Weekly Newsletter
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 6th November 2026

Dear All

It was such a delight to see all the children's smiling faces return to school on Tuesday after an extended half term break! We have gone straight into a very busy week.

Our Y6 children attended their Junior Citizens event on Wednesday which provides a range of activities to train the children in life skills such as water and electrical safety, first aid skills, stranger danger and anti-social behaviour, internet safety and wellbeing and emergency response calls. This is such a valuable opportunity to provide the children with knowledge and skills to arm them for life.

Y3 enjoyed a Stone Age workshop and Y4 an Egyptian workshop this week - it was great to see the children dressed up to fully immerse themselves in this experience. This is such a great way to launch a history topic for the children and ignite their enthusiasm for this new topic of learning. Thank you to your support in preparing them for the day.

A reminder that we are do not allowed any dogs on the school site. We have children and families who are nervous around dogs, so I would ask that they are not brought into the grounds or tied up too close to the gates of the school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In this coming week, the 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 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

Seren in Reception for being a caring and thoughtful friend and always showing respect to others.

Ella in Year 1 for showing great focus and becoming more independent when completing her learning tasks especially in maths.

Samuel in Year 2 for trying so hard in all our lessons this week and showing respect to those around him.

Nora in Year 3 for an amazing start to Year 3, showing resilience and determination in her learning.

The Year 4 Dojo winner will announced next week as Mrs Versavel is just getting to know the children and our school awards system.

Iris in Year 5 for the value of respect by showing she is listening well to instruction by improving her handwriting style and size.

Winston in Year 6 for always being appreciative and helpful in class, and for taking your initiative when things need doing in class.



The Week That Was - KS1

EYFS: We have had a lovely first week back after half term, settling back into our classroom routines and enjoying lots of exciting learning. In RE, we listened to scripture from the Gospel of Luke and began learning about how Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. In English, our focus has been Jack and the Beanstalk. We have enjoyed reading different versions of the story, comparing what is the same and different, and exploring the beanstalk's journey up, up, up!

Our main learning thread this week has been up and down, using words such as up, down, high, low, tall and short through movement, play and our maths learning. We have transferred big whole-body vertical movements into large, controlled marks and have been encouraged to give our pictures, models and patterns meaning by talking about our ideas. Bonfire Night and Diwali have also given us wonderful opportunities to explore light, colour, movement and pattern. To finish an already busy week, we have also started learning the songs for our Nativity!

Year 1: This week, in RE we have been learning about the Annunciation, discovering how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary with God's special message. We have also been practising the words of the Hail Mary prayer and discussing its meaning.

In Maths, we have been using a range of manipulatives and practical resources to support our learning in subtraction. The children have been developing their understanding of taking away and finding the difference.

In Music the children have enjoyed singing songs linked to our topic on senses. Through music, we have been exploring how we experience the world around us and expressing this through singing.

In DT, we have begun learning about structures. We have looked at different types of structures and started thinking about what makes them strong, stable, and fit for their purpose.

Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and hard work this week!

The Week That Was - KS1

Year 2: Year 2 have been learning about what a Prophet is this week and learning what it takes to be a Prophet. We had a look in detail about what they do and discussed how we could be Prophets. In English we have started writing about going on a ghost hunt and story mapping it. We discussed what happened in the book and what we think was going on. In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction and the children have found it a little bit tricky but when broken down they are starting to get it.

We have started looking at the eat well plate for DT and discussing why we need balanced diets. In History we have looked at the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate bonfire night which we had some great discussions about.

The children also got their roles this week for the Nativity and we had our first read through and sing to the songs. We are looking forward to how much more they are going to flourish with this when we practice further. They have done so well this week, and I have been so impressed with their focus since coming back from half term. Well done Year 2!

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 3: This week in Year 3, we have had a fantastic start to our new half term and have thrown ourselves into lots of exciting learning. In RE, we began our new topic by making links between the Creation Story, God's gift of the Sabbath as a day of rest, and the importance of attending Mass. We read *The Weight of a Mass* and explored the two main parts of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, thinking about why these are so important to Catholics. We also had an amazing start to our History topic with a fascinating Stone Age workshop, where we handled artefacts, played games, and learned how people survived during the Stone Age using tools, weapons, and clever adaptations to the environment. We discovered the three periods of the Stone Age: the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic eras. In DT, we began learning about structures, exploring the different features of castles and how each part helped to protect the lords, ladies, and communities living within them. In Computing, we started our topic on stop-frame animation, learning what animation is and beginning to plan our own animations based on our History learning.

Year 4: A full round up of this week's class activities and Catholic teaching will be included in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we welcome Mrs Versavel to our school.

The Week That Was - KS2

Year 5: In Y5 this week, the children have been enjoying a lot of new starts which in turn means pre unit quizzes to see what they already know. This was very successful in RE where the children demonstrated an excellent knowledge of covenants ahead of our learning about Prophecy and Promise. We started this week by looking at the Book of Samuel, who it was written for and why. In Maths, the class have been dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, the focus is adventure stories. The model text is called 'Twin's Tunnel Trouble' and the children picked apart the text and understood how a story is put together, as well as secured they understanding of how direct speech is included in a story. In RSE, the class are learning about careers and which skills and attributes they have that can form their future job. In History, the first lesson on Anglo Saxons was about where they came from, why and the more tricky question of 'how do we know?'

Year 6: Year 6 have enjoyed starting several new topics this week. They have been reflecting on the month of November and remembering those they knew and loved who have sadly died. In Maths, they have been looking at how to solve calculations mentally and how to use known facts to help complete further sums. In English, they have started their new narrative topic of suspense writing and have been using a model text about a fictional place called Sandy Cove to locate key features of suspense writing. Their new History topic is The Maya and they used a map of Central America to locate the different countries that the Maya civilisation inhabit. In DT, they began to design their own Christmas stocking, which they are really looking forward to making in time for Christmas! Their new Science topic is about the Human Body and they began to think about the functions of the heart and the purpose of the circulatory system. Finally, on Wednesday they went on a fantastic trip to Thorpe Park and participated in Junior Citizenship. They completed six different, purposeful activities, which ranged from mental wellbeing to online safety to how to perform CPR! Well done for rising to so many new challenges, Year 6!

Attendance Information from Surrey County Council:

Reminder to parents/carers - if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child,** if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per** parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per** parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Council 2026—Harvest Festival

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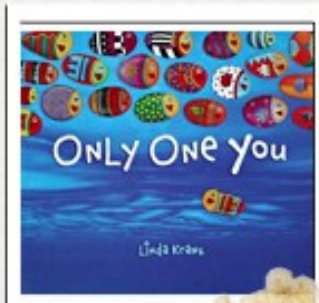
Harvest Festival

Theme: Only One You



Last year, thanks to your generosity, we helped support CAFOD projects providing clean, safe water to communities around the world, including families in Zimbabwe.

This year, we are continuing our support of CAFOD's work to help communities overcome poverty, access essential resources, and build brighter futures.

Sponsor a Pebble for £2

Help us decorate Our Lady's Prayer Area by sponsoring and decorating a pebble. Each pebble will represent the unique gifts and talents within our school community.

Inspired by the story Only One You This project celebrates individuality, belonging, and the importance of making a positive difference, linking beautifully with our school values and British Values.



Christmas Fayre Stall

Christmas Fayre – 22nd November Visit the School Council stall to:

- Sponsor a pebble (£2 donation online)
- Decorate your pebble with your family
- Add your pebble to our Lady's Prayer area

The School Council will also be available after school on selected days for families.

Thank you for supporting CAFOD and helping us make a difference, one pebble at a time!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-cuthberts-primary-school-4?

School Lunch: New Menu

Please order as usual via School Grid



Diary Dates—Autumn Term 2

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
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)	Friday, 20th 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



Upcoming Sporting Fixtures:



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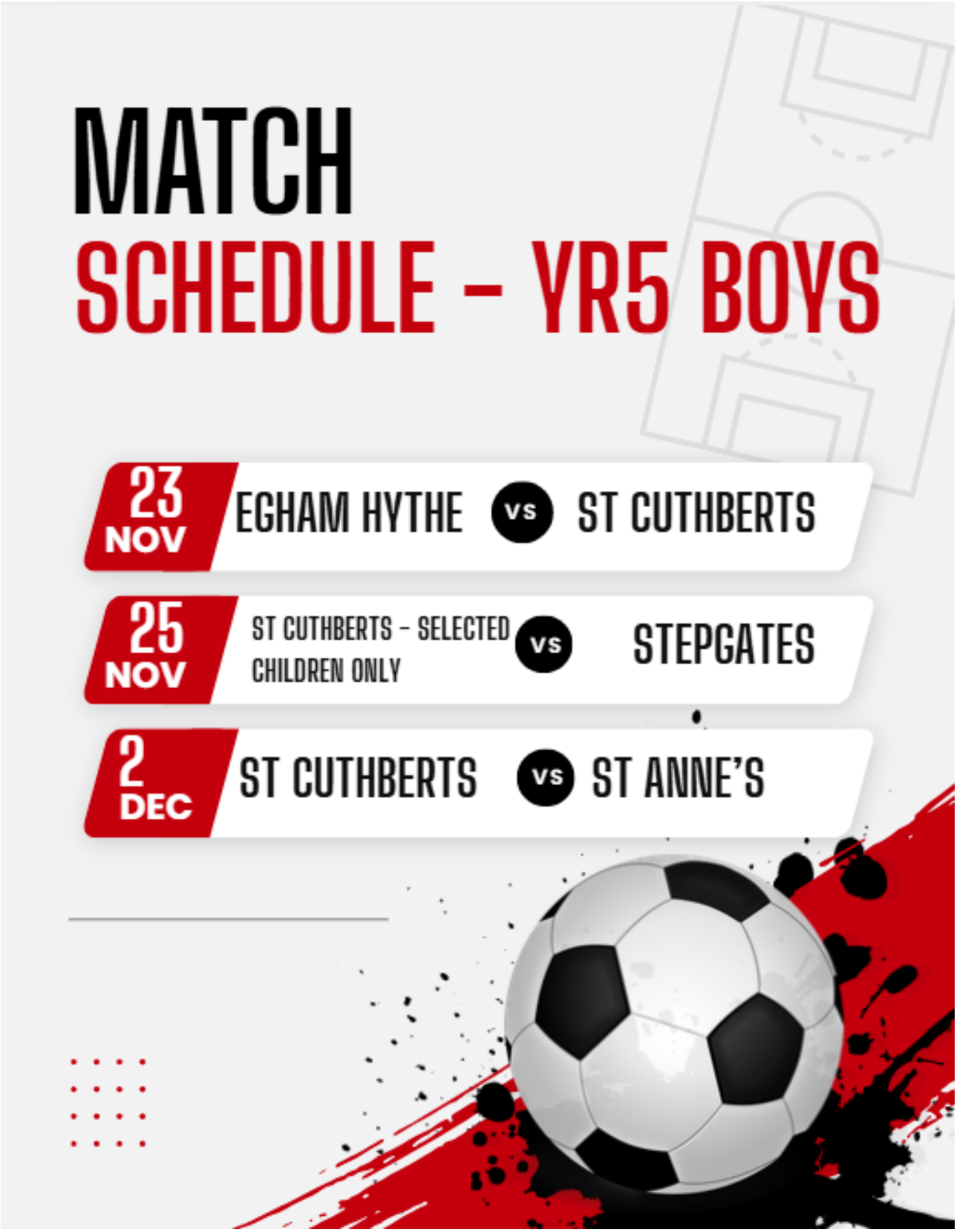

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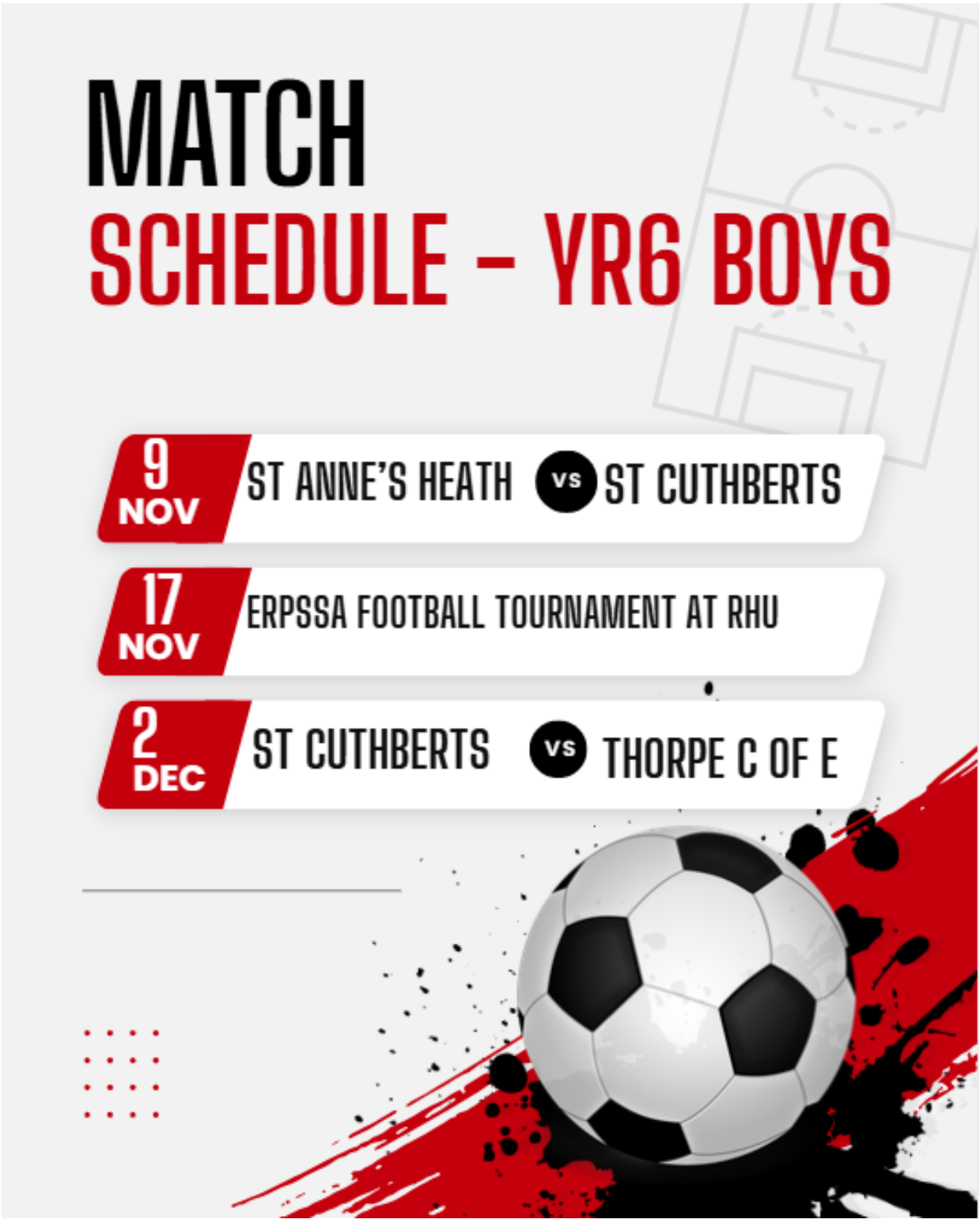

Parish of Weybridge:



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

BAPTISMS

Sat 7th Nov Baptism slot 11:15am

Sat 14th Nov Baptism slot 11:15am

Sat 5th Dec Baptism slot 11:15am

Please contact the Parish Office to join in one of our group baptisms, or speak to Fr Chris if you wish to have your child baptised in the Mass. Baptism Preparation needs to have been completed prior to the sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Thur 26th Nov, 6pm Jurgens Centre

Parents wishing to enrol their child on the 2027 First Holy Communion programme are welcome to this year's Registration evening. Children must be in Year 3 or above and be baptised Catholic. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate. The programme runs from January to June.

To help us share all the information clearly, parents are asked to attend without children where possible. For more info, contact: fhc.egham@abdiocese.org.uk

Wake Up Wednesday



PTA News

PTA UPDATE









Sold Out

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

Flyers:



Runnymede Family Centre

Keeping Your Child in Mind

A course for parents to find new ways to work together to support growing families.

Do you want to:

- Understand you child's behaviour?
- Find new ways to deal with challenges?
- Learn how relationships impact children?
- Have a calmer and happier life?

4 week face to face course
Thursdays 7:00pm - 9:00pm
12th Nov - 3rd Dec 2026

Please register your interest by email or telephone:

runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk

01932901488

Families Thriving Together

Runnymede Family Centre

The Poplars, Queen Mary's Drive, New Haw KT15 3TT

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Flyers:


Sandown Park
RACECOURSE
ELF FUN RUN
A FESTIVE FAMILY 5K
Saturday 12 December
MEET SANTA
FESTIVE PRIZES
LOCAL BUSINESS REWARDS
CHRISTMAS TREATS FROM COUPLE BAKES
FREE ELF HAT FOR EVERY RUNNER
9:30AM - 1:30PM
SCAN TO BOOK
FIT
EXPERIENCE ESHER
Couple Bakes
Pippa's Jeans
Horse Rangers
CENTO

Flyers:


GK WINTER FRENZY
MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER
CELEBRATE THE YEAR
ENTRIES NOW OPEN
GYMNASTICS & NINJA (4.5 YEARS+) OF ALL LEVELS
ENTRY DEADLINE: SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
Gymfinity Kids CLUBS
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21st December - 23rd December
MANORCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL
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OVER 20 SPORTS SESSIONS IN 1 WEEK!
3 SPORTS EACH DAY
6 SESSIONS
NEW FOR THIS CAMP
LAZER TAG
INCLUDING XT EPIC EXPERIENCE DAYS
INCLUDING
FESTIVE TAKE HOMES
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9am-4pm
Early Birds 8:15
Late Party 6pm
3 XT ACTIVITIES
3 XT CRAFTS
6 SESSIONS
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21st December - 23rd December
Early Drop Off from 8:15am
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
9:00 - 9:30
Registration, Welcome, Rules & select your first two activity sessions, you can change halfway through or stay for part 2!
First Activities
Board Games
Colouring/Painting
Toy Chest
Closed
Closed
Lazer Tag
Playground Games
Parachute Games
Closed
Closed
Golf
Skeleton
Lazer Tag
Closed
Closed
11:00 - 11:15
Snack Time & select your next two activities, you can change halfway through or stay for part 2!
Half Way Activities
Arts & Crafts
Lego
Board Games
Closed
Closed
Target Games
Nerf
Arcade
Closed
Closed
Gymnastics
Dodgeball
Football
Closed
Closed
12:45 - 13:45
Lunch Time & select your final two activities, you can change halfway through or stay for part 2!
Final Activities
Make your own
Make your own
Make your own
Closed
Closed
Toy Chest
Lazer Tag
Toy Chest
Closed
Closed
Football
Hockey
Dodegball
Closed
Closed
15:45 - 16:00
Awards
16:00 - 18:00
Dismissal & Xtra Time Activities

Flyers:


SWEATY MAMA
EGHAM & STAINES
OUR CLASSES
MONDAY • EGHAM
Egham Orbit
12:15 pm
TUESDAY • ENGLEFIELD GREEN
Village Centre
10:30 am
WEDNESDAY • CHERTSEY
Riverbourne Club
1:00 pm
THURSDAY • STANWELL
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