

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term and one of the busiest in school. Thank you to all who attended our Lenten Liturgies and end of term Mass, it was lovely to have you with us.

Well done to our Easter picture competition winners and thank you to the 'Friends of St Cuthbert's' for their generous donation of the Easter Egg prizes.

Catholic Life and Mission

Please keep in your prayers the pupils in Year 6 who will be sitting SATs tests next week and our Year 2 pupils who will be undertaking their SATs tests over the month of May.

Month of the Rosary

In the month of May, we honour Mary the mother of Jesus and our mother too. Children in KS2 will be given the opportunity to take part in praying the Rosary in school during lunchtime on a Friday.

First Holy Communion

Session 8 of the First Holy Communion preparation will take place in school on 16.05.23 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The ties and sashes for the boys have arrived and Mrs Walsh will be sending out information on how to purchase them.

Community Links

If you would like to speak to the Welfare Rights Officer, Lyndsay Mallen, about any help you may need with regards to entitlement to benefits or advice, please contact her on 07867 538272.

Litter picking

Our Eco Council, led by Mrs Haughton will be taking part in a litter picking around our local area on 25.05.23.

Wider Strategies

King Charles III Coronation

On Friday 05.05.23, we will spend the day celebrating the King's Coronation in school. The children will be taking part in Coronation-themed activities, followed by a royal tea party at lunch time. Children are invited to come into school wearing royal colours (red, white and blue). Y3 will be taking part in a Skipping event and are required to wear their PE kit. They are welcome to bring something to change into later in the day.

Reminder notice -Change to the time of the school day

As of **Monday 17th April 2023**, the school will operate a soft opening (as now) with doors opening at **8:35 a.m.** to allow children to enter school ready for the **official start time of 8:45 a.m.** when registration will be taken. **School will end at 3:15 p.m.**

Jewellery

We still have a number of children coming to school wearing jewellery (including earrings) this is not permitted in school for health and safety reasons. Please ensure all jewellery items are removed before coming to school.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be visiting school on 04.05.23 to take our Class group shots.

Safeguarding

It is vital that children attend school and that we can account for their whereabouts. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please ensure that you contact the school office before 9:30 a.m. on the first day, giving details of their illness.

Our family support worker/ attendance officer Jan Gurkin visits school every Thursday afternoon if you need to discuss any concerns.



Attendance 2022 -2023

Each week the class with the highest attendance wins the attendance trophy and a special treat. Congratulations to Year 4 who won last week.

Having the best possible attendance at school is vitally important, as this leads to improved learning for your child (knowing more, remembering more and doing more). If your child's attendance has dropped below **93%** you will receive a letter from school.

As you are aware, holidays during term time **cannot be authorised**. The table below shows the impact that school absence has on learning. Please note, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice to each parent of each child who is withdrawn from school during term time.

100% Attendance	0 weeks of missed learning	Best chance of success. Fantastic!
95% Attendance	1 week, 4 days of missed learning	Chance of success. Well Done!
90% Attendance	3 weeks, 4 days of missed learning	Persistent Absentee. Worrying- At risk of legal action from the Local Authority.

85% Attendance	5 weeks, 3 days of missed learning	Poor Attendance. Very worrying.
80% Attendance	7 weeks, 3 days of missed learning	Very Poor Attendance Very concerning.

If you feel there are exceptional circumstances where your child needs to have a leave of absence from school, then please complete the 'Exceptional Circumstances form' and return to school at **least 14 days in advance of any request for absence**. The form can be obtained from the school office or from the school website under parent information—attendance/absence. An appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be arranged to discuss your request.

Pupil attendance at school has been mandatory since September and the usual rules on attendance apply, including:

- Parents duty to ensure that all children attend at all times
- Schools responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with the code of conduct from the local authority.

Dates for your diary

May 2023			
Date	Event	Time	Class
w/c 01.05.23	Clubs begin for the summer term		Y1-6
01.05.23 to 25.05.23	Year 2 SATs		Year 2
02.05.23	Last Y6 Booster Class for 2022-23	3:15-4:00 p.m.	Y6
03.05.23	School Council Meeting at Lunchtime		School Council
04.05.23	Tempest Photography – Class Groups only	8:30 a.m. onwards	All
05.05.23	Coronation Day celebrations Non-uniform wear red, white or blue	All day	All
05.05.23	Year 3 Skipping Practice at St Cuthbert’s High School	9:00 to 12:20 p.m.	Year 3
09.05.23 to 12.05.23	Year 6 SATs		Year 6
10.05.23	Puberty Session		Year 5
w/c 15.05.23	Mental Health Awareness Week		All
16.05.23	First Holy Communion (FHC) Session 8	3:15 -4:15 p.m.	Children preparing for FHC
22.05.23	Bikeability	All day	Year 4
25.05.23	Litter picking	13:30-14:30	Eco Council
25.05.23	School Closes for the half term holiday	3:15 p.m.	All
26.05.23	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to all pupils		
05.06.23	School opens for Summer 2 term	8:35 a.m.	All
05.06.23 06.06.23	Bikeability	All day	Year 5
07.06.23 09.06.23	Year 6 Residential to Emmaus Village		Year 6