



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

News & Updates

12.1.24



Gospel Value of the Week

Gifts

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" Peter 4:10

Happy New Year

The start of a new year is a time for reflection, renewal and optimism. May the coming year bring you joy, fulfilment and continued success.

Let us celebrate...

- ✓ The installation of the new play equipment on the playground area has been a huge hit with the children. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring it during play and lunchtimes.
- ✓ Thank you to Year 3 & Year 4 for leading us in our New Year Service, as a school community it gave us the opportunity to give thanks for the New Year and hope for what it will bring. Thank you for those family members who were able to join us in our prayer and reflection.
- ✓ It was a pleasure to award Aro, Emily & Albie (Year 3) with Head Teacher Awards this week. I was blown away by their hard work, focus and determination in always trying their absolute best. Their class friends were delighted for them and celebrated their achievements with pride!

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	87.7%	89.6%
Year 1	80%	95.1%
Year 2	65.5%	91.1%
Year 3	81.7%	95.9%
Year 4	87.6%	96.6%
Year 5	93%	95.9%
Year 6	89.3%	94.4%
Total	83.4%	94.1%

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	Reuben
Nursery	Alisa
Reception	Aiden
Year 1	Jason
Year 2	Senay
Year 3	Albie
Year 4	Olivia
Year 5	Blake
Year 6	Ava

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

Chickenpox

As you may be aware, we have a number of children who have had or currently have chickenpox. We have taken advice and are adhering to guidance on infection control in schools and have all systems and procedures in place to ensure that we are doing everything possible to minimise the risk of the infection from spreading.

We would ask that as parents / carers that you are equally as vigilant and adhere to the NHS guidance:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/

Please be mindful that children may have other symptoms before the rash appears:

- A high temperature
- Aches & pains, and generally feeling unwell
- Loss of appetite

Let us work together to ensure that our school community is as healthy as it can possibly be.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our children when they are well enough to return to school.

Save the Date

Year 4 Stay & Pray

Wednesday 7th February 2024

2.45pm - 3pm

Year 4 families are warmly invited into school to celebrate the learning of our children in Religious Education by joining us as we celebrate and rejoice in our RE topic:

Community

Save the Date

School Photographs

Monday 19th February 2024

A letter will be sent home in the next week or two for you to complete indicating your photograph preferences.

Children will have their photograph taken individually and there will also be an opportunity for sibling photographs to be taken also.

Although many children have been at home recovering from chickenpox, those who have been well enough to attend school have had a wonderful first week of 2024. Children have been so settled and responsive to school routines which has supported them in accessing quality teaching and learning. From Year 6 immersing themselves in the work of the literary genius – Michael Morpurgo to our 2 Year Old children working together to make their own beautifully baked bread, opportunities have been embraced and our children have made such a positive start to the spring term. I am so proud of our children and staff and look forward to being impressed by what we are able to achieve together over the course of the term!

Mrs Bellis-Knox

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Website

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