



Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 29th November 2024

Dear All

As we move into Advent it is lovely to see the activities that accompany this time of year. The Christmas Fair on Sunday was a great success and the PTA did an amazing job. Thank you to them for all their hard work and giving up a huge amount of time - we are so grateful. Thank you also to the families who attended to support the event!

Our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament at Royal Holloway University yesterday. They were so enthusiastic and reached the quarter finals - they are really growing as a team.

The Year 1 and 2 children had a special treat today as they were invited to the Travelling Crib at St Anne's in Chertsey. The children were so excited (even just getting on the coach!!) and had a lovely experience looking at the journey that Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem.

As we are now part of the Xavier Catholic Trust, we celebrate St Francis Xavier's Feast day on Monday. The children will not be in school on Monday and will be learning more next week about St Francis Xavier who was called to serve in faith and action.

Surrey County Council asks us to regularly draw attention to the new guidance from the government regarding attendance and penalty notices (see next page but also our [website](#)). Please also note, on the last day of term we will be finishing at 1.15pm after lunch and registration, this day is therefore counted as a full day of attendance/absence.

Miss Constable will be leaving us shortly to have her baby. We are all very excited for her and wish her well on the exciting journey starting her family. Hopefully she will visit with her bundle of joy in the new year!

I am sad to announce that we are going to be losing two of the lovely ladies from our office at the end of term. Mrs Missen and Mrs Turner are pursuing new adventures and we will really miss them. I am enormously grateful to both of these ladies for guiding and supporting me through my time at St Cuthbert's - I really could not have managed without them over the past few years. We all wish them the very best for the future!

In this first week of Advent, as we anticipate the coming of Jesus and the beginning of the Year of Jubilee with the opening of the Holy Door, children will invite Jesus to open their minds. With minds open to welcome Jesus into our lives and be like Jesus to those we meet, we can learn how to respond to difficulties with strength and courage.

'Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' (Luke 21:28)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs A 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"

Absence requests during term time

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).
 - Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
 - The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.
 - In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children [in a rolling 3 year period](#) since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week Reception have been learning about the Shepherd's in the Nativity story. We learnt that God wanted everyone to know, that Jesus was a king for all and that everyone could be part of his story. We made sheep with wool, to help us remember how important the shepherd's were in the story and made beautiful stars to celebrate the star that led the way to Jesus in the stable. In literacy we have been reading Kipper's birthday and have spent the week using our Fred talk to write birthday cards and lists of presents. We designed birthday cupcakes and decorated balloons. We even designed our own party outfits! In maths we have been learning about the numbers 4 and 5. We have been practising our subitising, recognising the amounts and representing the amounts in different ways. On Friday we celebrated our class birthday party with lots of dancing and party games!

Year 1:

Year 1 have had a very exciting week. We started off with our RE learning by discussed the importance of Mary and how Christians all over the world honour her. The children investigated portrayals of Mary from different parts of the world. In Geography, the children partook in a treasure hunt. To do this, they had to read a map of the school ground, orient themselves within it and find the clues planted all around the school! In Science this week, we were investigating liquids. The children examined a range of liquids, from fairy liquid to custard! They had to group them based on properties they determined e.g. transparency and which ones we're not allowed to drink. We then discussed the consistency and what a thick/thin liquid is. We finished off by gradually mixing all the liquids together! Well done Year 1 for a fun-filled week.

Year 2:

This week in RE we have recapped our Y1 knowledge of the visitation and retold this using either diary entries or story boards. We have also looked more closely at the Magnificat and discussed the importance of this. In History we looked at the events of the great fire of London, acted this out and ordered the events into our books. In maths we have begun to look at shape and their properties we have counted the sides and vertices on 2D shapes and used this knowledge to help us draw our own shapes.

Year 3:

Year 3 have been exploring how different types of magnets work in their Science lessons, predicting which classroom items are magnetic and non-magnetic. As greenhouse gases blanket our beautiful home, we have been writing about how these impact the Earth's climate in both Geography and our Writing. In RE, continuing our unit of understanding the importance of Baptism, we have also been discussing how our hearts are little kingdoms made for Jesus (in collective worship).

Year 4:

This week in DT, Year 4 have been making templates and persevering through cutting out fabric pieces for their book sleeves which they will soon sew together and complete with their own creative designs. They have also had fun doing practical work in Science, making circuits and learning about what is needed for electricity to create power. Speaking of power, Year 4 have also been powering through their autumn assessments, and we are so proud of them!

Year 5:

Year Five have been thinking more about David as a grown king and how he worships God through prayer, more specifically psalms. In Science, the children analysed their experiment results and drew graphs to show their findings. The class then went on to set up another experiment about evaporation. In Maths, learning has continued with Fractions - a tricky concept this week was working with mixed fractions and then finding equivalent fractions to match. Geography looked at the local area and changes that occur. Home learning is linked to this, this week.

Year 6:

Year 6 have looked at all the different names for Mary, the mother of God this week. We also looked at Luke's account of the Annunciation and linked it to scripture from the old testament.

Our DT lessons are getting more exciting as some of us started cutting out our designs this week. It was also lovely to see that everyone completed their SPAG.com tests this week! Well done everyone!

In Maths we are learning to multiply and divide fractions. The children have been really resilient during maths lessons this week. There were some lovely maths conversations during the Think together sections of our lessons and everyone has been trying really hard to complete their work on time.

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Cassie in EYFS has been very independent in her phonics lessons and reading her book fantastically

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 is someone who is always independent and takes initiative with his maths work, well done **Maxim!**

David in year 2 for showing resilience during all learning tasks this week.

Year 3's **Isabella** has been persevering through assessment week, by reading each question and checking her paper.

Sarah-Ann has been consistently respectful and polite to adults and other children and therefore received the dojo in year 4

Mia D in year 5 wins the dojo for being so conscientious about her learning by really thinking about the spellings she is writing.

In year 6, **Oonagh** has been showing our fair value of independence in all her learning. Thank you for listening carefully and taking part in lessons with enthusiasm, Oonagh.

Get To Know The Team!

Miss Duckham

Hobbies:
Shopping &
Reading

Favourite
Hot Drink:
Hot
Chocolate

Favourite
Place Visited:
Disneyland
Paris

Favourite
Colour: Purple



Favourite
Food: Pringles

Favourite
Season:
Autumn

Pets: two Cats
(Pepper &
Shera)

Book Miss Duckham is
reading: Friends, Lovers &
The Big Terrible Thing by
Matthew Perry



Diary Dates

2nd December	Xavier Feast Day—School Closed
3rd December	Exposition of the blessed sacrament (children only)
4th December	Year 1—Local Area Walk
4th December	6pm parent information zoom on Behaviour Policy
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)
18th December	12noon Twelve15 Christmas Lunch
20th December	School finishes at 1.15pm—NO after school club

Parent Information Zoom—Behaviour Policy

On Wednesday 4th December at 6pm, Miss Duckham will be holding a short online presentation on the new Xavier behaviour policy and how it links with our St Cuthbert's FAIR values. The new behaviour policy is already on the school website, if you would like to read it.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95261223934?pwd=Zx86yX5BhHnsqqkzmz6efhaXZRhzkR.1>

Meeting ID: 952 6122 3934

Passcode: v5B6ws

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.

Emma Dawson (year 5 mum) is organising a St Cuthbert's fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the school for essential IT upgrades



Thursday 5th December @ 7:30 p.m. (45 minutes)

Jurgen Centre

£10 a ticket

SumUp link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QLZKSN1>

Thanks for supporting the St Cuthbert's fundraiser.

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.



Some News from Core Judo

Hello St Cuthberts School/Parents.

We have some exciting results to share from the Core Judo Championships Competition on the Sunday just gone. We had over 130 Judoka competing, from various different schools around the area, throughout the course of day, and we just wanted to share some of the results and experiences from the day.



The competitors were all placed into groups of 4 or 5, and had to fight everyone else in the group, in order to earn their medals. Matches consisted of 2 minute fights, (with an extra minute golden score if still tied), and had to do their best to throw the opponent flat on the back or shoulders, or pin them down for 20 seconds to win.

On the day, St Cuthberts school was represented by Coralina, Ethan and Noah. All fought very hard, showing great resilience, courage and strength during all the matches. I was very proud with them all and they can hold their heads high.

Coralina had 3 matches, which she managed to win all of them by ippon, (maximum score). This earned her the Gold medal! Her fiery determination really made her stand out from her group, and she also managed to score a fantastic hip throw for one of her victories.

Ethan and Noah both had difficult groups, but showed great resilience and managed to secure enough wins to each earn a bronze medal.

Thank you for the parents, for bringing the kids to compete and supporting the event. It wouldn't be possible without your support. We will be hosting the next Core Championships in April 5th at ACS next.

We hope that the positive results from the above mentioned, may spur more of the class to compete for the next one, as I would love to see as many representing the school as possible and supporting the team. We are also running a Judo camp at the Dojo car, from 30th-31st of December, if any of the children would like more Judo in the meanwhile.

Please feel free to [email](#) us, if you are interested. Thanks you for your time and all the best,

Kind regards,

Jack Barnes

Core Judo Coaching

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
tbc		



PS SPORTS
COACHING

SPORTS CLUBS

ST CUTHBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday - Athletics/ Multi-sports

3:20 – 4:20pm | Yrs 1,2,3,4,5 & 6

Wednesday - Dance

3:20 – 4:20pm | Yrs 2, 3,4,5 & 6

Thursday - Dodgeball

3:20 – 4:20pm | Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

Dates, Prices & Bookings

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or scan the QR code

We accept childcare vouchers

For more information visit info@pssportscoaching.com



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ATHLETICS

Learn the foundations of athletics events through game-based activities. Our older athletes will take part in fun activities to build core skills and learn running, jumping and throwing techniques.



DANCE

Fun warm up games, easy to learn routines to popular music. Opportunities to perform to parents and school at talent show and summer fair.



DODGEBALL

Dodgeball is a super fun game played with soft, safe balls. The children are split into two teams and aim to hit each other with the balls. The children learn defending and attacking techniques and take part in matches.



Barnardo's Surrey Neurodevelopmental Services

Are you a parent or carer in Surrey of a young person who presents with ADHD behaviours?

No diagnosis required to receive support

Our helpline is here to support you, no referral needed.

0300 222 5755
Free to call, press option 4
5pm-11pm 365 days

Our trained helpline practitioners are able to support with a variety of concerns.

- Sleep Concerns
- Diet Concerns
- Friendships and Bullying
- Dopamine Seeking Behaviours
- Routines
- School Anxiety
- Screen Time Limits
- Connections with Family or Siblings
- Risky Behaviours

New Mindworks Neurodevelopmental Offer for Schools

Free workshop for Parents & Carers: Building Confidence - Identifying and Supporting Additional Needs

A 5-week workshop held in your school to help parents and carers identify and support their children's needs.

Topics covered:

- Communication & Interaction
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health
- Cognition & Learning
- Physical & Sensory Need
- Navigating the System & Signposting to Support

Each session includes:

- 45 minutes workshop followed by tea/coffee and chat
- Practical activities and ideas that can be followed up at home
- Information pack with topic content, resources and signposting

For more information on hosting the workshop in your school, contact your local School Based Neurodevelopmental Practitioner:

Woking & Guildford	Susan Rampertab susan.rampertab@nas.org.uk
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Reigate and Banstead & Tandridge	Michaela Hussey michaela.hussey@barnardos.org.uk
Mole Valley & Epsom and Ewell	Pamela Wood pamela.wood@barnardos.org.uk



Winter 2024/2025

Newsletter

FREE until JAN 25



Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday 5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday 7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday 9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



AUTISM: Improving Communication
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.



WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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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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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