



Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 13th December 2024



Dear All

We begin with some great news! Miss Constable had a baby girl this week - Evie is the newest member of our St Cuthbert's team and we are delighted to welcome her!

This week has been a week of Nativity performances! It has been such a joy to watch our youngest children singing and acting on stage. It is quite a challenge to get up in front of an audience, but the children were so excited and did an amazing job. I can't wait to see our KS2 children in their Advent service next Thursday.

Year 2 and 5 received a Fire Safety talk on Monday to ensure that they know what steps to take in the event of a fire. It is so important to give the children this information and keep them as safe as possible.

We have sent out a school survey this week - please take the time to share your views as your input helps us to make improvements to St Cuthbert's.

At the end of next week we will be sending home data from our assessments from the Autumn term. This year these will be sent out electronically and will give you scores from the tests which is purely for your information. I meet with every teacher to discuss each child's progress and where we need to support them to achieve their potential.

This week, the final in our Advent series, children are learning to open their lives to Jesus through their words and actions, as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee. When we open our lives to Him, our actions are an example to others of love, kindness and generosity.

The crowds asked John, "What, then, shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." (Luke 3:10-11)

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 to retell the Christmas story. We have lots of different nativity scenes set up around our classroom that have helped us to retell the story and sequence it in the right order. In maths we have been learning about shapes with 4 sides and using them to build and create, spotted them in the classroom and playground and learnt their names and properties. We have also been very busy this week making Christmas cards and practising our Nativity show. Thank you everyone for coming, we hope you enjoyed it!

Year 1:

Year 1 have had a brilliant week. We have been working so hard on the nativity and it all came to fruition on Wednesday. The children performed wonderfully and were all so pleased! We have had some naughty visitor to our classroom, Ned and Ted (the elves). Ned and Ted left the children a letter from Father Christmas. In it, Santa asked for the children to write back and tell him all about their preparations for Christmas. The children were very excited to do their big writes this week and have all begun their independent letters to Santa.

Year 2:

Wow what a fantastic performance the children put on for this years nativity. They all sung the songs with confidence and said their lines with ease. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. After the busy-ness of the nativity we had a science day where we explored different materials and explained their properties. We also conducted an experiment to find out which materials were the most absorbent.

Year 3:

Year 3 have worked hard writing their explanation texts this week about their chosen desert animals. During RHE, we have been talking about our future careers, what skills and attributes are required for these. Tackling tricky multiplication and division problems in Maths, we have been learning how to link x2, x4, and x8 times tables in order to solve these problems.

Year 4:

This week, Year 4 have been incredibly busy and creative! In computing, the children have been planning and recording their very own podcasts, showcasing their tech skills and imaginative ideas. Their rehearsals for the Advent celebration have filled the school with beautiful singing and a festive spirit. In maths, they've worked hard to master multiplication and division, while in history, they've impressed everyone with their detailed non-chronological reports about the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians. Well done, Year 4!

Year 5:

In Year Five this week, the children have had a focus in RE on the O'Antiphons. These are special prayers said in the run up to Jesus and help Christians to know more about Jesus. These will be featured in the KS2 Advent Service so please do keep watch for this part of the service. In Maths, fractions continues. It has been tricky this week with adding fractions with different denominators. This requires really good knowledge of converting fractions so we have been taking it as a steady pace. In English, it has combined with Geography this week with completing a guided write based around a non chronological report of Egham. A highlight of this week has been cooking a bolognese sauce. The children have also created labels for these including nutritional values created using a spreadsheet - we hope you enjoy a nice family meal together!

Year 6:

In RE we have been studying Iconography. The children explored the symbolism in the different colours and images in religious icons. We have also been looking at the Magnificat and created our own depictions of this very special song of praise.

In maths lessons we are continuing our work on fractions and will be moving on to measures next week. Our English writing is focussing on descriptions this week, the children wrote some lovely descriptions of a secret or magical door using all their learning about imagery and idioms. We are now in full sewing mode in DT. The children have been incredibly resilient during DT lessons and our stockings are coming along nicely. Make sure to save a spot near the Christmas tree for an extra stocking this year!

Diary Dates

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| 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 |

KS2 Advent Reflection



19th December 7pm

at our Lady of the Assumption

Lost Property:

We have a very large number of items in our lost property. If your child is missing anything please come to look through at afternoon collection.

Any items that are not collected by the last day of term will be donated.

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Reception's winner will be announced next week as they were busy getting ready for their nativity during our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon.

This week's dojo winner in year 1 has been working so hard on being responsible and he has done a wonderful job, well done **Theo!**

Dale in year 2 for showing resilience when he felt nervous during nativity practices.

In year 3, **Isabella** received the dojo for showing a commitment to giving it her best in all subjects. She has approached her learning with great initiative, well done!

Year 4's **Ethan** has been focused on his learning and trying his best with his listening and following instructions. Well done Ethan

Caitlin in year 5 has been working really hard in maths and answering some tricky questions with articulate answers.

In year 6, **Liam** has shown excellent work in DT this week. He is so creative in his ideas, and his sewing skills are so inspiring. Well done.

Get To Know The Team!

Miss Elmer

Hobbies: pottering at home, organising and shopping

Favourite Colour: Light blue

Favourite Season: Summer

Favourite Hot Drink: Milky cup of tea

Favourite Place Visited: Barbados

Favourite Food: Cauliflower Cheese

Pets: None (yet!)

Book Miss Elmer is reading: Happy Place by Emily Henry



From the parish

I am delighted to hear that many of the pupils have kept up my “**Advent Prayer Challenge**” at home. Finding that stillness and peace is so important for us all!

This weekend is **Gaudete Sunday** will be celebrated at our Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Masses. It is our custom (originating from a custom in Rome), to bless the Baby Jesus from our Cribs and Manger Scenes – or to bring in your Integrated Crib. Some like to draw or make a Baby Jesus. Furthermore, the priest wears the Rose Vestment and, if you wish, it is the opportunity for you, and your child, to wear pink or rose colour clothes!

As a Christmas Gift to the Staff and to the Families of St Cuthbert’s School (this year), we, the parish are donating to “**Mary’s Meals**” to help feed children and encourage their education, in some of the poorest parts of the world.

All the details of our Christmas Mass times, New Years Day Mass, our Epiphany Carol Service, and our charitable outreach as a parish can be found in this weekend’s **parish newsletter**.

I have greatly enjoyed the **Key Stage 1 and EYFS Nativities** and now I look forward to the **Key Stage 2 Advent Liturgy** next week. Thank you too for the great response of the children to **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Advent** and their class celebrations of **Reconciliation**.

Please do join us in church and prepare well for Christmas.

God Bless,

Canon Chris

[The Parish of St Cuthbert, Egham | One Parish Family, Embracing Change](#)



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. The final date for collections is **Friday 20th December.**



We wanted to share the below posters as they contain some very useful information regarding age ranges, especially in the lead up to Christmas knowing the children may be receiving new games as presents.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

13 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

X (formerly Twitter) Facebook Instagram Pinterest Messenger
TikTok Discord Snapchat Twitch Yubo
Reddit YouTube BeReal WhatsApp

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16 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

Nintendo Online Account Vimeo
Tumblr

18 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

Xbox Live Account PSN Online Account

Age Restrictions for Video Games

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| <p>3 PEGI 3</p> <p>Games with a PEGI 3 rating are suitable for all ages.</p> <p>They may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> child-like settings comical violence language more suitable for young children <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just Dance FIFA DiRT Rally Animal Crossing | <p>7 PEGI 7</p> <p>Games with a PEGI 7 rating are suitable for ages 7 and above.</p> <p>They may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some scenes or sounds that could be frightening mild forms of violence (non-realistic or with no detail) <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minecraft Roblox Among Us Lego Series |
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For further information regarding the video game age restrictions mentioned in this resource, please see the official ESRB website.

Age Restrictions for Video Games

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| <p>12 PEGI 12</p> <p>Games with a PEGI 12 rating are suitable for ages 12 and above.</p> <p>They may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> violence of a slightly graphic nature involving fantasy characters suggestive activities or language gambling mild bad language <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sims Fortnite Dragon Ball FighterZ Super Smash Bros. Ultimate | <p>16 PEGI 16</p> <p>Games with a PEGI 16 rating are suitable for ages 16 and above.</p> <p>They may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> violence and adult content that looks like real life bad language scenes demonstrating the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marvel's Avengers Battlefield 2042 Halo Infinite Marvel's Spider-Man |
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Age Restrictions for Video Games

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PEGI 18

Games with a PEGI 18 rating are suitable for ages 18 and above.

They may have:

- extreme violence
- explicit adult content
- the glamorised use of illegal substances

For example:

- Call of Duty: Warzone
- Grand Theft Auto V
- Far Cry 3 Blood Dragon

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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

Pyrcroft 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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Website: www.london-tkd.co.uk

TENNIS COACHING
EST. 2018

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ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TENNIS BREAKFAST CLUB

SPRING TERM

JANUARY 08TH - MARCH 26TH

07.50AM - 08.35AM

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*we require a minimum of 6 players per group in order for the session to run.

Club Booking Forms for January 2025 onwards:

We are very excited to announce a BRAND NEW coding club will be available from January.

TechyTots will run after school on Fridays from 3:20pm—4:20pm for both KS1 and KS2.

Booking information to follow.

TechyTots are running a Christmas event on Saturday 21st December, please find details below if you would like join them for this festive session and find out more about them.



The poster features a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. On the left is a purple robot wearing a red Santa hat and holding yellow stars. The text is centered and right-aligned, providing event details. At the bottom right, there are yellow stars and a black pen nib.

TechyTots

JOIN US FOR A
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Magic and Puppet Show
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Meet the Robots
Games, Music, Dancing & More!

Early Bird Tickets £9 per child (limited availability!)
Standard: £10.50 per child
Free entry for adults

Spaces are limited to 30 children per session

21 DEC 2024 | 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM
1:40 PM - 3 PM

St James Church, (Entrance at
Churchfield Car Park), Weybridge
KT13 8DB

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

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- School Anxiety
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- 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:

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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

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| 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.

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- Meet regularly with fellow Interns, ECTs and SCITT trainees
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Intern 2023



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