



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School**



Week ending 14th February 2025

Dear All

Well, we have come to the end of this half term and I think the children (and staff) are ready for a well-deserved break!

Safer Internet Day on Tuesday was a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness among students about the importance of being safe and responsible online. The children participated in activities and online lessons focused on internet safety. Below is a leaflet for parents with some useful links to websites.

On Tuesday, Y3 were lucky enough to have visitors to tell them more about the bones in the body and Y2 also had their art lesson enhanced with experts from Dulux! It is so valuable for the children to have these experiences to bring their learning to life - thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Balloch for their time, we are so grateful.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to meet with teachers for a parents evening appointment - it is lovely to share the children's achievements so far this year. We are very proud of their hard work and hope you enjoyed seeing the progress they are making.

Y5 closed our week with their class assembly this morning. The children gave us such a treat sharing such important messages about our school values, as well as some great drama and emotional songs. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us.

I finish with the sad news that Miss Lewis will be leaving us at the end of the Spring term to work for Kapow (an online scheme of work that we use in school) and relocate to the coast. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the best in her new role. We have appointed a new teacher to join us after Easter.

In the Gospel, Jesus announced to His disciples what it is that made them blessed. The children will learn that Jesus gazes upon them with love today too and invites them to live blessed and happy lives.

***'He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said:  
"Blessed are you ..."'***

***Luke 6:20***

Have a lovely half term week!

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"***



Produced by The Lucy Faithfull Foundation for Internet Safety seminars delivered in schools.

### Websites to help you keep safe online!

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)



Thinkuknow

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



ChildLine



Swiggle

[www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)



CBBC



[www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe)

KidSMART



[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

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## The Week That Was

**Year R:** This week Reception have been reading the story "The 3 Billy Goats Gruff". The children have loved hearing the different versions of the story, especially seeing the different types of troll. They then enjoyed acting out the story themselves during their play. In maths we have been learning about doubling and that when a number is doubled it means that there are twice as many as before. To help us practise our doubling, we played a game of hide and seek using numbers. We each had a Numicon piece that represented a number and we had to find our matching piece somewhere in the classroom, or playground to double our number.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a great last week of this half term. In RE, we learned about Zacchaeus and what it means to be "saved". We discussed the importance of living like Jesus and making good choices. In English, we finished our big writes! The children all wrote an adventure story about a magical poster. Their focus and work ethic was brilliant throughout. In maths, we have just finished addition and subtraction to 20, which was tricky and required a lot of resilience. Well done Year 1 on a brilliant week.

**Year 2:** In RE we spoke about when Jesus calmed the storm, reenacting this in the classroom. We linked this to when we make a mistake we may feel 'stormy' but when we say sorry it's as if Jesus lifts the storm from us because God always loves us and forgives us. We were incredibly lucky to have a parent volunteer come into class this week and deliver a colour extravaganza session to the children. The children had the opportunity to taste colour with different food colouring in and explain what they thought it tasted like. Some children's responses were 'orange' 'apple' and other fruity flavours. We then move onto attaching emotions to colour by sticking emoji stickers to the colour wheel and explaining our choices and finally mix up different colour rainbows using their knowledge of primary and secondary colours. On Tuesday it was safer internet day with the theme of 'Is it too good to be true - spotting scams online and we held a short assembly in class detailing how to stay safe online and noticing when things may be a scam.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have had a very busy week before half-term. Tuesday 11th March, we celebrated Safer Internet Day, around the theme 'Too good to be True', focusing on the issues faced online about how to avoid scams, how to protect ourselves and others and knowing what support is available to us when we require them. Thanking our lovely parent-visitors for a Science workshop held by our lovely year 3 parents, having a skeleton present before us to label and identify the importance of each bone and joint, we also took part in a carousel of activities. Ending the week with creating our Scratch projects, we were able to sequence a set of codes for a sound project.

**Year 4:** Year Four have had a fantastic week of learning! They have written beautiful and imaginative free verse poems, explored rivers and mountains from around the world, and reflected on the importance of kindness in RE. In Science, they investigated sound waves and how they travel. Well done to everyone for their hard work this half term - have a wonderful and restful break!

**Year 5:** Year five have been rounding up their learning in RE with a visit from Canon Chris. I hope you saw the fruits of their labour of this term in their class assembly this morning. It was a great round up of their efforts in learning this term. I was exceptionally proud of them and I wish them all a wonderful half term.

**Year 6:** This week we looked at the 7 Sacraments and discussed who can administer the sacraments and what their purpose is. Our Geography topic has come to an end and the assessment task focussed on designing a campaign for an environmental issue. The children thought about the causes of the issue and possible solutions. In Computing we have been working on variables and algorithms in games. The children worked in pairs to make a game with variables and an algorithm that makes objects fall from the top of the screen. Our writing focus this week has been on the Mysteries of Harris Burdick. We used his pictures and captions to imagine what his stories might have been about.

## Absence requests during term time

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

### Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

### Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West- Tel: 01483 518130

South West - Tel: 01483 517179

North East - Tel: 01372 833588

South East - Tel: 01737 737777

## 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 dojo winner in Reception is **Harper**, for using her initiative and helping her friends when they are stuck. Well done for being a kind friend Harper.

This week's dojo winner in year 1 has been very independent while doing his big write. Well done, **Arthur**.

**Tino** in year 2 for demonstrating the class discussion rules well during partner and group talk ensuring he listened to everyone's ideas before sharing his own.

**Eden** in year 3 for independence and clearly displaying good listening skills. He has been giving 100% in both his Writing and Maths, with a target of working really hard and staying focused in class.

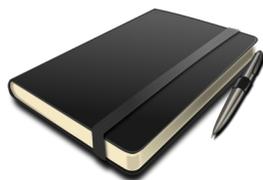
**Joshua** in year 4 for working hard on his handwriting and his presentation in his learning and for showing maturity in class.

**William** in year 5 for working so hard in Maths and for challenging himself to correct his mistakes.

Our class dojo in year 6 goes to **Zaiden** for a greatly improved attitude to his learning.

## Upcoming Diary Dates for March:

- **Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February** - Half term
- **Monday 24th February** - Children back to school
- **Monday 24th February** - Class photos. Children to wear their smartest uniform. If your child usually wears PE kit on a Monday, please ensure they bring their school uniform with them ready to get changed into.
- **Tuesday 25th February** - The Marist Maths Challenge (selected year 5 girls)
- **Wednesday 26th February** - Year 6 Greek Workshop in school
- **Thursday 27th February** - Year 3 Feet First Walking Training (revised date)
- **Friday 28th February** - PTA Dis-glow
- **Wednesday 5th March** - Year 4 depart for High Ashurst
- **Wednesday 5th March** - Ash Wednesday Mass (9am, parents welcome)
- **Thursday 6th March** - Tweleve15 Census Day menu
- **Friday 7th March** - Year 4 return from High Ashurst
- **Wednesday 12th March** - Science Fair in the school hall (2:30pm onwards parents welcome)
- **Thursday 13th March** - St Cuthberts World Book Day (further details to be sent out after half term)
- **Friday 14th March** - INSET Day, school closed to pupils (no wrap around care)
- **Saturday 15th March** - St Cuthberts Choir singing at church (details to be confirmed after half term)
- **Friday 28th March** - MAGS Day
- **Saturday 29th March** - Cross Country (details to be finalised with parents after half term)
- **Monday 31st March** - Year 4 Bikeability starts





On **Thursday 6th March** Twelve15 will be providing a census day special menu. Please see below:

**Hotdog in a roll / Vegan hotdog in a roll**

**Fried Onions**

**Waffle Fries**

**Beans**

If your child usually has a school dinner on a Thursday, they will automatically receive this

If your child usually has a packed lunch on a Thursday and they would like to have this menu, please email the school office by Monday 3rd March

## 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?

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For more information please email us at  
[pta@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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



## Spring Half Term Sporting Round Up:



**From Mrs Gray, Year 5/6 dodgeball tournament**

The children played really well and came 4th place with just 3 points between them and the winners. They displayed excellent sportsmanship and we were very proud of them.



## **Spring Half Term Sporting Round Up:**

### **From Mr Mazzone (PS Coaching):**

This half term Years 3,4,5 & 6 took part in dance and ball skills and basketball during their PE lessons. Each dance unit taught specific movement patterns and they worked towards creating a simple dance. The children's determination to improve and respect for others when working as a group and watching each other perform shone during the dance lessons. All children took part in cross country too!

Reception continued learning fundamental movement skills and practiced balancing, running, hopping, jumping, travelling and changing direction. Year 1 and 2 did a gymnastics unit and continued to learn about healthy lifestyles through a fun fitness unit.

### **From Mr Gray & Mr Sheridan (year 5 / 6 boys football):**

Coaching the Y5 boys football this term has been fun for all. They have been engaging and enthusiastic at training and willing to listen and learn.

The team is building confidence and recently played a friendly against Thorpe Lea where they came away winning 4-2. A highlight of that game and the term, was seeing Rhys score his first goal in football. Staying composed to take on the last defender and then shooting into far left hand corner of the goal, was a delight to witness. The celebrations from other boys not only show that they are team mates, but also great friends.

We're preparing for next term where we have three league games and also a tournament to look forward to. I am sure the boys will try their absolute best and represent the school well.

Our Year 6 football team has shown great enthusiasm so far this season. The players have demonstrated fantastic skill and sportsmanship on and off the pitch. We're looking forward to their upcoming matches and encouraging them to work together as a team rather than individually to become a stronger unit.

A special mention goes to Leo, who has been extremely consistent, has played the team game and taken all training instruction on board!

## 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 5/6 Girls Football Update:

**League game on first Thursday back (27th February)**  
- this is a home game versus Cobham Free School. It starts at 3:30. All girls should bring kit, boots and shin pads.

**Cup Game against Ashley (4th March)** - This is an away game, collection from Ashley School in Walton at approximately 4:30pm.



**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

**Pyrcroft Grange VS St Cuthbert's**

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

## 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**

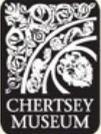
Activities included throughout the week; Dodgeball, Basket Ball, Tennis, Nerf, Acro, Capture The Flag, Secret Saver, Athletics, Fun & Fitness Sessions, Handball, Football, Hockey & Parachute Games



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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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Or by phone 01932 565764



[www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)  
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

The Olive Matthews CHARTERED EDUCATION TRUST  

# JOIN US FOR AN EPIC 2-DAY TECHYTOTS X ROBOFUN ADVENTURE THIS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM @ ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL, EGHAM

18TH & 19TH OF FEB- 09.15AM- 14.45PM



## HALF-TERM TECH ADVENTURE IS HERE!

Join us for an exciting 2-day TechyTots x RoboFun camp this February half-term at St Cuthbert's School, Egham!

18th & 19th Feb | 🕒 9:15AM - 2:45PM

📍 St Cuthbert's School, Egham

**Ages 4-11 | Hands-on coding & robotics fun!**

**What's in store?**

**Day 1: Code, create & build your own robot!**

**Day 2: The ultimate robot challenge + obstacle course!**

**Final mission, showcase & awards!**

**£80 for both days!**

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- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
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- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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## INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2025

16th June 2025 to 4th July 2025



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### NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

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- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT

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Intern 2023



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