



Weekly Newsletter
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 24th January 2025

Dear All

It has been another busy week! We welcomed another Mrs Rainbow onto our staff this week - which is really going to confuse the children! Mrs Rainbow will be working alongside Miss Elmer from 9-1pm in the office every day.

This year is an important one in the Catholic calendar. Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee year - a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and grace celebrated every 25 years. We are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Mrs Gray and I attended a deanery mass on Monday with some of our pupils and their parents; to mark this special year and today we launched the Jubilee year with the whole school in a special collective worship at the beginning of the day.

Year 5 spent the day at Painshill Park for a school trip on Wednesday. The children experienced a range of activities linked to their studies on the Vikings. It looked like they had an amazing time and learnt so much in the process. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to accompany the children.

The PTA are still looking for candidates to lead them next year. Please do get in touch if you are interested as we really need to keep this amazing group going to continue benefitting our children in so many ways.

As we mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year, this week's collective worship explores what this special year can mean for children and their friendship with God. It's a time to restart, a time for resting with God and a time for worshipping Him!

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 1:18-19

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 listening to the story of Jesus and the children. We learnt that Jesus welcomes us all and talked about different ways we can be welcoming to others, just like Jesus. In literacy we have been reading the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. We used different materials to create our own beanstalks and used our Fred talk to help us write sentences about what happened in the story. In maths we have been learning to compare objects by weight and capacity and making predictions about which objects would be the heaviest or hold the biggest capacity.

Year 1: In RE this week, Year 1 have been learning about when Jesus Announced his Mission. We had brilliant discussions about what Jesus mission was, how he cared for everyone and the children then reflected on how they can share the good news. In History this week, we learned about Captain James Cook, indigenous people, and territories. We compared Captain Cooks exploration style with Ibn Battuta's, whom we studied last week, and reflected on what actually makes a great explorer. In English, the children completed another big write! They have been working on instructions and have all independently written instructions for how to catch a fairy tale animal. Well done Year 1!

Year 2: In Year 2 this week we have looked at Jesus' miracle that he performed when he healed the paralysed man. We wondered about the scripture and how the paralysed man, his friends and Jesus would have been feeling during this moment. While in our geography lessons we have begun to understand where our food comes from and the journey our food takes to get to our plates. For example how an apple is made into apple juice that we can buy from the supermarket. During maths we have begun our new unit of multiplication and division by recognising equal and unequal groups and how this underpins visual representations we can use throughout the unit to help our understanding. At home you may wish to have a focus on 2, 5 and 10 times tables and drawing the working out for these questions to build their fluency with these question types.

Year 3: Year 3 have been working super hard on their Maths work this week, linking multiplication and division through word problems. In RE, we have been learning about how the Church celebrates Jesus' life through the liturgical calendar, exploring a Christian family's journey through the year with Jesus. In Computing, the children have enjoyed exploring coding with Scratch, discovering and describing the Sprite's movements.

Year 4: This week in Year 4 has been packed with exciting learning activities! In English, the class has been writing creative play scripts based on our guided reading book, bringing characters to life through dialogue and stage directions. In maths, we've been mastering division, including working with remainders, and the students have shown great progress. In science, the children explored how vibrations are created using tuning forks, learning about sound waves and how they travel. Our geography lessons have focused on comparing urban and rural river features, with the class discussing how rivers shape the landscape. Finally, in art, the students had fun getting messy as they experimented with different painting mediums, including watercolors and acrylics, to create their own unique artwork. It's been a fantastic week of creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on learning!

Year 5: In RE, we started a new focus looking at scripture in Matthew and Luke relating to the New Law, the Summary of the Law and the Golden Rule that Jesus gave the people to live by. In Maths the class have been using short division methods as well as consolidating short multiplication. In Science, the children observed the results of adding heat to cookie mix and to a candle. The highlight of the week was our school trip to Painshill Park linked to the History unit; The Vikings. We had an excellent day out filled with lots of fun and educational activities.

Year 6: This week year 6 looked at the miracles of the feeding of the 5000 and Jesus walking on water. The children are getting more skilled at finding the key learning points in each of these miracles and applying them to their everyday lives.

Our Science lesson focussed on inheritance, we looked at how animals are adapted to their environments and how natural selection makes sure that the strongest genes are passed on to the next generation. In writing we started a unit on Balanced Arguments. This week we rehearsed the text, memorising the sentence structure and vocabulary so we can use it in our own writing.

Message from The Parish:

As you know, I like to keep special anniversaries, and next Tuesday (28th Jan) is the **first anniversary of our Induction Mass for Mrs Rainbow**. I have just re-watched the ceremony on the parish live-stream / Facebook page, it was a truly happy celebration. We celebrated the faith and ethos of the school and the important link of home / school / parish, which our Diocesan Director of Education (Julie Oldroyd) summarised for us. We continue to pray for Mrs Rainbow, Mrs Gray, the teaching and support team, the governors, you the parents including the PTA. May we work together to ensure God's love and presence is at the heart of all we do.

Last Monday (20th) I was privileged to celebrate with the **Deanery Schools** at a special Mass in Weybridge. The theme was the Hoy Year theme "Pilgrims of Hope. Thank you to those who came with Mrs Rainbow and Mrs Gray to represent the school. St Cuthbert's had the great privilege of introducing the theme.

It is lovely to see many from the school who are **preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist**. This is a programme for Catholic families who are members of the parish. Each year, I have people confused, thinking it is a stand-alone programme. It is not. To be a part of the programme (if you are not Catholic) you need to have practiced the faith for *at least* a year and have had an initial face to face appointment with myself. A parent should normally be a Catholic or on the journey too. If you are in any doubt please contact me.

Next weekend (1st & 2nd Feb) is the great feast of the "**Presentation of the Lord**" also known as **Candlemas**. We invite you as families to bring any prayer candles, baptism candles and devotional candle for a special blessing. Please keep them with you and I will bless them, if you are at any of the three Masses in the *Assumption of our Lady*.

Perhaps some of you could bring some of the school candles for blessing?

Would **all the children preparing for their First Reconciliation in the parish** please bring their Baptism Candle and gather (at the back of church) five minutes before the start of Mass. If you cannot find the Baptism Candle, we will have some candles available that they can carry. This Mass will also focus on your preparation session 4!

I am pleased that the term has got off to such a good start, be assured of my prayers for you all.

Canon Chris Spain

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 **Matthew**, for trying really hard in his phonics lessons and joining in.

This week's dojo winner in year 1 has become really independent while writing sentences, well done **Anna!**

Matthew in year 2 for being articulate in explaining his understanding during our RE lessons this week and sharing his wondering thoughts.

Beau in year 3 for working independently this week, he has made sure to stay focused in all his subjects, showing a keen interest in his learning. Well done!

Austyn, in year 4 for working really hard on his handwriting in English and showing dedication to improving his presentation. Well done, Austyn!

Olivia E in year 5 for always having such an exemplary attitude to school and learning. She follows every FAIR value that we have.

Joshua Mo in year 6 for showing great independence and responsibility by really focussing on his own learning in all lessons.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- **Friday 31st January** - Year 6 Class Liturgy (9am) - year 6 parents invited
- **Friday 31st January** - PTA Race night, 7:30pm in the school hall (details on newsletter and website)
- **Monday 3rd February** - Reception Class National Measurements with the school nursing team (email has been sent out to parents with details on)
- **Friday 7th February** - Inset day, school closed to all pupils
- **Wednesday 12th February** - Year 3 Feet First Walking Training in school
- **Thursday 13th February** - Parents Evening (details will be sent out next week)
- **Friday 14th February** - Year 5 Class Liturgy (9am) - year 5 parents invited
- **Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February** - Half term
- **Monday 24th February** - Children back to school

London TKD have made the decision to stop their Tuesday after school Taekwondo club, due to low uptake numbers this half term. Those affected parents have been informed by London TKD directly. If you wish for your child to attend our ASC please email wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk.



A very big thank you to those parents who have kindly brought items from our Amazon Wishlist, the staff and children of St Cuthberts are all very grateful.

Here is the link for our Wishlist should you wish to help with any of the outstanding items:

<https://amzn.eu/gSbCQQN>

PTA



We are looking for a new PTA Chair

ROLE PURPOSE

To lead the committee, ensuring the PTA is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members.

Are you passionate about helping the school community of St. Cuthbert's?

Fancy leading the fundraising and delivering vital funds that contribute to additional resources supporting all of our children?

Interested in being part of a team of like-minded, experienced and thoughtful people?

For more information please email us at
pta@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk

PTA

PTA Winter Events Timetable

Race Night

Friday 31st
January
7.30pm

- In the school hall
- Book a babysitter & come join us for some fizz & fun!

Dis-Glow

Friday 28th
February

- In the school hall
- Glow crazy at our neon themed disco

Legoland Inset Day

Friday 14th
March

- Book your tickets with us at our special PTA rate!

MAGs Day

Friday 28th
March

- Come into school to celebrate all our wonderful women!

- For more info on our fundraising events please see the PTA page on the school website and follow us on social media



PTA

St Cuthbert's School Association



**RACE
NIGHT
IS BACK!!**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
GET A BABYSITTER, SADDLE UP & PLACE YOUR BETS!
ENJOY A CHILD FREE EVENING WITH FRIENDS, HAVE A DRINK OR TWO AT OUR BAR &
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

**FRIDAY 31ST
JANUARY
7.30 TILL LATE**

£5 A TICKET!
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
MORE INFO & TICKET SALES COMING SOON!

See the below link to pay for your tickets.

Please screenshot your payment as usual and send it to your class rep with a lead name and how many tickets you require.

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QFOO25LR>

This is a great night, lots of fun, and a chance to raise some much-needed funds towards paying for the school's Wi-Fi upgrade.

Have your takeaway delivered to the school or bring your own nibbles. A licensed bar is on-site for drinks.

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

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

Holy Family game has been moved to **Wednesday 5th March (AWAY)**



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

Pycroft Grange vs. St Cuthberts - confirmed for **Wednesday 5th March (AWAY)**

Please remember there is NO boys football training for year 5 and 6 boys on Wednesday 29th January

Netball Match Schedule

TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY

YEAR 6 NETBALL

HOLY FAMILY

VS. ST. CUTHBERTS

3:30PM AWAY

DETAILS EMAILED TO PARENTS

SCHOOL

NETBALL

Netball training will be on Wednesday (29th Jan) instead next week

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

ST CUTHBERTS

VS. SAYES COURT

3:30PM AT HOME

SCHOOL

NETBALL

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



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DAILY
DODGEBALL &
FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

HALF-TERM MULTI SPORTS COURSE

ST ANN'S HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Sandhills Lane, Virginia Water, Surrey, GU25 4DS

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Drop Off 8.30am - 9.30am

Collection 3:30 - 4:30pm

Courses open for girls and boys in Reception to Year 7.
The children will take part in a variety of sports throughout the day.
The children will need a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day.

DAILY PRICE £30 PER DAY

Activities included throughout the week; Dodgeball, Basket Ball, Tennis, Nerf, Acro, Capture The Flag, Secret Saver, Athletics, Fun & Fitness Sessions, Handball, Football, Hockey & Parachute Games



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Kids Saturday Sewing Circle



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Learn a new stitch each month and take home your handsewn creations.

Suitable for ages 7 to 12
£3.00 per session
Advanced booking required

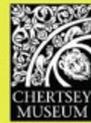
11.15am
to
12.30pm

1 February
1 March
3 May*

* no April meeting

Book online at <https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

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For All
The
Family

1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE
DROP IN
SESSION



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