ST CUTHBERT MAYNE WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 4th November 2026

Welcome to the Wednesday email!

Below you'll find the key dates and important notices for the weeks ahead. This bulletin, can always be found on our website at Wednesday email . For full school calendar please follow this link.

Upcoming Events and Trips

Date	Year Group	Trip/Event
Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th November 2026	All	Poppy Day Appeal. Paper poppies are 50p. Other items £1. Please bring exact coins as no change given.
Thursday 5th November 2026 (mop up session Wednesday 2nd December 2026).	All	Flu Spray. Please see communication from Nurse Vaccination Team.
Thursday 12th November 2026	3	Celtic Harmony trip – Please consent and contribute via Arbor.
Monday 16th November 2026	All	Odd sock day! Anti Bullying week.
Thursday 19th November 2026	All	Individual and sibling photos (St Cuthbert Mayne children only).
Thursday 19th November 2026 and Tuesday 12th January 2027	For those looking for a place in Year 3 f September 2027	Year 3 Open Events - please see poster below for details. To sign up please follow this link St Cuthbert Mayne Tours 2027 – 2028 St Cuthbert Mayne Tours 2027 - 2028 Admisssions
Tuesday 24th November 2026 from 8.30am onwards	All	Coffee Morning at St Cuthbert Mayne School in the Hall – we'd love to see as many parents/carers as possible. Please see details below.
Friday 27th November 2026	All	Occasional Day – school closed.
Monday 30th November 2026 at 9am	All	St Cuthbert Mayne Feast Day Liturgy. All welcome. 6J leading.
Monday 30th November 2026	All	St Andrew's Day – children are invited to wear a blue accessory.
Wednesday 16th December 2026	All	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas Dinner is now available to order in Swift Kitchen app).

St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

*******Calling all St Rose's and St Cuthbert Mayne Parents!*******

We are holding a joint **Inclusion Coffee Morning** at St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School Hall **on Tuesday 24.11.2026**. **The event will have a soft start from 8.30** when our school gates open. You will have the opportunity to meet with us and catch up with other families over a coffee. At 9.00, Mrs Pritchard (INCo at St Rose's) and I, Alison Rayson (SENDCo and Inclusion lead at St Cuthbert Mayne) will share some work that we are undertaking to develop an Inclusion Strategy for both schools. We welcome all parents to attend and are looking for involvement and feedback. (If you have pre-schoolers, I will make sure I have some activities and fruit squash, so please do attend if you can!)

We are also hoping to be joined by Sam our MHST and Alish our family support worker from Gade so that they can share any updates from their service.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Alison Rayson and Hazel Pritchard.

Applications for Year 3 (2027/28) place at St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School

To apply for a Year 3 place for academic year 2027/28 at St Cuthbert Mayne School, please complete the attached Supplementary Information Form found below and return to St Cuthbert Mayne School Office:-

Determined_Admissions_Policy_and_SIF_2027-28v3.pdf

Please also apply for your child's place through the Hertfordshire County website:-

Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council

Deadline for online Hertfordshire County applications and for Supplementary Information Forms to be returned to St Cuthbert Mayne School Office is **15th January 2027.**

Swimming Year 5 Autumn Term 2026 – reminder for contribution via Arbor

First instalment due by 1st October 2026

Second instalment due by 1st November 2026

Poppy Day Appeal

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Poppies are available in school, **Wednesday 4th November to Friday 6th November,** 50p for paper poppies and £1.00 for other items (keyring or bracelet). Exact coins only as no change available.

School Tours - St Rose's Catholic Infant School

Pre School 2027, Nursery 2027 & Reception 2027

We are now taking bookings for tours of St Rose's on the following dates:-

- Wed 4th Nov at 1.30pm
- Wed 2nd Dec at 1.30pm
- Wed 13th Jan at 1.30pm
- Tues 2nd Feb at 1.30pm

(Tues 2nd Feb is after Reception admissions close) to book please use this link St Rose's Early Years Tours 2027 - 2028

Year 6 - PGL – instalment due

If you have not yet paid October instalment of £100 for PGL, please do so as soon as possible.

Coats – please name

Last year, by the end of winter we ended up with a large number of unnamed coats in the school which we were unable to reunite with owners despite our best efforts. Please can you ensure that all coats, hats, scarves and gloves are named clearly so that they can quickly be returned to owners

Christmas Painting Competition

Each year, the Knights of St Columba organise a Christmas Painting Competition. This is a national competition for all children aged 4 upwards.

Prizes will be awarded at both local and national level. In addition, the winner's work in each category in our parish of Hemel West will form the cover page of the Christmas Mass times leaflet. Please note that the closing date is 7th December. You can find all the details on the attached link:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/ksc-the-knights-of-st-columba/christmas-painting-competition/



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Ongoing Reminders

- If your child will not be attending school due to illness or medical, please email attendance@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk
- **Please remember we are a nut free school.** We have a number of pupils with serious nut allergies. Please be vigilant of the ingredients in pre-wrapped items and do not
- Please do remember that if your child will not be present at school, to cancel their lunch through the Swift Kitchen app before 9.30am as otherwise you will be charged.

Useful Links

- Information about Breakfast and Afterschool Club
- Link to School calendar
- Administration of Medication- Parental Request Form
- Application for Leave of Absence Request
- Volunteer Helpers on School Trips
- Year 6- Walking Home From School Permission
- Year 6- Mobile Phone Permission
- Healthcare Plan – Pupil with Medical Condition

Uniform

- St Cuthbert Mayne RC Primary School – Leonard Hudson (to buy a tie)
- https://www.teamworld.co.uk/scm (to buy a badge and PE Kit)

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Year 3 Open Events

for children joining us in September 2027

Belong
Learn
Thrive

A bright future starts here



Come and see what makes our school so special!

We warmly invite parents and carers of children due to join Year 3 in September 2027 to attend one of our Open Events.

Thursday
19th November
4pm – 5pm

OR

Tuesday
12th January
9:15am – 10:15am



Take a tour of our school!

Please sign up for one of our Open Events

Tap the link below to book your place:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/nqNVZFBQbH

Inspiring learners

Supportive community

Brighter tomorrows

We can't wait to meet you!

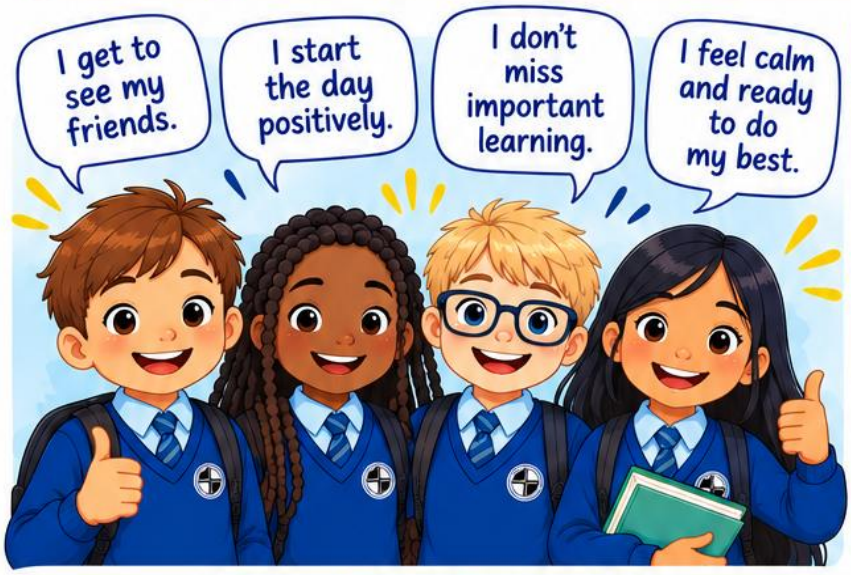
Respect | Aspiration | Kindness | Together

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Be on Time, Ready to Learn

Every minute in school counts



Key times for our school day

Gates open
8:30am
You can arrive from 8:30am.

Learning starts
8:40am
Children should be in class, ready to learn.

Gates close
8:50am
Please make sure your child arrives before 8:50am.

Register closes
8:55am
Arrivals after 8:55am will be marked as late.

Being on time helps you to:

- Make a positive start to the day
- Feel settled and less rushed
- Take part in the full curriculum
- Achieve your best
- Build good habits for the future



Did you know?

Even a few minutes late can add up *to* a lot of lost learning time.

5 minutes late each day =	10 minutes late each day =	15 minutes late each day =	20 minutes late each day =	30 minutes late each day =
3 days of learning lost each year	**6.5 days** of learning lost each year	**10 days** of learning lost each year	**13 days** of learning lost each year	**19 days** of learning lost each year



Top tips for being on time

- Get everything ready the night before (school bag, uniform, lunch).
- Leave plenty of time in the morning.
- Aim to arrive at school from 8:30am.
- Be on the playground ready to line up at 8:40am.
- If you are late, come to the school office.

Good habits now help bright futures!

Being on time shows responsibility and respect for yourself, your friends and your teachers. It helps you to:

- Make the most of your opportunities
- Develop independence
- Build skills for secondary school and beyond

Resilience We keep going | **Empathy** We care | **Self-regulation** We manage our feelings | **Responsibility** We do the right thing

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Is My Child Too Ill for School?

A guide for parents and carers of children in Years 3–6

It can be tricky to know whether to keep your child at home or send them to school when they are unwell. This poster follows NHS guidance to help you decide.

They can come to school

Most mild illnesses do not stop children from taking part in school life.

If your child is well enough to do their normal activities and does not have a high temperature, they should usually come to school.

This includes:

- Mild cough
- Common cold
- Sore throat (without a fever)
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Mild tummy ache
- Head lice
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Hay fever
- Mild asthma (as long as well controlled)



Keep them at home

Your child should stay at home if they are too unwell to take part in normal school activities or if they have:



- A high temperature (38°C or above)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- A persistent cough that is making them feel unwell
- A severe sore throat (e.g. with fever)
- Chickenpox (until all the spots have crusted over)
- Shingles (until the rash has crusted over)
- Measles (at least 4 days from when the rash appeared)
- German measles (rubella) (at least 4 days from when the rash appeared)
- Scarlet fever (at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics)
- Impetigo (until the sores have crusted over or 48 hours after antibiotics)

When can they return to school?

For some illnesses, your child should stay at home for a certain period of time, even if they start to feel better.

NHS guidance for common illnesses:

Vomiting and diarrhoea	48 hours after the last episode
Chickenpox	When all spots have crusted over
Shingles	When the rash has crusted over
Measles	At least 4 days from when the rash appeared
German measles (rubella)	At least 4 days from when the rash appeared
Scarlet fever	At least 24 hours after starting antibiotics
Impetigo	When sores have crusted over or 48 hours after starting antibiotics



Being in school helps me to learn, see my friends and stay healthy.

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FIREWORK FEAST
5th November 2026
Hot Dog Banger in a Roll
with wedges & beans.
Vegetarian Sausage Banger in a Roll
with wedges & Beans.
Toffee Apple Cake
& custard
Stir.
let's eat, together

DENS SLEEPOUT

JUST ONE NIGHT CAN CHANGE SOMEONE'S FUTURE





FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
THE DOCK, KINGS LANGLEY

Supported by:
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DENS.ORG.UK/SLEEPOUT26

Registered charity number: 1097185

David Taylor MP is hosting a community event in Gadebridge on Thursday 26th November, from 16:30 to 18:30.

- *Exclusively for Gadebridge residents, the event will provide an opportunity to raise local concerns, speak directly with key organisations and stakeholders, and share ideas about how the area could be improved. Eight stakeholders have confirmed their attendance, ranging from Affinity Water and Community Action Dacorum to local councillor Angela Mitchell.*

- *Each stakeholder will have their own table, allowing residents to move freely between them, ask questions and discuss matters that are important to them.*

- *The purpose of the event is to identify areas for improvement and ensure that the voices of local residents are heard. You can RSVP and find more details by clicking here!*

TOWNSEND
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS

2028/29 CONSULTATION

Have your say on proposed changes to admission arrangements for September 2028.

Townsend Church of England School is consulting on proposed changes to its Admission Arrangements for the 2028/29 academic year.

We welcome views from parents/carers, schools, local authorities, diocesan representatives, community groups, local residents and other interested parties.

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

1 Published Admission Number

Reduce the PAN from 150 to 120.

2 Church of England feeder schools

Introduce a named list of Church of England feeder schools.

3 Priority for children of permanent staff

Introduce Rule 4 for children of teaching or support staff permanently employed at Townsend for more than two years.

Why are these changes proposed?

1. **Published Admission Number (PAN)**
   To reflect changing local demand and support the long-term sustainability of the school.
2. **Church of England feeder schools**
   To provide greater clarity and transparency through a named list of Church of England feeder schools.
3. **Priority for children of permanent staff**
   To support the recruitment and retention of high-quality staff through admissions priority for eligible long-serving employees.

DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

DRAFT Admission Arrangements 2028-29
DRAFT SIF
DRAFT 6th Form Application Form

HAVE YOUR SAY

26 OCTOBER – 6 DECEMBER 2026

Read the proposals and respond via the Townsend CofE School Admissions Arrangements 2028/29 consultation.

Consultation closes Sunday 6 December 2026

WANT TO TRY GIRLS RUGBY?

WANT TO BE PART OF AN AMAZING TEAM?



COME AND PLAY FOR CAMELOT

AGE	TRAINING	
U12 (Year 6 - 7)	Thursday	19:00 - 20:00
U14 (Year 8 - 9)	Thursday	19:00 - 20:00
U16 (Year 10 - 11)	Thursday	19:00 - 20:00

FIXTURES START IN SEPTEMBER

Why Should Your Child Play Rugby ?

- Build Confidence and Resilience
- Train Hard and Stay Fit
- Be Part of a Team That Has Your Back
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Push Yourself Beyond Your Limits

Camelot Rugby Club
Chaulden Lane
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP1 2BS

Any Questions Want to Join?
WhatsApp, Call or Email

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girlsrugby@camelotrfc.co.uk

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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is currently seeking to recruit Foundation Governors for a number of our schools Local Academy Committees. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in a vibrant and collaborative Trust that is in the process of expansion and development. The role of Foundation Governor is incredibly rewarding and the benefits include:

- Professional Development
- Management and Leadership experience
- Supporting the local and wider Catholic community
- Build your professional and personal network
- Gaining insight into the Education sector
- Having significant impact on the schools in our Trust

Contact:
governance@ascat.co.uk

www.ascatonline.co.uk

Let's stir up some Festive Fun!

Wednesday 16th December

Roasted English Turkey Breast &
Stuffing Ball

or

Parsnip & Apple Wellington

both served with

Roasties, Carrots, Peas & Gravy

—

Reindeer Biscuits

or

Fresh Fruit



Stir.



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Understanding children's behaviour workshops

The FREE workshops are for parents and carers of children of all ages. We will cover:

- Understanding children's behaviour
- Look at the causes of challenging behaviour
- Learn how to respond in ways that help

Wednesday 11 November, 9.30am - 11.30am
Thursday 19 November, 7pm - 9pm

For more information and to book your space, **scan the QR code** or email Lesley on **lesley.emery@coramfamilylives.org.uk**

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