

# Friday 9th January 2026

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## Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year.

I would like to say a big thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome this week as I have met parents at the start and the end of the school day and also to the staff who have embraced the changes at St Cuthbert's with enthusiasm and determination.

As I know you are all aware, I am the interim Headteacher while the governing body seek a permanent leader to take over from Mrs Hobbs. I have loved my first week here and the whole school community has made me feel incredibly welcome. The children have come back into school with big smiles and with lots of enthusiasm and we have had a fantastic first week of Spring Term. Their behaviour has been outstanding.

Can I assure you all that all the staff at St Cuthbert's are working incredibly hard for your children and will continue to do so. Their commitment and drive to do the best for the children and families in school has really stood out to me.

Mr Carroll

## Attendance

The national target for attendance is 95%. As a school, our attendance for the Autumn term was 94.5%.



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.

## Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptised by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice came from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."

## Gospel Reflection

When Jesus arrived at the River Jordan, he waited in line like any other normal person to be baptised. John thought that it is Jesus who should be baptising him. Jesus explained that it is what God wants. As soon as he was baptised, God spoke announcing Jesus as His Son.

Jesus wanted to show that he is human just like us and God wanted us to know that Jesus is here to do God's work.

Thank you to Ismaeel and Imaan, part of our Chaplaincy Team in Y6 for their thoughtful reflection.



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



Follow our Instagram!

## Mass - Fridays at 9.10am in School hall

Friday 16th January - Year 5

Friday 23rd January - Year 4

Friday 30th January - Year 3

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - KS1 Mass

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Chaplaincy Mass

## The School Day

The gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am.

School finishes at 3:15pm.

Please ensure your child is dropped off and picked up from school on time each day.

## St. Cuthbert's Weekly News Updates

### Uniform Reminder

#### Boys

Royal blue pique polo shirt with school emblem

Royal blue sweatshirt with school emblem

Black or grey school trousers

Black or grey school shorts

Black or grey socks

Black sensible school shoes

#### Girls

Royal blue pique polo shirt with school emblem

Royal blue pinafore or skirt

Black or grey trousers

Blue/white check dress

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school emblem

Royal blue, black or grey tights

White socks

Black flat sensible school shoes

P.E. Kit (Boys & Girls)

Black shorts or leggings

White T-shirt

Black school pumps or black trainers.

Children wear their PE kits to school on the day of their PE lesson.

### Bikeability

We are fortunate to have Bikeability in school next week who will be working with the Year 3 children throughout the week. Bikes are provided.



### Newsletter

There will be a newsletter to parents every fortnight during the Spring term which will allow you to keep up to date with everything that is going on at St Cuthbert's.

Don't forget to follow our Instagram as well!