



## Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 20th December 2024

Dear All

Well we have come to the end of a long, but productive, term. The children have worked so hard and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

The KS2 Advert service last night was absolutely beautiful! The children were so brave sharing their range of talents, everything from singing and reading to acting ballet! It was such a delight to watch and a lovely way to end the term. Thank you so much to the staff who worked so hard to bring it together and the parents for attending.

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the survey that was sent out last week. I am really grateful for all your views and will respond to queries in the new year.

You should be receiving your child's assessment data electronically today. These are the results of recent tests or teacher judgements about how they are progressing. I have met with each teacher to discuss how we can support any children needing extra help.

We were delighted to see St Cuthbert's position on the performance table for KS2 SATs for the previous academic year - we were 14<sup>th</sup> out of 452 Surrey schools!! I am so proud of our wonderful children and staff who deserve this success after all their hard work.

This week we are really sad to say goodbye to Mrs Missen and Mrs Turner from the office who have given St Cuthbert's so much during their time with us - I could not have managed without their guidance over the last 2 years and they will be greatly missed. Miss Elmer is stepping up to manage the office and will be supported by a new member of staff.....another Mrs Rainbow!! And no, she is no relation to me, in fact I have not met another 'Rainbow' (apart from family member) in the whole time that I have been one!! We are also welcoming a new SENCO for 3 days a week, Mrs Sabbadin, who has a wealth of experience working in SEND provision. Mrs Humphries will be handing over during the Spring term.

Thank you so much for all your thoughtful cards and presents - I have been completely overwhelmed with your generosity. I feel very lucky to be part of such a wonderful community and am grateful for all of your continued support.

My last word is a plea is to ask parents to encourage their children to read over the holidays. It is so important that the children practise regularly and learn to love reading, so please allow them to read anything that is of interest and feeds the vocabulary that will go on to support their writing and subjects across the curriculum.

***Pray that you would be filled with the hope, joy, peace, and love that Jesus came to the world to bring us. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." (Romans 15:13)***

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Mrs Rainbow

## The Week That Was

**Year R:** This week Reception have been finishing their learning all about the Nativity story. In maths we have been playing lots of Christmas themed games that helped us practise our 2D shapes, our numbers to 10, matching the numeral and quantity and our number bonds. We have been busy drawing pictures of Bethlehem using colouring pencils and crayons and painting our own winter trees, practising our observation skills by trying to copy some watercolour pictures of winter trees. The Reception children really enjoyed their Christmas lunch and joined in a sing along of Christmas songs with Years 1,5 & 6!

**Year 1:** Well done to everybody in Year 1 for a fabulous week to conclude a very productive first term. The children have progressed and developed so much already, academically and socially. They are all moving from strength to strength and it is a joy to see. This week has been very fun. We started off with a Christmas movie party on Monday! The children all enjoyed the grinch alongside a healthy serving of popcorn! In RE this week, we learned about the ways in which Christians celebrate Christmas. We discussed the importance of the crib and what it symbolises. The children have worked so hard and learned so much this term, they are overdue a well-earned rest! Hoping everyone has a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Year 2:** Newsletter - In RE we have looked at the advent wreath and discussed how we prepare for the birth of Jesus and how the advent wreath helps us to do this. In maths we have looked at the properties of 3D shapes and compared them. In English for the last 3 weeks we have been looking at diary entries and used all our knowledge to write a diary entry as if we were living in London during the great fire of London linking to our History learning this half term.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have had a very busy last week of term! Applying our multiplication and division skills to problem-solving, we have been consolidating our knowledge of the x2, x4, x8 times tables. In DT, we have enjoyed creating our castles, having researched and designed our prototypes to making the final product. In RE, we discussed why it was important to prepare for visitors; how we make visitors feel welcome in relation to how Jesus makes us feel welcome. We hope everyone has a great Winter break!

**Year 4:** As the festive season approaches, Year Four have been busy with a flurry of exciting activities! This week, the children took a step back in time to create a Time Capsule for the Ancient Egyptians, imagining what treasures and artefacts might have helped them be so successful. They also put their Science skills to the test by designing true or false quizzes about electricity - challenging each other's knowledge in a fun and creative way. In English, the children have been working hard on writing detailed non-chronological reports about the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt, showcasing their research and writing skills. Alongside all of this, they've been rehearsing for the Advent service, where their singing and performance talents shone. Finally, they got into the Christmas spirit by making beautiful Christmas cards to share with family and friends. It's been a wonderful week, well done and Merry Christmas, Year Four!

**Year 5:** In Y5, in RE, the learning has been about great O'Antiphons. The children have been learning about this special form of prayer that is said in the run upto Christmas Eve. They have also made some beautiful artwork that was used in the KS2 Advent Service. In Maths, learning continues with fractions - some tricky concepts but the children have been concentrating hard and working well on this. In English, it has been big write week. The class are writing a non chronological report linked to Geography. They have been writing about a fictional town and what it would be like to live there. In DT, the class finished off by recording a TV cooking show demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of following a recipe. This also consolidated their computing skills from last week where they have been learning about the different types of lens to film through. The class have worked extremely hard this term and deserve a rest over the holidays. I look forward to seeing you in January!

**Year 6:** In RE this week we have been making links between the Magnificat and stories from the old testament. We have also thought about all the women protagonists in the old testament that we have learnt about this half term and how their stories teach us how to love God. We completed our history topic on the Maya learning all about the Maya Codices and how important those documents are to help us understand more about Maya culture. We discussed why the Maya are an important ancient civilisation. In DT we completed our Christmas stockings! The children have been working so hard to get their stockings ready for Christmas. Well done to all of year 6 for another amazing term of hard work and resilience.

## End of term winners:

Last Week's Dojo winner in Reception class was **Harper** for always being kind and respectful to her friends and teachers.

At the end of every term, children receive awards for **Reading, RE, Attitude to Learning, Faith & Overall Dojo.**

We also celebrate attendance achievements.

A very big well done to everyone who won!

# Get To Know The Team!

**Mrs Claassen**

Hobbies: Walking & baking

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Season: Winter

Favourite Hot Drink: Coffee

Favourite Place Visited: Botswana

Favourite Food: Roast Chicken

Pets: A dog called Lucy

Book Mrs Claassen is reading: The Covenant of Water



## Diary Dates for January 2025:

- **Monday 6th January** - Spring Term begins
- **Friday 10th January** - Back to school Mass (Epiphany themed), 9am in the school hall
- **Friday 17th January** - Year 4 Class Liturgy (9am) - year 4 parents invited
- **Wednesday 22nd January** - Year 5 trip to Painshill Park (details to follow in the new year)
- **Friday 31st January** - Year 6 Class Liturgy (9am) - year 6 parents invited

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Wow, thank you so much to the overwhelming support given to the Advent pledge this year. Claire McAdam, the Parish rep for Foodbank was blown away by the generosity of our school community. It really shows that when everyone does a little - the impact is huge.

The School Council have worked hard on this project through meeting together, designing and making posters and then encouraging children to donate an item if they are able to. Well done to the children on another successful charitable event.

The next project will be in Lent and will raise money for Mission Together. Please watch this space for their fundraising ideas.

Best wishes,  
Miss Puddle  
School Council

## Supporting your children at home

### Information Afternoon at St Anne's School Chertsey

As part of our Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project we have been working with many professionals to support Inclusion at St Anne's. We are really excited to say that the Occupational Therapist (OT), Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist and Neurodiversity Advisor have agreed to come into St Anne's to give short talks to parents on how to support children at home.

This information afternoon will be on **Tuesday 21st January at 1.30pm**. Each professional will do a 15 minute presentation with strategies on supporting your children at home.

We hope that as many parents as possible can attend this information afternoon. It will be extremely informative and we are very privileged to get all of these very experienced professionals together for one afternoon.

If you are interested in attending this information afternoon, please complete the online form so St Anne's can manage numbers. <https://forms.office.com/e/cCAyZmZaAj>

Parish News:

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December

5:30pm Carols and Nativity procession

6pm First Mass for families and children

8:30pm Carols

9pm Midnight Mass Liturgy

(followed by refreshments in the Jurgens Centre)

Wednesday 25th December

9:15am Mass of Dawn

11:00am Mass of Christmas Morning

## EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Sun 5th Jan, 3pm Join us in the church as we celebrate the Feast of the Three Kings with a festive carol service. Let's come together to sing carols and enjoy the joyous occasion. Following the service, gather with friends and bring some food to share at the Jurgens Centre. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and connect with our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

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](mailto:pta@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk)

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

### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

**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

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

### Age Restrictions for Video Games

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

**18**  
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

For further information regarding the video game age restrictions mentioned in this resource, please see the official ESRG website.

## 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

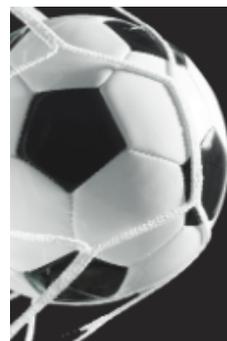


**YEAR 5 BOYS  
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

2024 / 2-25

**LEAGUE MATCHES**

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



2024/2025

# FOOTBALL MATCHES

## YEAR 6 BOYS

<b>St Cuthbert's</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>St Jude's</b>
Wednesday 13th November, kick off 3.30pm		
<b>St Cuthbert's</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>Thorpe CofE</b>
Thursday 23rd January, kick off 3.30pm		
<b>St Cuthbert's</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>Lyne &amp; Longcross</b>
Thursday 27th February, kick off 3.30pm		
<b>Pyrcroft Grange</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>St Cuthbert's</b>
tbc		



'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'  
**Matilda**



# Rainbows

Englefield Green  
Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm

## Girls play, learn and have tons of fun

for ages 5 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: ZD32574



**Contact Megan at**  
**egrainbows@outlook.com**  
**or call 07768 293 396**



Join a local Rainbows group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

## 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**  
<https://pssportscoaching.ipalbookings.com/>  
or scan the QR code

We accept childcare vouchers

For more information visit [info@pssportscoaching.com](mailto:info@pssportscoaching.com)



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**DANCE**  
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**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.

**active**soccer

# AFTER SCHOOL Football

8TH JAN - 2ND APRIL

**£78 FULL TERM**

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[www.london-tkd.co.uk](http://www.london-tkd.co.uk)

**LONDON TKD**

# Martial Arts School Club



**Your child will...**

- ✓ Gain Confidence
- ✓ Develop Discipline
- ✓ Learn Self-Defence

**\*Special Joining Offer\***

Parents for London TKD are required to re-register if their child is already in class, **NO COMMITMENTS - TRY US WITH CONFIDENCE** they will automatically be re-enrolled. You

Email: [hello@london-tkd.co.uk](mailto:hello@london-tkd.co.uk) London TKD if

You do NOT wish your child to re-join.

Website: [www.london-tkd.co.uk](http://www.london-tkd.co.uk)

**TENNIS COACHING**  
EST. 2018

**MATCH POINT**

**ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# TENNIS BREAKFAST CLUB

**SPRING TERM**

**JANUARY 08TH - MARCH 26TH**

**07.50AM - 08.35AM**

**BOOK NOW** **WEDNESDAY: YRS R - 6 (KS1&2)**

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED INCLUDING RACKETS. SESSIONS WILL MOVE INSIDE DURING THE COLDER MONTHS

**11 WEEK COURSE**

**£79.20 INC BOOKING FEE**

**FREE TRIAL**

PLEASE CLICK ON THE EMAIL LINK  
[COACH@MATCHPOINTTENNISCOACHING.COM](mailto:COACH@MATCHPOINTTENNISCOACHING.COM)  
TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN A FREE TRIAL SESSION

We follow the Lawn Tennis Association guidelines for children's development. Covering all of the tactical and technical elements of tennis coaching through the fundamental areas of balance, co-ordination, agility, movement and racket and ball skills.

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

## Club Booking Forms for January 2025 onwards:

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

Booking information link – [Weybridge and Surrounds – Children's Coding Classes | TechyTots Ltd](#)



# TechyTots

Dear Parents/Carers,

TechyTots is delighted to continue bringing classes to your school this year.

*TechyTots offers a fun way to teach kids coding by combining technology with play. Learning to code helps develop important skills such as **creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, sequencing, concentration, and confidence.***

We provide fun and interactive classes where children can explore coding using robots and the latest technology toys.

All our activities are **hands-on and offline**, so you can be assured your children will not access the internet during our classes.

**TechyTots sessions will be running from:**  
Friday 10th of Jan 2025 for 12 weeks (Term time only)  
A limited number of spaces are available and these will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

To book your child's space please click the link below,

<https://techtots.co.uk/weybridge-and-surrounds/>



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