**

Please could we ask that any messages about your children or for their teachers are emailed to the school office on our [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) email address. This is the only email account that is guaranteed to be monitored during office hours and therefore we can ensure nothing slips through the net and timely action is taken by the right person.

Any requests for After School Club and Breakfast Clubs should be emailed to [wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) . For any last minute on-the day bookings, please call or email ([info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk)) the school office.

### **Attendance / Absences**

All absences need to be reported to the school office either by phone 01784 434128 or email [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) providing details of the reason for the absence. It is also important that you have a look at the new attendance policy on our [website](#).

### **Newsletter & Instagram**

The newsletter is our main channel to inform parents and carers of what has been happening and what we are planning. All important dates are also on the calendar on the school website.

Please do also follow our [school](#) and [PTA](#) pages on Instagram as these provide some great

# The St. Cuthbert's School Association

Join us for our **AGM** at  
the school on

**2nd October 2024**

**at 7:30pm**

We are a charitable organisation made up of parents, guardians and teachers seeking to foster relationships in the school community and raise money for the school.

Anyone who has a child at St Cuthbert's is automatically a member of the Association.

**We have lots to look forward to this year and we don't want you to miss out!**

**Christmas Fair, Dis-Glow, Race Night, Legoland and so much more!**



# THE ST. CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## WHO ARE YOUR CLASS REPS?

EYFS - Tori Elmer and Catarina Costa

Year 1 - Teresa Martinez Sancho, Helen Crouch, Georgie Stroud and Victoria Fraser-Gadd

Year 2 -  
Helen Priestley, Sebla Kingston and Sam Balloch

Year 3 - Jade Gunnell, Francesca Jarvis and Maurine Crabb

Year 4 - Sophie Ashley, Sara Williams and Victoria Try

Year 5 - Clair Harris, Charlotte Percival, Nikki Eaves and Laura Langley

Year 6 - Emmanuelle Alcaraz and Moia Mason

## WE NEED YOU!!!

We need your help and support with our events. The money we raise is put straight back into the school and your children in turn will benefit. You can help by making donations, attending our events, volunteering your time to run and plan events and championing our efforts.

## AGM

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 2ND  
OCTOBER

WHERE: AT THE SCHOOL

TIME: 7:30 PM

WHO: ALL OF YOU! AS A  
PARENT, GUARDIAN, CARER  
OF A CHILD AT THE SCHOOL,  
YOU ARE ALL WELCOME

FOR ANY QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL [PTA@STCUTHBERTS.SURREY.SCH.UK](mailto:PTA@STCUTHBERTS.SURREY.SCH.UK)



**On Thursday 3rd October Twelve15 will be serving a Harvest Menu (please see below)**

If your child usually has a school lunch on a Thursday, they will automatically receive this option.

If your child usually has a packed lunch on a Thursday and you would like them to have the below, please email the office by Monday to confirm.

**Harvest Menu**

**Chicken Burger or  
Bubble & Squeak  
Burger (V),  
served with diced  
potatoes and a  
Harvest fruity  
apple coleslaw  
and  
Harvest Healthy  
Flapjack**

Twelve15

SURREY  
COUNTY COUNCIL

# SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
 Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b> Supporting Kids with School Anxiety Introduction to Facing Defiance	<b>26 SEP</b> <b>24 OCT</b>
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

**Thur 10th Oct** (7pm to 9pm) £24

Available to book now

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## PARENTING WELLBEING SERVICE

The Surrey Wellbeing Partnership is made up of 12 different charities and organisations working across Surrey. All coming together to support children, young people, and their families to thrive.



### Referral Process

Our service works closely with MindWorks and referrals can be made via the online portal or through:

- Surrey Access and Advice Team
- Professionals working with the family (School, GP, Social Care)
- Parents or Carers themselves

### How to contact us

Parenting Wellbeing Service

Surrey Wellbeing Hub

216

Dorset House

REGENT PARK

Kingston Rd

Leatherhead

KT22 7PL

### Parenting Wellbeing Service

The Parenting Wellbeing service supports parents/carers and their families to thrive giving young people and their parent/carers a central voice in decisions about their care and recovery.

Young people and their parents/carers will have greater choice about their options and more opportunities to access a range of services in a variety of different ways.



### What we offer

The Parenting Wellbeing Service offers support to parents or carers whose children are experiencing difficulties with their mental health and wellbeing such as anxiety, depression, stress, self-harm and eating disorders.

The service will enable parents and carers to be a protective factor for their child/young person in their wellbeing recovery. Increasing their confidence to support their child/young person.

Practitioners will meet with parent/carers to help them identify their goals and how they can achieve positive change for them and their family. This could be through:

- Meeting with a practitioner for 1:1 support
- Meeting with a parent support volunteer
- Getting advice, guidance, and information
- Accessing phone or online support
- Finding other support in the local community
- Befriending other parents/carers going through similar difficulties



✉ [PWS@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:PWS@barnardos.org.uk)



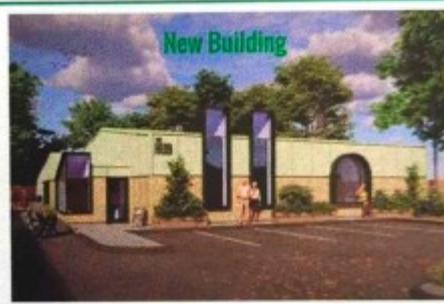
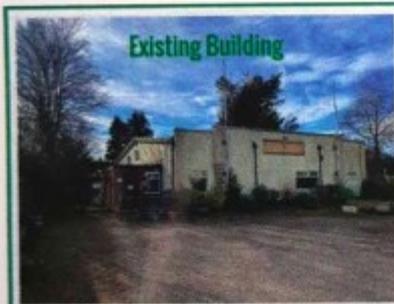
Proud to be part of  
**Mindworks**  
Surrey  
The children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health service



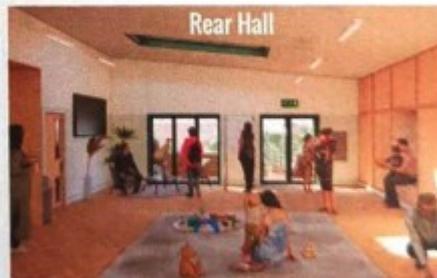
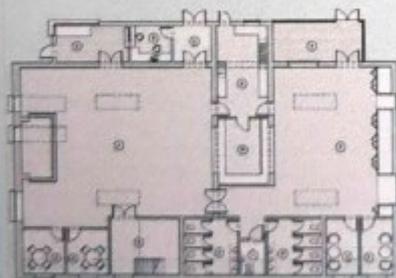
We have until the end of September to convince Surrey County Council that we deserve a new Community Centre right here on the Forest Estate. A huge amount of hard work has brought us to the point where we can apply for £1M to rebuild the Hub for use by us all.

**If you think that the estate has had a raw deal over the years, then please show your support for this project.**

**It only takes 2 minutes to register your support**



### Englefield Green Community Hub



Scan the QR code and follow the instructions to cast your vote or type this in your browser:

**[tny.ac/w](http://tny.ac/w)**



# fun palaces

Sewing  
Chess

Rhymetime

Nature Makers

Board Games

Glitter Tattoos

Crafts

Junk Modelling

Plant a seed

Egham Museum



**Saturday 5th Oct**  
**Egham Library 10am-3pm**

**FREE Workshops throughout**  
**the day with talented locals who want to**  
**share their skills with the community**

**Find out more:**  
**[egham.library@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:egham.library@surreycc.gov.uk)**

