



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

Week ending 5th June 2026



Dear All

Well, this week's weather has been quite a contrast to that of the half term week! However, I am grateful that the children were able to enjoy the heat in their own time.

The Brickies workshops were a source of great excitement for EYFS to Year 3 on Wednesday. The children were asked to create an ecological community with the Lego provided as part of Big Green Week. Thank you to Miss Murtagh for organising!

The EYFS and Y5 children came together for a buddy mass yesterday morning. This is such a lovely opportunity to celebrate and give our youngest children some great role models to follow. Thank you so much to the parents who gave up their time to walk pupils back to school.

Yesterday, some of our Y6 children visited Salesian to take part in a multi-sports competition alongside other Xavier pupils. This gave our pupils who have strong sporting ability the chance to mix with others who will join them in September at their new secondary school.

The Xavier Musician of the Year event last night was such a delight to attend. Tobias and Isioma represented St Cuthbert's, and we were so proud of them! It takes such courage to perform in front of a large audience and they were wonderful.

Next Tuesday 8th June (weather dependent) is our Sports Day. Information has been emailed out separately with further details. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is another amazing mystery of faith which children will explore through this coming week. The communion song 'Bread of Life' will help children to remember Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist, and welcome Him to feed their souls with His life and love.

"Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

John 6:58

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

Matilda in Reception - for challenging herself in her independent morning writing. Well done Matilda!

Hareer in Year 1 - for working hard on her letter formation which has improved her overall presentation. Well done!

Connie in Year 2 - for being really resilient in learning our routines and settling in really well.

Sebbie in Year 3 - for always being willing to help others, showing respect to everyone, and making a strong, positive start after half-term.

Kelly in Year 4 - for using her initiative when creating her volcano by thoughtfully labelling each part of it.

Austyn in Year 5 - for showing great faith and reading so beautifully at our Buddy Mass.

Taylor in Year 6 - for taking initiative in her writing and using more exciting vocabulary.



The Week That Was - KS1

EYFS: This week, Reception have been learning about the Church and the special things that can be found within a Church. We were very lucky to visit the Church on Thursday and take part in our Buddy Mass with our Year 5 buddies. We then got to stay behind with Canon Chris to have a tour of the Church and find out about all of the fascinating (and some secret) parts of the Church and what their meanings or purposes were. Thank you Canon Chris for having us! This week we also started our new topic of 'Under the Sea' and our book of the week was "Sharing a shell". In Maths we have been exploring composing and decomposing shapes and trying to use simple shapes to make new ones by joining them together.

Year 1: On Tuesday, the children had a tour of the church with Canon Chris. They saw all the behind the scenes and learned about how the church supports our community. Thank you, Canon Chris, for a wonderful morning. In RE, we have been learning all about the mission of the church. We thought about why Jesus gave us the gifts of the Holy Spirit and what he wants us to do with them. On Wednesday Year 1 took part in a Brickies workshop. They worked beautifully collaboratively and created some amazing eco-friendly buildings. In DT, we have begun our journey to making smoothies. The children investigated different foods to identify whether they were fruits, or non-fruit. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2: Year 2 have been learning about the good Samaritan this week and understanding why it is important to help those around us. The children got a chance to act these out and showing what they understood about the story. In English we have started doing diaries and have been story mapping a diary entry from little red riding hood. In Maths we have been doing some subtracting and adding with bigger numbers and finding ways to figure out the answer in a way that helps us. In History this week we started learning about our local heroes. We also had the pleasure this week of having our Brickies workshop where the children got to create an Eco centre, thinking about what would make it an Eco centre like solar panels on the roof. They had a really good time and did an amazing job. Year 2 have been amazing this week coming back to school after half term and settling straight back in. Well done Year 2 keep up the good work!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 3: In RE, we began our final topic by stepping into the world of Judaism, reading parts of Exodus 12:1-8, 15-20, 13:3 and imagining what the Passover experience might have felt like for the Hebrews, which led to some surprisingly thoughtful reflections. Our DT lessons brought a burst of excitement as we started exploring electrical systems from around the world; we enjoyed understanding how simple circuits work and linking this to when we design our own electrical posters. In Maths, we've been strengthening our understanding of time, practising reading analogue and digital clocks and challenging ourselves with problems that asked us to compare and calculate durations. In a world of suspense stories, we've started a new narrative unit, sharing examples, spotting the features that make readers lean in a little closer, and building a toolkit that will help us craft our own tension-filled narratives, something we're already buzzing to try out next. As part of celebrating the Great Big Green Week, we were thrilled to take part in the Brickies Lego Workshop again this year, having so much fun using our imaginations to create our own Lego builds, which brought a lovely burst of creativity to our week.

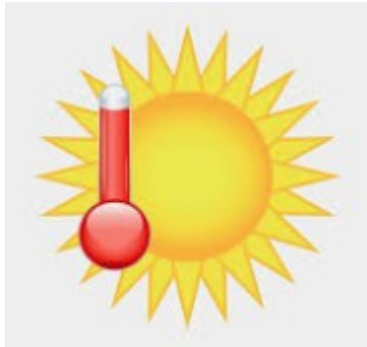
Year 4: This week in Year 4, we explored how the Church today — both locally and globally — continues the work of Jesus, and we also learnt that Mary holds a special place within the Communion of Saints. We reflected on how Christian communities show love and service in the places where they live. In Guided Reading, we began our exciting new text, *The Land of Roar*. As readers, we are already hooked and eager to see whether our predictions come true. In Maths, we developed our understanding of hours, minutes and seconds, and practised converting between analogue and digital time. Geography was a real highlight as we erupted the fantastic volcanoes created over half term — the effort, creativity and enthusiasm from everyone were brilliant. In Computing, we designed a book cover or poster, combining images and applying the editing skills we've built throughout the unit. In Art, we created our own batik-style pieces using PVA glue and paint, experimenting with pattern, colour and texture to produce some truly eye-catching work.

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Year 5: Year 5's RE focus this week was learning how the Bible developed over more than a thousand years, bringing together sacred Jewish texts, the four Gospels, and other early Christian writings. In science, the children were thrilled to discover that we had gained three new "classmates". As part of our Life Cycles topic, they will be observing a trio of caterpillars as they go through metamorphosis and move through each stage of their life cycle. The class made their first careful notes, watching how the caterpillars settled in and began the early stages of their transformation into butterflies.

Year 6: Year 6 have had a busy and enriching week. We were delighted to welcome Canon Christ, who spoke to the children about Pope Leo's encyclical letter. This provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to reflect on the theme of humanity and AI that will continue to influence their thinking and actions as they grow. Rehearsals for our upcoming production of *Robin Hood* have now begun, and I have been incredibly impressed with the children's enthusiasm and commitment. Many already know their lines well, and it is wonderful to see their confidence developing. In English, our writing focus is on using the present tense and the first person voice. The children are working hard to apply these skills, bringing a greater sense of immediacy and personal perspective to their writing. Well done, Year 6!

Sun Safety at School



We are committed to keeping our pupils safe while they are at school and want them to be informed about keeping themselves safe in the sun.

Children should bring in and wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears.

Please apply long lasting high factor (SPF30 or above) suncream in the morning, paying particular attention to exposed areas such as lower arms, hands, lower legs, faces and necks.

We do not permit children to bring suncream into school. This is for health and safety reasons—e.g. allergic reactions/accidental ingestion.

Diary Dates—Summer Term 2

Drama4All—Years EYFS, 1 and 2 (in school event)	Monday, 8th June 2026
Sports Day	Tuesday, 9th June 2026 (see Sports Day page for timings)
District Sports—Selected children only	Wednesday, 10th June 2026
Brooklands Museum Trip—Year 1	Monday, 15th June 2026
Cricket Competition, Spelthorne— Selected Year 6 Boys only	Wednesday, 17th June 2026
Class Mass at Church - Years 2, 3 and 4 and Year 2 Church Visit (children to be dropped directly to church at 8:40am)	Thursday, 18th June 2026
BUDS Day	Friday, 19th June 2026
Staines Synagogue Visit (in school event)	Monday, 22nd June 2026
Royal Holloway Trip—Year 2	Tuesday, 23rd June 2026
St Peter & St Paul Mass at school—parents welcome	9:00am Monday, 29th June 2026
Transition Day (including Salesian Year 7 Induction Day)	Tuesday, 30th June 2026
Buddy Mass—Years 1 and 6 and Year 1 Church Visit (children to be dropped directly to church at 8:40am)	Thursday, 2nd July 2026
St. Thomas House Day	Friday, 3rd July 2026
Totally Torah Day—Year 1 (in school event)	Tuesday, 7th July 2026

Diary Dates—Summer Term 1

St. Benedict House Day

Friday, 10th July 2026

Calculator Workshop—Year 6 (in school event)

Friday, 10th July 2026

Leavers Mass (Thanksgiving) at Church—Whole School

Thursday, 16th July 2026

Year 6 Retreat

Thursday, 16th July 2026

End of Term—School ends 1:15pm

Friday, 17th July 2026



Updated Term Dates 2026 –2027

Following a recent amendment by Xavier to the 2027-2028 term dates (not yet published), please note there has been a change to the end of year date for 2027.

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Head of School: Mrs A Rainbow



Term Dates Sept 2026 – July 2027

Autumn Term

Term Starts	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Half Term	Friday 23 rd October – Monday 2 nd November 2026
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December 2026 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Friday 2 nd October 2026 Monday 30 th November 2026 (St Francis Xavier Day)

Spring Term

Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2027
Term Ends	Thursday 25 th March 2027 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Monday 4 th January 2027 Friday 12 th March 2027

Summer Term

Term Starts	Monday 12 th April 2027
Half Term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027
Term Ends	Friday 16 th July 2027 (1:15pm)
Inset Days	Wednesday 19 th May 2027

Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised in term time and the Local Authority may impose fines for unauthorised absences.

Finish times: half term = 3:20pm, end of full term = 1:15pm

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ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – PARISH NEWS ...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

6th & 7th June All our weekend Masses will include our First Holy Communion families on the great feast of the "Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ". We keep all the families in our prayers and especially the children themselves. We pray that they will continue to share in the faith of the church each week and grow as God's children.

N.B. Fr. Chris will not be available for the regular reconciliation / confession on Sat 6th

PARISH SUMMER SOCIAL

Sun 19th July Our Parish Summer Social is back at the Jurgens Centre, celebrating community and world peace. Tickets are £5 per person (over£11s/primary age), with all profits supporting the Jurgens Centre refurbishment. Please bring a plate of your national food to share, enjoy the raffle, and join us for an afternoon of friendship, colour, and celebration for world peace! Tickets are available after mass.

School Sports Day - Tuesday, 9th June 2026

This year, school Sports Day will be held on Tuesday, 9th June 2026 (weather permitting).

Sports Day Timetable

Time	Events	Details
10.45am - 12pm	EYFS and KS1 running races	EYFS and KS1 families are invited to watch
12pm - 1pm	Picnic lunch on the field	All families invited. Children who have a hot school dinner will have this in a takeaway container to enjoy on the field.
1.10pm - 3.10pm	KS2 races	All KS2 families invited to watch

The children should wear their **coloured house t-shirt**, with their **PE shorts and PE trainers**.

Please ensure your child is wearing **sun cream** and has a **sunhat** with them. Children should bring **water bottles** to school as normal.

Some important reminders for the day:

- Please enter via the field gate
- Please bring your own fold up chairs and picnic rugs
- Strictly **no phones** to be used on the school premises
- Strictly **no photographs or videos** to be taken
- We are a totally smoke & vape free premises
- No alcohol permitted on site
- During the picnic lunch, please only share food with your child.
We have children with severe food allergies, so it is vitally important food is not shared
- St Cuthbert's is a totally nut & sesame free school, please ensure you do not bring any foods containing these items on to the school premises
- As always, we want to ensure our children receive a healthy balanced lunch, so we ask that no sweets or high sugar items are given to the children during the picnic



Sports Day is an event that we all look forward to, especially the children, so can we please remind all adults to be respectful of any decisions made by staff.

We will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecast over the weekend and will confirm Tuesday's go-ahead as early as possible next week.

School Sports Day - Tuesday, 9th June 2026

School Lunch

In order to facilitate the children being able to eat their hot school lunch on the field, there has been a menu change on this day. If you have already placed an order for your child, please re-order via school grid.

UPDATED Sports Day Menu:

Sausage in a baguette (meat or vegetarian)

Wedges

Cookie

(Gluten free = sausage and chips)



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Our Beautiful Borough Photography Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the "Our Beautiful Borough" photography competition. The children have all embraced the challenge with eagerness. There were countless amazing entries that illustrated the beauty of nature. It was an extremely difficult choice to make but the Eco Warriors voted, the teachers voted and we came to an overall decision of... Matila Rueppel!

Matilda will now be entered into a borough wide competition, with the chance to win a £50 supermarket voucher. Again, well done to all involved and congratulations Matilda!

Whole school winner: Year 1—Matilda



Year Group Winners:



Reception - Clodagh

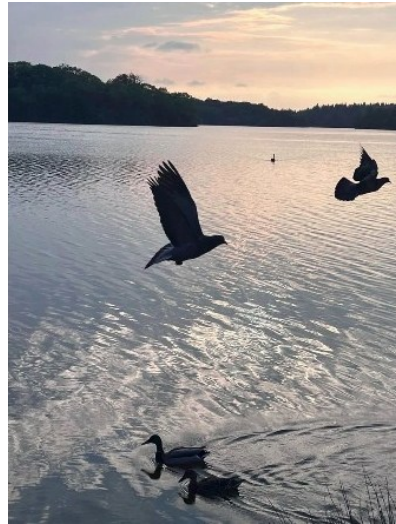


Year 2 - Nyameaye

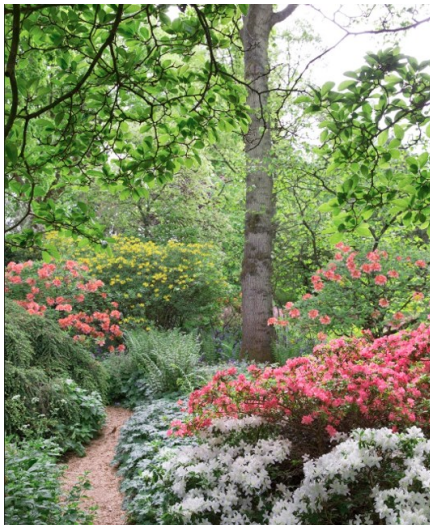
Year Group Winners:



Year 3 - Isabella T



Year 4 - Joshua



Year 5 - Rosie



Year 6 - Finlay

Fundraiser : Cancer Race for Life



St Cuthberts Champions

The 'St Cuthberts Champions' team, as well as several other children from St Cuthbert's, took part in the 'Race for Life' event last Saturday, 30th May 2026 in Windsor to raise money for cancer research. The event was a 5km inflatable obstacle race which was great fun and also very muddy!

The 'St Cuthberts Champions' team raised over £380—Amazing !!!



Fundraising by St Cuthbert's Students

Lily's Home Lemonade Stand:

Lily in Year 3 organised a lemonade sale over half-term to raise funds for St. Cuthbert's. Her entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to think of others is truly inspiring. Well done Lily and thank you for your donation.



Wake Up Wednesday

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 SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine at least a few days before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently, so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education as easy as possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: see full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-to-return-to-routine>

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Surrey Fire and Rescue Services—Water Safety

As the weather warms up, more young people are spending time outdoors and around open water. **Surrey Fire and Rescue Service** is reminding families to stay safe around water this summer.

We ask parents and carers to have an open conversation at home about staying safe near rivers, lakes, reservoirs and quarries. While these places may look calm and inviting, they can be extremely dangerous. Cold water shock, hidden hazards, sudden drops and unstable ground can all pose serious risks, even for strong swimmers.

We are also seeing an increase in risk-taking behaviour, including swimming in unsupervised areas, jumping into unknown water and accessing restricted locations. These situations can escalate quickly and may be difficult for emergency services to reach.

It's important that young people know what to do if they find themselves in trouble in the water. Teach your child to **Float to Live**: tilt their head back with ears submerged, relax and try to control their breathing, use their hands and legs to stay afloat, and once the effects of cold water shock have passed, call for help or swim to safety if able.

Please also remind your child that if they ever see someone in trouble in the water, they should call 999 immediately and never attempt a rescue themselves.

Please encourage your child to stay out of unsafe water, follow warning signs and look out for their friends. By talking about the risks and how to respond, we can help keep young people safe around water this summer.



PTA-Events



Ice Lolly Sales after school:

Friday 12th June – year2

Friday 19th June – Year 1

Friday 26th June – Reception

Friday 3rd July – Volunteers needed

Friday 10th July – Volunteers needed



Englefield Green village fair – 20th June



PTA:

Please continue
to support our
fundraising.



St Cuthbert's School Association



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Vote for our school in store

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Thank you for your support!



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8.45am - 3.00pm Monday 29 June 2026

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**For more details and book your place at this event
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SUMMER LESSONS

INTENSIVE CRASH COURSE
When: 27th July – 31st July
Time: 9am – 12pm

WEEKLY LESSONS
When: Tuesdays & Saturdays
from 21st July – 29th August
Time: Tuesday 4-6pm
Saturdays 9am – 12pm

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Flyers:



The flyer features a light grey background with decorative tropical elements: a pink monstera leaf in the top left, a green abstract shape in the top right, a blue fern leaf on the left, a purple fern leaf on the right, and a yellow abstract shape in the bottom left. The GO PADDLEBOARDING ADVENTURES logo is at the top center. The title 'Thursday family paddleboarding' is in pink, and 'Fun for all the family!' is in purple. A QR code is in the center, flanked by two photos of people paddleboarding. A purple circle on the right contains the price '£15 per person'. Below the photos, a list of activities and the coach's name are separated by yellow stars. A pink button contains the booking information. At the bottom, details for location, cost, and time are listed.

GO PADDLEBOARDING ADVENTURES

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£15
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Learn to paddleboard ★ Team challenges ★ Fun and games
★ Run by Paul Davies BCAB SUP Coach ★

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Location: Silverwing Lake, Wraysbury, TW195BY
Cost: £15 per person all equipment included.
Time: 6pm - 7.30pm.

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SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS

YEARS 2-8 (AGES 6-13)

Guildford

Monday 20th-Friday 24th July

Cranleigh

Monday 17th-Friday 21st August

10am-3pm

£36 per day

Discounts 3+ days

Development Camp
YEARS 5-11 (AGES 9-16)

Cranleigh

Tuesday 4th-Thursday 6th August

- *Fun games and matches.*
- *Learn new skills from experienced coaches.*
- *Cool prizes to be won.*
- *Everyone is welcome.*

BOOKINGS: jessaustin.co.uk/basketball

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