

Friday 27th February 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



Headteacher's Message

During half term, we marked the start of the season of Lent.

Lent is a sacred season in the Catholic Church marked by reflection, repentance, and renewal.

Lent invites us to prepare our hearts for the Resurrection of Our Lord, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Lent mirrors Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, where He fasted and resisted temptation. It is a time to try and grow closer to God. During our assembly this week, the children listened to the Gospel reading of Jesus being tempted by the devil and how, just like Jesus, we may be tempted. We talked about how we can use Jesus's example to resist doing the wrong thing.

During lent, we are invited to develop our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

- Prayer: Deepening our relationship with God through intentional time in conversation with Him. Prayer is at the heart of Lent. We are encouraged to set aside time each day to pray.
- Fasting: Giving up certain foods, activities, or luxuries as a form of self-discipline and focus on God. Fasting isn't just about food - it's about creating space for God by letting go of distractions.
- Almsgiving: Sharing resources with those in need to reflect Christ's love and generosity. It is an opportunity to live out Christ's commandment to love one another.

We are encouraging all our children to pray more and help those in need throughout Lent.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Thank you to those parents who voted for their Parent Governor representative. We are delighted to announce that Aroon Aftab received the most votes and is duly elected as our new parent governor. I would like to say a big thank you to the three parents who chose to put themselves forward and offer to take up this important role. It is greatly appreciated. Congratulations Mr Aftab.

Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased - listen to him!"

When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downwards on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid!" So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus.

As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone about this vision you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from death."

Gospel Reflection

Maya and Kevin in year 5 have written an excellent reflection on Sunday's Gospel.

'Today we hear about something very special. Jesus went up to the mountain with Peter, James and John. Suddenly Jesus was lit up, shining like the sun. Moses and Elijah were stood before him Suddenly, God spoke to them saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am pleased. The disciples were scared. Jesus told them not to be afraid.

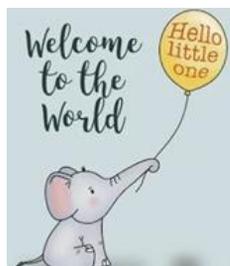
The disciples must have been amazed that God had spoken to them and they were changed for the better.

During Lent, can we change for the better like the disciples did? Can we pray more and become closer to God?'

Lent is a time for us to deepen our relationship with God by thinking of others and taking time to speak to God.

Baby News!!!!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Davy gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Florence over half term. While she had some difficulties with her breathing initially and spent some time in intensive care, she is now doing amazingly well. She has shown incredible strength as have her mum and dad and we are incredibly proud of the new Davy family!! Please keep Mr and Mrs Davy and baby Florence in your prayers. We hope she will be popping in to see us soon!!



This half term our Virtues and Values are Curious and Active.



Follow our Instagram!

Mass - Fridays at 9.10am in School hall

- 27th Feb - Y5 Mass
- 6th March - Y4 Mass
- 13th March - Y6 Mass
- 20th March - KSI Mass
- Feast of St Cuthbert
- 27th March - Reception



Coffee Morning

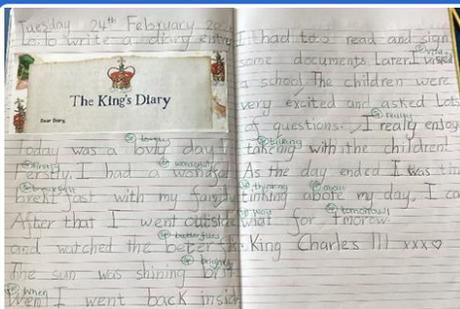
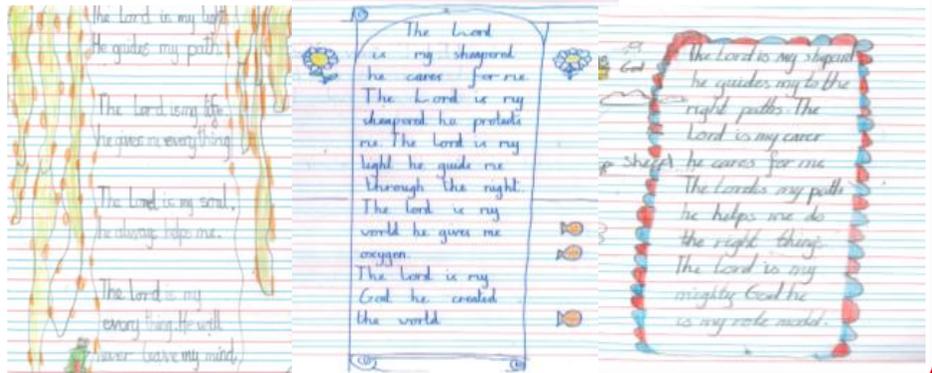
There will be a coffee morning in school next Tuesday 3rd March led by the Communication and Autism Team for parents of children with autism. This is a great opportunity to chat with other parents as well as ask for any advice from the CAT team.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Thursday of next week is WBD. We would love all the children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to school. The children will also be able to choose a book in school that they can take home and keep. There will be more details to follow.

I have seen some amazing work this week in school. The children have been working so hard. Below is some work from Daniel, Poppi and Nikola from Y4 who have written some psalms based on Psalm 23, following their trip to the synagogue.



Efrata has written a lovely piece of work and has tried really hard to use her imagination. She has written a diary extract as though she is King Charles III. This is fantastic Efrata. Well done.

Class Attendance - Monday 9th February to Friday 27th February



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	92%
R	89%
1	94%
2	94%
3	98%
4	92%
5	92%
6	92%
Whole School	94%

Well done to Y3 who achieved an amazing 98% over the last two weeks. Fantastic Y3.

