

19th December 2025



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

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support and participation in school initiatives during the autumn term. The staff and children have experienced so many wonderful learning opportunities with everyone working tremendously hard.

All of the children have made us so proud throughout this term and I look forward to a new year where we are continuing to celebrate the successes, progress and achievements of our children.

On behalf of everyone here at St Cuthbert's, I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

Mrs J Hawkins



Staffing news

We will be welcoming Mrs Pinnock to our school who will be teaching our Year 5 group each morning. We are excited to have you join our team!

Year 5 Swimming

Starting on the 9th January 2026, Year 5 will be swimming each week. Please can I ask parents/carers to login to My Child at School and complete consent and payment contributions as soon as possible. Our Sports Premium funding helps to cover the sport element (instructors and the pool), but the cost of the transport has to be covered through school funds. We ask for contributions to this so that we can continue to provide swimming lessons each year for all children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 rather than limiting it to single year groups. Thank you for your support.



Diary Dates

Monday 5th January 2026

Teacher INSET day

Tuesday 6th January 2026

All children back to school

Friday 9th January
Year 5 Swimming

Nativity

It was a great pleasure to see the pupils in EYFS perform the Nativity story. All of the children played their different parts brilliantly and we had two wonderful performances to our families and one to the whole school. Thank you to all the staff who were involved in this excellent opportunity for the children.

Your donations helped to raise £242.70 for additional resources for EYFS- Thank you!



COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND PARENTS/CARERS

We endeavour to inform parents/carers of events, including trips, theme days, and school meal themes as early as we can to give parents/carers as much time as possible to place orders and make payments. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Deacon (our office team) will send out reminders through My Child at School, speak directly to the children and contact parents/carers if appropriate as they strive to ensure no child misses out on the event. Our office team will also ask class teachers to speak to or contact individual parents/carers if required.

During busy times, such as the Christmas and Summer season, this is a massive undertaking and I am thankful and grateful for their commitment to our school and all the children.

We endeavour to inform parents of any changes to events ideally the week before the event is due to take place. Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances this may not always be possible and your understanding is appreciated.

Our school uses a variety of methods to communicate with parents/carers on matters which are of interest. These include:

- **Bromcom (My Child at School app)** – This is our preferred means of communication where we hold parental email addresses for each child, to allow the school to send notifications, email messages, payments for trips, uniform, school meals, book parents evenings, school clubs any general information to parents/carers. Where families are unable to receive email notifications from the school, we will provide paper copies instead. Should you require paper copies please make this request by contacting our School Office.
- **Class Dojo** - Each class has its own story and individual logins are shared with parents/carers when your child joins the school. This also gives parents a view on their individual child's reward points. Class teachers provide a weekly update every Wednesday, sharing what learning the children will be focussing on in the classroom. Class story is also a place where teachers can share information about activities or events specific to their class or year group. Class teachers can also contact individual parents/carers through the 'Chat' section if required.

Whole school story is used to share images of children's' learning across the school. We also use this platform to share information about whole school and community events (often also shared through My Child at School)

- **The School Website** – the school website is a very useful resource for parents/carers. As well as providing some news updates, the website is the place where parents/carers are most likely to find information they need about the school. This includes the school's calendar of events, the school curriculum information and other key documents. The school website also provides clear details for parents/carers on how they can contact the school.
- **Social Media** – electronic tools are particularly useful for providing updates on pupils' achievements both within the school and in relation to extra-curricular activities and wider achievement.
Our main X account uses the handle: @StCuthbertsCEP1
- **Newsletter**- this is sent to parents around twice a month via My Child at School. It contains general details of school events and activities, up and coming dates and information from local community groups/ projects. It is also published on the school website.

We recognise that the relationship which exists between our school and the community is a partnership, and that all good partnerships thrive on excellent effective communication. We are committed to providing an excellent level of service with every staff member working tirelessly to do our best for all children and their families.





THANK YOU for all of your support with our fundraising efforts during December. Your support has enabled us to raise a total of **£1019.17**. This money will be used to support projects in school, including new books, rewards, visits etc...

Children in Need

Thank you for all your efforts- We raised £262 for this amazing charity!



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy or item as part of this appeal.



Save the Children

It was great seeing so many Christmas Jumpers. Together we raised £316.30 for the charity!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Class attendance up to 18th December 2025

Hedgehogs- 95%	Giraffes- 96%
Badgers- 95%	Zebras- 94%
Foxes- 97%	Leopards- 97%
Owls- 97%	Panthers- 95 %
Woodpeckers- 96%	Lions- 94%
Pandas- 95%	Tigers- 95%
Koalas- 97%	Whole school- 95%

We aim for an attendance figure of 96% or above. Please support us in encouraging your child to come to school every day so that they are experiencing all the great learning opportunities we have to offer.



**EVENTS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG
PEOPLE at Great Glen Methodist Church,
Oaks Road**

FAMILY FESTIVE FUN

Friday 2nd January 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Games, play, crafts, and conversation for all ages.
(Option to stay for lunch too)

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
No charge – but donations are welcomed.

Please pre-book with
Revd Andrew Farrington 07985 308637
andrew.farrington@methodist.org.uk



“FNY” - FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH

CLUB

FRIDAY 9th & 16th January (and then every 2 weeks)

5.30 – 7 pm.

Includes a snack – pizza / fries / etc.

For young people from age 9

(i.e. in school year group 6 upwards)

£2 per session. Registration form to be completed.

Run in partnership with St Cuthbert's Church

