

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



## Cuthbert Chronicle

*Learn to Love, Love to Learn*

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### Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to School we hope you all had a lovely Easter. This half term although short is very busy!

As a staff we are pleased to announce that our new Headteacher will be Mrs. Meldrum, who is excited to be joining St Cuthbert's. We know that she will be made to feel very welcome as part of our community.



### Catholic Life and Mission



### Father Damian's Charity Walk



Thank you so much for your very kind donations. We were able to raise over £1500. The children thoroughly enjoyed their walk and learning a new song with Father Damian. All funds raised will go directly to the HCPT helping them to continue their life changing pilgrimages for children.

### St Cuthbert's Day



We celebrated St Cuthbert's Day on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Thank you to those that attended Mass. Throughout the day we reflected on the work of St Cuthbert and also thought closely about our school values, thinking about how we will live these out each day.

### Mary Spiritual Day and Rosary Club



On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**, we will be having a Spiritual Day, reflecting on Mary, Mother of Jesus. Our Rosary Club will start on this day and will be carried out every Friday at Lunchtime throughout May.



## Other School News



### OPAL



As you are aware we have launched OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) in school to develop Lunchtime play. We are currently asking for donations of any cardboard items, small world items, den making materials, mud kitchen items and digging materials. Please see Class Dojo for more details. If you are able to help in anyway with the development of our play for example: helping to make our mud kitchen, creating our digging patch, please contact the school office.

### SATs

Please keep the children of Year 2 and Year 6 in your thoughts as they undertake their Standardised Assessment Tests (SAT's). Year 2 will be carrying out their assessments throughout the month of May and the dates for the Year 6 assessments are below. A letter will be sent to Year 6 Parents detailing arrangements for SATs week.

**Monday 11th May 2026**- Year 6 GPaS and Spelling

**Tuesday 12th May 2026**- Year 6 Reading Paper

**Wednesday 13th May 2026**- Year 6 Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2

**Thursday 14th May 2026**- Year 6 Maths Paper 3

### 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 1 and 2 will be visiting the Library on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (am)**.

### Friends of St Cuthbert's

Thank You to the Friends of St Cuthbert's for their generous donations of Easter Eggs for the Easter Picture Competition The next Friends of St Cuthbert's Meeting will be held on **Thursday 7th May** at 5 p.m. in school. All are welcome. The Friends of St Cuthbert's regularly meet to plan activities that enhance and enrich learning experiences in school. Please contact the school office for more information.

## GEM Education

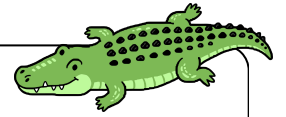
GEM Education will be visiting school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** to deliver computing workshops with the following classes.

**Year 1-** RoboMice.

**Year 2-** MicroBit.

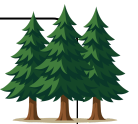
**Year 3-** MicroBit.

## Theatre Trip



We are pleased to inform parents that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Theatre Royal to see The Enormous Crocodile. A letter with more information will follow. If you would like to volunteer to help with the trip please send your child's class teacher a message on Class Dojo.

## Noticing Nature Project



Thank you to all those that attended the Noticing Nature Coffee Morning. It has been lovely to see all the posts on Class Dojo of the special activities that have been carried out. When your child has achieved 25 activities, please upload the ticked off chart to Class Dojo portfolios so that we can award prizes.

## Attendance



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

## Parking



Please can we request that parents do not double park in our turning circle for health and safety matters. Please ensure that you only use the disabled parking bay if you hold a Blue Badge thank you.

# Dates for the Diary



## April 2026

Mon 20.04.26	Back to School	All Pupils
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## May 2026

Fri 01.05.26	Mary Spiritual Day	All Pupils
Mon 04.05.26	Bank Holiday- School Closed	All Pupils
Wed 06.05.26	Year 1 and Year 2 Library Visit	Year 1 and Year 2
Mon 11.05.26	SATs Week begins Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Year 6
Tues 12.05.26	Year 6 SATs- Reading Paper	Year 6
Wed 13.05.26	Year 6 SATs- Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper	Year 6
Thurs 14.05.26	Year 6 SATs- Mathematics Paper	Year 6
Mon 18.05.26	Julian from GEM Education working with Year 1, 2 and 3	Years 1, 2 and 3
Fri 22.05.26	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visit to the Theatre Royal to see the Enormous Crocodile	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	School Breaks up for May Half Term	All Pupils
Mon 25.05.26	School Holidays	All Pupils
Mon 01.06.26	Teacher Training Day- School Closed	All pupils
Tues 02.06.26	School reopens to pupils.	All Pupils

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## RE Newsletter - Summer 2026



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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World).

### Pentecost—serving

WB 20.04.26- WB 11.05.26

**Early Years Good News-** Passing on the Good News of Jesus

**Year 1 Holidays and Holydays** - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit

**Year 2 Spread the word** - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News

**Year 3 Energy** - Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Year 4 New Life** - To hear and live the Easter message

**Year 5 Transformation** - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

**Year 6 Witnesses** - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses



### Activities for Home

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.

Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

### Reconciliation—inter-relating

WB 18.05.26- WB 15.06.26

**Early Years Friends** - Friends of Jesus

**Year 1 Being Sorry** - God helps us choose well

**Year 2 Rules** - Reasons for rules in the Christian family

**Year 3 Energy** - Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Year 4 Building Bridges** - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other

**Year 5 Freedom and Responsibility** - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible

**Year 6 Healing**- Sacrament of the Sick



### Activities for Home

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.

Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

### Universal church—World

WB 22.06.26 - WB 13.07.26

**Early Years Our World-** Passing on the Good News of Jesus

**Year 1 Neighbours** - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit

**Year 2 Treasures** - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News

**Year 3 Special Places-** Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Year 4 God's People** - To hear and live the Easter message

**Year 5 Stewardship** - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

**Year 6 Common Good** - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses



### Activities for Home

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

### Key Dates

**The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady**

**St Joseph the Worker** - 1<sup>st</sup> May

**The Ascension of the Lord**- 29<sup>th</sup> May - After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

**Pentecost Sunday** - 8<sup>th</sup> June - This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

**The Most Holy Trinity** - 15<sup>th</sup> June - Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord** - 15<sup>th</sup> June - On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**- 22<sup>nd</sup> June - On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

**SS Peter and Paul Apostles**- 29<sup>th</sup> June - We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.