

Friday 24th April 2026

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School
Gumbleberry's Close
Stechford
Birmingham
B8 2PS



0121 675 2205



enquiry@stcuthbt.bham.sch.uk



www.stcutbertsrc.org



Mr. Scanlon's Message

It has been a real privilege to begin my role as Headteacher, and I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and support I have received in my short time at St Cuthbert's already. I am already very proud to be part of such a caring and close-knit community.

As a parent, I understand the trust families place in a school. This is something I feel strongly both professionally and personally, as a parent of children with different needs. This reinforces for me the importance of working closely together to ensure that every child is supported, valued and able to thrive. The children here have been a real joy to meet - happy, hardworking and polite - and it is clear that they take pride in their school.

As a Catholic school, our faith is at the heart of everything we do. Gospel values guide our relationships, shape our expectations and ensure that every child is known, valued and loved.

I feel so grateful to have inherited such a wonderful staff. Their dedication, care and professionalism make a real difference to the lives of the children each day. I have worked in four schools previously, including as head of school in my last school, yet I have already been taken aback numerous times by the commitment and willingness of the staff at St Cuthbert's to go above and beyond for the good of the pupils.

Working together is essential to children's success, and one of the most important ways we can support them is by ensuring good attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day, and arriving on time, helps children feel secure, build positive routines and make the most of their learning. I have already identified so many strengths of St Cuthbert's, but attendance is something we all need to address together.

I look forward to getting to know you all better and to working together, in faith and partnership, for the good of every child in our care.

Polling Day

St Cuthbert's has been chosen to be a polling day on Thursday 7th May.

School will be shut for all children.

Mass - Fridays
at 9.10am in
School hall

1st May - Y4 Mass

8th May -

Chaplaincy

15th May - Y3 Mass

22nd May - KSI
Mass

5th June - Mini
Vinnies

12th June Y6

19th June Y5

26th June Y4 Mass

Sunday's Gospel: John 10 : 1-10

The Shepherd and His Sheep

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. The man who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The man who guards the door opens it for him. And the sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. He calls his own sheep, using their names, and he leads them out. He brings all of his sheep out. Then he goes ahead of them and leads them. They follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger. They will run away from him because they don't know his voice." Jesus told the people this story, but they did not understand what it meant.

So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth. I am the door for the sheep. All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. The person who enters through me will be saved. He will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. But I came to give life - life in all its fullness.

This half term our Virtues and Values are Grateful and Generous



Follow our Instagram!

Welcome Miss Youlden!

I am not the only new member of staff this term. We welcome Miss Youlden to Year 2.

However, it should really be welcome back! Miss Youlden is a past pupil of St Cuthbert and many members of staff remember her.

Who knows which other pupils may return in the future as members of staff?

Parking and Traffic

On a number of mornings this week there has been a parking attendant on Cumbleberry's Close and he will continue to attend in the near future.

Although we didn't request it, we fully support this. Parking is an issue at most schools, and our location is particularly tricky. Our main focus has to be the safety of the children so I ask you to park safely at all times and avoid receiving a ticket.

I have also been informed of careless driving on Cotterills Lane endangering our pupils.

I will be sharing mine and parent's concerns with local leaders and the community police.

Class Attendance – Summer Term



Every day at school is important both socially and academically. For each full week that your child attends school, they receive a token that they can save to then spend in Oswald's Shop.

Below is each classes attendance for the last 2 weeks since the last newsletter. We would love every class to be above 95%.

Class	Attendance
N	94%
R	93.7%
1	95.5%
2	100% INCREDIBLE!!
3	98.7% VERY IMPRESSIVE
4	90.1%
5	94.8%
6	96.9%
Whole School	94.7%

Well done Year Two! A perfect attendance this week! They have been rewarded for that this afternoon. Year Three, you are also setting a wonderful example for the rest of school!

St Cuthbert's attendance for the school year so far is 93.8%

This is significantly below our target of above 95%, and below most schools across the country. We will be looking at each child's individual attendance this coming week and planning meetings with those causing concern. If you need any help concerning attendance or punctuality, please speak to Mr Scanlon, Mrs Coates, Mr Murphy-Sheridan or Mr Samuels. We are here to support when needed but will never ignore poor attendance.

September 2026 intake

I am delighted to say that we have a full Reception class for September, despite dropping school numbers across the city. This says a lot about the reputation of our school.

Our nursery is now rapidly filling up. If you have a child who is 3 years old on 1st September, please apply soon to avoid disappointment.

APPLY TO JOIN OUR NURSERY CLASS NOW!

COME AND JOIN OUR HAPPY, WELCOMING SCHOOL AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

We pride ourselves on being a teacher-led, high-quality, early years provision where all children are given the best start to their school lives.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- Teacher Led Provision
- Inclusive education for all
- Engaging resources
- Plenty of outdoor space!



This half term our Virtues and Values are Grateful and Generous.



Follow our Instagram!

We're really pleased to share how well our Brass Band performed last term at the CBSO Centre. Playing alongside other schools, the pupils did a fantastic job and made us very proud.

Following this success, we're excited to say that the Brass Band and Choir will be performing at Symphony Hall in July as part of the Youth Proms. This is a great opportunity for everyone involved and the tickets will be on sale soon.

SEND Updates

April is **Autism Awareness Month**. This is a time to learn more about autism and to celebrate that everyone is unique. We want our children to learn about **kindness, understanding, and inclusion**.

Throughout this month, we will be completing activities in school to support this learning. We will also be sharing ideas and information so you can continue these conversations at home.

✦ Please keep an eye out for more information coming soon! ✦

✉ New SEND enquiries email

We're pleased to let you know that we now have a **new email address for SEND enquiries**:

✉ SEND@stcuthbt.bham.sch.uk

To help us respond in the best way:

- Any questions **about your child** should be shared **first with your child's class teacher**.
- We will always aim to respond **as soon as possible**.

Please also keep an eye on this email, as **information about workshops, events, and external training or support** will be sent from this address.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

COMPASS

On this coming Wednesday, we have a Compass coffee morning in school. Compass are the Birmingham Mental Health Support Team and the workshop, from 9-10am is titled 'Connecting With Your Child'.

Trips

Year One
Black Country Museum



Year Five
National Arboretum



Since our return, both Year 1 and 5 have had school trips. They both returned full of excitement from their experiences. However, more importantly, the staff returned very proud of their behaviour, which was commented on by staff in both venues. What wonderful ambassadors for our school.

This half term our Virtues and Values are Grateful and Generous.

Diary Dates – Please check weekly as new dates will be added.

Summer Term 2026		
Wed 29 th April		Compass Parent's Workshop 9am
Monday 4 th May	Whole School	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 4	Trip to Lunt Roman Fort
Thursday 7 th May	Whole School	LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHOOL SHUT AS POLLING STATION
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6	SATS WEEK
Tuesday 12 th May	Reception	Trip to Pizza Express, Resorts World
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 2	Trip to Butterfly Farm
Friday 22 nd May	Year 6	Trip to Drayton Manor
HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 22nd MAY, RETURN MONDAY 1ST JUNE		
Monday 8 th June	Year 1	Phonic Screening Week
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 2	Trip to Conkers
Friday 19 th June	Whole School	Summer Fete
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 4	Trip to Botanical Gardens
Thursday 25 th June	Year 6	Confirmation 6pm Corpus Christi Church
Friday 26 th June	Nursery	Trip to Ash End Farm
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 1	Trip to Packwood National Trust
Friday 10 th July	Year 6	Conover Residential
Friday 17 th July	Whole School	FINAL DAY Break up for summer term

If your child needs a packed lunch provided from school for a trip, please come to the office and fill a form to hand to Mrs Badshah for each trip.

This half term our Virtues and Values are Grateful and Generous.




FOOD CLUB

AT
CHRIST CHURCH
BURNLEY LANE, WARD END
B8 2AS

EVERY THURSDAY
9:30-11:30

ANNUAL REGISTRATION, SMALL WEEKLY FEE

For more details, leave a message at the
Church Office : 0121 783 6999
wardendcbl@gmail.com


Hello, and thank you for your interest in Food Club.

We work in partnership with Fairshare - an organisation that receives and redistributes surplus food from supermarkets. Every week we buy food from them to put into your baskets.

Each week the deliveries will vary, and so we cannot guarantee what you will get from one week to the next.

- However, your basket will usually contain
- fresh fruit and vegetables
 - a dairy product such as milk, butter or yogurt
 - some protein, such as meat, cheese or eggs
 - some store cupboard essentials.

We aim to offer as much choice to you as we can to suit your needs.

Sometimes the food may be close to the use by date.

Sometimes it has passed the best before date.

Sometimes the packaging or labelling may not be perfect.

However, we will always have checks in place to make sure that the food is fit and safe for you to eat.

If you are curious to see a basket before trying us out yourself, drop in to our Place of Welcome which runs alongside the Food Club to have a cup of tea or coffee and see what we're all about. You'll find a lot of other resources and community offers and lots of friendly faces.