



Weekly Newsletter
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 7th February 2025



Dear All

I can't quite believe that we are a week away from half term! It feels like we have just begun this Spring term.

It has been a mindful week this week as we all concentrated on 'knowing ourselves and growing ourselves'. The children loved the *Inside Out* theme to connect their emotions to, and they had some amazing suggestions that they use to support their own well-being.

Next Tuesday is 'Safer Internet Day' so we will be talking to the children about the importance of staying safe whilst online. We really value parent support in this area and will be sharing some useful tips with you to help guide your children.

Next Thursday we are holding our parents evenings which will give you the opportunity to understand how your child is progressing. At this mid-point in the year the teachers will be able to share some of the children's work and celebrate their successes. There will be a data drop at the end of this term to share more information about their achievements in assessments.

I hope you are all having an enjoyable INSET day and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday.

The Gospel this week describes how Simon Peter, James and John were compelled to follow Jesus after witnessing a miraculous catch of fish. Our collective worship will remind the children that they too are invited to follow Jesus and become part of God's family.

'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'

Luke 5:4

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 reading the story of little red riding hood and using our FRED talk to write sentences about the wolf. In maths we have been learning about even and odd. We used the number blocks to help us spot which numbers have even tops and which ones have an odd block on top. Then we played a game to help us find which numbers are odd and which are even by putting objects into pairs to see if we could make even pairs, or if there was one left over.

Year 1: Year 1 have had a wonderful week. In RE, we have learned about when Jesus welcomed the Children. We discussed the importance of being kind and making people feel welcome. We have planned to welcome another teacher to our classroom. We made flowers and daisy chains, and also prepared a performance as entertainment. In History, we are learning about the greatest explorers. We learned about Sunita Williams this week, an astronaut who is currently in space right now! We discussed why there may not have been many female explorers before and why. In English, the children completed their guided write. We wrote about Asqa, a girl whose Gran gave her a magical poster. The children wrote beautiful sentences which included conjunctions and suffixes! Well done Year 1.

Year 2: In our English cycle we have been looking at persuasive letter writing. We used the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' to inspire our writing. So far we have written about a sad glue stick that keeps losing its lid! I am excited to see what the children write about next week when they independently choose the focus of their persuasive writing. In Geography we looked at regional foods across the UK including Welsh cakes from Wales and soda bread from Northern Ireland, this also helped us to understand the journey our food takes to get to our plates.

Year 3: Year 3 had a busy week with consolidating their addition and subtraction skills in their new unit, Length and Perimeter. We have started our new writing unit: persuasive leaflets, focusing on modal verbs and using different types of conjunctions in our writing. In RE, we have been exploring the importance of the Gloria and how it praises our God for God's goodness in the world. In Computing, we have been designing and creating our Scratch projects, discussing and understanding how to apply our chosen algorithms for our coding.

Year 4: We've had a fantastic week in Year 4! In Science, the children designed and tested earmuffs to explore insulation and how sound travels. In Art, they created amazing still life paintings with great attention to detail and thinking about how they could change the background to make it more creative. In English, they started writing creative poems, using imaginative language to bring their ideas to life. Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm!

Year 5: In RE, the children have been studying the scripture based around The Transfiguration of Jesus. They have written a detailed diary entry as if they were one of the disciples who went up the mountain. In English, the guided write has been linked to the Guided Reading text, Kensuke's Kingdom. The class have been writing a biography based on Kensuke. They have used information from the text as well as creating some parts from their imaginations based around prediction and inference. In Maths, the class have moved onto a unit based around fractions. This week has focused on multiplying unit and non unit fractions by an integer.

Year 6: This week we focussed on our Mental Health, thinking about all the different ways we can know ourselves to grow ourselves. The children did a very good job in their practice tests this week and I was very impressed with their resilience.

Art lessons have been very busy over the last few weeks with the children working on creating a 'Wayob' - a Maya image that symbolises all their interests. After some amazing homework gathering images that represents all the aspects of their lives, the children have created beautiful drawings using inspiration from pictures, colours, textures and patterns. In Geography we have been thinking about sustainability. The children are working in groups to research how sustainable we are as a school. Next week we look forward to gathering information from children and staff so we can create a plan to make our school as sustainable as possible.

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 **Nathaniel**, for his fantastic independent writing about Goldilocks.

Year 1's winner is always respectful and kind towards his peers and adults, well done **Maxi**.

Emeshia in year 2 for being articulate in explaining what each number in a multiplication number sentence represents.

Iris in year 3 for showing appreciation towards her learning, particularly in her writing where she is using her toolkit to support her coherency.

Dojo winner for year four is **Eloise** for trying hard in all areas of her learning and doing some beautiful writing in English.

Meron in year five for working very hard this week and showing appreciation and faith in his learning.

Our dojo winner in year six is **Nathan** for an improved attitude to learning.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- **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

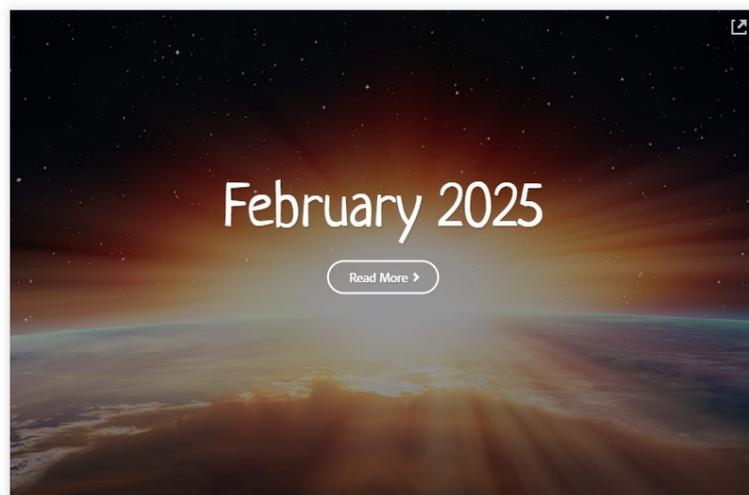
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[Parent Newsletter](#)

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<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



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?

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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



Half Term Activities:



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

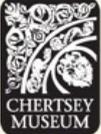
Activities included throughout the week; Dodgeball, Basket Ball, Tennis, Nerf, Acro, Capture The Flag, Secret Saver, Athletics, Fun & Fitness Sessions, Handball, Football, Hockey & Parachute Games



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February Holiday Activities

Create a Mini Basketball Game
18th Feb 2025
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £3.50
Create your own mini basketball game out of cardboard and cups. Then decorate it and start playing!
Age: 5-12. (5 year olds with an adult)

Chertsey Abbey Tiles
20th Feb 2025
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Cost: £4.50
Learn about the tiles made at Chertsey Abbey, and then make your own Chertsey Abbey-style tile.
Age: 5-12 (5 year olds with an adult)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
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Boys 11–18 years • Girls 16–18 years

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Saturday 1st March 9am & 11.30am

Visitor Morning

Thursday 13th March 9am

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Independent Schools Inspectorate, December 2022

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2025

16th June 2025 to 4th July 2025



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NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

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Intern 2023

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