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St Cuthbert's C of E Primary School

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Doing all the good we can, through faith, love and excellence.

Headteacher's News

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back for a fun filled and productive Spring term. We have lots of exciting topics across the school for our children to further their knowledge and understanding and we look forward to sharing our learning with you.

I would like to welcome Ms Privett to our teaching team. She is Koalas class teacher until the end of the summer term. We are thrilled to have her working with us!

With this being the first newsletter of 2025, I have included a few reminders which I would appreciate parents reading, talking with children about and supporting so that we can continue to make our school a safe and a great place to be!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Hawkins



Ms Privett

Diary Dates

Thursday

30th January -

Monday 10th

February

Book fair

Monday 3rd -

Friday 9th

February

Children's Mental Health week

Tuesday 11th

February

Safer Internet day

Monday 17th

February - Friday

21st February

Half term week

Tuesday 4th

March

Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 5th

March

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 6th

March

World Book day

School security and safety.

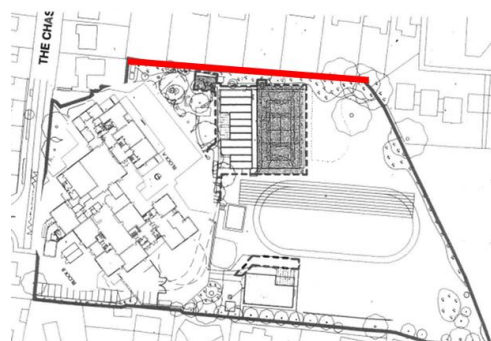
As part of the Local Authority and the schools ongoing risk assessments of the school site, we have become increasingly concerned about the external border that runs behind the nature area, Year 5/6 building, ball court and the field. For the last few years we have worked to clear overgrown brambles, plant trees and shrubs to create a natural barrier between school property and local resident's gardens.

In a recent inspection of the border, holes have been found including in fencing put up by residents which would allow children to easily get through but would also enable people and pets to access the school grounds.

Over the next few weeks, the Local Authority will be at school to clear ground and put up a fence along our boundary. The fence will be as shown below and run the length of the boundary.

We hope that local residents will be supportive and understanding as this work takes place as keeping our children safe is a top priority.

See below the plan and an example of the type of fencing being installed.



It has turned very cold! Please send your child to school with a coat that has your child's name in it. Thank you!



Physical Education

Please can every child have a PE kit in school. We suggest it be brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday so should there be an extra sports session or a child has an issue resulting in a change of clothes needed the kit is here to use.

Our PE kit for all year groups is:

- **Indoor PE kit** - a red St. Cuthbert's CE School t-shirt, red or black shorts (these can be purchased from the School Office via ParentMail) and soft black plimsolls
- **Outdoor PE** - the kit should include tracksuit/jogging bottoms and trainers.

We suggest having both kits in the bag so should PE need to move outside due to other enrichment activities happening in the hall, the children are prepared.

School PE kit should also be worn at sporting afterschool clubs. The exception to this is KS1 & KS2 football.

Our school uniform is

- a school red sweatshirt or cardigan (available at the School Office). The majority of our pupils do wear the school sweatshirt but a plain red sweatshirt without logos is also acceptable.
- white polo-shirt
- grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress. Pupils should wear sensible footwear for school - plain white, black or grey socks with black shoes.

Please support our school uniform policy by sending children to school in the correct uniform, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our School Uniform



Update for families:

Admissions for September 2025 onwards.

Cuthbert's Cubs Preschool has gone from strength to strength since we opened in September 2023 and we are full on most days until the end of the summer term.

If you or anyone you know, is looking for a term time preschool place from September 2025, please visit our school website to find out how to apply for a place for your child - [Cuthbert's Cubs](#).

We would be delighted to arrange a visit for you and your child, please call or email our School Office on 0116 2592764 or office@stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk



Health and Safety

Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that bikes and scooters should be pushed while on school grounds. This also includes younger siblings. This will create a safer environment for pedestrians and hopefully avoid any unfortunate accidents.

SAFETY

Jewellery

Children should not be wearing necklaces, bracelets, rings or dangly earrings in school. With the children running around and playing, the potential for serious injury increases considerably.

Teachers will be asking children to remove items, placing them in an envelope to be taken home at the end of the day.

This does not apply to jewellery worn as part of religious observance and any concerns should be discussed with your child's class teacher.



Hair

Any child with long hair should have it tied back when in school. This is to avoid getting it tangled or trapped, obscuring vision while learning and also to reduce the spread of head lice. During PE or food based activities, hair must be tied back and children will be given hair bobbles if they do not have one.

The Book Fair returns from Thursday 30th January - Monday 10th February 2025

Book fair: Open area

Open times: 8:30 - 9:00 am and 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Payments - can pay online using QR codes on the posters that will be displayed around school

The more books that are sold the more new books we can purchase for school.

Competition:

The school council will be running a competition to create your own book title, front cover and blurb. Entries will be £1 and money raised will go towards comfy seating e.g beanbags in the library area.

Full details will follow on ParentMail.

Safeguarding

Over Christmas, I'm sure some lucky children will have excitedly torn off the wrapping for a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some, it will be the first time they have owned a device particularly a phone that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore - and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

Tip: The Safer Internet Centre has some excellent advice in their Parents' Guide to Technology and includes device-specific settings for different models: www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology

GOOD TO KNOW – MINIMUM AGES FOR POPULAR APPS



Facebook (minimum age 13) – lets users create their own profiles, share status updates, pictures, videos and chat with other users and also has a messenger app.



Instagram (minimum age 13) – allows users to alter photos, upload them and share to other social networking sites. Photos and videos can be sent directly to specific users.



Snapchat (minimum age 13) – a photo-sharing app where users can send photos or videos to their friends. These will display on screen for up to ten seconds before being deleted, although it is possible to take screenshots of messages and download other apps designed to capture and save Snapchat content.



TikTok (minimum age 13) – TikTok users can make their own short videos on the mobile app and often like to have music accompany these. The users have creative control over the videos. Other TikTok users can 'react' to videos they see by filming their responses alongside the original video, or 'duet' by making a video alongside another video.



X (minimum age 13) – a social network that lets users send and read messages limited to 280 characters.



Tumblr (minimum age 16) – a social networking site where users can post blogs and follow other people's blogs. Some of the content on this site includes sexual and/or pornographic images.



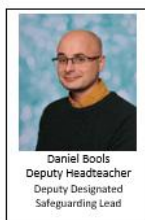
WhatsApp (minimum age 13) – a free-of-charge, real-time messaging service. Users can share images and videos, take part in 'group chats' and share locations. As it's based on knowing the user's phone number, you can only message users if you already have this information.



YouTube (minimum age 13) – allows users to watch, create and comment on videos. The dislike button can create insecurities with content posted even if comments are turned off for the video.

Our Safeguarding Team.

If you have safeguarding worries or concerns about a child, please call our School Office and ask to speak to one of the following staff members.



For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit

<https://www.stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk/attachment/download.asp?file=504&type=pdf>



Attendance and Absence

Holiday in term time

Please note that the Government Legislation Guidance schools follow in making these decisions, rarely agrees to parents taking their children out of school for the purposes of a holiday in term-time. **Holidays in term time can result in Local Authority issuing fixed penalty notices with this happening on a number of occasions to families within our school community.** Please ensure that you email the School Office with the information.

We are required to share our attendance and absence information or concerns in connection to all categories of absence to the LA as part of our safeguarding and obligations to the statutory guidance.

Reporting absence

If your child is absent due to illness or another reason, please contact the School Office to inform us why your child is not in school or send an email. This is so we can record the type of absence and support your child on their return. We appreciate this can be tricky at times, but it avoids absences being marked as unauthorised and staff having to follow up on this with your child.

X Highlights! @StCuthbertsCEP1

Woodpeckers were really resourceful in Music. They were playing glockenspiels in time and they learnt their new song. Keep up the super learning!
#music #instruments #together



Zebra's have started their new topic 'Europe', by visiting a photo gallery to look at and discuss pictures of European landmarks. #geography #pictures #Europe



In geography, Leopards were extremely resourceful, working together and using an atlas to identify countries in North America. #countries #geography #maps



Pandas had a great time in their dance lesson reviewing what they learnt in their Stone Age topic and pretending they were hunter gatherers #dance #stoneage



Next session- Wednesday 15th January 2025

Well-being Wednesday



Time 8:50am- 9:30am in the Community Room

An opportunity for parents/carers to talk together!
Mrs Kerr and Rev'd Linda (our Emotional Literacy support team) will be there for a chance to chat as well as to gain advice and support on a range of topics.