



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

Week ending 11th September 2026



Dear All

What a busy first full week! It feels like we have never been away! The children are well into the swing of things now and working so hard. Our new Reception children are enjoying their full days and keen to join the rest of the school for their lunchtime play, which we will aim to achieve in the coming week. Our buddies are keen to support our youngest children in this transition, and I know they will be great role models.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Robson as our new choral teacher replacing Mr Ellson. She met the children yesterday during hymn practice and spent time with the choir as well and was 'very impressed with the standard of singing and great behaviour' across our school.

Meet the teacher meetings have taken place this week. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend! The PowerPoints are available on our website, but it was great to gather together at the beginning of the year and share the new challenges ahead. Thank you for welcoming our new staff.

The PTA held their AGM this Wednesday evening and shared the amazing work they have done over the last academic year and the impressive funds that have been raised. It was great to see new faces at the meeting, and we encourage everyone to get involved in some level as these funds provide so many experiences and resources to which our school budget simply cannot stretch.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the importance of forgiveness. In this upcoming Celebration of the Word, children will recognise what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to do as Jesus teaches: to 'love one another'.

'Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?"'

Matthew 18:21

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**

Luna in Reception for being a respectful learner, always making the right choices and helping others to do the same.

Melody in Year 1 for settling so well into a new school, making friends and finding her voice.

Neev in Year 2 for continually showing respect when and initiative in class when working with her partner or independently.

Camilla in Year 3 for demonstrating all of the FAIR values the first week back, setting a really good example.

Matthew in Year 4 for putting 100% effort into all his work and for following our FAIR values

Ayla in Year 5 for the value of respect through being an excellent friend by helping our new classmates settle in well.

Carmen in Year 6 for working exceptionally hard all week and for always being polite, compassionate and respectful.



The Week That Was - KS1

EYFS: What a fantastic first full week in Reception! We are so proud of how well all of the children have settled into school life and are already showing what it means to be a St Cuthbert's learner. This week, we have been learning our daily routines, building new friendships and becoming familiar with our classroom environment. In Literacy, we explored the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children enjoyed making and tasting porridge before voting for their favourite flavour, and they drew pictures of their favourite parts of the story. In Maths, we focused on the numbers 1, 2 and 3, developing a deep understanding of each number through counting, recognising quantities and matching numbers to objects using one-to-one correspondence. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence every day, and we are looking forward to another exciting week of learning ahead!

Year 1: Year 1 has settled back into school life beautifully! The children are confidently adapting to new routines and are already rising to the high expectations of Year 1. In RE, we have been learning about Creation and exploring how God created the world and everything in it. In Art, we have been studying the work of Bridget Riley, focusing on how she uses lines and patterns to create striking and imaginative pieces of artwork. In ICT, we have begun our exciting new topic, "Technology Around Us", where the children are developing their understanding of the different types of technology they encounter in everyday life.

It has been a wonderful and exciting first week in Year 1!

Year 2: Year 2 have been looking at Noah's Ark this week and thinking about what happened and asking wondering questions. We told the scripture through Godly Play, and the children responded well and then got to create their own story strip. In Maths we have been looking at 10s and 1s and looking at which column their numbers should go in. In English we have been story mapping our work where the children have come up with some great actions to remember the story. They have also been coming up with ways to remember what a 2A sentence is and hopefully if you ask them they can show you exactly what it is. We have been very creative this week in Art and finding different textures around the classroom and outside to use to create texture in our Art books. The children have settled in really well this week with getting back into routine and trying their hardest in all that they do. Well done Year 2! You have been fantastic!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 3: This week was our first full week in Year 3, and we have been working incredibly hard as we settle into our new routines and expectations. It has been wonderful to see everyone growing in confidence, making new friendships, and showing such enthusiasm for their learning. In RE, we started exploring the Creation Story, reading from Genesis 1 in the Old Testament and reflecting on the amazing world God created for us. We discussed how we all have a responsibility to care for and look after God's creation. We have also enjoyed exploring our new topics across the curriculum, from investigating the difference between a light source and a light reflector in Science, to sketching animal outlines in Art as we learned about prehistoric cave art and discovering the different climate zones around the world in Geography. In Maths, we began our Place Value unit, exploring numbers up to 100 usingienes, counters, and place value charts to help us understand and solve problems. We are already off to a brilliant start and are excited for all the learning and adventures still to come this year!

Year 4: It has been absolutely lovely getting to know the children and beginning our exciting Year 4 journey together!

We have already dived into our class text, Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, enjoying discovering new vocabulary and exploring the wonderful meanings behind these words.

This week, we have started lots of exciting new topics across our new subjects. In English, we have been focussing on adventure stories and have started to write our own. In maths, we have explored place value using practical manipulatives to remind ourselves of key facts and strengthen our understanding. We have also continued to refresh our times-table knowledge, building a strong foundation as we work towards our multiplication check later in the year. In science, we explored changes of state through an exciting experiment using soda water and raisins. The children thoroughly enjoyed making observations and discussing the science behind what they could see. In art, we have explored sketching skills, focusing on both 2D and 3D shapes and forms. In geography, we have begun our map work, concentrating on North America and developing our map-reading skills. In RE, we have started exploring Creation and Covenant, including learning about Abraham's story and its importance within the Christian faith.

We have also introduced our class monitor roles, and it has been wonderful to see the children taking pride in their responsibilities. They have made a fantastic start to Year 4, and I am so excited for the learning and adventures ahead!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 5: In RE this week the children focused on scripture from Exodus, specifically Moses and the Burning Bush. The children learnt about the way in which God asked Moses to lead his people to freedom. In the Maths, the class have been working on place value, as well as learning to how read and write numbers to 1,000,000. English has been very creative this week. Together the children have been using figurative language to write poems with contrasting verses about the quiet classroom over the summer and the busy classroom during term time. In PE, the children returned to the classroom looking rather warm after a session on fitness. Art was an enjoyable break from writing on straight lines, as the children let lose their creativity and used a continuous line method to draw a self portrait.

Home Learning; English sheet based on relative pronouns, TTRS X15 mins three times a week, Family prayer leaf, Spag.com (logins went home on Wednesday) Reading logged 3X per week.

Year 6: Year 6 have had a fantastic start to their final year of primary school! In RE, they have been learning about the two different accounts of the Creation story and how these are told differently in the Bible. They thoroughly enjoyed meeting MP Jack Rankin on Monday, who then visited them in class and gave them valuable advice on how to effectively prepare their House Captain speeches, which many bravely presented to their Houses on Wednesday. In English, they have been studying non-chronological reports and have created a text map for a model text all about a fictional frost unicorn. In Maths, they have been working hard on place value with numbers up to ten million and have studied Gattegno charts and how to estimate positions of numbers on a number line. They had lots of fun on Wednesday learning how to build a simple series circuit in our Science learning about circuits and electricity, and they studied where the Amazon River and Amazon Basin are within the continent of South America in Geography. The children have also worked exceptionally hard on past SATs papers from a previous year's tests and should be so proud of the resilience and perseverance that they have demonstrated.

Pupil Parliament Week:

This week kick started with a visit from Jack Rankin MP. He led a whole school assembly and then visited the Y6 children to inspire them ahead of House Captain speeches.

Jack kindly shared the following words with the school;

It was a real pleasure to visit the school and spend time with the Year 6 pupils. They asked some brilliant questions and it's always encouraging to see young people so engaged and curious about the world around them. I wish them well in electing their House Captains! Thank you to Mrs Rainbow, Mrs Gray and the whole school for such a warm welcome. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and hope it gave the children a helpful insight into the work of Parliament.



Voting

Children in KS1 and KS2 met in their houses on Wednesday. The Y6 children who wanted to put their speech forward for being house captains gathered. Staff commented on how well prepared the children were with their speeches and how articulate they were in their delivery. The voting was so so close and the results are in. Our brand new House and Vice Captains 2026/27 are...

St. Thomas; Eoin and Auriah

St. Cecilia; Carmen and Anna

St. Benedict; Nina and Ellis

St. Bernadette; James and Quinn

All badges of responsibility will be awarded at Celebration Assembly next week. Watch this space for updates on our new Prayer Leaders, Eco Warriors, Librarians, School Council and much more...

PE Timetable (2026/2027)



Following on from our first full week of PE, some teachers have made changes to their weekly timetables which has therefore had a knock on effect on PE days.

Please see below for each year group's set PE days **effective from next week:**

EYFS = Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 1 = Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 2 = Tuesday & Friday

Year 3 = Wednesday & Friday

Year 4 = Wednesday & Friday

Year 5 = Tuesday & Friday

Year 6 = Monday & Friday

Children should wear their PE kit to school on their allocated PE days. Please ensure they are dressed appropriately for outdoor lessons with their school PE jumper.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this matter.

Xavier CET Creative Inclusion Challenge



CREATIVE INCLUSION CHALLENGE

WE ARE, WE BELONG



The "We are, We Belong" Creative Inclusion Challenge is a Xavier wide competition designed to encourage our young people to explore themes of equality, diversity, inclusion and belonging, through creative expression.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PRODUCE ORIGINAL WORK THAT REFLECTS:



Respect
for others



Understanding
of different
identities and
experiences



Inclusion
within school
and society



Positive change
and student
voice

The competition promotes creativity, empathy, critical thinking, and community engagement while supporting personal development.

STUDENTS SHOULD CREATIVELY EXPLORE:

- ✓ What makes people feel included
- ✓ Celebrating differences
- ✓ Building on our inclusive schools and communities
- ✓ Advocacy and kindness
- ✓ Representation and identity

EXAMPLE COMPETITION BRIEF FOR STUDENTS

YOUR CHALLENGE

Create a piece of work that answers this question:

"What does belonging mean to you?"

You can use any creative format to:

- Share experiences
- Raise awareness
- Inspire change
- Celebrate identity
- Promote inclusion

Your work should encourage others to think differently and help create a more welcoming school community.

SUBMIT YOUR
ENTRY BY
**MONDAY
5TH OCTOBER**

"We Are, We Belong" invites students to use creativity to celebrate diversity, inspire inclusion.

Whether through art, film, poetry, music, or campaigning, every student has a voice that can help build a more welcoming and respectful school community.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES



ART & DESIGN

- Posters
- Paintings
- Digital artwork
- Photography



FILM & MEDIA

- Short films
- Social media campaigns
- Podcasts
- Animation
- Video essays



WRITING & SPOKEN WORD

- Poetry
- Short stories
- Speeches
- Articles
- Radio plays



PERFORMANCE

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Monologues



INNOVATION & CAMPAIGNING

ALL SCHOOL
YEARS WELCOME
TO ENTER



PRIMARY
Years 1-6



JUNIOR
Years 7-9



SENIOR
Years 10-13

Xavier CET Creative Inclusion Challenge



One of the great strengths of our Xavier family is the sense of welcome, care, and community that exists across our schools. At Xavier, we believe that every person is loved by God, created with dignity and purpose, and called to flourish. We want our schools to be places where every child and adult feels known, valued, and supported.

With this in mind, we are pleased to share the details of our Trust-wide **"We Are, We Belong" Creative Inclusion Challenge**, developed by our primary and secondary colleagues in our Belonging network. The competition invites children and young people to creatively explore the question:

"We are, We Belong"

Students are invited to produce original work that reflects:

- Respect for others
- Understanding of different identities and experiences
- Inclusion within school and society
- Positive change and student voice

Xavier CET Creative Inclusion Challenge

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Students should creatively explore:

- What makes people feel included or excluded
- Celebrating differences
- Building on our inclusive schools and communities
- Advocacy and kindness
- Representation and identity

Example Competition Brief for Students: Your Challenge

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Art & Design	Posters	Paintings	Digital Artwork	Film & Media
Podcasts	Animation	Video essays	Writing & Spoken Word	Poetry
Short stories	Speeches	Articles	Rap / spoken word	Drama
Innovation and Campaigning	Performance	Monologue	Music	Dance

Xavier CET Creative Inclusion Challenge

Entry Rules:

- Entries must be appropriate for a school audience
- AI-generated work must be declared if used
- All primary schools can submit their school finalist winner x 1 entry

Submission deadline 2nd October 2026

Please hand your entries into the School Office

Education Sunday



This weekend is Education Sunday. This is a special day dedicated to celebrating all those involved in education and reflecting of the vital role our school plays in shaping young minds.

This year's national theme focuses on "**A Commended Community**," highlighting how children, teachers, parents, parish and governors work together to create a supportive and nurturing environment.

To celebrate this important event, all children from St. Cuthbert's are invited to wear their uniform to Mass at any of the Parish Masses this weekend.

We hope to see as many families as possible.

Liturgical Calendar

September is the month of creation. This week the children gathered to celebrate creation. The children reflected on the Laudato Si letter that Pope Francis wrote for the world.

We are excited to update our prayer tree with family prayers giving thanks to God's Wonderful World.

Diary Dates—Autumn Term 1

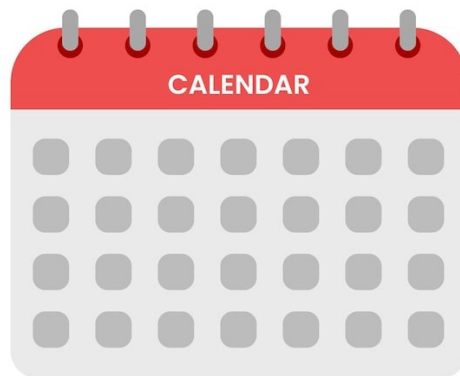
Macmillan Coffee Morning— Parents welcome	Friday, 25th September 2026 at 9.00am
INSET Day—no children in school	Friday, 2nd October 2026
Sports Crew Training — Selected Year 6 children only	Monday, 5th October 2026
Online Parents' Evening	Wednesday, 7th October 2026
Online Parents' Evening	Thursday, 8th October 2026
Year 6—PGL Residential	Monday, 12th October—Friday 16th October 2026
Drama Workshops—Years R, 1 and 2	Monday, 12th October 2026
School Photographs (individual and sibling)	Monday, 19th October 2026
Half Term	Friday, 23rd October— Monday, 2nd November 2026 (7 school days off)
Second half of Autumn Term starts	Tuesday, 3rd November 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/>

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PTA:



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUTUMN 2026

**9TH
SEP** **AGM**
7PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL



**2ND
OCT** **INSET DAY FUN!**
(TBC-WATCH THIS SPACE!)

**22ND
NOV** **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
12-3PM IN THE SCHOOL

**1ST
DEC** **WINDSOR PANTO**
7PM MORE DETAILS SOON!



**ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**



Autumn Term School Clubs:

All bookings, enquiries and payments should be made with the providers themselves.
Please see following pages for booking flyers.

A full club timetable can be found on our school website -

<https://www.stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Clubs+%26amp%3B+Activities&pid=48>



Flyers:



Salesian School
Chertsey



Open Events

Admissions to Year 7 in 2027



Open Morning

- Wednesday 16th September ,Wednesday 23rd September, Tuesday 29th September
- Start time 8:45am finishing at 10am
- ***Please note that four bookings are not required***



Open Evening

- Thursday 1st October 5pm to 7:30pm



Scan for more school info!

Admissions to Year 12 in 2027



College Open Evening

- Thursday 10th September from 5 to 7:30pm



Scan for more sixth form info!

"Pupils flourish at this exceptional school"
- Ofsted 2024



✚ "Students articulate a strong sense of community which they explicitly link to the school's Catholic character".
- Diocese Report 2026

School Enquiries:
01932 582520 | admissions@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

College Enquiries:
01932 578681 | collegeadmissions@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

Flyers:



SALESIAN COLLEGE SPORTS OPEN EVENING

4.30pm - 6.00pm Friday 18 September 2026

Boys in Years 5 & 6 are invited to enjoy football and rugby coaching, matches, and fun with our PE staff and Farnham Town FC players!

Parents can stay for refreshments and meet staff and other families.

For more details and book your place please scan this QR Code:

www.salesiancollege.com



SALESIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

5.00pm - 7.00pm Wednesday 21 October 2026

Invest in your son's future at Salesian College

- The only all boys school with a co-educational sixth form in the area
- Small Class Sizes, Subject Specific Teachers, Excellent Exam Results
- Competitive Sports, Annual School Production, Extensive Extra-Curricular Programme
- Outstanding Pastoral Support

**For more details and book your place at this event
please scan this QR Code:**

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Flyers:



All sessions
are **FREE!**

Get active with great sports!

ACE Youth Project are weekly sessions during term time for young people to enjoy sports, games, and other activities after school; it's a great way to chill out and have fun with your friends!

Monday, 5:00 - 6:00pm Strodes College

Contenders Boxing – delivered by Egham Boxing Club (for ages 6-9 years)

Tuesday, 5:00 - 7:00pm Chertsey Hall

Hado – delivered by Hado London (for ages 10-15 years)

Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30pm Egham Orbit

Girls Football – delivered by Egham Orbit (for ages 7-11 years)

Thursday, 5:00 - 6:00pm Strodes College

Valkyries Boxing – delivered by Egham Boxing Club (for ages 12-17 years) **Girls only.**

Thursday, 5:00 - 6:00pm Victory Park Tennis Courts

Tennis – delivered by Baseline Edge (for ages 10-14 years)

All participants – must register via the Eequ booking platform before attending.

All activities are delivered by DBS checked staff

To book a place, please visit
www.runnymede.gov.uk/AYP

Runnymede
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Flyers:



BASKETBALL OCTOBER CAMP

CRANLEIGH:
26th, 27th, 28th October

GUILDFORD:
29th, 30th October

YEARS 2-8 (AGES 6-13)
10am-3pm
Multi-day discounts!

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

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