



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 31st January 2025

Dear All

As we come to the end of what seems like an eternal January, the weather is hopefully brightening up as the days become lighter.

Year 6 treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning to share their learning. They included some important messages about looking after ourselves and our planet, as well sharing their talents. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and the theme this year is 'Know yourself, grow yourself'. This theme is being linked to the 'Inside Out 2' film characters which is a great way for children to identify with a range of different emotions. I will be leading an assembly on Monday to launch the week and the children will then be working on activities across the week in their classes.

A few of our children have been unsettled coming into school and shared their worries about dogs being present around the entrance to school. Could I ask parents to ensure that they tie up dogs away from the walkways so every child can feel at ease when they arrive. Thank you so much for your understanding.

A reminder that we have our INSET day next Friday 7th February so the children won't be in school. This is such a valuable time for staff to complete a range of training and enhance their knowledge and skills to support the children.

Some of our governors will be coming to the end of their term in post at the close of this academic year. We are so lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteers to support St Cuthbert's in achieving our goals - if you would be interested in applying to be one of our governors please email the office so we can put you in touch with them for more information.

When Simeon and Anna saw baby Jesus in the Temple, in faith they recognised Him as the Messiah, the fulfilment of God's promise. This week children will come to know that Jesus is the light that leads us to joy, peace and truth.

'For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

Luke 2:30-32

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 about the feeding of the 5000. We learnt that the symbol of a fish can show that someone is a friend of Jesus and we used clay to create our own models of fish. In literacy we have been reading Goldilocks and the three bears and drew pictures of our favourite characters in the story and used our Fred talk to write sentences about them. In maths we have been learning about the composition of quantities 6,7 and 8. We tried 'making' the whole number by using different parts and then comparing them to see that no matter how it is 'made' the whole is still the same. For example, we used 3 and 3 to make 6 but also found we could use 4 and 2 to make 6 as well. The parts may look different but the whole was always the same!

Year 1: Year 1 have had a very productive week. In RE, we have been learning about Jesus calling his disciples. We discussed the sacrifice that they made and different ways that we can *Live Simply*. In Science, the children learned about their five senses. We put our sense of taste to the test and blind tasted five different flavour drinks. The children recorded their predictions and results. In English, we have started a new topic - Adventure Stories. We did a lot of work this week learning the structure of an adventure story. We discussed what feelings we encounter at each stage, how tension builds up and how we are relieved when things are resolved.

Year 2: This week we have been busy creating our holy door to begin the Jubilee year celebrations. We thought about symbols of hope that we wanted to incorporate into our design and used our knowledge of collage and texture from our Art lessons to finalise our design. In RE this week we have focused on Jesus choosing his twelve apostles and learning more about who they were and what they did to help Jesus. In Science lessons this week we have compared different habitats and thought about how each habitat suits every animal and plant that lives there.

Year 3: Year 3 had so much fun sketching as a Botanical artist this week, honing in on their shading skills and ability to see and sketch fine details of the parts of flowers. In Computing, we explored how to sequence commands, and combine these appropriately for the Sprites to follow. In Writing, we wrote a narrative (adventure story) of how refugees journey to a place unknown but safer, using our toolkit to support our stories. The highlight of this week has been designing and creating our 'doors of hope' to start our Jubilee journey.

Year 4: This week, Year 4 children have had a busy and exciting time at school! In Science, they explored the pitch of sound through fun experiments, learning how different pitches are created. They also enjoyed a visit from Canon Chris in RE, where they discussed the themes of giving and receiving, engaging in thoughtful questions and conversation. In Geography, Year 4 followed the route of the River Thames, discovering its significance and history. To round off the week, they embraced their creativity in English by writing beautiful haiku poems. It's been a busy and fun week!

Year 5: Year Five have been thinking deeply about what the term 'fulfil' means in the context of the scripture we have been looking at. In Maths the class have finished their unit of multiplication and division, we will keep going back to these methods to ensure they are firm in their minds. In English, the class have been introduced to a new text based around a Biography. They have looked at the different parts of the text and have been working hard to use a range of pronouns and adverbials in their work this week.

Year 6: What a week we've had in Year 6. I am so proud of the children and all the work they have put into our class assembly. From learning their lines, to rehearsing their dances and songs. It was lovely to share our learning with all of you.

This week our RE lessons focussed on the Raising of Lazarus. We discussed the links between this miracle and Holy Week and started looking at how this miracle is the one that results in Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. In our English lessons this week we've had some interesting discussions about homework and whether it should be banned or not. The children were very eager to share their opinions and have written balanced arguments to consider both sides of this contentious subject.

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Pip is this week's winner in Reception, for being respectful of our class rules and showing that he is ready to learn.

This week's dojo winner in year one has taken more initiative and been a good listener, well done **Rachel!**

Antonia in year two has shown initiative this week by ensuring she has everything she needs to begin her lessons.

Roman in year three for adapting resilience in his learning, working very hard in his Maths and Writing lessons, and contributing to class discussions appropriately.

Dojo winner in Year Four is **Aksel** for consistently being a kind, caring, helpful and respectful member of the class always, looking out for others and being an all round role model.

Finlay in year five for being so respectful of his learning in Maths. He has shown some excellent Maths thinking skills over the past few weeks. Well done.

Our dojo winner this week in year 6 is **Oliver** for answering RE questions in a very thoughtful and articulate manner. Well done!

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- **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 (no wraparound care)
- **Wednesday 12th February** - Year 3 Feet First Walking Training in school
- **Thursday 13th February** - Parents Evening from 2pm
- **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>

Lost Property / Naming Items:

Please ensure your child's belongings are all named. We are seeing an increasing number of items in lost property that do not have names on them.

Personal toys and items should not be brought into school, unless specifically asked to do so by your child's teacher (show and tell).

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



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)**

Netball Match Schedule

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



INTERESTED?

Scan the QR code for the application form or visit www.teachsoutheast.co.uk

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PS SPORTS
COACHING

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



 SCAN ME

To book visit
<https://pssportscoaching.com/holiday-courses/>
We accept child care vouchers

Clubbercise class!

Clubbercise, St Cuthbert's School, Englefield Green,
from 7:30-8:15 p.m. on Monday's.

First class is free!

BACs, Cash, Revolut, Wise (Paypal) can be taken

£8 Pay As You Go or
Buy 4 classes upfront, £7.00 each / £28 per month.

Plus, a loyalty card which gives you your 9th class free!



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Please note that flashing disco lights & glowsticks used!