

# Saint Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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# Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon all, I send you all my warmest Easter greetings; I hope that you have all had a good break and are ready for a short and fast half term!

Congratulations to Lawson (Yr 4) and Amelia (Year 6) who were baptised on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and to their mothers who became Catholics on Holy Saturday. We will keep you in our prayers.

We are also welcoming some new Nursery children this week, we welcome Connie, Xavier, Summer and Jessica – they are joining a very happy and lovely group of children and I know they will settle in extremely quickly. Good Luck to the Nursery team – I know they won't need it!

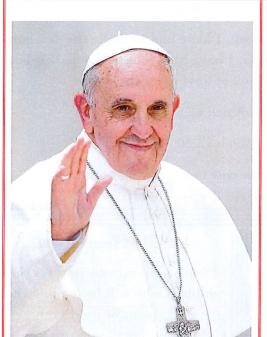
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# Catholic Life



Pope Francis 1936-2025



We received the very sad news that Pope Francis died on Easter Monday.

Pope Francis became the Pope in 2013. He is often referred to as the "People's Pope" and this is because of his love for all of God's creation. He especially reached out to those who society would deem undesirable. He was a passionate advocate for stewardship of the world and all in creation.

Pope Francis said "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven"

Eternal rest, grant unto Pope Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Amen

We also pray for the Cardinals who will be entering conclave to elect a new Pope. May God grant them the discernment to hear His will in choosing a new Bishop of Rome.



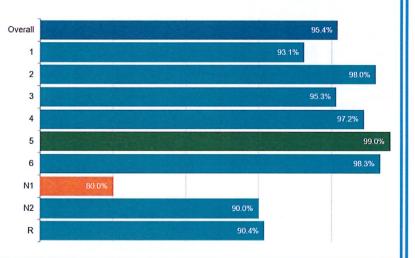
# **Weekly Attendance - 7/4/25 - 11/4/25**

The National target for attendance is 95%

Well done Year 5!

Attendance last week for school was 96.9%

Well done, we hit National this week!



# **Dates for the Diary**

30/4/25 – 9am Easter Bonnet Parade

#### 8/5/25

VE day celebration – Special Lunch

#### 10/5/25

Year 3's First Holy Communion 9.30am

> 12/5/25-15/5/25 SATs Week

#### 16/5/25

Year 3 Going Forth Mass and the May Procession

#### 16/5/25

Year 6 Trip to Drayton Manor

#### 21/5/25

Height and Weight check for Reception and Year 6.

#### 23/5/25

Break up for half term – normal time.

#### Masses this half term

9/5/25 – Year 5 Mass 16/5/25 – Year 3 Going forth Mass

**26/4/25** – Mini Vinnie Mass

## Nursery Places - September 2025

If you have a child who is 3 by the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, then you can apply for St Cuthbert's Nursery. We have a fabulous Nursery, run by trained teachers with great support staff. All children are eligible for at least 15 hours (part time places); if you are eligible you can apply for a full-time code which will give your child 30 hours (full time place). If you know of anyone who is considering sending their child to a Nursery, please let them know about St. Cuthbert's!

## Dinner Money – rise in prices

As I mentioned in my letter last term, I have had to make the decision to increase the price of school meals. I have been loathed to do this but we are now in a position of having no choice.

Lunchtime Meal: £2.70

Nursery Meal: £2:40

I am sorry to be having to pass the cost on to you – I hope you know that I didn't make the decision lightly.

## Summer Menu

We have a new summer menu starting this week. Visit our school website to find our what the kitchen are serving this term!



## First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next Saturday.

This is a very special time for them as they prepare to become closer to Jesus.

#### We keep in our prayers:

Chinedum, Leo, Daniel, Nikola, Poppi, Shaye, Michaela, Austeja, Lawson and Amelia.

## **School Places**

We have had three families moving house over the last month and they have moved too far away to keep bringing their children to St Cuthbert's. This means we have places in some classes.

We currently have spaces in:

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Please spread the word to family and friends that we have spaces available. They simply need to come to the office for application forms. I know lots of schools are struggling with pupil numbers (low birth rates!) and I firmly believe that one form entry has a special and unique quality and can create a real community feel. It seems a shame to waste spaces (although the teachers don't mind having smaller classes)

# **After School Clubs**

If your child was in the after-school football or dance club last half term, their sessions will continue this half term. This is because this half term is very short.

This half term, children in Year 5 and 6 will have their lunchtime football session on a Tuesday and children from Year 3 and 4 will have their session on a Thursday. Children come to school in uniform and bring their football kits/PE kits to change into.

Brass Band re-commences on Wednesday 30th April from 3:15pm - this club is for Year 5 and 6 only.

Netball Club re-commences on Thursday  $1^{\rm st}$  May from  $3:15 {\rm pm}-{\rm this}$  club is for Year 5 and 6 only.

All clubs finish for 4:15 pm.

## P.E. Lessons

Reception - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 – Monday

Year 3 – Continue with swimming on a Tuesday

Year 4 - Thursday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Monday

P.E. Kits are worn to school on P.E. days.

Plain black joggers

Plain black short

Plain White top

Trainers/Pumps

No tracksuits – School Jumper or Cardigan only.