



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



Week ending 14th March 2025

Dear All

We launched Science week themed 'Change and Adapt' on Monday with an assembly to share with the children how important our scientists are and what they have achieved to improve our world. The Science Fair was a great success on Wednesday afternoon with such a high standard of presentations from the Y5 and 6 children. The staff commented how every year we are more and more impressed with the ideas and effort that goes into the project. It was especially heartwarming to hear the older children explaining their scientific discoveries to some of our youngest children with such care. It was so difficult to decide on finalists to go on to represent our school but congratulations to the children who were selected!

World Book Day was greatly received by the children who made such an effort to share their favourite book characters with us. We had workshops throughout the morning and then a parade followed by staff sharing their favourite books with the children in the afternoon. Reading is so important for every child to develop their vocabulary and knowledge and we are always keen to encourage pupils to develop a love of it. Thank you to all the parents for their help with costumes!

We have had some incidents of people being hit by balls in the playground after pick up time recently. Could I ask that when you have collected your children that they do not play football at this time as we have many of our school community moving through the grounds.

Inspired by Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, this Celebration of the Word assembly this coming week invites children to explore the Jubilee theme of forgiveness as a way to receive the peace that the Lord offers us.

***'The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'***

***John 4:14***

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 listening to the story of 'The Good Samaritan'. We heard about all of the things the good Samaritan shared with the injured man to make sure he got better, even though they weren't friends. We have been thinking about how our own sharing in class can make others feel. We then made our very own 'Good Samaritan Hospital' in our role play area. We have also been reading the story of 'The Little Red Hen', using our Fred talk to write captions and labels for characters from the story and exploring the numbers 9 and 10 in maths using dominoes.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a very fun week this week. We started off learning about The Last Supper and how Jesus wants us to remember him. On Tuesday, we had a wonderful Buddy mass with Year 6. The children all sat, read and participated beautifully. That afternoon, we had a buddy collective worship with Year 6 also. The children did a really good job of recognising how Jesus is a light. On Wednesday, we celebrated Science Week and had a brilliant lesson about camouflage and how animals are adapted to be hard to spot. We collected and tallied different colour "caterpillars" that were hidden all around the field and discussed the colours that were easier to spot. The children then got to see the Year 5 and 6 science projects which were amazing. Thursday was world book day, we had a wonderful celebration of reading and our love for it! Well done, Year 1!

**Year 2:** What a brilliant week of learning Year 2 have had. In RE we recapped the story of the last supper and shared what we remembered from Year 1 and then used this knowledge to understand it's significant during Holy Week. In DT the children very enthusiastically created their design briefs for their moving monster / Easter animal. They thought about what features they wanted their product to have such as scales, googly eyes and feathers. If there is anything specific the children would like to add to their designs please can they bring in for Tuesday 18th. In maths the children have experimented with mass in grams and kilograms using the weights and scales. On Thursday the children had a wonderful world book day where we completed many themed activities such as making bookmarks and coming up with our own stories suited to our favourite genre. All the children looked amazing in their costumes and were confident in articulating who they dressed up as and from which book.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have been very busy with celebrating STEM week (observing year 6's incredulous Science Fair) through to celebrating World Book Day as a school. Dressing up as different characters from different books and parading with other classes, we have enjoyed celebrating our love for reading! In DT, we discussed where food (from the supermarket) come from, listing down which foods grow seasonally in the UK and how imported food affects our planet. In Maths, we completed our unit 'Fractions' consolidating our knowledge on equivalent fractions, moving onto 'Mass and Capacity' next week. In RE, we continued exploring Jesus' way of giving during Lent and how we (as Catholics) are encouraged to think of others during this special time of the year.

**Year 4:** Year 4 have had a fantastic week filled with lots of creating! They thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, sharing their favourite stories and dressing up as their favourite characters. As part of Science Week, they took on an exciting upcycling challenge, transforming old t-shirts into reusable bags while learning about sustainability. In History, they explored how the Romans successfully invaded Britain, uncovering the strategies that made them such powerful conquerors. Meanwhile, in English, they have been honing their persuasive writing skills, and crafting very compelling arguments. Well done, Year 4!

**Year 5:** In Y5, the children explored the meaning of sin and learnt that sin can be on different levels including venial and mortal. In English, the class wrote a newspaper BIG write. I can't wait to read them as their writing is really developing a more mature style as they travel through the Y5 objectives. In Maths, learning has continued with decimals and percentages with more of a focus on percentages this week looking at what this really means. In Science, the class planned and completed their experiment based on friction. They used a force meter - a tool new to them that measures using newtons. We have a few big events this week, World Book Day and the Science Fayre, well done to all of the children. The effort that was put into the displays was incredible.

**Year 6:** What a fabulous week we have had!! On Monday we went off to Salesians for a wonderful afternoon of sport with the Salesians PE department. Not only did we get a great tour of the school as we moved around the site, the children experienced real secondary school PE lessons including trampolining! On Tuesday morning we celebrated Mass with Year 1 and then in the afternoon were treated to a beautiful buddy worship. Wednesday afternoon was the Science Fair. We were blown away by the effort and Scientific thinking that went into all the projects. The children were so knowledgeable and articulate - they made us very proud. To round off this wonderful week we had World Book Day. I am so proud of year 6 who managed to do all these wonderful things and their learning.

## Fair Dojo Winners:

**F** faith

**A** appreciate and articulate

**I** independence and initiative

**R** respect and resilience

**Due to our very busy week at St Cuthberts with the Science Fair and World Book Day, and an inset day on Friday, there was no time to squeeze in a celebration assembly unfortunately. Therefore, no winners this week but we look forward to seeing who will win next week.**

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

- **Saturday 15th March** - St Cuthberts Choir singing at church at 6pm (arrival at 5:40pm for children who are singing)
- **Tuesday 18th March** - EYFS and Year 5 Buddy Mass (9am, parents welcome)
- **Wednesday 19th March** - Year 5 boys football game at home vs. Ongar Place (3:30pm kick off on the school field)
- **Thursday 20th March** - After School Club Movie Night! Miss Hopwood & Miss Penrose would like to hold a movie night for the children in ASC on this date. If your child is due to attend, they are welcome to bring in pj's to change into at the end of the school day
- **Thursday 20th March** - St Cuthberts Day (celebration in school)
- **Tuesday 25th March** - Xavier Science Fair (applicable parents have been emailed)
- **Thursday 27th March** - Lenten Sales 1.30pm in school
- **Friday 28th March** - MAGS Day (9am Mass, followed by PTA refreshments in the studio)
- **Saturday 29th March** - Cross Country (applicable parents have been emailed)
- **Monday 31st March** - Year 4 Bikeability starts for three days
- **Tuesday 1st April** - Buddy Mass Years 2,3, & 4 (9am, parents welcome)
- **Wednesday 2nd April** - Year 3 music performance lead by Mr Ellson, parents welcome to watch, 1pm in the school hall
- **Friday 4th April** - Term finishes (1:15pm finish for all children, no after school club)
- Further dates to follow

## World Book Day 2025:

More photos and celebrations will be shared next week, but here is a snapshot of some of our amazing costumes.





## Science Fair 2025:

This week we celebrated British Science Week. Our main event was the St Cuthbert's Science Fair. We were absolutely blown away by the high quality science projects that Year 5 and 6 presented. They were incredibly articulate and could use scientific language to explain their investigations and findings. A huge thank you to the parents for their support for our Science Fair every year. After much deliberation it was decided that the following Year 5 and 6 children will be representing St Cuthberts at the Xavier Science Fair next week.

### Year 5

Marion

Amelia M

Matilda

Olivia

Harrison

### Year 6

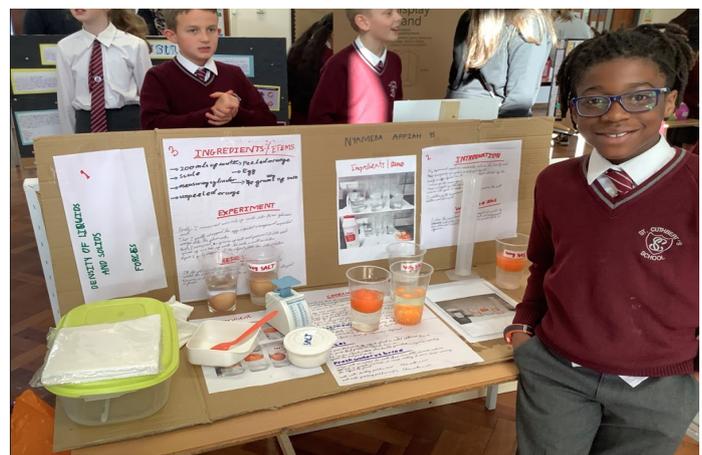
Neha

Oliver

Matilda

Enzo

Lewis



## Year 1 & 6 Buddy Mass:

Year 1 and 6 had the pleasure of a Buddy Mass this Tuesday. The mass centred around the theme of Hope, which aligns beautifully with Our Jubilee year as Pilgrims of Hope. It was an uplifting service and the children all participated beautifully. Well done to all involved.



## ERPSSA Y5 Football Tournament

Eight of the Y5 boys were selected to represent St. Cuthbert's at the annual ERPSSA Football Tournament.

The boys won their group with 10 points, meaning they progressed into the quarter final. They came up against Ongar Place and won 1-0. Next up was the semi final vs Grovelands. A result ending in 0-0 which meant making the decider with penalties. It was close with a few hits and misses, but our team won overall and found themselves in the final. The last match of the tournament was vs Cleves. Both teams were evenly matched and St. Cuthbert's finished the tournament with a 1-0 win. We are so proud of this achievement, to win a tournament as a one form entry school against 14 other schools in an incredible achievement. It really was a team effort and so wonderful to see such great examples of sportsmanship and friendship in action, but a special mention does need to go to Gabrian, our goalkeeper, who only conceded 1 goal in the whole tournament! Well done Gabrian.

Thank you to Mr Gray, our parent volunteer, who gives up his time each week to coach the team as well as finding the time to support the boys on Thursday.



## 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



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