



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



Week ending 4th April 2025

Dear All

Well it has been a busy term and I cannot quite believe that we only have one more left until the end of the year!

Some of our Year 4 children have been out and about completing their Bikeability course three days at the beginning of this week. They had the weather on their side and learnt some valuable skills to help them ride safely.

Years 2, 3 and 4 had their buddy mass on Tuesday, which was a lovely way for the children to come together in worship in a smaller group and take on some of the responsibilities within the mass.

Yesterday we watched the Key Stage 2 children narrate and perform the Stations of the Cross in such a moving presentation. I was so proud of the respectful way in which all the children played their roles.

You should be receiving a report with your child's assessment results for the Spring term. These scores and judgements are explained in the wording and are for your information only. I have met with teachers to discuss the progress of every child, and we have made plans to ensure they reach their potential moving into the next term.

We celebrated many children's achievements this morning and also said farewell to Miss Lewis. She has been such an asset to St Cuthbert's and will be very sadly missed. I want to thank her for everything she has done and wish her all the very best in the future and her new role and location!

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and manage to find some quality time with your families during this special holiday.

***'For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to celebrate.'***

***Luke 15:24***

Have a wonderful Easter break!

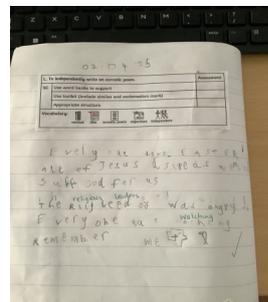
Mrs Rainbow

***"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 continuing our learning about the Easter story. On Thursday we took part in a 'stations of the cross' walk around the school. We stopped at each station to hear what happened to Jesus and to say a prayer together. We have also been learning about signs of new life at Easter and why we have Easter eggs. We have been decorating our own Easter eggs, making Easter baskets and cards and practising our cutting skills making Easter bunnies. One of our favourite parts of the week has been enjoying the sunshine in our EYFS playground together, playing in the water, digging in the sand and some of the children in Reception even made their own bug hotel!

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had a brilliant Spring term, they have all progressed so much and worked really hard. More recently, we finished our acrostic poems about Easter. The children worked really hard to include similes and interesting vocabulary. In Science this week, we went on a walk and tried to spot spring. The children identified buds on the trees, daffodils and daisies growing and honey bees at work. In maths, we are learning about mass and capacity. The children thoroughly enjoyed predicting which item would be heavier and then testing it on a balance scales. Well done Year 1. Enjoy the well-deserved break ☺



**Year 2:** This week in RE Year 2 have focused on the Easter Vigil Mass and the symbolism of light and water throughout the Mass. We have also looked at how Peter's life had been changed after the resurrection of Jesus. On Wednesday we were lucky to visit Royal Holloway to consolidate our learning of local heroes Thomas Holloway and suffragette Emily Davidson. We visited the achieves room where we saw original containers and advertisements for Holloway's ointments and pills as well as Thomas Holloway's pocket watch. In Science this week we focused on healthy living and making sure we are eating the right food but also keeping fit through exercising.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have been working very hard this last week of term! We consolidated our knowledge in subtracting 2- and 3-digits numbers with exchanging in Maths, working out the smaller steps together. In our Writing, we have been focusing more on the grammatical features of a diary entry - spending a bit more time using descriptive language and complex sentences to enhance our writing. In RSE and Citizenship, we assessed how diversity in Britain looks like, drawing out different opinions and ideas. In Geography, we have concluded our unit 'Our World' sharing our understanding of the longitudinal and latitudinal lines around our world.

**Year 4:** This week in Year Four has been a wonderful way to wrap up the term! The class had a meaningful time at Mass with Canon Chris on Tuesday, followed by their dedicated work on reenacting the Stations of the Cross. They also collaborated brilliantly on their Science learning, exploring environmental changes and their impacts, which resulted in showcasing some fantastic presentation skills. It's been a lovely final week, and while I'm sad to say goodbye, I wish each of you all the best. Enjoy the last term of Year Four, and I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you'll continue to achieve!

**Year 5:** In Year Five it has been a week of reflecting and finishing. In RE, the class looked more closely at the Resurrection of Jesus and what this means for us in our lives today. We were so glad of the help last week to finish our computing unit. It gave us some extra time this week to evaluate a product design in DT. The children made and reconstructed Doodlers using their knowledge of what makes a good design. In Science the class completed a Science assessment based on all of their knowledge of forces. The answers given were full of scientific knowledge - fantastic work! In Maths, the class finished their unit on shape and measure, and started another on statistics.

**Year 6:** It has been a very busy half term for Year 6. Our RE topic took us on the journey from Desert to Garden, looking at Lent and the challenges Jesus faced during Holy Week. Our Writing this term included some very focussed work on description. We looked at using carefully chosen vocabulary to help us create the atmosphere for our stories. This week we completed our DT unit, creating automata toys. The children worked really hard on this project and it was lovely to see how well they worked together in their groups. The end product was not always what we wanted it to be, but there was lots of learning that happened along the way. In Computing our focus has been on spreadsheets and the children are now able to use formulas as well as formatting in Excell. After a wonderful start to our Greek topic with our Greek Workshop we have also been learning all about the Ancient Olympics, the city states of Athens and Sparta, Greek myths and religion and Ancient Greek warfare. Well done, Year 6. You have all worked really hard this half term.

## Summer Term Diary Dates:

**Tuesday 22nd April** - Summer term begins, children back

**Wednesday 23rd April** - Year 5/6 Boys football training to commence

**Thursday 24th April** - Sportability (applicable parents have been contacted)

**Thursday 24th April** - Xavier Musician of the Year Auditions in school

**Thursday 24th April** - Year 5/6 girls football training to commence

**Friday 25th April** - St Bernadette Day

**Tuesday 29th April** - Year 5/6 girls football tournament at Cardinal Newman (details to follow)

**Tuesday 29th April** - Netball training to commence

**Wednesday 30th April** - Choral afternoon at St Dunstons Church (applicable parents have been emailed)

**Friday 2nd May** - International Day (in school celebrations)

**Friday 2nd May** - Year 1 Class Liturgy (9am, parents welcome)

**Monday 5th May** - Bank Holiday (school closed)

**Friday 9th May** - EYFS Class Liturgy (9am, parents welcome)

**Monday 12th May** –Year 6 SATS week

**Monday 19th May** - Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum

**Thursday 22nd May** - Years 1 & 6 Mass at Church (9am start, children to be dropped straight to church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated)

**Thursday 22nd May** - Xavier Musician of the Year Evening

**Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May** - May Half Term

## Summer Term Diary Dates:

**Monday 2nd June** - Summer term 2 begins, all children back to school

**Monday 2nd June** - Year 6 Bikeability starts (week 1 of 2)

**Friday 6th June** - Year 2 Class Liturgy (9am, parents welcome)

**Tuesday 10th June** - EYFS & Year 5 Mass at Church (9am start, children to be dropped straight to church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated)

**Wednesday 11th June** - District Sports (details to follow)

**Friday 13th June** - BUDS Day (9am start)

**Monday 16th June** - Year 6 Bikeability (week 2 of 2)

**Friday 20th June** - St Cuthbert's Got Talent

**Tuesday 24th June** - Sports Day (first choice)

**Wednesday 25th June** - Good Shepherd (details to follow)

**Thursday 26th June** - Back up Sports Day

**Thursday 26th June** - Years 2,3 & 4 Mass at Church (9am start, children to be dropped straight to church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated)

**Tuesday 1st July** - Moving Up Day / Induction Day

## Summer Term Diary Dates:

**Thursday 3rd July** - St Thomas Day

**Friday 11th July** - St Benedict Day

**Tuesday 15th July** - Year 6 play

**Thursday 17th July** - Thanksgiving Mass at Church (9am start, whole school to be dropped at church. Parents welcome to stay for Mass and any parent helpers to help walk back to school would be much appreciated).

**Thursday 17th July** - Year 6 Retreat Morning at Church (after Mass)

**Friday 18th July** - 1:15pm school finishes for summer (no after school club)

**The Xavier Musician of the Year event is taking place in May this year. If children would like to take part they need to be ready to audition on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at lunchtime. The Easter break is the perfect time to practice those musical skills and get audition ready! If your child would like to audition, please let Mrs Claassen know by emailing the school office.**

# PTA

## PTA Spring/Summer Events Timetable

### BUDs Day

Friday 13th

June

Come into school to  
celebrate all our  
marvellous men!

### Sports Day

Tuesday 24th June

Our wonderful PTA reps  
will be serving  
refreshments while you  
cheer on the kiddos!

### Ice Lolly Love

Ice lolly sales will be  
back this summer!  
More info will follow  
in the new school  
term x

We are still looking  
for candidates to  
be our new PTA  
chair! If you  
would like more  
info then please  
drop us an email!

For more info on  
our fundraising  
events please see  
the PTA Page on  
the school website  
and follow us on  
social media



St Cuthbert's School Association  
@steuthbertsptaanglefieldgreen

## End of term awards:



## Lenten Sales

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation for Mission Together. The children had different activities to join in with such as bowling, obstacle course, beat the goalkeeper, biscuit decorating, guess the sweets in the jar and more. We managed to raise **£727.50** collectively which is going towards the great work Mission Together do.



## Stations of the Cross

On Thursday, the children in KS2 participated in a reflection based on the Stations of the Cross. Each year group took responsibility for leading 3-4 stations with a freeze frame and reflection. It was a beautiful way to end the term ahead of the Easter holidays.



KS1 were led by the prayer leaders on a more simple stations of the cross around the school grounds. They paused at each station and thought about what each moment in Jesus' journey means to them.



Easter weekend still feels like a while away (especially if you're enduring a Lenten fast) so please do take time to come to Church and participate in the Holy Week activities to support your child in their understanding of this special season.

## Sports



The **Panathalon** is a series of events in which children complete against other schools. We sent 7 children who did us proud and gained themselves a bronze medal. It was so wonderful to see displays of our FAIR values at all times, with a great deal of good sportsmanship too.



### ERPSSA Cross Country

On Saturday 29th March, Mrs Gray supported 36 children in a cross country event at Notredame School in Cobham. Our children ran their socks off and represented us well. A few performances to note were William in Y5 placing 4th, Matilda in Y6 placing 2nd and the Y5 boys coming 2nd overall.

Thank you to parents for accompanying and supporting their children. We couldn't have attended the event without you!



## April 2025

April this year includes the last few days of Lent, leading to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. So it seems fitting that the last of our Lent series of Celebration of the Word Assemblies, inspired by the Jubilee Year, explores the theme of 'hope'.

In Lent, we remember the hope that only Jesus can bring, and then we celebrate with faith when that hope is realised on Easter Sunday.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout April, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

### JUBILEE JOY: HOPE

Inspired by Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son, this assembly reminds us to be hopeful and positive in our relationships with each other.

Through the image of the father, waiting for his son to return, children learn that even when we turn away from God and make choices that hurt ourselves and other people, God never loses hope that we will come back to Him. We can be hopeful, knowing that God is always ready to forgive us and welcome us back.

*With your child/ren, you might like to...*

*Talk about hope - a positive feeling that encourages us. You might want to compare the hopes of different members of the family or talk about hope in different contexts e.g. hope in family life, hopes for the world, hope in our faith.*

*Read the story of The Prodigal Son together (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32), and talk about the actions of the father and his two sons. The feelings of the faithful son who stays with his father might be interesting to explore, particularly with older children.*

*Watch the **Together in Hope** video released as part of this assembly. You can access it via the Prayer and Liturgy Online Parent Portal.*

*Think about the part forgiveness and saying sorry has within family life, perhaps acknowledging that this can be challenging and needs to be practised. For older children, you might wish to discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten preparations and perhaps plan a visit to church to receive this important sacrament.*

## AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

In the first of our Eastertide assemblies, we celebrate the hope, joy and peace of Easter. Children will consider the meaning of faith and belief through a dramatisation of Thomas' encounter with Jesus.

Jesus said that those who believe without seeing Him are truly blessed. Like the disciples, children learn that Jesus invites us to believe in Him and share His hope, joy and peace through our words and actions.

*With your child/ren, you might like to...*

*Talk simply about belief and faith, maybe sharing some of your own beliefs and encouraging your child to do the same.*

*With older children you might want to explore the common phrase - 'seeing is believing', and how we might come to believe in things that we cannot see e.g believing trusted sources of information. Then discuss what faith is and how we can grow in our faith.*

*Listen to our Jubilee focussed prayer reflection song for the season of Easter - 'Give us Hope' by One Life Music. You can find the song in the [Prayer and Liturgy Parent Portal](#).*

## CARLO ACUTIS - A MODERN DAY SAINT

The last week in April is dedicated to celebrating young people in the 'Jubilee of Teenagers', and Pope Francis has chosen 27th April to declare Blessed Carlo Acutis a saint. This young man was only 15 years old when he died but is well known for his enthusiastic witness to his faith, calling the Eucharist his 'highway to heaven'.

Carlo was never shy about speaking about his faith, and he used his talent for technology to share his faith with thousands of people online.

As we celebrate this soon-to-be modern day saint this is a great opportunity for us to think about young people and their contribution to the life of the Church. You can find out more about the life of [Blessed Carlo Acutis](#) in this video created by CYMFed.

## HOPE FILLED FAITH

Faith is an understanding; being able to see in a spiritual way. It is not a leap in the dark but a leap in the light! The prayers for the first week after Easter invite the Holy Spirit to help children understand and see, in faith, the Hope of Jesus' Resurrection.

You might like to call on the Holy Spirit as you pray together:

**Holy Spirit,  
Because of Jesus, I can see, speak, hear and know hope.  
Help me grow in hope filled faith each day.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

## Vacancy

Sadly Mr Kinnear will be leaving us at some point during the Summer Term. Please be assured you will still see him around at St Cuthberts for the time being.

If you know of anybody that might be interested in the below position, please ask them to contact Miss Elmer in the school office.

### Caretaker – St Cuthbert’s Catholic Primary School, Englefield Green

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**Full Job descriptions and application available via Eteach: <https://www.eteach.com/job/caretaker-1470924>**

Closing Date: Monday 21st April 2025 with interviews to be held week commencing 22/04/2025

*The school reserves the right to withdraw the advert if a suitable candidate is found.*

## St Cuthberts Clubs

If you wish to sign your child up to an external club ready for after Easter, please see below for booking details. These can also be found on our school website. All bookings and enquiries should be made directly with the clubs themselves.



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**SPORTS CLUBS**  
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**Wednesday - Dance**  
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St Cuthberts Clubs



**ST CUTHBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# TENNIS BREAKFAST CLUB

**SUMMER TERM**

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