



# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

## News & Updates

18.7.23



### Gospel Value of the Week

Appreciation - Look Back with Thanks, Forward with Hope

### Let us celebrate our Year 6 children

I am honoured to have been able to share the leadership of our school with such a wonderful Year 6 class; you have certainly stepped up to the challenge. I really must thank you for working alongside me in leading our school over the last 12 months, you have been amazing. I do feel that today is particularly emotional listening to so many memories and words of praise which are being offered to you, our children, in celebration of the gifts and talents that each of you have. I wish you love and luck in your venture to secondary school. How blessed your schools are to be able to welcome such talented, caring, resilient young people. I have had the absolute honour of witnessing you positively bloom during your primary school years; please know that you have made your everlasting mark on the heart of St Cuthbert's and on the heart of your Head Teacher. I have no idea how you will do it, but I have absolute faith that each and every one of you will manage to sprinkle a dusting of magic wherever you go and in whatever you do. You have ALL been gifted with the 'Spirit of St Cuthbert's' in the truest sense and will forever have a place in our St Cuthbert's family. I ask one thing of you Year 6, please shine your brightest and know that I am so very proud of you – I am excited to see what the world has in store for you.

Good luck & God Bless  
Mrs Bellis-Knox

### 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	Yearly Attendance
Reception	94.2%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	94.3%
Total	94.3%

### Stars of Year 6

I am proud to share with you our Stars of Year 6. These children have been specially chosen for living out our School Motto:

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

Award	Star of the Week
Spirit of St Cuthbert's	Sophia
Sporting Achievement	Gift
Personal Achievement	Apisha
Academic Achievement	Jamie

We are proud of you!

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## Department for Education

Minimum expectation on the length of the school week

The white paper [Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child](#) sets out the expectation that state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023.

From September 2023 the school day will alter for all classes from Reception – Year 6.

Compulsory School Day Reception – Year 6	
Official Start to the day	Official end to the day
8.45am	3.15pm
Total time in a typical week: 32.5 hours	

The school gates will open at 8.35am allowing children to be in school and ready to learn from 8.45am. Please ensure that you arrive at school promptly.

## Training Days

School will be closed to our children on:

Training Day 1: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Training Day 2: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Return to School

Class	Date
Year 1 - 6	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September Half Days Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September Full Days
Nursery	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September

## Good Luck

**Mrs Morris**, we thank you for your service to our school community. We wish you love and good health in your retirement.

**Mrs Wills**, we wish you luck as you commence your role in Knowsley Village Primary School. Thank you for teaching our nursery children, they have had a wonderful year.

**Vera (Our Cook)**, Thank you for providing our children with deliciously healthy lunches. Wishing you love and luck as you venture on to your retirement.

## Thank you

After a wonderful year, culminating in copious amounts of awards and achievements not to mention Ofsted, I just wanted to thank you, our parents & carers, on behalf of the Governors, staff and myself for all of your invaluable support. You are so invested in your children and in turn our school allowing for our children to be at the heart of everything that we do and every decision that we make. Enjoy your summer holiday and make the most of family time. We can't wait to hear all about your adventures!

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## Website

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