



Weekly Newsletter

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



Week ending 3rd July 2026

Dear All

It has been a busy week but a cooler one!

We began our week with a mass honoring St Peter and St Paul. Canon Chris led the children in celebrating this feast day and we welcomed parents to join us - thank you to those who were able to attend.

The children were very excited to meet their new teacher this week for our move-up day. They now have more of an idea of what next year will look like, and it is great to give them this taster before September. We also welcomed our new Reception class for a taster session with their parents in the afternoon - most of our new pupils didn't want to leave!!

Each class enjoyed a visit on Wednesday from someone from the local library. It is so important to continue to promote a love of reading with the children as it really does enhance their learning for life.

Yesterday morning, Y1 and 6 had their buddy mass, which was a lovely opportunity for these children to come together and worship. It is always a pleasure to see how our oldest pupils are such positive role models for some of our youngest.

Today was St Thomas feast day so these children were able to wear their house t-shirt for the day. Some members of the house presented an assembly to the whole school about St Thomas to provide us with further information about him.

The PTA have kindly offered to provide more air conditioning units in preparation for next year's summer and the possibility of further heatwaves. We had been surviving on the three units we have until this year, but it is becoming clear that we may need to aim to furnish every classroom with one! Thank you to the PTA for always being so ready to support us in such situations - we are very grateful!

As we near the end of the school year, children are encouraged to remember the importance of rest in their lives, to be restored physically and mentally, and be filled spiritually. This week we will help children to bring their concerns and worries to Jesus and find their rest in Him.

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Finally, I am delighted to pass on to you the news that the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Father Stephen Wang, until now the Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, as the Sixth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. The children have watched his message to schools, and we are very excited to welcome him.

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**

Joey S in Reception—for being so articulate and adapting well to a new timetable. Well done Joey , we are very proud of you!

Harper in Year 1—for working really hard to develop her confidence, especially when faced with new challenges.

Cayden in Year 2 — for following all the FAIR values and setting a great example to other students.

Arianna in Year 3 – for showing resilience during her assessments and coping brilliantly in the recent heatwave.

Joshua in Year 4 - for showing determination to improve his handwriting and taking pride in his progress.

Mary in Year 5—for always showing respect in class – she is consistently ready to begin her learning promptly and demonstrates a positive attitude towards her teachers.

Reggie in Year 6—for taking initiative, being independent and resilient while getting his work completed even though it is tricky with his broken arm.

The Week That Was - KS1

EYFS: This week, Reception have been learning about Islam. We learnt about Ramadan and the celebration of Eid. We watched a little girl called Amirah, as she prepared for Eid with her family and compared it to the similarities and differences of other celebrations we have learnt about, or been a part of. We got to see inside a Mosque and had a go at making our own Mehndi patterns! In Literacy we have been reading the story "The Troll" we talked about the different foods we might find inside the troll's cookery book and made our own recipes for him. In Maths we have been recapping our learning on 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 1: Year 1 has had a very productive week!

In RE, we have been learning about Judaism and exploring some of its key beliefs and traditions. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of place value with numbers up to 100, helping us build confidence with recognising and working with larger numbers. In Science, we have been learning how animals can be classified according to what they eat. We created Venn diagrams to sort animals into groups such as herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores. In English, we have been story mapping a biography all about ourselves to share with our new teacher in September. This has been a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our achievements and interests.

Well done, Year 1, on a fantastic week of learning! Keep up the great work.

Year 2: Year 2 have been looking at the Jewish faith this week in RE. We have been learning that Shabbat is their day of faith and what this might include or what might not be used. The children were very articulate in discussions figure out what we thought and the difference in our faith. In Maths we have moved to statistics looking at tally charts and reading data off tables. The children have done an excellent job at showing off their learning. In Science we have been growing plants which we have been observing all week and seeing the conditions which are best suited for the best plant. In History we were looking at documents and how these are useful to look at to help us in learning more about our local heroes. The children have had a great week, and they should be so proud of themselves. Well done Year 2!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 3: This week in Year 3, we have enjoyed another busy week of learning across the curriculum. In RE, we explored the Five Pillars of Islam, creating art-work to represent each pillar and discussing what they mean for Muslims and how they influence daily life and faith. In RSE and Citizenship, we learned about fair trade and reflected on how our choices can help make the world a fairer place, thinking about families both in the UK and around the world who may not have the same opportunities to attend school or live comfortably. In Maths, we began our final Year 3 unit on statistics, enjoying the challenge of interpreting and drawing pictograms and answering questions using the information they provided. Meanwhile, in Computing, we had great fun using Scratch programming, experimenting with pen commands to draw shapes, erase our work, and even change colours within our code. It has been another week full of thoughtful discussions, creativity, and exciting new learning experiences!

Year 4: Year 4 have had a fantastic and busy week! In English, the children completed their own informal letters, applying all the skills and knowledge they have learned throughout our letter-writing unit. They worked hard to include a range of sentence types and demonstrate the writing techniques they have developed over the year. In Maths, we began an exciting new topic: Statistics. The children have started learning how to interpret and present data using a variety of charts and graphs. We also enjoyed our Transition Day, where the children spent time finding out all about what is in store for them in Year 5. They had a wonderful day and came away feeling excited and confident about the next stage of their learning journey. In History, we learned about the suffragettes and the important role they played in campaigning for women's right to vote. The children discussed their actions, created their own placards and took part in a protest to show their support for equal rights for women. On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Nicky, a librarian from Egham Library. The children enjoyed taking part in book-themed games, writing their own songs and raps, and learning all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. It was an inspiring visit that encouraged everyone to keep reading over the summer holidays. Well done, Year 4, for another excellent week!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 5: Year 5 began the week by exploring the place of Sacred Scripture in Jewish life today, thinking about what they have heard regarding how Jewish people use and value their holy writings, and listening and talking to others about their own sacred texts and why these texts matter in different faith communities. Pupils reflected on how people show respect for scripture and shared thoughtful ideas about the role sacred texts play in shaping belief and daily life. They continued their History learning on significant journeys, discussing the challenges faced by Sir Walter Raleigh, comparing these with the hopes and tragedy of the Titanic, and exploring the experiences of the Windrush generation and the Kindertransport. The class finished by reflecting on refugee journeys in modern Britain, sharing thoughtful opinions on courage, resilience, welcome, and fairness across all the journeys studied. In Science, pupils investigated metamorphosis in insects, learning how life cycles change dramatically between stages, and created a moving timeline to show each transformation clearly and accurately

Year 6: Year 6 have enjoyed another busy and exciting week of learning and enrichment. In RE, we explored the meaning of the *Common Good* and discussed how we can live out this important principle of Catholic Social Teaching in our everyday lives through kindness, service and consideration for others. In DT, our much anticipated *Come Dine with Me* project has begun. The children have already cooked and sampled a range of delicious starters and main courses, thinking carefully about flavour, presentation, and nutrition. We are all looking forward to tasting the desserts next week! As part of our History topic, we spent time at the War Memorial and the war graves in Englefield Green Cemetery, reflecting on the sacrifices made by those who served. We also shared a beautiful Buddy Mass at church, celebrating our school community together. On top off all this excitement the children visited their new secondary schools on Tuesday, an exciting step in their transition journey.

Lost Property

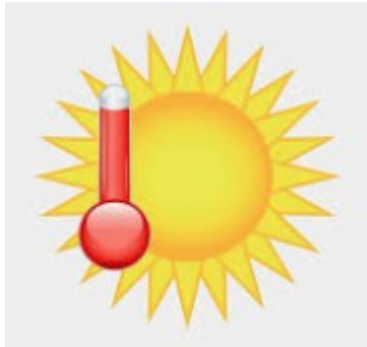


Our lost property collection is growing! Please take a moment to check the lost property basket in the school office before the end of term.

Any unclaimed items remaining at the end of term will be donated or recycled where possible.

Thank you for your support.

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.

Summer Reading Challenge



Following a visit to our school from Nicky Abraham from Egham Library, I'd like to warmly encourage all our families to take part in the **Summer Reading Challenge 2026 – Read to the Beat**. This wonderful, free initiative from Surrey Libraries and The Reading Agency helps children keep up their reading confidence over the summer and return to school in September feeling motivated, settled and ready to learn.

This year's music themed challenge invites children to explore how rhythm, sound and creativity can bring stories to life — and every kind of reading counts, from novels and comics to non fiction and audiobooks. Children work towards six books or six personal reading goals, collecting rewards along the way and receiving a certificate and wristband when they complete the challenge.

All they need is a library membership, which is quick and free to set up online or at any Surrey library. There will also be exciting launch events at Staines and Woking libraries, plus music themed activities and Beat Maker Labs running throughout the summer.

I hope you'll join us in encouraging your child to get involved — it's a brilliant way to keep their love of reading growing.

Children are warmly invited to bring their completed challenges back to school in September, where we will celebrate their achievements in our celebration assembly. You can find full details on the Surrey Libraries website.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries>



Summer Reading Challenge





READ to the BEAT

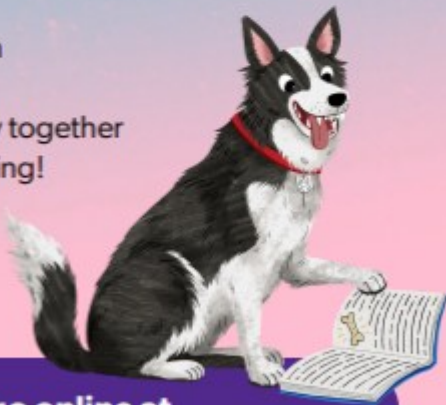
Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Wake Up Wednesday

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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See full reference list on our website



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Diary Dates—Summer Term 2

Totally Torah Day—Year 1 (in school event) Tuesday, 7th July 2026

History Showcase - from 2:30pm for parents Wednesday, 8th June 2026

International Day Thursday, 9th June 2026

St. Benedict House Day - house t-shirts to be worn Friday, 10th July 2026

Calculator Workshop—Year 6 (in school event) Friday, 10th July 2026

Year 6 Production—Dress Rehearsal (no parents) Monday, 13th July 2026

Year 6 Production—6pm Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Leavers Mass (Thanksgiving) at Church—Whole School Thursday, 16th July 2026

Year 6 Retreat Thursday, 16th July 2026

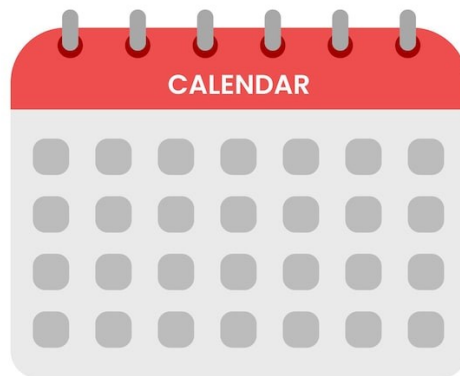
End of Term—School ends 1:15pm - No After School Club Friday, 17th July 2026



Future Diary Dates

If you wish to plan even further ahead than this current school year please subscribe to our school calendar on our website.

<https://www.stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=10&viewid=1>



Parish of Weybridge



Download the latest newsletter here:

<https://poegham.wordpress.com/category/newsletters/>

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – PARISH NEWS ...

RCIA

There is an increasing number of people of all ages enquiring about adult baptism or reception into the church, and children of catechetical age. The first stage is a year of practice. Do contact Fr Chris or Anne-Do to find out more and for help with catechesis on your journey.

PRIMA LE PAROLE - CORRECTION!

Sat 11th July 7:30pm - 10:30pm The Hythe Singers invite you to their summer concert Prima le Parole at the Jurgens Centre. Enjoy an uplifting programme celebrating the beauty of words and music, with choral works inspired by poetry and storytelling. All are welcome for an evening of rich, expressive singing from one of our talented local choirs. Info here: . <https://thehythesingers.com>

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.

St Cuthbert's Wish List

Our school wish list has now been updated with items that our teachers have requested to support and enrich the children's learning experiences.

If you are able help at all, please use the link below to find our wish list on Amazon.
Please note that there is no need to purchase a gift box.

Thank you very much for your generosity. Your support makes a real difference and is very much valued.



<https://amzn.eu/0bY0MI8E>

PTA-Events



Ice Lolly Sales after school:

Friday 10th July – Volunteers needed



PTA:

Please continue
to support our
fundraising.



St Cuthbert's School Association



Tesco Blue Tokens!

Vote for Our School!

We've been chosen for the Tesco Stronger Starts Programme!

Help us to fundraise for the redevelopment of the KS2 Playground

**Pick up a BLUE TOKEN when you shop at
Tesco in EGHAM & STAINES**

Vote for our school in store

Every vote brings us closer to £1,500!

Thank you for your support!



Bra Bank Charity Appeal



It's time to bin your bra!

Our bra recycling scheme takes your unwanted or unloved bras and through our network of bra banks raises vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research.

Together with our recycling partners, our textile recovery project prevents these bras going into landfill before giving them a new lease of life.

Successful ventures like this provide employment and an income for people living in the UK. Any bras that are genuinely beyond redemption are dismantled and disposed of properly.

For every tonne of bras collected, Against Breast Cancer receives £700 to fund our research. With over 30 million women in the UK you could really help make a difference!

Please bring your donations to the school office.

"Recycling old and unwanted bra's people have no where to take them so why not recycle and help with research to stop secondary spread breast cancer from claiming lives , I started asking for donations about 3 weeks ago the response is amazing for people, so there is a call for these donations bra banksI get nothing out of this only giving back after having breast cancer myself and now helping others" - Michelle Elizabeth Frances Hallett

School Clubs

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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🌐 <http://www.stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk>

Head of School: Mrs A Rainbow



Living & Learning in Faith

Dear Parents/Carer,

The Wellbeing Club will be taking a planned rest for the autumn term.

Thank you to all the children and families for your continued support and enthusiasm - it is very much appreciated. While the club is paused, if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school so we can offer support.

I'm really looking forward to bringing the club back in the spring and summer terms, refreshed and ready to go again.

More details to follow.

Kind regards,
Mrs Protheroe

"Children learn best when they are healthy, safe and supported." — Department for Education

Flyers:



THE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING CHARITY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 4-24



SUNDAY
6TH
SEPTEMBER



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GUILDFORD
CRICKET CLUB



T20 MATCH
2PM



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HOW TO APPLY

Write a short letter telling us why you want to be selected as a Bee-lieve mascot. Please include your age and school. When you are ready, ask your parent or carer to email this to us at beelievefoundation@gmail.com

11 LUCKY WINNERS!

Entries to be submitted by Wed 25th July



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- meet some special guests
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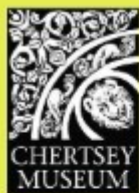
LASER TAG
Strategy. Compete. Have fun.

Weekly Sessions | Ages 4-12 | Ofsted Registered | Prizes & Medals

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Flyers:



For All
The
Family

1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination
meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
chertseymuseum.org



Runnymede
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Flyers:

Summer Holiday Activities



Picasso-style Cubist Faces

4th August 2026

Use cardboard, scissors and paint to create a topsy-turvy masterpiece

11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50

Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

Fantastic Fans

11th August

Discover the history of fans and see some originals

Then decorate a wood and paper fan.

11am-11:45am or 2pm-2:45pm Cost: £3.00

Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

Clay Day

18th August

Discover Ancient Greek toys and explore our replicas before making your own clay creations.

11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50

Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

Butterfly and Bee Noughts and Crosses

25th August

Make a butterfly and bee noughts and crosses game using wood, paint and your imagination.

11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £4.00

Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

Booking is essential. To book: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>
Or phone: 01932 565 764

www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place



Flyers:



Family Fun Day!

Train Rides
Model Railway Exhibition
Funfair
Community Police stand
Face Painting
Classic Car display
& more!



Free Parking!

Sunday 19th July: 13:00-16:30