



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

News & Updates

24.2.23



Gospel Value of the Week Commitment – *Jesus, Be the Centre*

Let us celebrate...

- ✓ The launch of Eat Them to Defeat Them. Our children have embraced the 2023 campaign to eat more vegetables. I am so proud of the increased number of children who have been willing to try vegetables as part of their lunch. Please let us know how you are getting on at home.
- ✓ The training accessed by all of our staff based on 'Growth Mindset' focusing on how we are able to support our children in their thinking when tackling challenges – it is an essential skill to nurture.
- ✓ Preparing for Lent – our PTA enabled us to celebrate Shrove Tuesday together as a school community. We feasted on pancakes on Tuesday, which prepared us for the fasting that was to commence on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Thank you to Fr Liam, parents and Governors for joining in our Ash Wednesday Service with us.
- ✓ I have had the pleasure of reading with some of our children in Years 3-6 this week and I have been so impressed with their accuracy and fluency. Please continue to support your children with reading at home; together we can make a difference.
- ✓ Our Year children who visited Sefton Park Palm House exploring the impact of WWII. Our children were commended for their wealth of knowledge – we are very proud of them!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**. We monitor attendance daily and are working together as a whole school community to ensure that we are aiming for our children to attend school 100% of the time.
Attendance matters because our children matter to us.

Class	Weekly Attendance	Year to date
Reception	93.7%	93.3%
Year 1	93.3%	93.2%
Year 2	96.8%	96.7%
Year 3	92.7%	95.8%
Year 4	97.3%	95%
Year 5	89.3%	93.3%
Year 6	95.6%	94.6%
Total	94.1%	94.6%

Stars of the Week

I am proud to share with you our Stars of the Week. These children have been specially chosen for impressing their class teachers, inspiring their friends and by living out our School Motto.

Class	Star of the Week
2YO	Frankie D
Foundation 1	Luis
Foundation 2	Ivan
Year 1	Jeffrey
Year 2	Emily
Year 3	Reuben
Year 4	Poppy
Year 5	Luca-Bella
Year 6	Savannah

In love with Christ: Be the best I can. Be kind to one another. Amen

British Values

Make Time to Talk

Respect & Tolerance

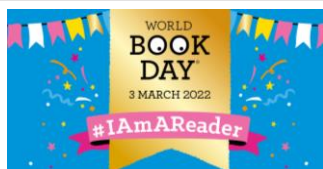
What do respect & tolerance mean?

Why is it important to respect and tolerate others?

How do we show Respect and Tolerance to one another in our school, at home and in our wider community?

Can you recommend a book that promotes Respect or Tolerance as its value?

Please share your suggestions with me on Dojo – You talk and I am happy to listen.



As a school, we will be embracing the day promoting reading for pleasure, celebrating all of our children as 'readers'. We are asking for children and staff to come to school in their pyjamas (if they wish) and to bring their favourite book to share with their friends and teachers.

2.30pm Read with Me

Come along and share a book with your children

Oxwell Survey

In partnership with researchers at the University of Oxford, as a school, we have agreed to take part in the OxWell study investigating student health and wellbeing by asking our **Y5&6** children to complete an online survey.

Childhood and adolescence is a critical period for mental health and brain development. By asking our children about how they experience school life and health-related issues, we hope to better understand what is happening to their mental health and be in a position to provide them with the best mental health support.

If for any reason you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please notify school via the relevant class teacher's Dojo account by Wednesday 1st March.

Save the Date

Date	Event	Time
28.2.23	Strike Day – School Closed	All Day
2.3.23	World Book Day	All Day
8.3.23 - 10.3.23	Year 6 Residential	NA
17.3.23	Mother's Day Assembly Foundation Stage	10am
20.3.23	Y5 Leading St Cuthbert's Feast Day Service	9.10am – 9.40am

Following recent ballots by teacher unions, I have received notification that teachers from our school will be taking strike action on Tuesday 28th February 2023 and therefore school will be closed. School will reopen on Wednesday 1st March 2023. Whilst I understand this action may cause difficulties for some families, I would like to recognise the hard work and commitment that teachers and school staff constantly show to the children of our community. I can assure you that this decision was not taken lightly. The commitment of teachers and the school to your children remains as high as ever.

Mrs Bellis-Knox

Twitter

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Website

Access our school website in order to access key information and updates about our school – StCuthberts.School

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