

The Cuthbert Chronicle– Issue 2— October 2025



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Dear Families,

Catholic Life and Mission

✦ Thank you for attending our Welcome Mass and Macmillan Coffee Morning. We're delighted to inform you that so far, our school community has raised over £200.

Rosary Group

October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary group will run once a week at lunchtime from 6th October. All children in Y3 to 6 are welcome to attend. If you have any special intentions, you would like our school community to pray for please let us know.

Harvest Mass

We are delighted to share with you the Harvest Mass, which will take place on Thursday 16th October at 9:30 a.m., in the school. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together to support the Missionary of Charity Sisters who support the homeless in Newcastle.

We are collecting donations of non-perishable foods items such as:

- Tinned foods
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Toiletries

Please send all donations to school by 14th October so we can prepare them for display during the Mass.

First Holy Communion Programme

Parents in Year 4, 5 and 6 would have received a letter this week regarding the programme. Please can you return your letter as soon as possible if this applies to your child.

Y6 Residential to Emmaus Youth Village

A reminder that our Y6 class will be visiting the Emmaus village from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th of October. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to build independence, boost their confidence and encourage resilience as well as strengthening their friendships and teamwork.

We will keep Y6 parents updated on what they are doing while they are away.

Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) Charity 70 years Celebration

HCPT is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes in the south of France, for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. Every Easter around 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers.

This year they are celebrating their 70th year. Fr Damian is aiming to raise around £70,000 to support the charity by walking the virtual distance from Newcastle to Lourdes. The children of St Cuthbert's have offered to walk some of the distance with him around our school track. Look out for further details coming soon.

Quality of Education

Kindness Challenge as part of our PSHE curriculum

St Cuthbert's will be taking part in the Kindness Challenge from the 6th October until 10th October. The School Council are going to take the lead on spreading kindness to others across the school community. They will be sharing challenges with all classes from Monday.



Attendance Initiatives

We will shortly be launching some additional initiatives in school to improve attendance across our school community.

Regular attendance is vital for every child's academic progress, social development and overall wellbeing. Research consistently shows that children who attend school regularly and on time, achieve better outcomes- not only in exams, but in confidence, friendships and future opportunities. Together with the School Council we are busy coming up with some great ideas to make our attendance the best it can be.

As parents you will shortly receive a letter if your child's attendance has fallen below 90% from the beginning of this academic year. Additional letters will follow from half-term and throughout the academic year to keep you informed of how your child's attendance is progressing and if it is becoming a concern. Together let's make 'Every Day Count'.

Other news

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. 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**.

Parents' Evening Sessions This Month: Why Your Presence Matters

On the 20th and 21st of October from 3:30-5:50 p.m, our school will be hosting Parents' Evening sessions—an essential opportunity for families to connect with teachers, celebrate their child's progress, and collaborate on future goals. Further information on how to book an appointment through Arbor will be available shortly via email.


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.

 **Our Open Day** events give families a chance to explore our school, meet the staff, and see what makes our learning community so special. The dates for this month are 3rd, 14th and 24th of October from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Applying for High School

Reminder that you must make application through the Local Authority by 31st October 2025.

Arbor

The Arbor platform, is a great way for you to see your child's attendance, book places on school clubs, and pay for lunches and school trips. We will shortly be adding the facility to book Parents Evening sessions and Wraparound care. If you haven't already signed up, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties as we are always happy to help.





Health Updates

- **Flu Immunisation:** Will take place on Wednesday 19th of November 2025.
- **Height & Weight Checks:** Pupils in **Reception Class** and **Year 6** will be taking part in the National Child Measurement Programme. This will take place Monday 3rd of November 2025.
- **Eye Screen for Reception Class:** Will take place on the Wednesday 12th November. Please let us know if you haven't already received the information.

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.

Safeguarding – Key staff in school

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

			
Mrs Barrett – Headteacher DSL	Mrs Walsh – Deputy Headteacher Deputy DSL	Miss Brown – Year 6 Teacher Deputy DSL	Ms Alishia Masterman- Wraparound Leader Deputy DSL

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



Attendance Officer/ Family Support- Jan Gurkin

Key dates so far

October 2025		
Date	Event	Groups
30.09.25-01.10.25	Bikeability	Year 6
01.10.2025	Welcome Meeting	Reception Class 3.15–3.45pm
03.10.2025	Open Day Event for new pupils	9.30 -11.00am & 1.30-2.30pm
08.10.25-10.10.25	Year 6 Residential	Year 6
14.10.2025	Open Day Event for new pupils	9.30-11.00am & 1.30-2.30pm
16.10.2025	Harvest Mass, Parents & Carers Welcome	9.30-10.30am
17.10.2025	Additional Welcome Meeting for Reception	Reception Class 3.15-3.45pm
21.10.2025	Parents Evening	All Year Groups
22.10.2025	Parents Evening	All Year Groups
22.10.25-23.10.25	Bikeability	Year 5
24.10.25	Open Day Event for new pupils	9.30-11.00am-1.30-2.30pm
24.10.25	School Closes at 3:15 p.m for October Half-term	
27.10.25 to 31.10.25	School Closed	
03.11.25	School opens at 8:35 a.m. for the start of the Autumn 2 term.	
03.11.25	Heights and Weight Check	Year Reception and 6