



Weekly Newsletter
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 22nd November 2024

Dear All

It has been lovely to hear singing in the school this week as the children start preparing for upcoming performances. Mrs Mills is kindly giving her time again this year to lead the children in sessions and we are really grateful to her.

It was great to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday, thank you for the donations to the bottle tombola for Sunday. Please come along to the Christmas Fair this weekend, it is always an exciting event and raises funds for our children.

The pupils in St Cecilia house came together today to share the liturgy they had prepared. It was lovely to see children from across the school supporting one another to share some wonderful talents. They all did such an amazing job!

The consultation for our nursery is going out today so please share your views. To reassure parents, the introduction of a nursery will not affect the current provision we have for our pupils as we are lucky to have a large amount of space for a school our size and we have considered how to accommodate this addition to St Cuthbert's.

We have our assessment week next week to review how the children are progressing this term. These tests give the children from Y2 to Y6 a chance to practise and apply their knowledge. We will be sharing these scores with you towards the end of term.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. In collective worship this week children will learn that as the true King, Jesus leads us by His Word and His Spirit to the truth of God the Father's love for us.

'I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

John 18:37

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Rainbow

The Week That Was

Year R: This week, Reception have been continuing their learning about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. We have been learning the names of the people that Mary and Joseph met and all about what happened to them on their journey. This week we have also been learning about winter and we were very lucky that the sleet (that we thought was snow at the time) made an appearance in our EYFS playground. This gave us a great opportunity to explore the ice we had been reading about in our stories, in real life! In maths we have been learning about circles and triangles. We took a trip to 'flat land' with the number blocks, where we met lots of 2D shapes. We learnt the properties of circles and triangles and then used them to create pictures.

Year 1: In RE this week, we have been learning about how God sent the angels to visit the shepherds after Jesus's birth. The children discussed artwork depicting the scene and had wonderful insights. They then added their own artwork of the scene into the zig-zag books they have been making which shows the story of Jesus' birth. In English, the children are doing their second ever independent big write. They are re-working the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood. Some new characters include: sandwich, little golden t-shirt and Bob! In DT, we have made sails for our windmills. The children got to exercise their super cutting skills with a very tricky, fiddly job. In Science, we are identifying materials. The children went on a material hunt to identify different materials inside and outside. They produced beautiful work with some wonderful pictures and labels. Well done, Year 1!



Material	Inside	Outside
Plastic	chare A	slight n
Metal	KROS	fens
Wood	taaybl	chree
Stone	wals	grand
Fabric	clitons	pilow
Glass	windows	windows

Year 2: This week in RE we have compared how we get ready for Advent with how other cultures around the world get ready for Advent and noticed similarities and differences between these. We also looked closely at the visitation when Mary travelled to Elizabeth and Elizabeth and baby John the Baptist were filled with the Holy Spirit. We put ourselves into Mary and Elizabeth's shoes during this time by writing a diary entry to retell this special part of the story. In computing we have started to look at how to take a clear photo and acknowledged photo consents as well during this lesson. In Science we have begun a new unit of learning around materials. We started this unit by identifying and naming a variety of materials and thought about how we can describe their properties.

Year 3: Year 3 explained the importance of anointing in baptism, in RE, describing the different stages performed in the Sacrament. We used our own experiences to link to the scriptures read in class to describe each stage of the ceremony. We have started a new unit in Maths, Multiplication and Division, focusing on using arrays and explaining how to identify multiples. In English, we have been looking at Explanation texts, generating a toolkit altogether to support our writing.

Year 4: This week the children have been writing their own myth as part of their shared writing in English! They've had Wiglaf from Michael Morpurgo's 'Beowulf' running from the high cliffs of Hronesness, then descending down a whirlpool created by sea serpents and sea monsters on his quest to restore the magic in Beowulf's sword. They have also been learning all about area in Maths, a brand-new topic that they are thoroughly enjoying! In RE they are learning about gifts, which is especially exciting around this time of year! The children have been amazing, sharing gifts that cannot be bought, such as love, friendship, and kindness.

Year 5: In Year Five this week the children have been continuing their learning about young David and thinking about the qualities needed to be a good king - a servant leader. This fed into the English BIG writes as the children wrote their own persuasive leaflets persuading people to become servant leaders. I can't wait to read these over the next week. Maths has started a new unit based around fractions. The class started this week with a recap on equivalent fractions. In Science, the children investigated dissolving and carried out an experiment based on this. In Geography the learning on changes in the UK continued with looking at the differences made to Coventry in the war as well as continual change over time.

Year 6: This week Year 6 visited Thorpe Park, not to do the rides, but to learn to be responsible, safe and healthy citizens as part of the Junior Citizenship Programme. We had a fantastic afternoon learning about staying safe on the railways and in the water. The children did some work on mental health and wellbeing, they were taught how to put someone in the recovery position and learnt all about Climate change, keeping your teeth healthy and the benefits of exercise. In RE we have been discussing the Annunciation and how the Angel Gabriel's greeting tells us just how special it was that Mary was chosen as the Mother of God. In DT we have started transferring our Christmas stocking designs onto our Christmas stocking patterns and next week we will be cutting the fabric to size and then the sewing can start.

PTA

St Cuthbert's RC Primary School needs your help!

Ever struggled to
pay by SUMUP?

School systems slow
to work?

WIFI Upgrade needed!

Our WIFI system is old and outdated and is struggling to support our innovative learning opportunities including use of the laptops in classrooms and digital resources.

The system needs to be updated at a cost of £8,000 and as you can appreciate the school does not receive funding for this! Can you help?

Could your company sponsor the upgrade or perhaps help with fund matching?

If so, please email pta@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk

St Cuthbert's—Reverse Advent Calendar

As we approach advent we have been discussing with the children about ways we can give back during this season.

Throughout December we will be completing a reverse advent calendar where children can bring in one item to add to their class collection box.

All donations to go to local food banks and charities.



Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

This weeks winner in Reception is **Franek**, for being articulate and trying hard with his sounds in phonics lessons.

This weeks year 1 dojo winner has worked really hard on his English writing, he has been Fred talking and spelling words independently. Well done, **Angelo!**

Our year 2 winner is **Alice** for showing initiative by following classroom rules and routines.

Year 3's **Joshua** has been resilient in his Maths learning and been able to recall key vocabulary to explain his reasoning

Joshua in year 4 for making good choices and trying hard to avoid distractions, to focus on his learning, coming up with some excellent ideas in his writing tasks.

For the value of Faith, **Rhys** in year 5 received the dojo. He is also so kind and caring towards his peers. Rhys looks out for everyone around him and always has kind words to say. Thank you for being a good friend Rhys.

Gaia in year 6 has been showing our fair value of independence and resilience by practicing her handwriting at home every week and for doing her very best in every lesson. Well done, Gaia.

Get To Know The Team!

Mrs Farraj

Hobbies:
Gymnastics &
Judo

Favourite
Hot Drink:
Chai Latte

Favourite
Place Visited:
Rome

Favourite
Colour: Purple

Favourite
Food: Pizza or
Pasta

Favourite
Season:
Winter

Pets: none
(loves Cats)

Book Mrs Farraj is reading:
Colleen Hoover Collection



Diary Dates

28th November	year 5/6 girls football tournament
29th November	Years 1 & 2 Travelling Nativity
2nd December	Xavier Feast Day—School Closed
3rd December	Exposition of the blessed sacrament (children only)
4th December	Year 1—Local Area Walk
5th and 6th	Reconciliation for years 4, 5 and 6
9th December	Fire Safety talks for Years 2 and 5
12th December	Year 5 parents—PGL information morning (details to come)
17th December	KS2 Advent Rehearsal @ Church (details to come)
20th December	School finishes at 1.15pm—NO after school club

Nativity dates

11th December 2pm Key Stage 1

13th December 2pm Key Stage EYFS

19th December 7pm KS2 Advent Reflection
at our Lady of the Assumption

Wrap Around Care Bookings:

As many of you will be aware, Miss Constable will soon be heading off on her maternity leave. Whilst Miss Constable is away, Miss Elmer will be taking over the bookings for both breakfast and after school club, alongside the payments.

Please continue to send all booking requests to the same email (wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) and Miss Elmer will respond to you as soon as she can.

If you use childcare vouchers to pay for your wrap around care, please ensure Miss Elmer has the details of any payments you make so that your child's Scopay account can be fully updated.

Football Match Schedule

Please see below information on boys league games which have been scheduled for the season (apart from one game).

Further girls matches are confirmed for 30th January and 27th February and we hope to have all fixture dates in place by next newsletter.



**YEAR 5 BOYS
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**
2024 / 2-25

LEAGUE MATCHES

St Charles	VS	St Cuthbert's
13th November 2024 - depart 2.45pm		
Holy Family	VS	St Cuthbert's
29th January 2025 - depart 2.45pm		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Stepgates
26th February 2025 - 3.30pm kick off		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Ongar Place
19th March 2025 - 3.30pm kick off		



2024/2025

**FOOTBALL
MATCHES**
YEAR 6 BOYS

St Cuthbert's	VS	St Jude's
Wednesday 13th November, kick off 3.30pm		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Thorpe CofE
Thursday 23rd January, kick off 3.30pm		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Lyne & Longcross
Thursday 27th February, kick off 3.30pm		
Pyrcroft Grange	VS	St Cuthbert's
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INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2025

16th June 2025 to 4th July 2025



At Xavier Teach SouthEast, we are proud to offer an internship programme which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom.

NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

- **Funded internship** for **secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates** (£425pw)
- Non-funded internship for non-undergraduates and **all other secondary subjects and primary** teaching.
- **Aim:** to help undergraduates in all subjects, as well as those considering a career change, to explore how rewarding a career in teaching can be.

As part of the programme, you will:

- Get involved in all aspects of school life
- Receive bespoke training
- Work closely with a Mentor to observe and teach lessons
- Meet regularly with fellow Interns, ECTs and SCITT trainees
- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT



"The internship was a brilliant hands-on experience that gave me a wealth of knowledge about life as a primary school teacher. The programme gave me the best opportunity to gain first-hand experience teaching, observing and helping to plan lessons."

Intern 2023



INTERESTED?

Scan the QR code for the application form or visit www.teachsoutheast.co.uk

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PTA

Autumn/Winter Events Timetable

Christmas Fair

- Sunday 24th November
- 12.30-3pm
- Christmas starts here
- at our annual
- fun fest!

Windsor Panto

- Wednesday 4th December 7pm
- More info coming soon!

Race Night

- Friday 31st January
- Book a babysitter
- & come join us for some
- fizz & fun!

Dis-Glow

- Friday 28th February
- Glow crazy at
- our neon night!

MAGs Day

- Friday 28th March
- Come into school to
- celebrate all our
- wonderful women!

- For more information
- on our fundraising
- events please see the
- PTA page on the
- school website!

ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

**24TH
NOV**

**ST CUTHBERT'S
SCHOOL HALL
12.30-3PM**

FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES, CRAFTS, RAFFLE, BOTTLE TOMBOLA, SWEETS,
CAKES, SEE THE BIG MAN HIMSELF & MORE!!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR EACH STALL SO PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR CLASS REP IF YOU CAN HELP US!

MON 23RD - TUE 24TH DECEMBER



MANORCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

STANDARD DAY 10:00-16:00
EXTENDED DAY 8:15-18:00

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY

MEET SANTA - GAMES - CHRISTMAS
MUSIC - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - CHRISTMAS
FOOD TASTING - & MUCH MORE



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