

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our New Half Term! Spring 2 is always a lovely half term as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter.



Catholic Life and Mission



Father Damian's Charity Walk



Father Damian has been talking part in a walking challenge to raise money for HCPT. HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust), is a UK-based charity that organises life-changing pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes, for children and young adults (beneficiaries) with a variety of social, emotional and physical disabilities. Each Easter, HCPT takes around 1,000 beneficiaries on its annual pilgrimage. Father Damian is attempting to raise enough funds to support the pilgrimage of 70 people.

As part of our Lenten Almsgiving we will be taking part in a Sponsored walk with Father Damian around our running track. Further information will be sent home soon. Father Damian will be coming to school to lead an assembly with pupils on this important cause.

Class Celebrations of the Word

Class Celebrations of the Word continue this month. Please come along to share in our worship and support your children.

Year 1 – **27.02.26**- 2:45 p.m.

Reception – **06.03.26**- 2:45 p.m.

St Cuthbert's Day



St Cuthbert's Day is on **Friday 20th March**. We will be hosting Mass in school at 9:30 a.m. Parents and Parishioners are welcome. Following Mass we will be taking part in a Spiritual Day in school looking at our School Values and Mission statement. Please look out for more information on Class Dojo.

Year 4 Stations of the Cross

Year 4 will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral on **Wednesday 25th March** to take part in Stations of the Cross with Year 4 pupils from across the Catholic Primary Schools in Newcastle. More information will follow.

Lent Prayer Stations

Parent's and Carers are warmly invited to take part in our Lenten Prayer Stations, a fantastic opportunity to reflect during the Season of Lent. They will take place on **Friday 27th March** at 3:15 p.m.



Holy Week- Celebrations of the Word

On Monday 30th March we will begin our Holy Week themed Celebrations of the word. Parents are invited to join their child's class celebration. Please see the information below.

Year 1 and Year 2- Palm Sunday- **Monday 30th March** 2:45p.m.- School Hall

Year 3 and Year 4- The Last Supper- **Tuesday 1st April** 2:45 p.m.- School Hall

Reception - Growing and New Life - **Thursday 2nd April** 9:15a.m. School Hall- followed by Stay and Play

Year 5 and Year 6- The Garden of Gethsemane- **Thursday 2nd April** 2:45 p.m. School Hall

Holy Week Mass

We will be celebrating Mass in the School hall on **Tuesday 31st March** at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.



Other School News



Year 2 SATs Meeting

A SATS meeting for Year 2 will take place on **Thursday 26th February** at 3:20pm in the Year 2 classroom. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office via phone or email.

Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting

A meeting for Year 4 parents regarding the Multiplication Check that is administered in Year 4 will take place on **Friday 27th February** at 3:20p.m in the Year 4 Classroom. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office via phone or email



Year of Reading- Go all In! Our School Library

We are very excited to announce that we have moved our school library to a bigger space. We hope to invite parents to come and visit our new Library- please see Class Dojo for more details.



Year of Reading- Go all In! Library Visits



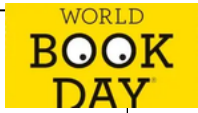
As part of the Year of Reading, each class will be visiting Newburn Library. Letters will be sent to each class with more information. This half term, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be visiting the Library.

Wednesday 25th February 2026 (am) - Year 3

Wednesday 11th March 2026 (am) - Year 4

Wednesday 1st April 2026 (am) - Year 5

World Book Day



We are excited to inform you that our school will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2026**. This year we invite all children to come to school dressed in a costume inspired by a book or in their own clothes. We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book from home. Further information can be found in the letter from Miss Brown. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the school hall on **Thursday 19th March, Friday 20th March, Monday 23rd March** and **Tuesday 24th March** after school from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

0-19 School Health Team

The 0-19 school health team will be visiting school on **Monday 2nd March** to work with Year 2 and Year 5. Further information has been sent out to these classes.

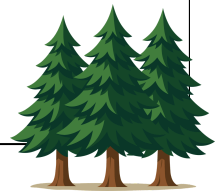
British Science Week



All year groups will be busy taking part in Science Week Activities starting on Friday 6th March. Teachers will be uploading activities onto Class Dojo. All Parents are welcome to a 'Science Week Celebration' to be held on Monday 16th March at 3:15p.m. in the school hall.

Noticing Nature Project

We will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 24th March from 9:00 a.m. to launch our Noticing Nature Project in conjunction with the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team at Newcastle Local Authority. The Noticing Nature project is a project encouraging families to connect with the outdoors. The whole school is invited to take part in this project, we will be encouraging children to complete the challenges and upload evidence onto Class Dojo with prizes awarded for a certain amount of challenges completed. Sarah Leadbetter will attend the Coffee Morning to introduce the project and you will be able to take your child into the outdoors to complete one of the activities. For any child who does not have a parent at the Coffee morning, they will be taken outdoors by school staff. Don't forget your coat!



Easter Craft Competition

Each child is asked to draw an Easter Picture or design an Easter Egg which must be submitted by Wednesday 1st April. Winners will be announced on Thursday 2nd April. Prizes will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each year group. The cost for entering the competition will be 50p per child. The Easter picture can be religious or other. We look forward to seeing their masterpieces.



OPAL



We will be launching OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) in school over the coming months. OPAL is an award winning programme designed to enhance playtime in schools. OPAL allows children to have more opportunities to be active as the whole school grounds will be used throughout the year. We will be sending more information about how families can support OPAL in the near future.

Attendance



Holidays during term time cannot be authorised. The Local Authority may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for unauthorised absences.

Dates for the Diary



February 2026		
Wed 25.02.26	Year 3 visit to Newburn Library (am)	Year 3 Pupils
Thur 26.02.26	Year 2 SATS Meeting- 3:20p.m.	Year 2 Pupils and Families
Fri 27.02.26	CAFOD Family Fast Day	All Pupils
	Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word (2:45p.m.)	Families of Year 1 Parents
	Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting 3:20p.m.	Year 4 Pupils and Families

Dates for the Diary



March 2026

Mon 02.03.26	Year 2 and Year 5 School Health Visits	Year 2 and Year 5
Tue 03.02.25	National Offer Day for Year 7 School Places	Year 6
Thur 05.03.26	World Book Day	All Pupils
Fri 06.03.26	Reception Celebration of the Word 2:45p.m.- School Hall	All Pupils
	British Science Week begins	All Pupils
Wed 11.03.26	Year 4 visit to Newburn Library	Year 4
Thurs 12.03.26	Year 6 E Safety Talk	Year 6
Mon 16.03.26	Science Week Celebration 3:15p.m.- School Hall	All Pupils and their parents.
Thur 19.03.26	School Book Fair Opens- 3:15p.m- School Hall	All Pupils
Fri 20.03.26	St Cuthbert's Spiritual Day - All Day	All Pupils
	St Cuthbert's Day Mass- 9:30a.m.- School Hall	Parents and Parishoners
	School Book Fair - 3:15p.m- School Hall	All Pupils
Mon 23.03.26	School Book Fair - 3:15p.m- School Hall	All Pupils
Tues 24.03.26	Noticing Nature Coffee Morning- 9:00 a.m.	All pupils and families.
	School Book Fair - 3:15p.m- School Hall	All Pupils
Wed 25.03.26	Year 4 Stations of the Cross	Year 4 Pupils
Thurs 26.03.26	Sponsored Walk with Father Damian	All Pupils
Fri 27.03.26	Lent Parent Prayer Stations- 3:15 p.m.- School Hall	All pupils and parents

Dates for the Diary



March 2026		
Mon 30.03.26	Year 1 and Year 2 Celebration of the Word - 2:45p.m.- School Hall	Year 1 and Year 2 and their families
Tues 31.03.26	Easter Mass- 9:30 a.m.- School Hall	All Welcome
April 2026		
Wed 01.04.26	Year 5 Visit to Newburn Library	Year 5
	Easter Competition Submission Date	All Pupils
	Year 3 and Year 4 Celebration of the Word - 2:45p.m.- School Hall	Year 3 and Year 4 and their families
Thur 02.04.26	Reception Class Celebration of the Word followed by Stay and Play Session 9:15 a.m.	Reception Class and Families
	Year 5 and Year 6 Celebration of the Word - 2:45p.m.- School Hall	Year 5 and Year 6 and their families
	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK	
Thurs 16.04.26	National offer day for Reception Class 26-27	
Mon 20.04.26	School Reopens for the Summer Term	All Pupils

Please contact the School Office with any queries.



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