Weekly Newsletter
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 22nd October 2026

Dear All

As we come to the end of a busy half term, it is lovely to reflect on our achievements so far. Our Reception children have settled beautifully into the school and are fully part of our St Cuthbert's community. Our older children have taken up their roles of responsibility and are already doing a great job. And we have shared our amazing school with Ofsted and cannot wait for you to read the report when it is shared. Thank you for your ongoing support that makes all this possible.

We held our mufti day in aid of CAFOD on Wednesday to raise money for this worth cause. Thank you to all those who have donated!

We held one of our open events this afternoon to show prospective parents around the school. The head boy and girl and our house captains and vice house captains were very excited to lead tours and did such a good job! We have another open morning after half term at 9am on 25th November - spread the word!

On Saturday, some members of our choir will be joining myself and Miss Elmer to sing at the Bishop's Thanksgiving Mass. This is such an honour, and we are delighted to have been asked to attend. Please say your prayers for our new Bishop Stephen Wang as he begins his important journey.

In our Celebration of the Word assembly after half term, children will explore the Solemnity of All Saints through Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes. Through prayer and reflection, they will look to these holy men and women who now share the joy of Heaven with Jesus. This encourages children to recognise that they too are called to be holy and to follow Jesus in their daily lives.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven.

Matthew 5:12a

Have a wonderful half term break!

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

The Week That Was - KS1

EYFS: We have had another busy and exciting week in Reception! In RE, we have been learning about how we can care for God's world. The children thought carefully about ways to help look after the environment and showed this by writing letters, making cards and drawing pictures for the story characters, sharing their ideas about how we can protect our woodlands. In English, our focus story has been The Enormous Turnip. The children enjoyed retelling the story and developing their fine motor skills by cutting and ordering the events. They also got creative by making their own turnips and modelling the story characters with playdough. In Maths, we have been exploring 2D shapes. The children have been sorting shapes, talking about their properties and becoming shape detectives by spotting them in everyday objects around the classroom and school.

Key vocab - turnip, enormous, grew, pulled

Year 1: What another busy week to end a busy half term!

In RE, we have continued learning about how to care for our world and the importance of looking after God's creation. In English, we have been using Colourful Semantics to compose sentences and develop our understanding of punctuation. In Maths, we have been focusing on the concept of subtraction and building confidence when solving subtraction problems.

We are also coming to the end of our music lessons with Mrs Robson, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning and singing a range of songs.

We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked during their first half term in Year 1. They have settled in wonderfully, shown enthusiasm for their learning, and made a fantastic start to the year. We would like to wish all our families a restful, enjoyable, and happy half-term holiday.

The Week That Was - KS1

Year 2: Year 2 have been talking about the important items we need for Baptism this week and some of the children shared their stories of when they got Baptised. They then got to discuss all of the places in the church that are used when a child is Baptised and we made little booklets. In Maths the children have been adding two digit numbers to another two digit number.

In Geography we reported the weather for the class and explained what we learnt in our weather topic. In Science the children experimented what different balls are made out and why they might be made out of these materials.

The children also had mufti this week and learnt all about why they were in mufti and where the money raised was going. It was also great seeing all the Black History Month homework come in and seeing how much effort the children had put in at home, well done Year 2. The children have worked so hard this week and I am so impressed with them. I hope you have the best half term and a well deserved break.

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 3: This week in Year 3, we have continued to work incredibly hard and have enjoyed some thoughtful discussions across our learning. In RE, we spent time spiritual journalling, reflecting on the things we are grateful for during the Season of Creation and thinking about how we can care for our common home by continuing the mission that Pope Francis encouraged us to follow. In Maths, we continued our learning on addition and subtraction, working hard to add and subtract two- and three-digit numbers, using exchanges and carrying tens and hundreds accurately. In Science, we dipped our feet into our new topic on Plants, learning about the different parts of a plant and discovering how each plant is unique. In RSE and Citizenship, we explored the importance of treating one another with respect, considering how our words and actions can have a positive or negative impact on both ourselves and those around us. As we reach the end of a busy half term, we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support. We hope everyone has a wonderful, restful half-term break and returns refreshed, ready for another exciting half term!

Year 4: In RE, we have been learning about the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. We have also continued to explore the story of Joseph , looking forward with Hope. We were delighted to welcome Canon Chris into year 4 to share our learning and hear all about his recent trip. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of efficient methods and estimating answers. During English this week, we have continued to work on our handwriting whilst planning and writing Biographies on the children's chosen people. To end our week, Year 4 has been investigating evaporation and condensation and how water changes state. In between the down pours, the children have made shadow sculptures, exploring how shadows can be used to create interesting shapes and effects.

Well done, year 4, for a fantastic half term, filled with hard work. See you after the Break!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 5: In Y5 this week, the children have been reflecting on the Rosary in their morning prayer. We prayed the Annunciation of Our Lady as this is our Parish Church name. In English, the class have been heavily editing their writing before transferring it to their big write book. The class had to revise the structure as well as refine vocabulary choices using their knowledge organisers. The children gave me feedback and said it was very beneficial to them and they are excited for me to mark these in half term. In Maths, the class have continued with their knowledge about multiplication and division; specifically common factors. If your child isn't confident with their times tables, it would be a great idea to encourage them to use TTRS more regularly. In Science, the class wowed me with their experiment skills. They completed an assessment in which they had to plan and test the strength of materials, as well as collate data and present this in a graph. In RSE, the class finished the final lesson of the term with 'Giving Assistance' in which they learnt how to put people into the recovery position and what to do in a first aid emergency. Have a great half term.

Year 6: Year 6 have had a busy few days since arriving home from a very successful PGL adventure to Windmill Hill. Every single one of them should be so proud of the independence, resilience, compassion and teamwork that they demonstrated- they were complimented by several staff members on their excellent behaviour! In RE, they have studied the relationship between science and religion, and how the Second Account of Creation can be linked to the Big Bang Theory. They studied the work of George Lemaitre, who was a Catholic priest and scientist who first described what we now know as the Big Bang Theory. In Maths, they have practised the long division written method with remainders, the order of operations (BODMAS) and how to place brackets in calculations. In English, they have written lovely diary entries from the perspective of Tommo or Charlie from their Guided Reading text 'Private Peaceful.' In Geography, they summarised what life is like in the Amazon, why it is valuable to us today and how it must be protected. They have also completed lots of RSE work about bodily autonomy, giving consent, positive and negative self-talk, and communication with confidence. Well done for working so hard this term, Year 6! Enjoy a well-deserved rest over Half Term!

School Lunch: New Menu

Please order as usual via School Grid



Introducing...

OUR NEW PRIMARY MENU

We're excited to introduce our new primary school menu, launching after the October half term!

Building on our commitment to healthier school food, the new menu brings exciting dishes and nutritional improvements, while keeping meals familiar, tasty and enjoyable.



MORE FRUIT, LESS SUGAR

We're adding another fruit-based dessert day to help reduce sugar, alongside our usual fresh fruit and yoghurt options.

MORE FIBRE

Our pasta will now be a 50/50 blend of wholegrain and white pasta, adding around 1.5g more fibre per serving without compromising on taste.

23% more protein

A FIVE-STAR FAVOURITE ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

We're introducing Sausage in a Yorkie – our take on Toad in the Hole. Following a five-star rating from pupils and parents during trials, we've made it even better: 23% more protein · 1g more fibre · 68% less salt · 40% less fat.



ALREADY MOVING BEYOND THE STANDARDS

We're already working towards the proposed School Food Standards, with no deep-fried food, more veg, beans and lentils, wholegrains and more fruit instead of sugary desserts.

We'll continue making gradual improvements over the coming months in readiness for the changes, keeping meals familiar and tasty, and keeping you updated.

SAVING PARENTS TIME & MONEY

Did you know **all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals**? Children in Year 3 and above may also qualify, potentially **saving families around £500** a year. That's a tasty, balanced meal every school day, with no lunchbox to prepare!

Check your eligibility: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

We'd love to hear what pupils are enjoying, what's working well and where we can improve. **Please share your feedback with us at hello@impactfood.co.uk.**

We hope pupils enjoy discovering their new menu after half term!

Alex Hall

Food Director
Impact Food Group

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Diary Dates—Autumn Term 2

Half Term	Friday, 23rd October— Monday, 2nd November 2026 (7 school days off)
Deadline for Year 7 secondary school applications	Saturday, 31st October 2026
Second half of Autumn Term starts (children back in at 8:40am)	Tuesday, 3rd November 2026
Year 6 Junior Citizen at Thorpe Park	Wednesday, 4th November 2026
Year 3 Stone Age Workshop	Wednesday, 4th November 2026
Year 4 Egyptian Workshop	Thursday, 5th November 2026
Month of Holy Souls Mass—School Hall (parents welcome)	Thursday, 5th November 2026, 09:00 am
Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	Monday, 9th November 2026
Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop	Tuesday, 10th November 2026
Year 2 Trip to Bishopsgate School—Sporting Afternoon	Thursday, 12th November 2026
Year 4 Parent Talk - High Ashurst - Residential Trip Information	Thursday, 12th November 2026, 09:00am
Diwali Workshop—All Years	Friday, 13th November 2026



Diary Dates—Autumn Term 2

Odd Socks Day	Monday, 16th November 2026
Flu Vaccinations (All Years) and Heights & Weights (EYFS & Year 6)	Monday, 16th November 2026
Mufti Day—Bring a bottle (PTA)	Thursday, 19th November 2026
School Christmas Fair 12:00pm—3:00pm	Sunday, 22nd November 2026
St Cecilia House Day	Tuesday,24th November 2026
INSET Day—School closed to all pupils	Monday, 30th November 2026
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Tuesday, 1st December 2026, 09:00am
Year 6 Reconciliation in School	Tuesday, 1st December 2026
Years 3,4 & 5 Reconciliation in School	Thursday, 3rd December 2026



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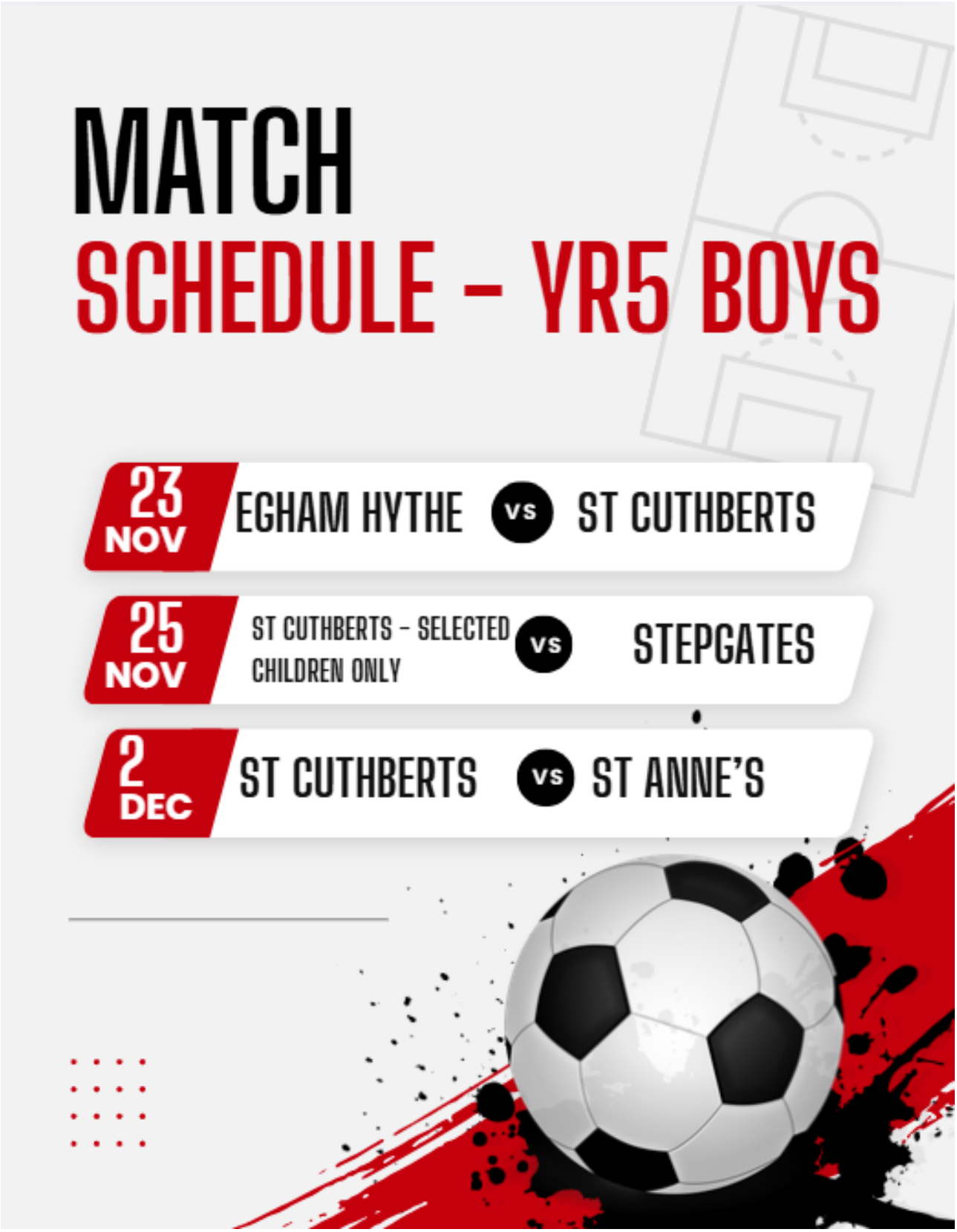

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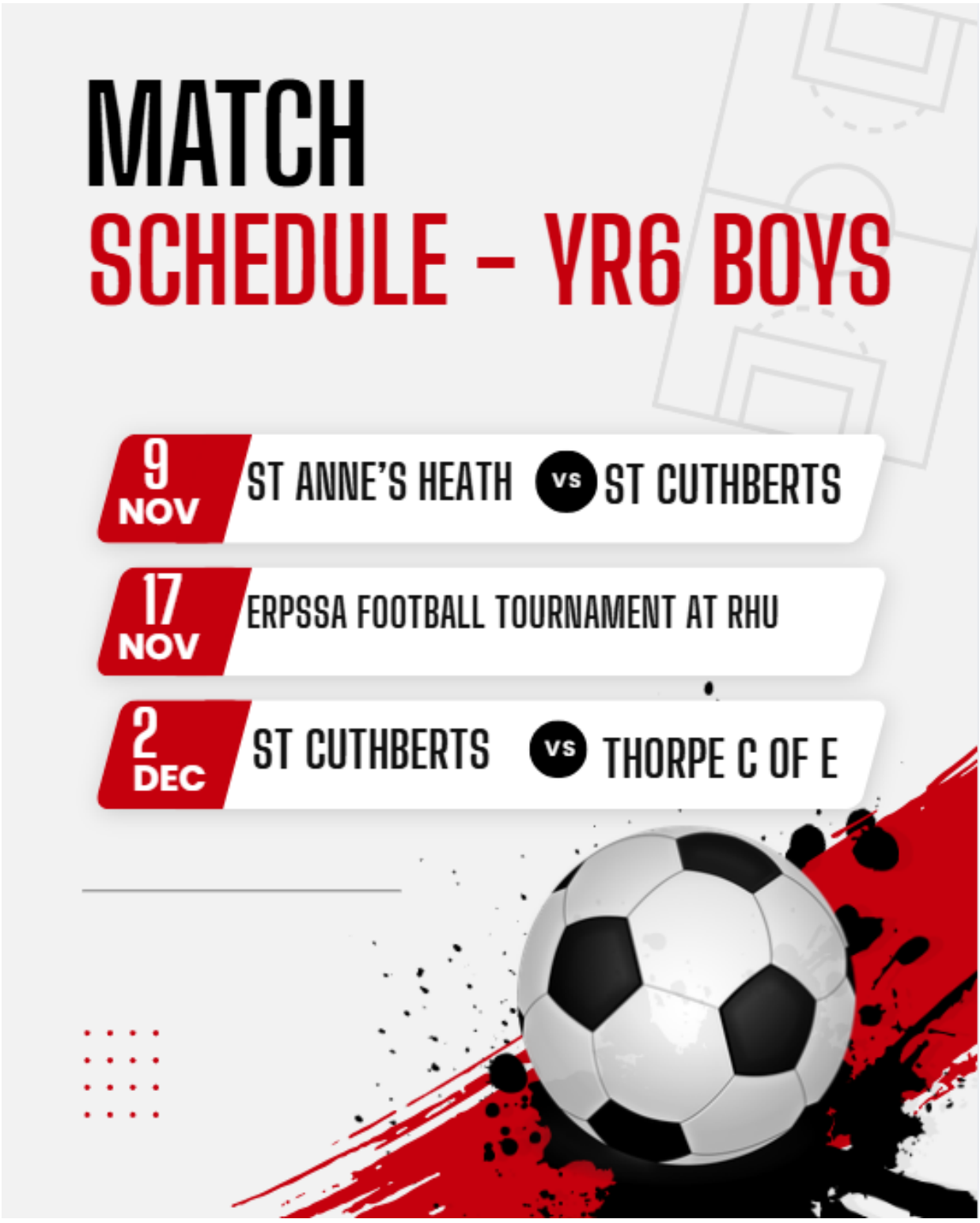

Parish of Weybridge:



Download the latest newsletter here:

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

SCHOOL SIF FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available to sign school SIF forms in the parish office (in the Jurgens Centre) for secondary admissions only at this stage:

Tues 20th Oct 7.00 – 7:30pm

Sat 24th Oct 11:15 – 11:45am

Fr Chris will remain until the last person has been seen. For some sessions there will be hall hire guests, when this is the case, please wait outside or in one of the side rooms, avoiding any disturbance.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Thursday, 26th Nov, 6pm Jurgens Centre

All parents interested in enrolling their child on the 2027 First Holy Communion programme are welcome to this year's Registration evening. Your child must be currently Y3 or older and be baptised Catholic. Please come along to learn more about the programme and to register. Bring along your child's Baptism certificate. The programme runs from January to June. We look forward to meeting the families for the upcoming programme. This session runs best as adult-only to ensure all information is able to be delivered clearly, so please do your best to find childcare for your child. Many thanks. fhc.egham@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish of Weybridge:



From Canon Chris …

The first half term has gone very quickly and what an action packed half term it has been for you all – PGL for the year 6 and the OFSTED visit for the rest of the school. New pupils have been settling in and new staff too – all in the spirit of St Cuthbert's "Living and learning in faith". I am delighted to hear that some of our pupils will be singing at Bishop Stephen's Mass of welcome at Worth Abbey. Following a very energetic time, I hope half term will provide some well deserved rest and relaxation.

AN INVITE FOR YOU ALL – On October 31st at our 6pm Mass; and on November 1st at our 9:15am and 11am Mass

we will be having our annual celebration of "All Saints" and invite all the children to come to the Masses dressed as Saints – there are so many to choose from! After our Sunday Masses you are all invited to the Jurgens Centre for refreshments.

Thank you for the good wishes and prayers I have received from members of the school community following my accident in Medjugorje. I am still not fully recovered, but making reasonable progress!

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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

Wake Up Wednesday



PTA News

PTA UPDATE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

When we return from half term, the countdown to our Christmas Fair will be on! After last year's record-breaking success, we're hoping to make this year's event even bigger as we work towards our annual £12,000 fundraising target to support the school and contribute to the KS2 Playground Project. Please support your Class Reps by helping with preparations or volunteering on the day. If you'd like to get involved in any other way, we'd love to hear from you at **PTA@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk**
And don't forget, one of the easiest ways to raise funds is through your Christmas shopping. Please sign up for free and use **easyfundraising** whenever you shop online. www.easyfundraising.org.uk



🎄 **St Cuthbert's PTA Christmas Dates** 🎄
Here are the PTA Christmas dates for you to prepare ...

🗓️ **Monday 9 November**
🎅 Bookings open for visits to **Father Christmas** at the Christmas Fair- details to be shared on whatsapp

🗓️ **Wednesday 11 November**
🧸 **Teddy Tombola Collection** at school drop-off (Main Gate).
If you have any clean, good-quality teddies looking for a new home, we'd be delighted to receive them.

🗓️ **Friday 13 November**
🌈 **Rainbow Raffle Hamper Collection** at school drop-off (Main Gate).
Please donate an item in your child's year-group colour to help us create our popular raffle hampers.
EYFS – Red; Y1 – Orange; Y2- Yellow; Y3-Green; Y4- Blue; Y5 Purple;Y6 Pink

🗓️ **Friday 20 November**
🍾 **Bottle Tombola Collection** at school drop-off (Main Gate).
As a thank you, children can enjoy a **mufti day** in exchange for a bottle donation.

🗓️ **Sunday 22 November | 12:00pm - 3:00pm**
🎄 **St Cuthbert's Christmas Fair**
Please come along, enjoy the festivities, and help us reach our fundraising goal. If you're able help on a stall, or volunteer your time, please contact your Year Group Rep. Every bit of support makes a difference!

🗓️ **Wednesday 25 November**
🎭 Collection of **Panto Tickets** at school drop-off.

🗓️ **Tuesday 1 December | 7:00pm**
✨ **PTA Pantomime Trip** at the **Royal Windsor Theatre**.

🗓️ **Friday 11 December**
🎅 **Christmas Jumper Swap Shop**
Have outgrown Christmas jumpers at home? Bring one along and see if you can swap it for a different size.

🙏 Thank you for your continued support of the PTA. We couldn't do it without our wonderful school community! ❤️ 🎄 ✨

Company confidential

Before & After School Clubs



Please check with each individual club to confirm when their sessions resume after the half-term break.

NEW School Club

****ART CLUB****

Brand new club

Starting on Mon 9th Nov

Mondays 3:20 pm—4:20 pm

Years 1 -6



Come and join Art Club!

It's so much fun, we paint, we draw, we model make, and collage and so much more. Each week we have a project and you get to take your work of art home!

Monday 9th November – Monday 14th December

(excluding inset days)

3.20-4.30pm

(5 weeks £54)

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Email Michele Sebastiano

artclub.surrey@gmail.com

Flyers:


1st ENGLEFIELD GREEN SCOUT GROUP
Scouts
CALLING ADVENTURERS!
Aged 6 – 9 years & interested in Scouting?
Or wanting to get involved in volunteering?
If so come along to our
OPEN EVENING
BONFIRE & BBQ
FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER
6.30 – 8.00pm
@ the Scout Hut, Kings Lane,
Englefield Green
Come along to meet the group, chat with our leaders and find out more about joining
Limited spaces for new Beavers (6 - 8 year olds), Cubs (8 - 10 ½ year olds) and volunteer leaders needed