



## Weekly Newsletter

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 28th February 2025

Dear All

Welcome back to school after February half term. I hope that you were able to find some peace and slow down during the children's break. We are back to it at school with the Gospel celebration of the Word starting the week as we mean to go on. It looked at the Golden Rule, 'Treat others as you would like to be treated.' What a wonderful world we could live in if everyone, from the smallest children to world leaders were able to follow this.

A first week back after a break is always exciting. New learning is being unveiled in the classrooms, knowledge organisers are being explored and lots of new facts are ready and waiting to be taught and learnt. Talk to your child to see if they are able to tell you the name of any of their new units.

Y6 welcomed Portals to the Past to their classroom this week. The theme was Greeks and what a wonderful way to kick start and inspire History learning. The children had a great time in their costumes and partook in various activities to learn key facts to help support their learning this half term.

Y3 have had an exciting day and spent time with the Surrey Safer Travel Team completing their 'Feet First' training. They should be well equipped to cross the roads nice and safely and be aware of the dangers when out and about.

It has been a busy sporting week and I am so proud of all of our children who have participated in football fixtures this week. Well done for representing your school with such displays of sportsmanship and respect.

To finish the week, we have an exciting PTA event - the Dis-Glow! Thank you as always, to every volunteer who helps to make these events happen. Our children are SO fortunate to have an amazing group of parents who continue to find time in their busy schedules to raise well needed funds for the school. We thank you and I hope the Dis-Glow is a huge success.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus shares five parables! Why? Jesus knows that we need help to understand the things of Heaven. In the coming week the children will learn that His stories give us clues about how to live holy lives and love like God loves.

***'Jesus told his disciples a parable...'***

***Luke 6:39***

***"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 what Lent means and thought about different ways we can make more time to speak to God. We learnt about Jesus washing the feet of his disciples to show them he loved them and thought about different ways we can show Jesus' love to others. We started our new topic all about the farm this week and read the story "What the Ladybird Heard". We made wanted posters for Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh and made maps that would lead us to things we wanted to find, just like the thieves in the story. We also got messy while using potatoes to print and make our own ladybird pictures!

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a fun-filled first week back. In RE, we have been learning about Jesus last week on earth. We made palm leaves, sang Hosanna and re-enacted Jesus entering Jerusalem. In English, we have begun our new writing topic, non-chronological reports. The children have learned all about tigers, new vocabulary and how to structure a non-chronological report. In DT, we are making puppets this term. The children had to practice and evaluate different joining techniques. We used safety pins, staples and PVA glue - very carefully! The children mostly agreed that the stapler was the most effective. Well done, Year 1!

**Year 2:** Year 2 have had a wonderful week and it has been great to see so many children noticing that their hard work pays off. This week in RE we discussed that a parable is a simple comparison story from the bible with an important message. We shared the parable of the lost sheep and asked wondering questions about the story. In DT the children were introduced to their new project that we will be focusing on for the next few weeks which is making a moving monster using different mechanisms. We began by understanding what pivots, levers and linkages were and how these can be used to create movement.

**Year 3:** Year 3's were immersed in learning about food imported into the UK, in DT, discussing different types of healthy fruits and vegetables that are grown in countries abroad. Introducing a new Writing unit 'Persuasive Adverts', we shared examples of ones we've seen on TV, billboards, on double-decker buses to compare these with our model text. In Maths, we have started a new unit 'Fractions', we worked really hard on understanding differences between unit and non-unit fractions. In Geography, we have been using the globe and atlases to locate countries and continents near the Equator, Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn. We've had a lovely first week back to Spring term!

**Year 4:** This week, the Year Four children have been diving into persuasive texts in English, exploring how language can be used to influence opinions and ideas. As part of this, they have been reading about the impact of deforestation on the Amazon rainforest, considering the effects on wildlife, and the global environment. Staying on the theme of environmental changes, their science lessons have involved investigating how altering an environment affects the living things within it. In DT, they put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test by making car chassis and learning about structure, in preparation for designing their own car bodies. Meanwhile, in RE, they have been exploring the Communion Rite, discussing its significance and reflecting on the meaning of unity and community. It has been a busy and exciting week!

**Year 5:** In Y5, the class have been thinking about what the Beatitudes in action look like in a modern day world. In English, we are now looking at newspapers and have been completing some fun activities to be able to know the text a little more. In Maths, a new unit based around decimals and percentages has started. This has been covering tenths and hundredths on a number line. Foundations subjects have been resource heavy this week and on into the term, DT is a unit based around circuits and building a doodler, Science is looking at different forces and running short experiments to see the effects of these forces and Computing is using Crumble kits to test their coding skills.

**Year 6:** What an exciting start to our Ancient Greeks topic. We had a wonderful Ancient Greek workshop this week, the children looked amazing in their Ancient Greek costumes and thoroughly enjoyed all the exciting activities and interesting facts that 'Jason' the Ancient Greek soldier shared with them.

In RE we discussed the anointing at Bethany and the significance of this act in the weeks leading up to Holy Week. The children have also been practicing their 'deep reading' skills. Looking carefully at a piece of scripture and really focussing on what they Holy Spirit is saying to them through the words and imagery. Our writing lessons have been focussing on character and setting descriptions. We have been looking at figurative language including metaphors, personification and similes. When describing settings we have been trying to include all five senses to help the reader really immerse themselves in our writing.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

This weeks dojo winner is **Zoe** in reception for being very independent in looking after her brand new glasses this week!

This weeks dojo winner in year 1 has improved her focus and independence while working. Well done, **Jessica!**

**Matilda** in year two for being articulate in using prior knowledge to answer questions in RE.

**Teddy** in year 3 for showing a resilient attitude in the first week back, staying focused in his learning and following adult instructions respectfully.

**Luna** in year 4 for using her initiative in her learning and being independent getting started on tasks.

**Lauren** in year five for always trying her best with her learning and for being a kind table partner. A great display of the value of respect.

**Gaia** in year 6 or being a shining example of all our FAIR values during our Greek day workshop.

On Tuesday afternoon, 8, Year 5 girls when to the Marist Catholic School in Ascot to take part in a Year 5 Maths Challenge. The girls had to take part in 3, exciting rounds of problems solving and reasoning. They had a lovely time and made us very, very proud.



## Parking

The location of St. Cuthbert's is in a residential area and with this comes some issues with parking at drop off and pick up. The school office are inundated with emails, phone calls and word of mouth complaints about how inconsiderate some of the parking has been in the past week and before half term.

When on the school run please consider;

- Using the unofficial one way system - Bagshot road - Larksfield - Corby Drive.
- Be aware of parking over residents driveways. School drop off is often a time at when the residents need to leave to go to their workplace.
- Please be respectful other people's property and do not turn around in residents' driveways.

As always, the safety of our children is paramount so it is essential that you park your car and walk your child to the school gate.



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

## Upcoming Diary Dates for March:

- **Wednesday 5th March** - Year 4 depart for High Ashurst
- **Wednesday 5th March** - Ash Wednesday Mass (9am, parents welcome)
- **Thursday 6th March** - Tveleve15 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 below)
- **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 next week)
- **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

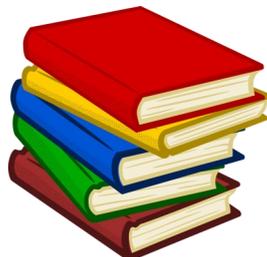


On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, St Cuthbert's will be celebrating world book day!

On this day, the children are invited to come into school dressed as one of their favourite book characters, the children are welcome to choose whichever character they wish.

The children will have the chance to show off their costumes in our world book day parade during assembly and take part in a drama workshop to inspire a love of reading.

We look forward to seeing all of your costumes and celebrating the day with you!



## Sporting Update:

### Year Five football

St. Cuthbert's hosted Stepgates on Wednesday afternoon. Despite the inclement weather, the boys dug deep and won an impressive 8-4. The boys displayed an awesome show of sportsmanship and we are very proud of them.



## 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

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**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)**

## 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






## SALESIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

**Tour and Talk - 10, 14, 24 & 28 March 2025**

*We welcome parents of Year 5 students to come and have a tour of the College during the working day with a member of our Senior Leadership Team, followed by the opportunity for a discussion over refreshments*

**Open Morning Saturday 10 May**

*The whole family are invited to hear from the Headmaster, staff, and students, tour the campus, engage in activities, and chat with our Admissions Team over refreshments.*

**Taster Day Monday 30 June**

*Year 5 boys are able to experience life and learning at Salesian College through our Taster Day. During the day they will experience sample lessons, games and a hearty lunch.*

**To book your place at these events:**

[www.salesiancollege.com](http://www.salesiancollege.com)



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## 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](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)




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My name is Tracie and I am the new Slimming World Consultant for Egham group opening its door on Saturday 8th March at 9am (see details below). I'm looking forward to support people in the local area who want to lose weight. With 55 years of experience in food, building a physically active lifestyle and a psychology of mindset and behaviour change for lasting weight loss - there's no better way than the Slimming World way!

If you are ready to take the first step towards a healthier lifestyle, please get in touch for latest special offers



**SATURDAY in EGHAM**

**9am**

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Englefield Green  
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**For further details call Tracie:**

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**[\\*New Group from 8Th March\\*](#)**

