



Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 6th December 2024



Dear All

We started our week in a very special way by honouring the Holy Eucharist in an exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is the first time we have tried this important ceremony at St Cuthbert's with the KS2 children and they were so respectful and prayerful throughout.

The children had the opportunity to share their views and suggestions at Pupil Parliament this week. Each of our groups of children with responsibility led a meeting about how they want to move forward and improve our school, with the help from all the other pupils who selected which gathering they wanted to attend.

We launched our revised behaviour strategy with the children this week and introduced 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' that is used across Xavier schools and tied these themes in with our FAIR values. Please take a look at the new behaviour policy which is on our [website](#) - thank you to parents who were able to attend Miss Duckham's online presentation on Wednesday.

Year 1 went on a walk to the high street on Wednesday as part of their topic work. They really enjoyed the little adventure which enhanced their learning.

Next week we will be enjoying the Year 1 and 2 Nativity on Wednesday at 2pm and then the Reception performance at 2pm on Friday. The children (and staff) have been working so hard and are very excited!

In the second week of Advent, the children will understand that our actions impact others as well as our relationship with God. They will have the opportunity to open their hearts to Jesus and become reconciled with God by putting Jesus first as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee.



'And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.' (Luke 3:3)

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"

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week Reception have been learning all about Advent. We learnt about the meaning of each of the candles on the Advent wreath and that we light one each week as we prepare for Christmas. We then made our own Advent wreaths and decorated the different candles to go on them. We have been reading the stories "The Christmas Promise" and "Jesus' Christmas Party" that told us all about the birth of Jesus from the different characters points of view. We then used pictures to sequence the story. In maths we have been learning about number bonds. We explored the part and whole of a quantity by finding all of the different ways you can make 5.

Year 1:

Year 1 have had another exciting week! We started the week by conducting a pilgrimage to the prayer garden. We did this in honour of Our Lady. The children laid flowers there and offered their prayers to Mary. In Geography, we had a very exciting, practical lesson. The children partook in their walk to the Green to develop their knowledge of their local area. Along the way, they had to solve riddles and identify landmarks. They all had excellent listening and followed instructions beautifully and safely. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2:

Newsletter - In Year 2 we are in the full swing of nativity rehearsals and we are all so excited to show you all next week. During writing lessons this week we have been looking at the key features of diary entries and understanding that a diary tells us about an event in a person's life and their thoughts and feelings. We will be linking this to our History learning of Samuel Pepys and the Great fire of London.

Year 3:

Year 3 enjoyed the Reconciliation assembly with Canon Chris, celebrating the 'Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament', at the start of the week. Reflecting on the blessings bestowed upon us and commemorating the special moment together, we also thanked Jesus for his teachings and for our loved ones. In DT, we have been researching and creating different 3D models to decide which ones would be suitable for our castle prototypes and final designs. In Maths, continuing our unit - Multiplication and Division - we have been working very hard in learning our 3, and 4 times tables to applying these multiplication and division facts in word-problems.

Year 4:

This week in Year Four, the children have been busy building new skills and exploring exciting topics! They continued honing their sewing techniques as they worked on their fantastic book sleeves - their creativity and focus have been impressive! In English, they began planning their non-chronological reports, organising their ideas and learning how to share information effectively. In Science, the classroom was full of excitement as the children build electrical circuits and tested them to see if they worked. Finally, in citizenship, they delved into understanding body language and facial expressions, helping them develop empathy and communication skills. Well done, Year Four for a great week of learning and discovery!

Year 5:

In Year Five this week, the children have been looking closer the power of Psalms and the special way in which King David prayed. English saw the start of a new unit based around non chronological reports. The writing will involve writing in the third person, including fronted adverbials and using organisational devices such as bullet points and headings. In Maths, the first unit of fractions has been completed this week and we move into another area of fractions where they will put their learning about comparing and finding equivalent fractions to practice. In Science, the class enjoyed another experiment. This week is it based on filtering. The class tested how many times it would take to filter water.

Year 6:

We started this week with a beautiful opportunity to spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament. It was a lovely, calm way to start a week full of assessment challenges. We were also able to receive the sacrament of reconciliation this week, so we are all ready for the season of Advent.

This week we made a start on creating a simple website. The children used the information they gathered about Maya gods to make a start on their website project. This is also a Big write week, so the children have been working hard on writing their own set of instructions to make, bake or cook something. With assessments, advent rehearsals and a full week of learning all fit into a 4 day week, I have been very impressed with the children's resilience and independence this week. Well done!

ADVENT AT ST CUTHBERT'S

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

To start our Advent Season Canon Chris led the KS2 classes with a form of prayer new to our school; Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist. Each class spent time in silent prayer with the blessed Eucharist. They then took time to reflect in their spiritual journals.



RECONCILIATION

Year groups 4, 5, and 6 were given the opportunity to attend Reconciliation with Canon Chris this week. Advent is an important time in the liturgical calendar to attend Reconciliation. Isaiah 40:3 "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' Part of preparing a way for the Lord is to reconcile our sins with God so we can be as cleansed as possible for when Jesus the Saviour is born.

What the children thought of the Adoration of the blessed Sacrament

Aksel – It was really special to me because we were the first ones in the school history to experience this. It made me feel like blessed because I felt Jesus and God in my heart.

Theo – It made me feel that I was Jesus and God.

Eleanor – It made me feel like Jesus was there because on the monstrance it reminded me of Jesus' crown.

Evelyn – It really enhanced my connection with Jesus and God because just knowing that it (the Eucharist) has come out of the Church to see me and my class. We got to do the six minutes of silent prayer and that was really magical and special.

Lily – It actually made me feel happy and calm because now I know what prayers I can say when I wake up in the morning. Now I know I can say short prayers to God.

Auriah – I felt like Jesus was watching me whilst we were doing our silent prayer. It was really beautiful.

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

This week's winner in Reception is **Eva** for being articulate in our Nativity rehearsals. Singing the songs and saying her lines beautifully.

This weeks dojo winner in Year 1 is always so kind and respectful to everybody around him. He sets an excellent example, well done **Jarooth!**

This week the Year 2 dojo award goes to **Arthur** for being respectful and ready to learn.

Cristian - for setting a good example of being ready, respectful and safe, both in the classroom and out on the playground.

Anais for showing amazing resilience and working really hard in her times tables. Well done, Anais!

Nyameba in year 5 is always working so hard in class. He has lots of respect for his learning and continues to do his best.

Lewis in year 6 has been very resilient during lessons and remembered to ask when he needed help.

Get To Know The Team!

Mrs Gray
Favourite
Hot Drink: Salted
Caramel
Coffee

Hobbies:
Sewing,
crochet &
cinema visits

Favourite
Place Visited:
Rome

Favourite
Food:
Macaroni
Cheese



Favourite
Colour: Pinks
& yellows

Favourite
Season: All
the seasons

Pets: Just my
family :)

Book Mrs Gray is reading:
Frieda McFadden series



Diary Dates

9th December	Fire Safety talks for Years 2 and 5
10th December	Year 5/6 Girls Knockout Cup Game v St Jude's @ 3.30pm (home)
12th December	Year 5 parents—PGL information morning (8.50am)
17th December	KS2 Advent Rehearsal @ Church (drop off at church between 8.40 and 8.50am)
18th December	Christmas Lunch—children can wear festive headwear
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



**YEAR 5/6 GIRLS
CUP GAME**

ST CUTHBERT'S    ST JUDE'S

Tuesday, 10th December
kick off at 3.30pm
@ St Cuthbert's School

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.



Football Match Schedule

ERPSSA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS

UPCOMING FIXTURES

9 JANUARY 2025 | 3.15PM KICK OFF

ST CUTHBERT'S **VS** ST JAMES C OF E

14 JANUARY 2025 | 3.30PM KICK OFF

ST CUTHBERT'S **VS** MANORCROFT

30 JANUARY 2025 | 3.30PM KICK OFF

ST CUTHBERT'S **VS** ASHLEY SCHOOL

27 FEBRUARY 2025 | 3.30PM KICK OFF

ST CUTHBERT'S **VS** COBHAM FREE SCHOOL

STILL TO BE CONFIRMED ST CUTHBERT'S VS GROVELANDS

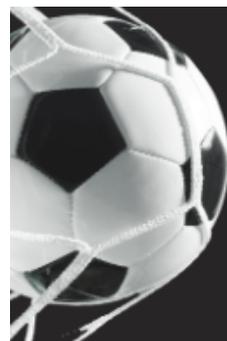


**YEAR 5 BOYS
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

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
Pycroft Grange	VS	St Cuthbert's	tbc

Club Booking Forms for January 2025 onwards:



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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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.



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No diagnosis required to receive support

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

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- School Anxiety
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- Dopamine Seeking Behaviours
- Risky Behaviours
- Routines

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:

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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



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NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

- **Funded internship** for **secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates** (£425pw)
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Intern 2023



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MON 23RD - TUE 24TH DECEMBER



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

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

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