

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new term! It's wonderful to have the children back and hear all about their exciting holiday adventures. The Spring term is always bustling with activities, so here's a snapshot of what's happening in the last few days of January and throughout February. Remember to keep an eye on your emails, text messages, and our Instagram account for any additional events.



Catholic Life and Mission

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year, a special holy year that occurs every 25 years in the Catholic Church. This is a significant moment for our school communities as we come together as pilgrims of hope, working towards a kingdom of justice, peace, and love.

On Friday, January 24th, we launched the Jubilee Year with a message from Bishop Stephen. The theme for January is 'Opening Doors,' and we celebrated by officially opening our own Holy Door. Our Head Boy and Girl led the way, followed by the entire school. It was a remarkable day filled with various activities for all the children. The theme for February is 'What is hope?'

First Holy Communion Programme

Session 4 for enrolled children will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Attendance is compulsory.

Family Mass

Join us for Family Mass at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church on Sunday, February 16th at 9:30 a.m. All families are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Lent and Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. This is a time for prayer, helping others, and giving to those in need as we prepare for Easter. Our Minnie Vinnies group will be gathering information on which charity to support during Lent. Please stay tuned for more details.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the school hall at 9:30 a.m. Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us.

Quality of Education



Mastering number at home parent information sessions

Miss Davidson will share fun ways to make numbers exciting for your child. Join her for these sessions:

- Monday, February 10th at 2 p.m. for Reception Parents
- Tuesday, February 11th at 2 p.m. for Year 1 Parents (please send an empty 6-egg box prior to the session)
- Wednesday, February 12th at 2 p.m. for Year 2 Parents

Other School Events



Netball

Year 6 students will participate in a Netball competition on Thursday, January 30th from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Blue Flames Leisure Centre.

Football

The 'Duffy League' will take place on Thursday, February 6th from 4-5 p.m. at Walbottle High School. Look out for a letter from Mr. McMaster. Our girls from Years 5 and 6 recently competed in the 'Girls West League Football' on January 23rd, winning one game and losing two. Great effort, girls!

Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week runs from February 3rd to 9th (7th in school). This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself,' encouraging children to embrace self-awareness.

Safer internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2025 is on Tuesday, February 11th, focusing on 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

Attendance

Reminder

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

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela.

Dates for your diary January and February 2025

January 2025		
Date	Event	Year Group
Thursday 30 th Jan	Netball competition	Year 5/6
February 2025		
w/c Monday 03.02.25	Children’s Mental Health Week	All year groups
Tuesday 04.02.25	First Holy Communion Session 4	Y4 children enrolled on the programme
Thursday 06.02.25	Healthy Active Lifestyles	Years 3 and 4
Thursday 06.02.25	Duffy League, Football 4:00-5:00 p.m.	Pupils from Year 5 and 6
Friday 07.02.25	NSPCC Number Day	All year groups
w/c 10.02.25	Assessment Week	Years 1-6
Monday 10.02.25	Mastering number at home workshop 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Reception Class Parents
Tuesday 11.02.25	Safer Internet Day	All classes
Tuesday 11.02.25	Mastering number at home workshop 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 12.02.25	Mastering number at home workshop 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Year 2 Parents
w/c Monday 17.02.2025	Random Acts of Kindness Week	All year groups
w/c 24.02.25	February Half-term	
March 2025		
Monday 03.03.25	School reopens for Spring 2 term at 8:35 a.m.	
w/c 03.03.25	BBCET Poetry/Photography project for the Year of Jubilee	
Wednesday 05.03.25	Ash Wednesday Service in school 9:30 a.m.	
Thursday 06.03.25	World Book Day More information to follow	All year groups
Friday 07 to 16.03.25	British Science Week	All year groups
Friday 07.03.25	Lent prayer stations for Parents/children 15:15-15:40	All welcome
Tuesday 11.03.25	Parents Evening session – Spring term	All years
Wednesday 12.03.25	Parents Evening session – Spring term	All year groups
Thursday 13.03.25	Dog Trust Visit	All year groups
Friday 14.03.25	CAFOD Family Fast Day	All year groups