



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 28th November 2025

Dear All

The Christmas Fair was a great success on Sunday - it was great to see so many of our school community come along. Thank you so much to our amazing PTA who put hours of work into organising the event - and all the parents who helped with their time and contributions.

We started the week celebrating St Cecilia's Feast day and heard about her musical talent. It was lovely to see all the children in this house dressed in their blue t-shirts.

The Y1 and 2 children took a trip to St Anne's to see the travelling crib that Wintershall set up every year. They saw a range of animals and enjoyed seeing the nativity brought to life! Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to help out.

We have decided this year to involve all our children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 in the same Nativity production and rehearsals have been going so well. Our youngest children now have more support and enjoy being a part of a larger production. Some parents have shared concerns about the timings of our performances and being able to attend. We do have to consider the needs of children first and foremost and have found from previous years that best practice is to time in Nativity performances in the afternoon as children struggle to regulate back into school life when we have a morning slot. The disruption to the day in changing into costumes and seeing family members is best placed at the end of the day when the children can leave shortly afterwards. Thank you for your understanding.

Y2, 5 and 6 took part in NSPCC workshops yesterday and the feedback from our visitors leading the sessions was so positive. They commented that our children were attentive, well-behaved and engaging - which is lovely to hear.

Can I reinforce how important it is to hear children reading at home. We are lucky to have so many dedicated parents that read with their children regularly and the aim should be to do this at least 3 times a week, as the impact it has on all their learning is immeasurable. Thank you for your continued support.

A reminder this Monday 1st December is an INSET day so the children are not in school.

Advent is an exciting time of getting ready for Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We also prepare and wait with expectant hope for when Jesus will come again!

'Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'

Matthew 24:41

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

Myla in Reception, for being respectful and trying hard with her listening and magnet eyes during carpet time.

Eva in year 1 for being very independent and resilient during her big write. Well done!

Ralph in year 2 for exceeding in all of our fair values. Showing all of his peers how we follow the school rules.

Emily in year 3 for demonstrating all of the FAIR values this week, and working hard through her assessments.

Ose in Year 4 for consistently working hard in all subjects and being a good role model with his learning.

Anna in year 5 for participating with resilience and a consistently positive attitude in class discussions.

Finlay in year 6 for being super resilient this week and putting every effort into his work.



The Week That Was—KS1

Year R: This week, Reception have been learning about the shepherd's that visited Jesus. We listened to the story of the angel appearing to tell them all about the good news. You can listen to the story again here if you would like <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJIC57EvYFo>

We got creative and used lots of glitter to create our own stars, just like the one that led the shepherd's to the stable. We then used tissue paper, glue and colouring pencils to collage our own sheep! In maths we have been learning about 1 less. The children pretended to be the 5 little monkey's jumping on the bed to practise taking one away. We then used our five frames and cubes to practice telling our first, then and now story for taking away. "First there were 3, then we took one away, now there are 2". The rest of the week was spent preparing for our class birthday party. We read the story "Kipper's Birthday", we made invitations and cards, decorated balloons, wrote lists and made birthday cakes. On Friday we had a fantastic party together!

Year 1: In RE this week, we have been learning about how God sent the angels to visit the shepherds after Jesus's birth. The children discussed artwork depicting the scene and had wonderful insights. In English, the children are doing their second ever independent big write. They are re-working the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood, by including new characters. In DT, we have been evaluating our windmills which has been really fun. In Science, we are identifying materials. The children went on a material hunt to identify different materials inside and outside. They produced beautiful work with some wonderful pictures and labels. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2: We had a wonderful experience this week of going on a journey of Jesus' story. We got to meet the people that joined together to create it and the children got to ask questions all about the story of Jesus'. It was a wonderful experience Wintershall created for us! In Maths this week we started to look at shapes and the children have started to learn the names of some. We have had lots of Nativity practice this week preparing for all of you to come and watch them all and their amazing singing. We had a look at what all the children want to be when they are older in RSE and explored what skills they might need to accomplish these goals. The children have worked so hard this week! Keep up the good work Year 2.

The Week That Was—KS2

Year 3: This week we enjoyed a rich range of learning across the curriculum. In RE, we explored *Wondering Play* and were pleased to see how thoughtfully we responded to Godly Play, especially the story of the Prophet Isaiah, where we reflected on Isaiah's message of hope and how prophets helped people listen for God's promises in challenging times. In Maths, we began our new unit on Multiplication and Division, focusing on the 3-, 4-, and 8-times tables. In English, we examined what makes a strong narrative, identifying the key skills needed to write one and using drama to help us remember and retell what we read. Our Science work involved investigating the strength of magnets by noticing how magnetic forces can travel through certain materials. In History, we researched reconstruction drawings of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic life, comparing the two periods and discussing why archaeologists are essential for helping us understand how early humans lived.

Year 4: Year 4 have had another busy week! In RE we have been learning about the importance of Christ the King. We discussed what kind of king we thought Jesus would be; we responded to different artists work of Christ the King and shared our personal preference for the artwork. We designed a crown for the King Jesus to wear when he returns and decorated it with symbols to represent the type of King He would be. In Computing we planned our scripts for our own podcasts, we will be recording and editing over the next few weeks. In maths we started a new topic - multiplication and division, by looking at multiples of 3 and multiply and dividing by 6. In English we finished writing our traditional tales, myths and legends stories and have been writing them up. In DT we have made and testes a paper template of our book cover. In Science we made predictions about a range of different electrical circuits, we then made each circuit to test it and see if our prediction was right. In RSE and Citizenship we explored how individual behaviours can affect a team. We then had to follow clues to solve a mystery working as a team, listening to each team member's clue and discussing together how to solve the crime!

Year 5: The class have been looking at scripture from the book of Samuel this week. They have been looking for evidence of God's promises made to David and Israel as well as evidence that He kept these promises. The children also found ways in which David kept his promises to God and made promise cards to remind them of these good choices he made. Maths has continued with learning about fractions, more specifically comparing and adding fractions less than 1. English brought a new unit; persuasive writing. The class have had fun spotting different exaggeration techniques such as hyperbole and emotive expressions. Watch out for children using persuasive language at home in the run up to Christmas! In Computing, the class have been experimenting with different angles and filmed each other using these new techniques.

Year 6: This week, Year 6 explored the fascinating symbolism found in religious icons. The children learned how colours are carefully chosen to tell a story and convey meaning. We also examined the materials traditionally used to create these icons, gaining insight into their cultural and spiritual significance. Our history lessons took us deep into the world of the ancient Maya civilisation. Each child researched a Maya god and then showcased their expert knowledge by creating an informative video. It was wonderful to see their creativity and confidence shine through! Our maths focus this week has been on multiplying and dividing fractions. The children have been so resilient and are working very hard to make sure they are really confident when multiplying and dividing fractions. Christmas is just around the corner, and Year 6 have started sewing their festive designs onto Christmas stockings. Using the running stitch, they are developing their sewing skills while creating something special to take home.

Parish Newsletter

The Parish of St Cuthbert, Egham

One Parish Family, Embracing Change

Please follow the below link to our Parish newsletter for Mass timings, events and other information

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SIF Signing for Reception 2026 Intake

- Friday 12th December 2025 3:45pm - 4:15pm
- Saturday 13th December 2025 11:15am - 11:45am



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Autumn Term 2 Diary Dates

Monday 1st December	Inset Day (St Francis of Xavier) School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 2nd December	Year 5 & 6 Reconciliation
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop in school (costumes to be worn)
Thursday 4th December	Year 4 Reconciliation
Thursday 4th December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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 - 2pm
Thursday 11th December	EYFS Nativity performance to parents - 2pm
Thursday 11th December	Year 6 church visit
Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	KS2 Advent Service in Church
Wednesday 17th December	School Christmas Lunch (orders to be placed directly with Innovate)
Friday 19th December	Last day of term. Children finish at 1:15pm. No After School Club.



Girls Football

Y5/6 ERPSSA Football Tournament



The girls team spent the afternoon at RHUL on Thursday 27th November playing football against other teams in the ERPSSA league. The children worked well together as a team and improved in confidence as the group stages progressed. Unfortunately, they didn't manage to qualify out of the group stages, however they had lots of fun and even enjoyed playing a friendly match after their time in the tournament ended. The level of sportsmanship was incredible, despite the games not going their way, all of the girls ended every match with a handshake and a friendly 'well done' to the other teams.

Flyers:

Egham Library

Polar Express Evening

Join us in your Pyjamas for a
Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND)
Storytime, with Craft & Hot Chocolate

Everyone Welcome



Wednesday 3rd December

6-7pm

Free Event

Suitable for age 4 - 11

Children must be accompanied by an adult

To book please email: egham.library@surreycc.gov.uk



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

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