



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 7th November 2025

Dear All

It has been such a busy week as we return after the half term - I have seen quite a few tired faces today!

We started our week, and new half term, with our All Souls Mass. The choir did a beautiful job of leading the hymns and we have a special mention for Amelia in Y6 who accompanied on the piano without any preparation! Thank you to the parents and parishioners who were able to attend.

Y4 enjoyed an Egyptian workshop on Wednesday and they came in dressed up and ready to take part. They were enthused by their learning and excited to tell me all about the process of mummification- which was a delight!!

Y3 then dressed up to take part in their Stone Age workshop on Thursday and were completely enthralled by the activities and way of life that they learned about. This is such a great way to start the history topics for our children and capture their interest.

Y6 walked to the memorial in the high street today and laid poppies, with the accompaniment of bagpipes. As expected, the children were respectful and mindful to the occasion and we were very proud of them.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and we will be encouraging everyone to wear odd socks this Monday to promote the acceptance of difference. It is an important week to educate the children on the term 'bullying' so the classes will all be completing activities to help them understand and how to act in situations where they feel uncomfortable.

We are in the process of appointing new wraparound care staff and have some hours available in our after school club. If you know of anyone who would like to work alongside an amazing group of children- please let the office know.

Jesus likened His body to the holy Temple in Jerusalem to speak about His Resurrection. This coming week the children will discover that each one of us is a unique Temple of the Holy Spirit and we are called to recognise and share God's presence with others.

'But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.'

John 2:21-22

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"

Fair Dojo Winners:

F **faith**

A **appreciate** and **articulate**

I **independence** and **initiative**

R **respect** and **resilience**

This weeks winner is **Ada** in reception for some fantastic independent writing in literacy this week. Well done!

Matthew in year 1 for showing independence and articulation when completing his maths learning. Well done!

Maxim in year 2 for using his initiative and getting on with work while being articulate to voice his ideas.

Edward in year 3 for a brilliant first week back after half-term, showing how independent he can be in all his learning.

Caleb in year 4 for setting a great example for others by working hard and articulating answers in full sentences.

Aksel in year 5 for making great choices in DT and contributing towards class discussion.

Olivia E-R in year 6 or demonstrating all our Fair values daily. She works so very hard in every lesson, well done!



The Week That Was—KS1

Year R: This week, Reception have been learning about the annunciation. We listened to the story of the angel Gabriel coming to visit Mary to tell her she was going to have a baby. We also learnt that God has given each of us a guardian angel to watch over us and keep us safe and then made our own angel's to represent them. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and their properties. In literacy we have been reading the story "Sparks in the Sky" and drawing pictures of our favourite fireworks, then using our Fred talk to label our pictures with words describing the sounds that fireworks make.

Year 1: Year 1 had a brilliant first week back, they are all refreshed and have completed some wonderful work this week. We have been learning about the story of Jesus' birth in RE. We looked at artwork of the Annunciation and had very insightful conversations. In English, we have started traditional tales. The children have been learning all about Little Red Riding Hood. We have included drama in our learning this week and have hot seated as characters. In History, we started our first topic, my family history . This focus' upon what was life was like when our grandparents were children. Well done Year 1 on a fabulous week!

Year 2: Year 2 have been looking at the Prophet Isiah and seeing what he did for God. We learnt about what Prophets are and how important their role is, and we even acted this out to get a deeper understanding. We also used our art skills to draw what light looks like when it is brought into our life and it was amazing to see what the children did. In Maths we have started adding two-digit numbers together, the children have found it tricky but have been so resilient in pushing to do their best! In English we have been story mapping our story the Gingerbread Man which the children have really enjoyed coming up with actions for. We have started History this term doing the Great Fire of London which the children have such great knowledge on already. We have also started DT where we are doing Food and Nutrition, and the children have loved it so far. What a great first week back Year 2! Keep up the hard work.

The Week That Was—KS2

Year 3: This week has been full of exciting learning for us in Year 3! In RE, we've started our new unit, *Prophecy and Promises*, where we're exploring what happens during Mass and making connections with the scriptures we hear. In Maths, we're continuing our work on Addition and Subtraction, focusing on problem-solving and applying our skills in different contexts. Our new Science topic, *Magnets and Forces*, got off to a brilliant start as we investigated the forces around us by creating car catapults in the playground—measuring how far the cars travelled depending on how much force we used to pull the elastic band. In DT, we've been busy designing our own castles, discussing the different features they have and thinking creatively about how to include them in our designs. We also had an incredible Stone Age workshop to kick off our History unit—handling real artefacts, dressing up, and working together to solve challenges. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to build our teamwork and problem-solving skills while stepping back in time!

Year 4: Year 4 have had a very busy start to this half term! In RE we started to explore the next branch in our learning 'Prophecy and Promise'. We learnt a new vocabulary word - prophet and explored the definition of the word with a call my bluff game. We learnt the three messages of the prophets and the Story of God's people before Elijah. In maths we have been checking strategies and exploring inverse. In English we have started Traditional Tales - Myths and Legends topic. We read our model text 'The Egyptian Cinderella', we hot seated the characters, story mapped the text and choose a scene from the text to freeze frame. In History we had a fantastic hook in to our new topic with a wonderful Egyptian themed day!

Year 5: In Year 5 this week, the children have been exploring the Book of Samuel and using a new method called a hermenutical landscape to gain a deeper understanding into the meaning of the scripture. The children have enjoyed watching a stage production of David to enhance their understanding of this key character in the Bible. In English, the class have been reading *The Twins Tunnel Trouble* - an adventure story - that will be the model for their writing this unit. The class have been looking more closely at the characters including drawing a character graph to map the feelings. In Maths, the children have been using their times tables knowledge to work out square and cube numbers. History was very exciting this week as the class all got to hold a replica Anglo Saxon helmet kindly loaned to the school by Chertsey Museum. In RSE and Citizenship the class are learning about future careers and the skills needed for their dream job.

Year 6: What a busy and exciting week we've had! In RE, we explored how women were true protagonists in the salvation story of God's people – learning about Miriam, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah and Esther. Canon Chris even joined us to share his insights, which made our discussions extra special! In Science, we kicked off our new topic on the human body, focusing on the circulatory system. We even measured our pulse – it was fascinating to see how our bodies work! Our writing lessons have been all about suspense stories. We've been hunting for those clever grammatical features that make readers sit on the edge of their seats. Finally, we felt very privileged to take part in the Village Remembrance Service on Friday. It was a moving occasion and a wonderful way to reflect together.

Year 4 Egyptian Workshop

In Year 4 we had an Egyptian workshop it was super fun! The person leading it was called John. John was funny, once the answer was god Ra and he said "are you trying to scare me?! Ra" We learned about mummification. Cristian and Livia wrapped the sculpture but before that some of the things were disgusting! Egyptians used a hook and put it through the nose to pull out the brains, so it didn't rot. Cleopatra ruled Egypt with her brother Ptolemy, but war started to happen with the Romans, and she didn't want to be captured by the Romans, so she drank a bottle of poison. Egypt uses the river Nile or Nile river, but I bet you didn't know the river Nile and the Amazon river are the biggest rivers.

Immy Year 4

The workshop was very fun; we did lots of activities like playing a game called hound's and jackles. We got to mummify a corpse!! It was an extraordinary time and John the leader told us so much information about the Egyptians, I thought my head was going to explode with all the new information! Overall, I and the rest of Year 4 had an amazing time and enjoyed ourselves greatly.

Anna Year 4



Poppy Merchandise



We are selling poppies and other Royal British Legion merchandise. Items will be available to purchase from the school office or school gate at drop-off / collection.



Autumn Term 2 Diary Dates

Monday 10th November	Start of Antibullying Week
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th November	Year 6 Junior Citizen at Thorpe Park
Wednesday 12th November	Fire safety talks in school for Year 2 & Year 5
Thursday 13th November	World Kindness Day
Thursday 13th November	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop in school (payments due via Scopay)
Monday 17th November	Year 5/6 Boys & Girls Football Tournament at Salesians (details to be sent after half term)
Friday 21st November	Mufti Day - bring a bottle (donations for the PTA Christmas Tombola)
Sunday 23rd November	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 24th November	St Cecilia House Day - house t-shirts to be worn for children in this house
Thursday 27th November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme in school (assemblies and workshops)



Autumn Term 2 Diary Dates

Thursday 27th November	1pm School Tours for Prospective Reception 2026 Parents
Monday 1st December	Inset Day (St Francis of Xavier) School closed to all pupils
Thursday 4th November	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop in school (costumes to be worn)
Saturday 6th December	6pm Mass in Church - Choir to sing (school uniform to be worn). Choir children to arrive at 5:30pm to meet Mr Ellson
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity performance to parents
Thursday 11th December	EYFS Nativity performance to parents
Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	KS2 Advent Service in Church
Friday 19th December	Last day of term. Children finish at 1:15pm. No After School Club.



November

Month of All Souls

This is a month when we remember our loved ones in heaven. While November is month of solemn remembrance, it is also a time of profound hope. It is a period of hope in God's mercy and forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life. The month concludes with the start of Advent, a period of preparation for Christmas, reinforcing the cycle of life, death, and new life.

All Souls Mass

The week started well with a Mass led by Canon Chris and accompanied so beautifully by our choir, with Amelia leading the helm on the piano.

November List

As well as this, we have a November List in the school hall where children can privately write names of their loved ones in heaven and place them in our prayer bowl. Each day we pray the Eternal Rest in classrooms to remember the intentions of everyone on the November List.

If you would like your intentions to be kept in our prayers in November, please email it in and we will pray for you this month. No names are mentioned and this process is entirely private once the name is in the prayer bowl.

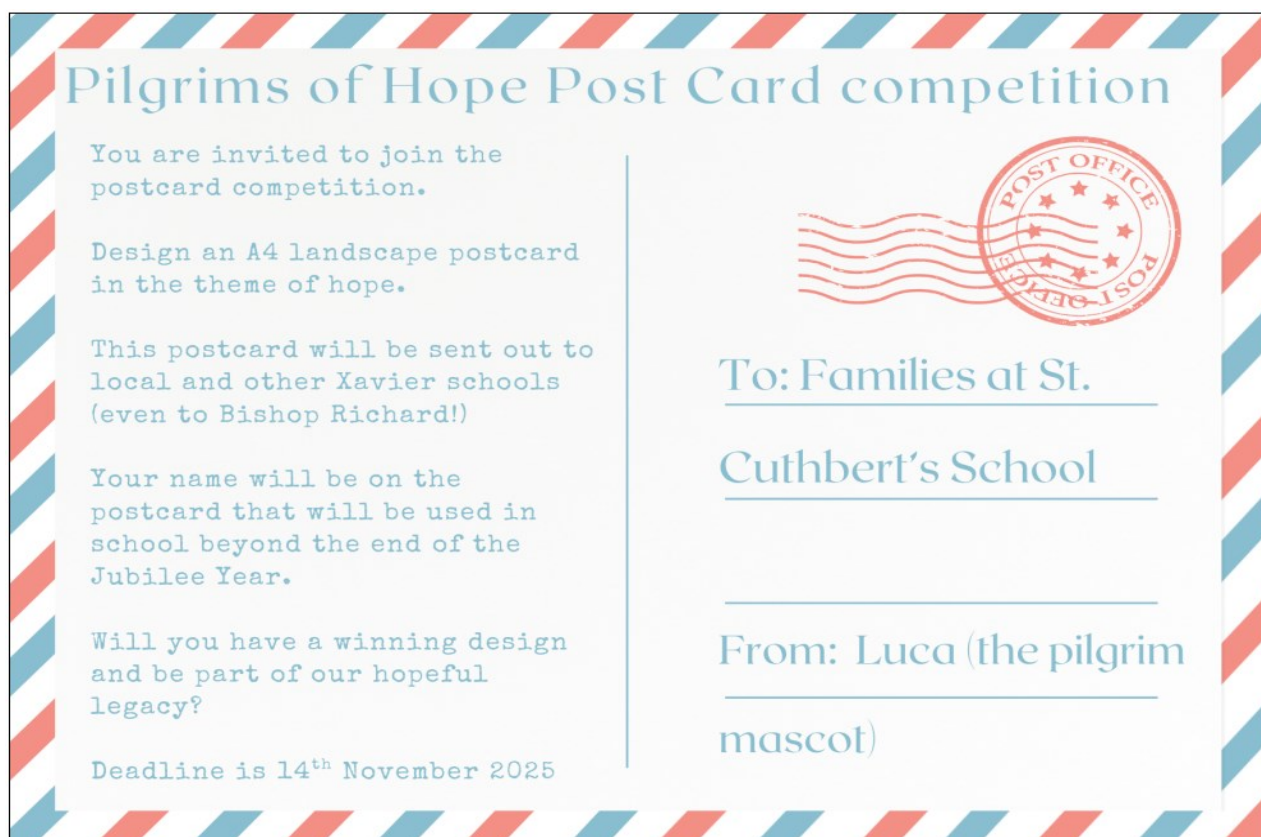
Theme of Hope

November is seen a time of hope and looking forward. We are linking this with the jubilee year of hope. We are running a 'Postcards of Hope' competition that every family is invited to join in with.

Please design a postcard design filled with the theme of Hope. This needs to be A4 (and will be shrunk to postcard size)

The winning designs will be printed, the family name written on them, and made into postcards that we will be sending around the Diocese and local schools. We will also be using these postcards in the year beyond the jubilee and will form part of our legacy going forward. We hope to have a good response to this competition.

Entries need to be given to class teachers by Friday 14th November.



Pilgrims of Hope Post Card competition

You are invited to join the postcard competition.


Design an A4 landscape postcard in the theme of hope.

This postcard will be sent out to local and other Xavier schools (even to Bishop Richard!)

Your name will be on the postcard that will be used in school beyond the end of the Jubilee Year.

Will you have a winning design and be part of our hopeful legacy?

Deadline is 14th November 2025



To: Families at St.
Cuthbert's School

From: Luca (the pilgrim
mascot)



Year 5 Boys Football Club

Scheduled games so far:

ST CUTHBERTS YEAR 5
BOYS

MATCH SCHEDULE

Wednesday 15th October | 3:30 PM

ST CUTH VS SAYES COURT

Wednesday 5th November | 3:40 PM

STEPGATES VS ST CUTH

Wednesday 10th December | 3:30 PM

ST CUTH VS ONGAR PLACE

Wednesday 11th February | 3:40 PM

ST CHARLES VS ST CUTH

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Year 6 Boys Football Club

Scheduled games so far:

ST CUTHBERTS YEAR 6
BOYS

MATCH SCHEDULE

Wednesday 22nd October | 3:40 PM

WRAYSBURY vs ST CUTH

Wednesday 5th November | 3:40 PM

ST CUTH vs LYNE & LONGCROSS

Wednesday 10th December | 3:40 PM

ST JUDES vs ST CUTH

vs



Year 5/6 Girls Football Club



Scheduled games so far:

ST CUTHBERTS YEAR 5 / 6
GIRLS

MATCH SCHEDULE

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 3.40PM

ST CUTH VS WRAYSBURY

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 3.40PM

ST CUTH VS HOLY FAMILY

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 3.40PM

ST CUTH VS MANORCROFT

Netball Club

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 6 NETBALL

ST CUTHBERTS



ST JUDES

DETAILS EMAILED TO PARENTS

SCHOOL



NETBALL



Netball News

The mixed Y4/5 team stretched their netball legs this week with an away match to St. Charles Borromeo. It was a defeat unfortunately, however, the court was filled with positivity and good vibes. The children kept their heads high and cheered each other on whilst developing their game play. Well done girls, I was very proud of each of you.

We are looking to grow our Year Five team ahead of next academic year so, if netball is something you would like to give a go, book in for a free trial session over the next few weeks. We train on a Thursday 3.20-4.20pm.



Wake Up Weekly Bulletin

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators DEVELOPING HEALTHY SLEEP PATTERNS

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping – potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system. Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthily.

1 MINDFUL TECH USE

Encourage a balanced approach to screen time. While phones, laptops, tablets and so on can serve as a helpful means of stress relief, it's advisable to minimise their use right before bed. These devices can keep the mind racing long after they're switched off, impacting how easily and how well a person can sleep.

2 EFFECTIVE SLEEP PRACTICES

Offer practical advice on reinforcing certain habits that have a positive influence on sleeping patterns. Children could start keeping a diary which they add to each evening, for example – or they could use up excess energy by exercising during the day.

3 HYDRATION HABITS

Underline the importance of drinking plenty of water throughout the day, while limiting drinks close to bedtime to prevent disruptions during the night: it's a lot harder to switch off if you keep needing to get out of bed for the toilet. Avoiding caffeinated drinks later in the day also allows the body and brain to slow down naturally, without any chemicals firing them back up.

4 CONSISTENT BEDTIME SCHEDULE

Assist children in developing consistent bedtime routines that tell the body it's time to wind down, promoting a more relaxed state. Establish specific activities for young ones right before going to bed – such as brushing their teeth – to set up an association between that action and falling asleep.

5 OPTIMAL SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Ensure that the bedroom is comfortable, dark and free from distractions, fostering an ideal space for quality rest. The room's temperature should also be suitable for sleeping – that is, not too hot and not too cold – while rooms should be kept as tidy and free of clutter as possible.

6 RELAXING EVENING ACTIVITIES

Recommend activities that have a calming effect on the mind – such as reading or gentle stretching – in the lead up to bedtime, to prepare the mind for a peaceful night's sleep. Doing something quiet, relaxing and low intensity signals to the brain that it's time to rest and makes falling asleep much easier.

7 PRIORITISING ADEQUATE SLEEP

Emphasise the crucial role of sleep in maintaining physical and emotional wellbeing. It's especially important to sustain a healthy sleep pattern during challenging and intensive periods in our lives: during the exam season for children and young people, for instance.

8 NUTRITIONAL BALANCE

Highlight the significance of a healthy, balanced diet – and its role in establishing a more consistent sleep pattern. Try to lean towards preparing meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables, served in reasonable portion sizes: not only is this a lot healthier, but it also reduces the chances of feeling too full to be comfortable in bed.

9 PARENTAL SUPPORT

Parents and carers, of course, are uniquely situated to support their children in establishing and maintaining healthy sleeping habits. Parents can review their own sleep habits (incorporating anything from this list that they don't do already) to model a balanced bedtime routine and reinforce the importance of self-care.

10 MILITARY SLEEP METHOD

Look up 'the military sleep method': it's a technique for falling asleep quickly, which incorporates deep breathing exercises. You could encourage children to try it or even use it yourself. While it can take a good deal of practice to perfect, eventually it will start to feel natural – and the results are often extremely impressive!

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of the Social Enterprise UK: 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at a large secondary school.



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Attendance Update from Surrey

Dear Parent/Carer

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 Inclusion 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 School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless 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.

Attendance Update from Surrey

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the ***first five days of each exclusion***. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

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 517874

North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777

PTA:



Come and join us for an afternoon of festive fun, food and family cheer – at our annual School Christmas Fair:

WHAT's in STORE:

- **Father Christmas Grotto** – Pre booking and payment required – details will be published wk.c 10th Nov
- **Bottle Tombola** – Drop your bottles off on Friday 21st November for Mufti
- **Teddy Tombola** – if you have any well looked after and washed Teddies, please bring them into school wk.c 17th November
- **Raffle** with some amazing prizes - tickets will go on sale in the week leading up to the Fair – exact dates to be confirmed

Plus there will be games, crafts, sweets, hot food, cakes, bar and shopping bizarre in our very own Elfridges!

Remember we will be cashless on the stalls – PTA pounds will be available to buy on Friday 21st at drop off and pick up and on the day for exact cash or card payment. Plus sumup payments on the day.

Volunteers – We Need You!

We'd love your help – from putting up decorations on Friday 21st after school to lending an hour on your class stall on the day, please let your class rep know how you maybe able to help!

We would love to raise over £3k for this event so please help in anyway you can.



Flyers:



Family Support at the Revive Cafe

99 Guildford Street, Chertsey, England, KT16 9AS
www.revivecoffeeshop.co.uk

Family Support Workers from Runnymede Family centre will be available to offer support and advice on all aspects of family life.

Drop in, no booking required.

If you would like more information please scan the QR code or email:
runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



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Flyers:



SPORTS 7

December Multi Sport Inset Day

St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Free Prae Road, Chertsey, KT16 8ET

Cardinal Newman Primary School
Arch Road, Hersham, Surrey KT12 4QT

Monday 1st December



Price - £30

Drop off 8:30am - 9:30am, Pick up 3:30pm - 4:30pm

To book and for more information, please visit the web address below or scan the QR code

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Bushy Park

14 December
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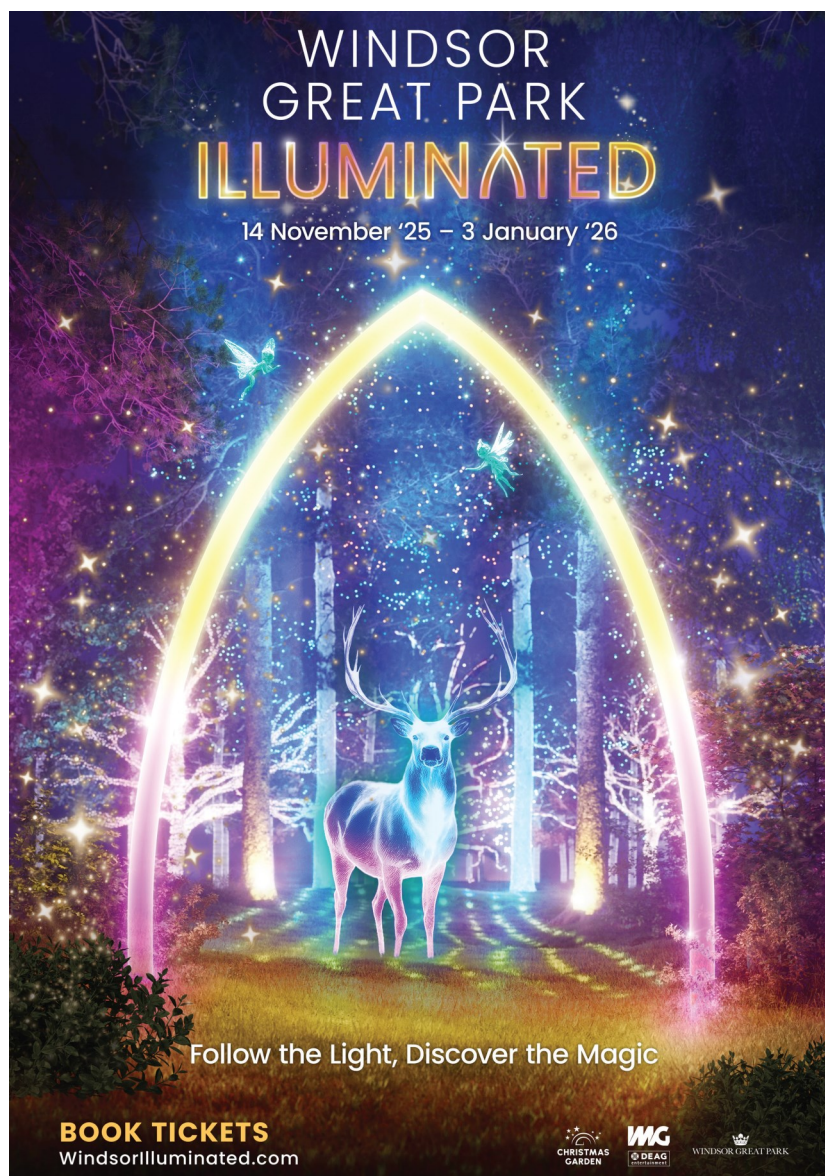
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🎄 A Magical Family Adventure at Windsor Great Park Illuminated! 🎄

From **14 November 2025 – 3 January 2026**, Windsor Great Park will sparkle with a brand-new illuminated trail, filled with dazzling new displays and returning favourites like the iconic Field of Light and Fairies.

It's the perfect festive outing for families and friends – wander through glowing woodland, watch colourful fountains dance, and stop to toast marshmallows or enjoy hot chocolate under the stars. Best of all, the trail is **dog-friendly every evening**, so even four-legged family members can join in the fun.

New for this year: **Low Sensory Sessions on Tuesday 25 November**, offering a calmer way to enjoy the magic.