

The Cuthbert Chronicle– Issue 4 December 2025



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Life and Mission

Thank you for your very generous donations for Children in Need, we raised £200.26. Well done!

Year 6 Faith in Action- Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your contributions to the class boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. We filled 21 boxes, and they were collected on the 27.11.25. Well done to Year 6 for organising this event.

Finale of the Year of Jubilee

To end our celebrations for the 'Year of the Jubilee' we held a Celebration Day in school. All children carried out a Celebration of the Word reflecting on the year. Each child then wrote a postcard, thinking about how they are going to take hope forward. During the month of December, the children will be making Angels of Hope and will be bringing one home. We are encouraging the children to leave their Angel of Hope somewhere in the community so that hope can be passed forward to someone in need. We would love to see photographs of the Angels of Hope in the community, please email these to the school office.

Bishop Stephen's visit

On Wednesday, 26.11.25, our Head Boy and Head Girl gave a very warm welcome to Bishop Stephen. He joined the whole school for assembly, where he met the children and answered their questions. Bishop Stephen then blessed the new kitchen, the Reception Class outdoor area, and the new entrance. Afterwards, he met with representatives from Newcastle City Catering, Governors, and staff. To conclude his visit, Bishop Stephen toured every classroom and departed with a special welcome card created by the children. It was a memorable and joyful occasion for our school community.

Christmas Nativities- Tickets on sale

We will be holding two performances of 'The Nativity' by Reception, Year 1, and Year 2.

Performances will take place on:

Tuesday 02.12.25 at 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday 03.12.25 at 9:15 a.m.

We will be holding three performances of 'Bells Ring Out' by Years 3 to 6.

Performances will take place on:

Tuesday 02.12.25 at 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday 02.12.25 at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday 03.12.25 at 2:15 p.m.

A letter with additional information on how to purchase tickets was sent out on Wednesday 26.11.25. Please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.

Christmas Carols in St Mary's Cathedral

Year 5 will join with all other Catholic Primaries in Newcastle to share in our annual Christmas Carols event. This will take place on 03.12.25 starting at 10:00 a.m. The children will leave earlier to ensure they are seated and ready to begin. Unfortunately, this is not open to parents due the number of pupils and staff who attend.

Travelling Crib

During the Advent season, all families will have the opportunity to enjoy having a Travelling Crib in their home. Please send any photographs of you sharing the Travelling Crib at home via email to school. Remember to put all items back in the bag and return to school the next day so another family can enjoy the crib.

Advent Prayer Stations

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to take part in our Advent Prayer Stations, a fantastic opportunity to reflect during the season of Advent. They will take place on 05.12.25 from 8:35 a.m. until school starts at 8:45 a.m. and on 12.12.25 from 3:15 p.m.

Bambinelli Sunday

The beautiful Advent Tradition of Bambinelli Sunday was instituted by Saint John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) children and adults bring Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peter's Square where they are blessed by the Pope. Pupils will be making their own Bambinelli in school which will be blessed in St Cuthbert's Church at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday 14.12.25. We will then send them home in the final week.

Advent/Christmas Mass

We will be celebrating our Advent/Christmas Mass on Thursday 18.12.25 at 9:30 a.m. in the school hall. All are welcome.

Other news

Christmas Jumper and Lunch

On 11.12.25 we are holding our Christmas Jumper Day and will serve Christmas Lunch too. All children who receive a school lunch will automatically be included in the school lunch numbers. If your child brings a packed lunch from home and they would like to have a Christmas lunch the letter should have been returned to school today. Food orders must be placed with our suppliers on this date.

Christmas Parties

We're excited to celebrate the festive season with Christmas parties in school!

- Please wear **party clothes** to join in the fun.
- Remember to bring **appropriate footwear and a coat** for going outside.
- No party food is required — the school will provide **snacks and refreshments**.

Party dates and times

- **Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 – Monday 08.12.25 (afternoon)**
- **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Tuesday 09.12.25 (afternoon)**

We're looking forward to a joyful celebration together!

Friends of St Cuthbert's – Bauble Letter

Please check your child's bookbag for the letter explaining how your child can make a Christmas Bauble. The confirmation letter and payment must be in school by Monday 08.12.25.

Quality of Education

Year 6 will hold their annual, Christmas Ukulele Concert for their parents on Thursday 18.12.25 at 2:00 p.m. in the school hall. This is an opportunity to celebrate all they have learned over the three years of teaching. A Special thank you to Mr Collins, our Music teacher for organising the event.

Year 4 Bikeability

The final session will be held on Wednesday 10.12.25 and a Learn to Ride Session will also take place.



Wishing you all a very happy and joyful Christmas

From all staff and Governors of St Cuthbert's.

St Cuthbert's Key dates for your diary in December 2025

December 2025		
01.12.25	Advent begins in school and runs until 24.12.25	Whole School Community
w/c 01.12.25 to 18.12.25	No after school clubs will run during this period e.g. Zumba, Football, Netball, Y6 SATS, Latin and Mini Vinnies. St Cuthbert’s Beads Wraparound will still be offering their service.	
02.12.25	Christmas Nativities	All Year groups
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03.12.25	Christmas Carols at the Cathedral	Year 5
05.12.25	Advent Prayer Stations in the school hall from 8:35 a.m.	All Welcome
08.12.25	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party p.m.	
09.12.25	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party p.m.	
11.12.25	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	
10.12.25	Year 4 Bikeability (all day depending on the weather)	Session 3 (previously cancelled) and learn to ride
12.12.25	Christmas Baubles – letter to be in school by Monday 08.12.25	Friends of St Cuthbert’s organising event
12.12.25	Advent Prayer Stations in the school hall from 3:15 p.m.	All Welcome
14.12.25	Mass at St Cuthbert’s Church – Bambinelli - All Welcome 9:30 a.m.	All Welcome
18.12.25	Christmas Mass – 9:30	Whole School
18.12.25	Ukulele Concert 2:00-2:30	Year 6
19.12.25	School Closes at 3:15 p.m. for the Christmas Holiday	
Tuesday 06.01.2026 School re-opens for the Spring Term at 8:35 a.m.		