

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families and Carers,

As we move towards the end of the Spring Term there are lots of events in school.

Catholic Life and Mission

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

On Ash Wednesday the children began their Big Lent Walk. So far, the children have walked over 53 miles. We are aiming to walk a total of 165 miles. Please help us by sponsoring your child to take part. Your sponsorship can, and will, change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. To support your child and donate to a very good cause, please scan the QR code below or click on the link.



<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-cuthberts-big-lent-walk2025>

First Holy Communion Programme

Session 6 for enrolled children will be held on Tuesday 25th March from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Session 7 will take place on Tuesday 29th April from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Attendance is compulsory

St Cuthbert's Day

On the 20th March we celebrated St Cuthbert's Day. All children took part in a Celebration of the Word and completed some activities linked to St Cuthbert. More details can be found on our school Instagram page.

Family Mass

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

Lent Prayer Stations

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to take part in our Lenten Prayer Stations, a fantastic opportunity to reflect during the season of Lent. They will take place on Friday 28th March and Friday 4th April at 3:15pm

Class Celebration of the Word.

On Monday 7th April we will begin our Holy Week themed Celebrations of the word. Parents are invited to join their child's class celebration. Please see the information below.

Year 1 and Year 2- Palm Sunday- Monday 7th April 3:00p.m.- School Hall

Year 3 and Year 4- The Last Supper- Tuesday 8th April 3:00p.m.- School Hall

Year 5- The Garden of Gethsemane- Wednesday 9th April 3:00p.m. School Hall

Reception - Growing and New Life – Friday 11th April 9:00a.m.

Year 6- The Crucifixion of Jesus – Friday 11th April 3:00p.m.

Holy Week Mass

We will be celebrating Mass in the School hall on Thursday 10th April at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

RE Newsletter

Please see our RE Newsletter which sets out what the children will be taught in the Summer Term as well as activities to support learning at home.

Other School News

Friends of St Cuthbert's



The next Friends of St Cuthbert's Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April at 5p.m. in school. The Friends of St Cuthbert's are a group of parents who regularly meet to plan events and activities to raise funds to enhance and enrich learning experiences at school. If you would like to join, please attend the meeting or speak to the school office.

Easter Picture competition.

Each child is asked to draw an Easter Picture which must be submitted by Wednesday 9th April. Winners will be announced on Friday 11th April. Prizes will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each year group. The cost for entering the competition will be 50p per child. The Easter picture can be religious or other. We look forward to seeing their masterpieces.

GEM Education

GEM Education will be visiting school on Friday 4th April and Friday 11th April to deliver computing workshops with the following classes.

Year 1- RoboMice.

Year 2- MicroBit.

Year 3- MicroBit.

Year 4- MicroBit.

Year 5- MicroBit.

Year 6- Crumble.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

A Phonics meeting to discuss the Year 1 Phonics Screener will take place on Monday 28th April at 3:15 in the Year 1 Classroom. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office via phone or email.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs begin on Monday 12th May. A letter will be with you shortly sharing arrangements for this week.

Year 6 Residential 2025

Please ensure that your expression of interest letter is returned to school by Friday 4th April. Thank you.

Kielder Observatory

Year 1 and Year 5 will be having a visit from Kielder Observatory on Monday 7th April to support their learning in their Science and History work. Kielder Observatory will be visiting with their inflatable Observatory. If time permits, other classes may be able to have some time in the observatory.

School Instagram Page

We regularly post our school news on our Instagram page. Please follow us @stcuthbertswalbottle.

School Meals

If you feel your child may be eligible for Free School Meals through a variety of different eligibility criteria, please visit <https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals> to apply.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery including earrings is not permitted in school for health and safety reasons. We still have a number of children attending school wearing jewellery. Please ensure that this is removed before coming into school.

Attendance Reminder

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

Dates for your diary March, April and May 2025

March 2025		
Tuesday 25.03.25	First Holy Communion Session 6	Pupils from Year 4 who are enrolled in the programme.
Wednesday 26.03.25	Year 4 Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Cathedral- More information to follow.	Year 4
Thursday 27.03.25	Year 4 Trip to The Laing Art Gallery – see letter from Miss Tate.	Year 4
Friday 28.03.25	Parent Prayer Stations Pupils and Parents 3:15-3:30 p.m.	All Welcome
Sunday 30.03.25	Family Mass at St Cuthbert's 9:30 a.m.	All Welcome
w/c 31.03.25	Assessment Week	Years 1-6
April 2025		
Tuesday 01.04.25	Friends of St Cuthbert's Meeting 5 p.m. in school	All Welcome.
Thursday 03.04.25	Year 2 Trip to The Laing Art Gallery - more information to follow	Year 2
Friday 04.04.25	GEM Education visiting Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3	Year 1, 2 and 3
Friday 04.04.25	Parent Prayer Stations Pupils and Parents 3:15-3:30 p.m.	All Welcome
Monday 07.04.25	Year 1 and Year 5 visit from Kielder Observatory	Year 1 and Year 5
Monday 07.04.25	Year 1 and Year 2 Celebration of the Word 3:00-3:15 p.m.	Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 08.04.25	Year 3 and Year 4 Celebration of the Word 3:00-3:15 p.m.	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 09.04.25	Year 5 Celebration of the Word 3:00-3:15 p.m.	Year 5
Wednesday 09.04.25	Easter Picture Deadline	All Year Groups
Thursday 10.04.25	Holy Week Mass- School Hall- All welcome 9:30 a.m.	All Year Groups
Thursday 10.04.25	Year 5 Ukulele Concert 1:45 p.m.	Year 5
Friday 11.04.25	EYFS Celebration of the Word and Stay and Play 9:00-10:15	Reception
Friday 11.04.25	GEM Education visiting Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5	Years 3, 4 and 5
Friday 11.04.25	Year 6 Celebration of the Word 3:00 p.m.	Year 6
Friday 11.04.25	School Closes for the Easter Break	All Year Groups
Wednesday 16.04.25	National Offer Day for Reception 2025	
Monday 28.04.25	School Reopens to pupils	All Year Groups
Monday 28.04.25	Year 1 Phonics Meeting- Year 1 Class 3:15-3:30 p.m.	All Year Groups
May 2025		
Thursday 01.05.25	St Joseph Spiritual Day	All Year Groups
Monday 05.05.25	School Closed for Bank Holiday Monday	All Year Groups
Wb Monday 12.05.25	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6



On behalf of the Governors and staff of St Cuthbert's may I wish you peace, love and happiness during the Easter Season.