



Weekly Newsletter St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 7th March 2025

Dear All

The sunshine has been a welcomed addition to the week - the children have already started asking about whether they can use the field at playtimes so fingers crossed that this good weather continues!

The school council and Mrs Thomas from the church shared an assembly about Lent on Monday to really focus our minds into this important time leading up to Easter. The children (and staff) have been thinking about what they may give up or start to do.

Canon Chris led a lovely Ash Wednesday mass with the help of many of our children, including Enzo and Oliver who gave out ashes for the first time - we are so lucky to have children who can take on such a responsibility. All the children were so respectful in receiving their ashes and during the mass.

The Year 4 children left for High Ashurst on Wednesday morning and were full for excitement! It looks like they are having a wonderful time - this is such a valuable experience for them. A special thank you to the staff who commit so much of their own time to accompany them.

Y3 shared their learning this morning in an assembly that was packed with a range of songs, facts and important messages. They have worked so hard and I was so proud of their polished performance! Thank you to the parents who were about to join us.

A reminder that next Friday (14th) is an INSET day so the children will not be in school. I hope the weather stays bright for them!

Inspired by the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert, the Celebration of the Word assembly this coming week invites children to explore the Jubilee themes of slavery and freedom through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

'And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.'"

Luke 4:8

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 making their Lent promises to share and be kind during Lent, just as Jesus showed us. We have also made a Lent pledge as a class, to help our family to set the table for dinner every day. In Maths we have been learning about time. At the beginning of the week we took part in time challenges to see how many claps, jumps, hops etc we could do in 10 secs, then 20 secs and then 30 secs. We used sand timers to see if we could score more than our friends before the time ran out! We also learnt the days of the week. On Wednesday we took part in the Lent mass. The children sat so beautifully during the mass and were very respectful when receiving the ashes. Well done Reception class!

Year 1: Year 1 have had a brilliant week. In RE, we are continuing learning about Jesus' final week. We discussed the scripture of the Widow's Mite. The children came up with ideas of how they could make sacrifices during lent, just as the widow did. This linked very nicely with our whole school initiative to make pledges before the Lenten sales. In English, we guided wrote a non-chronological report about orangutans. The children used the appropriate structure including introductions and subheadings. In Geography, we are journeying all around the world, last week we were in Surrey and this week we learned about the seaside! The children had loads of fabulous ideas of things that would normally be at the seaside, and contributed beautifully. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2: - In RE this week we recapped our Y1 knowledge of Holy Week and thought about ways we can prepare during Lent. In DT the children learnt how to make linkages to support them in their moving monster / easter animals that they will be creating in the next few weeks. In English we have been looking at non chronological reports and using our research skills to help us find all the factual information needed to complete our work.

Year 3: Year 3 spent some time, this week, rehearsing for our class liturgy on Friday - focusing on reflecting on all our learning covered over the Spring term, we had fun incorporating actions and songs within our performance. In DT, we have started a new unit called 'Eating Seasonally', locating origins of food grown around the world using an atlas. In Geography, we were thrilled to use both computer-mapping and an atlas to name neighbouring town/cities of our school to neighbouring countries and continents. In PE, we have been developing our teamworking skills through being open to other people's ideas, resolving problems (activities) together and sharing these as a group in 'Outdoor Adventurous Activities'.

Year 4: Year Four have enjoyed a fun filled few days at High Ashurst. We look forward to hearing all about it very soon!

Year 5: Year Five been exploring the meaning of the ashes on foreheads. In English, the guided reading book has been the inspiration for our guided write newspaper report. The children have been reading Street Child and reported about the terrible workhouse conditions in the Victorian times. Computing continued with the use of Crumble Kits and the class developed their use of writing code. In Science, the class developed their knowledge of friction as a force and planned an experiment to test the grip of different shoes.

Year 6: This week year 6 have been working on creating a narrative for the video Alma. We watched the video a few times and have been generating descriptive language to go with it. Our focus in RE has been on the Anointing at Bethany and Jesus washing his disciples' feet. We were very lucky to have Canon Chris come in to talk to us about the significance of these two events. With the Ash Wednesday mass and this wonderful visit from Canon Chris our Lenten preparations are now well on their way. In Science we are looking at mould and other micro-organisms. We are all very excited about our Science Fair next week. Do remember to put those finishing touches on your project this weekend.

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 Reception winner is **Jessica** for showing resilience and independence in her first weeks at St Cuthbert's

This weeks dojo winner has been very resilient and positive throughout a very difficult transition, well done **Antonie** in year 1.

Luca has won this week's dojo in in year two for trying hard during home learning.

Ayla in year three has been chosen for showing resilience in working with Fractions in Maths, by contributing to class discussions and showing appreciation in her work.

Year 4's winner will be announced next week.

Reggie in year 5 for being super resilient this week. Well done Reggie! We are so proud of you.

Evelyn in year 6 for an excellent attitude to learning in all subjects. Thank you for always doing your very best.

On Monday we were very lucky to have Fran in from Mission Together to speak to the children about the charity and Lent. The school council will be hosting the Lenten Sales again this year on Thursday 27th March and children have been coming up with their whole class pledges in preparation.

There is an option on your child's Scopay account to pledge money.



Upcoming Diary Dates for March:

- **Monday 10th March** - year 6 PE at Salesian School, PE kit to be worn all day
- **Monday 10th March** - Netball training instead of Tuesday (3:30pm-4:20pm)
- **Wednesday 12th March** - Science Fair in the school hall (2:30pm onwards parents welcome)
- **Wednesday 12th March** - no boys football training
- **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 at 6pm (arrival at 5:40pm for children who are singing)
- **Thursday 20th March** - St Cuthberts Day (details to follow)
- **Friday 28th March** - MAGS Day
- **Saturday 29th March** - Cross Country (applicable parents have been emailed)
- **Monday 31st March** - Year 4 Bikeability starts for three days (parents have been emailed with the booking link)
- **Wednesday 2nd April** - Year 3 music performance lead by Mr Ellson, parents welcome to watch, 1pm in the school hall
- Further April dates to follow next week



On Thursday 13th 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!



Sports News

Girls football

Our girls played an away game to Ashley. They were excited to be playing at another school but the competition was tough. The girls played well as a team but the score went in favour to Ashley; 2-1.

Year Five boys football

The boys had an away game versus Holy Family this week. St. Cuthbert's went 1-0 up, however the opposition then started to play and managed to get a couple of goals back. Another St Cuthbert's goal showed hope but some fine goal keeping from Holy Family meant that they came away the winner, 4-2. Despite the scoreline the boys played well and tried their best.

Year Six boys football

Year Six had a home match against Pycroft. The outcome was a bit brighter than the other teams with a 3-2 win. Amazing teamwork from all and super defending from our goal keeper duo! Well done boys.



Football Match Schedule



LEAGUE MATCHES

St Charles **VS** **St Cuthbert's**

13th November 2024 - depart 2.45pm

Holy Family **VS** **St Cuthbert's**

29th January 2025 - 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

A black background with a white and black football on the left. The text '2024/2025' is in white at the top right. Below it, 'FOOTBALL MATCHES' is in large white letters, and 'YEAR 6 BOYS' is in red letters below that.

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**
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No boys football training on Wednesday 12th March 2025

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

