

## The Cuthbert Chronicle– Issue 1— September 2025



*Love to learn, learn to love*

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Dear Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We hope your summer was filled with fun and memorable moments. As we begin this exciting new year, we're so happy to have your children back in our classrooms, ready to learn, grow, and thrive. A very warm welcome to our very youngest children and their families who join us from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

Our school team are full of ideas to make this year engaging, inspiring, and full of joy. We're here to support your child every step of the way—and we're so grateful to have you as partners in their journey. Let's make this year one to remember!

### **Staffing**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Pearson to our Wraparound team. We also have Ms Henderson, part of the Local Authority team who joins us as our school chef. We look forward to working with them.

### **A Special Note for Year 6 Families – Preparing for High School**

As your child begins their final year of primary school, we know many of you are already thinking ahead to the exciting transition to secondary education. To support you through this important process, we'll be sending home a **High School Application Guide** this week. Inside, you'll find key information, and everything you need to make the application.

### **Meet the Headteacher – St Cuthbert's Catholic High School**

We're also delighted to welcome **Mr Murray**, Headteacher of St Cuthbert's, who will be visiting school on **Tuesday 9th September at 3:15 p.m.** to speak with parents of our Year 6 boys. He'll share insights into life at St Cuthbert's, what the school can offer your child, and provide details about upcoming open evenings.

### **Information for Year 6 Girls – Sacred Heart High School**

We're expecting details from **Sacred Heart High School** very soon, and will send them home as soon as they arrive. Please keep an eye out for their open evening dates too!


## **Reception Class Admissions 2026–2027**

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.

 **Coming Soon:** We'll be hosting **Open Days and Evenings** in the coming weeks, giving families a chance to explore our school, meet the staff, and see what makes our learning community so special. Keep an eye out for dates!

## **Welcome to Our Year Group Meetings**

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming **Year Group Meetings**—a fantastic opportunity to:

- Visit your child's classroom
- Meet their teacher
- Learn key information about the year ahead and how your child will be supported in their learning

These sessions are designed to strengthen the partnership between home and school and give you a clear picture of what's to come.

### **Here are the dates:**

**Years 1 and 3:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm in classroom

**Years 2 and 4:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm in classroom

**Year 5:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September in classroom

**Year 6:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September in classroom


We look forward to seeing you!

## **Quality of Education**

### **Celebrating British Values: Democracy in Action!**

This week, we've been diving into the heart of British Values—and what better way to bring *Democracy* to life than through our very own school elections!

Over the coming days, pupils will have the exciting opportunity to stand for leadership roles including:

 **Head Boy & Head Girl (Y6),**

 **School Councillors**


 **Eco Councillors**

 **House Captains**

We'll also be inviting volunteers to take on special roles such as:

 **Library Monitors**

 **Science Ambassadors**

 **Prayer Buddies** – a beautiful opportunity for pupils to support one another through kindness, reflection, and shared values.

These roles help our pupils grow in confidence, responsibility, and empathy—while shaping the future of our school with their voices and ideas.

 **Election results will be announced on Friday 12th September 2025.**

Let's celebrate leadership, friendship, and the power of choice. Democracy starts here—and every voice matters!

 **Physical Education Assessment Day**

We will be holding our annual PE Assessment Day, on Friday 05.09.25 and if, we have your most recent contact details, you should have already received a text message. The children are invited to come in their PE kits on Friday. If you don't have the full PE kit yet don't worry, as you don't need to until w/c the 8<sup>th</sup> September when PE lessons will begin.

PE days are as follows:

#### **PE Days**

**Children will have PE on the following days and need to come to school dressed in their PE Kit:**

**Year Reception:** Wednesday (Miss Davidson will inform you of the start date)

**Year 1:** Monday and Friday

**Year 2:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Year 3:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 4:** Monday and Wednesday

**Year 5:** Monday and Wednesday

**Year 6:** Thursday and Friday

**Year 4 will attend swimming lessons on a Monday during the Autumn and Spring terms. All children are required to take part as swimming is part of the PE National Curriculum. A separate letter will be sent out detailing what your child will need and a hard copy will be given to your child.**

## Catholic Life and Mission

### ✝️ Welcome Mass – Provisional Date

We are pleased to share that our **Welcome Mass** is provisionally scheduled for **Thursday 18th September 2025 at 9:30 a.m.** This special celebration marks the beginning of our school year, bringing together pupils, staff, families and our parish family.

Further details will be shared closer to the date—please save it in your calendar!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – Let's Raise a Cup for a Cause! 🍰

We're delighted to invite all parents and grandparents to our **Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning** on **Friday 26th September 2025 at 9:15 a.m.** in the school hall. It's a wonderful chance to come together, enjoy a cuppa, share some delicious cake, and support a charity close to many hearts.

#### 🍰 What to Expect:




- A warm welcome and friendly faces
- A tempting spread of cakes and treats
- The joy of giving back while enjoying great company

👤 **For the Children:** On the day, children will also have the chance to purchase a cake during school hours. We kindly ask that they bring a small donation to join in the fun and fundraising.

🍰 **Calling All Bakers!** If you're able to donate cakes, we'd be incredibly grateful. Please send them in on **Wednesday 24th September** so we can get everything ready. **Important:** As we are a nut-free school, please ensure all cakes are free from nuts.

## Safeguarding – Key staff in school

The designated persons for safeguarding and child protection in school are:

		
Mrs Barrett – Headteacher	Mrs Walsh – Deputy Headteacher	Miss Brown – Year 6 Teacher

Please contact the school office if you need to discuss any concerns.



### Attendance Officer/ Family Support- Jan Gurkin

#### Drop-Off Reminder for Parents & Carers

To help keep our school site safe and running smoothly during busy mornings, please note the following:

- The **turning circle** is strictly for **quick drop-offs only**. Children should exit the car promptly and walk into school **under the supervision of their parent or carer**, who remains in the vehicle until the child is safely inside.
- If you wish to **walk your child into school**, please **do not park in or near the turning circle**. Instead, we kindly ask that you **park away from the school gates**.

The Engine Public House has generously offered their car park for parents to use during drop-off times. Please make use of this space to help ease congestion and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in making our school a safe and welcoming place for all.

#### School Hours & Wraparound Care Information

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.**

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**.

#### Health Updates – Keep an Eye Out!

In other news, we'd like to remind parents to look out for important health-related communications coming soon:

- **Flu Immunisation Information:** Details about this year's flu vaccinations will be shared shortly. Please check your emails and school bags for consent forms and schedules.
- **Height & Weight Checks:** Pupils in **Reception Class** and **Year 6** will be taking part in the National Child Measurement Programme. Information about this will also be sent home soon.

These checks are part of routine public health monitoring and help support the wellbeing of all children. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

#### Key dates so far

September 2025		
05.09.25	PE Assessments	Years 1 to 6
w/c 08.09.25	Reception children join our school family	
	School elections take place	
09.09.25	Mr Murray meeting with parents of Y6 boys	Year 6 classroom 3:15 p.m.
11.09.25	Welcome meetings in classrooms for Year 1 and 3.	Years 1 and 3
12.09.25	Welcome meetings in classrooms for Y2 and Y4	Years 2 and 4
15.09.25	Welcome meeting in classroom for Y5	Year 5
16.09.25	Welcome meeting and residential information for Y6 in classroom	Year 6
18.09.25	Welcome Mass (provisional) 9:30 school hall	Whole school
24.09.25	Donations of cakes to school	
26.09.25	MacMillan Coffee Morning in school hall	All parents/grandparents are welcome
29.09.25	School Photographs – individuals (more information to follow)	School hall
30.09.25 And 01.10.25	Y6 Bikeability (more information to follow)	Year 6