

The Cuthbert Chronicle— Issue 5 January 2026

Love to learn, learn to love



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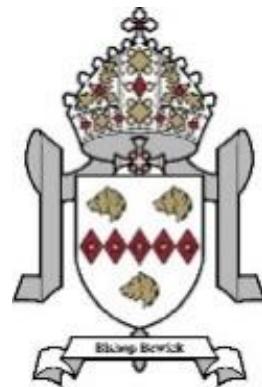
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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new term. It has been lovely to have the children back in school and hear about their holidays. We are about to embark on another busy term, please keep an eye on school communications via email and text and don't forget to follow us on Instagram!

Welcome from Mr Sutcliffe

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher of St Cuthbert's for the next two terms. From the moment I arrived, I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by staff, pupils, and parents alike. It is clear that this is a school with a strong sense of community and a commitment to ensuring all pupils live out the school motto love to learn, learn to love.

The school's mission statement is *we live and learn in faith and love, through Jesus' teachings. Our school is a place where we can grow as a family, helping each other to lead full and happy lives.* I am excited to work with you all to build on these values and ensure that every child continues to thrive and achieve their very best.

Thank you for the warm reception—I look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks ahead.

Class Celebrations of the Word

Over the course of the next few weeks, each class will be hosting their class Celebrations of the Word. It will be lovely to see you there!

Year 6 – 16.01.26- 2:45 p.m.

Year 5 – 23.01.26- 9:15 a.m.

Year 4 – 30.01.26- 2:45 p.m.

Year 3 – 06.02.26- 2:45 p.m.

Year 2 – 13.02.26- 2:45 p.m.

Year 1 – 27.02.26- 2:45 p.m.

Reception – 06.03.26- 2:45 p.m.

Bishop Stephen visits to the Parish

Bishop Steven will be visiting the Parish on 17.01.26 and 18.01.26. Bishop Stephen will preside over mass and hopes to meet as many members of the parish as he can.

Mass at St Mark's Church 17.01.26 at 4:30 p.m.

Mass at St Cuthbert's Church 18.01.26 at 9:30 a.m.

Mass at St John Vianney's Church 18.01.26 at 11:00 a.m.

Other news

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Thank you to the Friends of St Cuthbert's for all their hard work with our fundraising events. Thanks to their hard work and your generous donations we have been able to replace our dining tables in the school hall.

Quality of Education

SATs Club

SATS club is compulsory for all our Year 6 children and is held on a Monday after school from 3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. It will be presumed that all children will be attending, if your child is not attending, please contact the school office.

After School Clubs

The majority of after School clubs have started this week. There are still some places available at our clubs. Please use Arbor to book into our clubs.

The Year of Reading- Go all in!

This year has been launched as a Year of Reading! This is a UK wide initiative aimed at promoting reading across children. The National Year of Reading will include lots of activities as we aim to foster a love of reading in all pupils. Please stay tuned for lots of events that will be carried out in school.

Reading Café's

One of the first events that we will be carrying out are Reading Café's a chance for you to stay in school and read with your child as well as see the wide range of texts we use across school. We will be joined by Gemma East, Speech and Language Therapist BBCET and NHS, who will be available to answer any questions around Speech and Language and how reading can support. We will have one event for KS2 and one event for EYFS and KS1.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) **23.01.26** 3:15 p.m.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Years R-2) **06.02.26** 3:15 p.m.

Year 5 and Year 6 Theatre Visit

Year 5 and Year 6 will be visiting the Theatre Royal on 29.01.26 to see the production 'Weird'. "Weird" is a pop-powered musical that tells the dramatic tale of Macbeth through the eyes of the three witches, known as The Weird Sisters. This innovative production combines elements of witchcraft, mischief, and mayhem, featuring a soundtrack filled with catchy pop anthems. Children will be attending the matinee performance and will be back at school at the later time of 4:10 p.m

Netball Competition

Children from Key Stage 2 will be attending a Netball Competition on 28.01.26. A letter has already been sent out. Children will be accompanied by Miss Tate and Miss Cruikshank. Children will return to school at the later time of 4:00p.m.

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will continue to attend swimming this term at Ponteland Leisure Centre. Please ensure that children have their swimming kit with them every Monday.

Parent's Evening

This half term we will be hosting Parent's Evenings on 03.02.26 and 04.02.26 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Bookings can be made via Arbor from 19.01.26.

Events at St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

Over the course of the next two terms we will be taking part in a range of different events at St Cuthbert's High School to support transition. Boys in Year 5 will be visiting St Cuthbert's to take part in a Geography session on 28.01.26 in the morning. A letter will follow.

To find out more about transition at St Cuthbert's please follow the link below.

[Feeder Primary Schools and Transition | St Cuthberts High](#)

GEM Education

We are delighted that Julian from GEM Education will be visiting school to discuss a range of topics with Key Stage 2 on 26.01.26. Topics covered will include a discussion about AI and raising awareness of this and Deep Fake Awareness.

School Hours and Wraparound Care

Our school doors open and close at set times to ensure a smooth and safe day for all pupils.

School doors open at **8:35 a.m.**

Registration takes place at **8:45 a.m. Children to be in class for this time.**

Lessons begin at **8:50 a.m.**

School ends at **3:15 p.m.**

For families needing extra flexibility, we're pleased to offer **wraparound care** before and after school. If you're interested in booking a place or learning more, please contact the **school office**.

Reception Class Admissions

Applications for our **Reception Class (2026–27)** are now open! If you have a child who will be starting school next year—or know a family who might be interested—now is the time to begin the journey.

 **Key Dates:**

- **Applications opened:** 1st September 2025
- **Closing date:** 15th January 2026

To apply, please visit the **Newcastle City Council website** for full details and guidance on the admissions process.

Key Dates for your diary – January 2026

January 2026		
16.01.26	Year 6 Celebration of the Word – School Hall – 2:45 p.m.	Families of Year 6 Pupils
19.01.26	Parents Evening Bookings open	All Pupils
23.01.26	Year 5 Celebration of the Word – School Hall – 9.15 a.m.	Families of Year 5 Pupils
23.01.26	Key Stage 2 Reading Café – School Hall – 3.15 p.m.	KS2 pupils and their families
26.01.25	Julian from GEM Education visiting school	KS2
28.01.26	Year 5 Geography Event at St Cuthbert's High School (am only)	Boys in Year 5
28.01.26	Netball Competition – Children will return later to school.	Children in Year 5 and 6 – Letter already sent out.
29.01.26	Year 5 and Year 6 visit to the Theatre- Children will return to school later.	Year 5 and Year 6
30.01.26	Year 4 Celebration of the Word- School Hall – 2.45 p.m.	Families of Year 4 pupils
03.02.26	Parents Evening	All Pupils
04.02.26	Parents Evening	All Pupils
06.02.26	EYFS and KS1 Reading Café – 3.15 p.m.	EYFS and KS1 pupils and their families
06.02.26	Year 3 Celebration of the Word – School Hall – 2.45 p.m.	Families of Year 3 pupils