St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 18th November 2026

Upcoming Events and Trips

Date	Year Group	Trip/Event
Thursday 19th November	All	Author Matt Oldfield coming in.
Thursday 19th November 2026 and Tuesday 12th January 2027	For those looking for a place in Year 3 from 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. Please sign up on google form below if you will be attending – we would love to see you there… https://forms.gle/UuETwxV6XHe5antD8
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.
Tuesday 1st December 2026 **(rearranged date)**	All	Individual and sibling photos (St Cuthbert Mayne School children only)
Tuesday 1st December 2026	All	Children are invited to wear a purple accessory day for first day of Advent - please wear something small so that it can be removed easily for photos!
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	All	Flu vaccine spray mop up session
Tuesday 8th December 2026 at 2.15pm	3	Recorder Concert
Thursday 10th December 2026 at 1.45pm Friday 11th December 2026 at 1.45pm	3 and 4	Christmas Performance (we will send out a communication in due course regarding tickets).
Thursday 10th December 2026 9am onwards	6	Year 6 nurses coming in to carry out Health and Wellbeing Survey with Year 6.
Friday 11th December 2026	All	PA Fundraiser – School Disco! **Year 3 and 4** - 3.30pm to 4.30pm and **Year 5 and 6** - 4.45pm to 5.45pm. Tickets available on Arbor. £5 each!
Tuesday 15th December at 2pm		Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 16th December 2026	All	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas Dinner is now available to order in Swift Kitchen app).
Friday 18th December 2026	All	End of Term. Finish at 1.30pm

******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!

Please sign up here if you intend to come, so we have an idea of numbers…
https://forms.gle/UuETwxV6XHe5antD8

We look forward to seeing you there!

Alison Rayson and Hazel Pritchard.

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

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.**

Year 6 - PGL – instalment due

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

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.
- 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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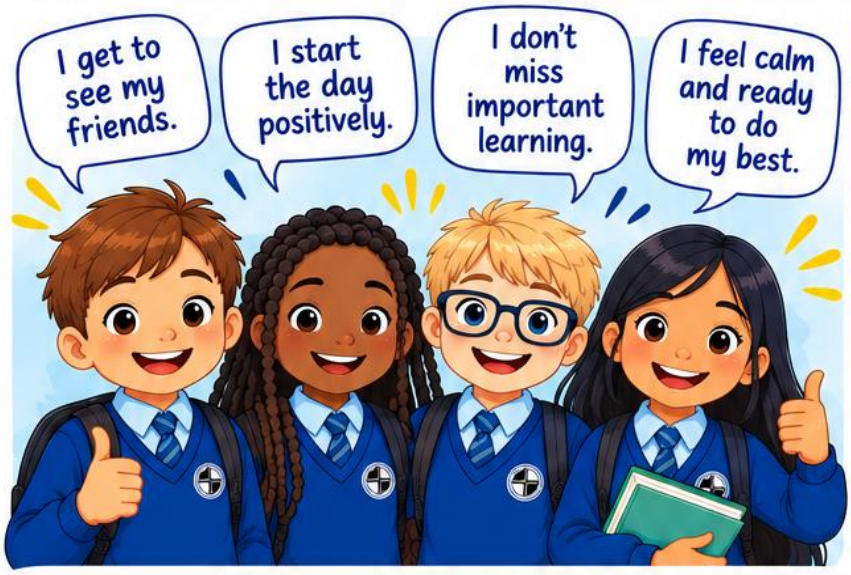
Be on Time, Ready to Learn

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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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

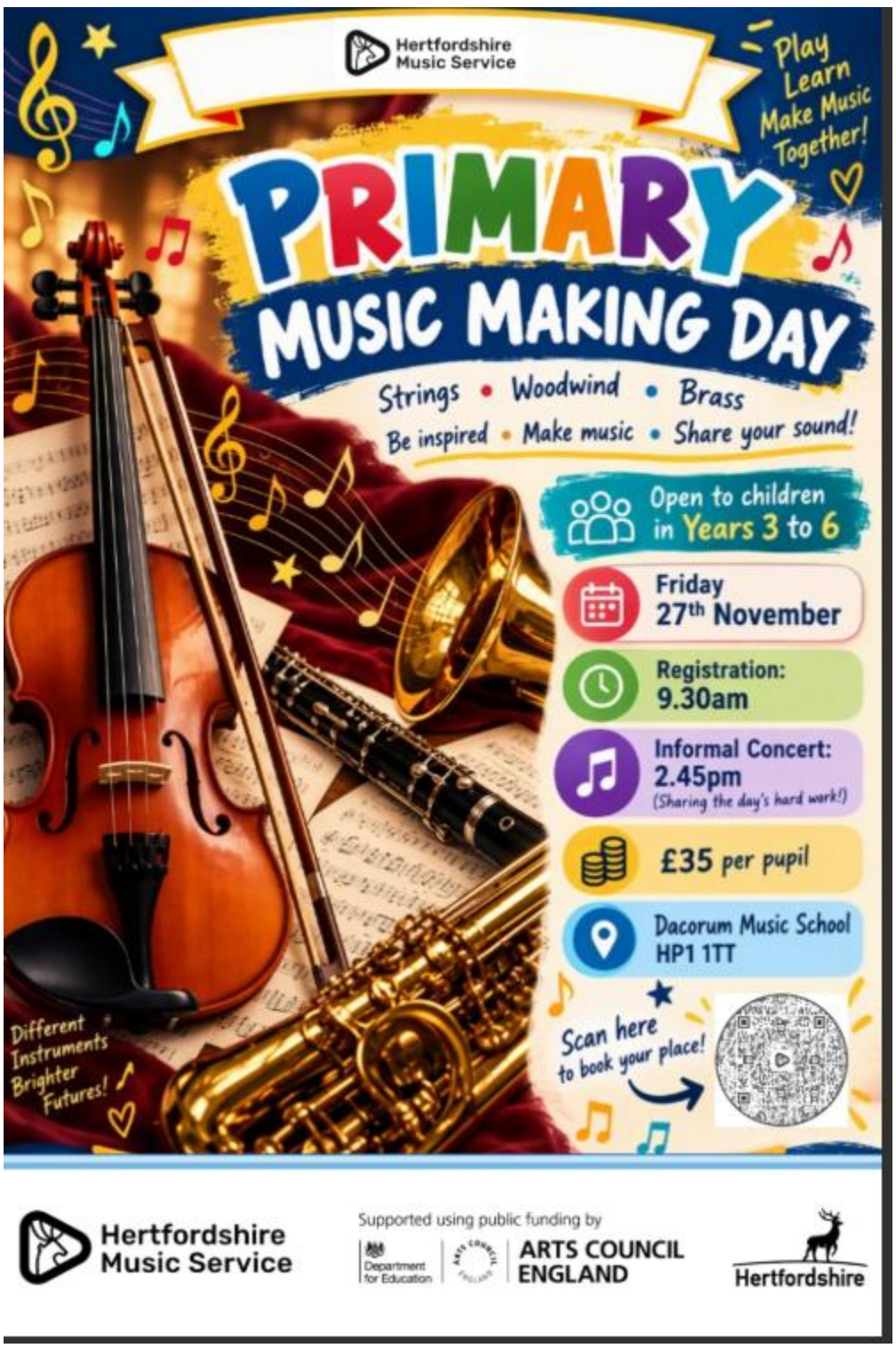
or

Fresh Fruit



Stir.


From SCM Parent's Association
We would love to invite all children to our
Christmas DISCO
Every child will get a little snack and drink!
Friday
11 December
£5 a ticket
Year 3/4
3:30pm to 4:30pm
Year 5/6
4:45pm to 5:45pm
Tickets are available on Arbor.


Hertfordshire Music Service
Play Learn Make Music Together!
PRIMARY
MUSIC MAKING DAY
Strings • Woodwind • Brass
Be inspired • Make music • Share your sound!
Open to children in Years 3 to 6
Friday 27th November
Registration: 9.30am
Informal Concert: 2.45pm
(Sharing the day's hard work!)
£35 per pupil
Dacorum Music School HP1 1TT
Scan here to book your place!
Different Instruments Brighter Futures!
Hertfordshire Music Service
Supported using public funding by
Department for Education
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
Hertfordshire

Merry Christmas

Rotary
Hemel Hempstead



Have you checked out the Hemel Rotary Santa Sleigh Calendar?

25 street by street collections and 9 static events in November and December

Visit our *Santa Sleigh Website* for the Calendar, route maps and Streetfinder

www.hemelsantasleigh.co.uk

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SANTA's SLEIGH

is coming to GADEBRIDGE ROAD/ HAMMERFIELD/ BOXMOOR (route 6)



Come and say hello to Santa and his elves!
They'd love to see you.
Even if Santa doesn't pass your house, there are plenty of chances to catch a glimpse.

Wednesday 9th December
17.30 to 19.30
Santa's helpers – Gade Valley School PTA

Find the route map and full schedule at
www.hemelsantasleigh.co.uk

Track Santa's progress live every evening at
Christmas.trackit247.com

Route kindly sponsored by Apsley & Waterend Tyres Ltd

HELP US SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

Put coins in buckets or donate contactless on the night

Text HEMELSANTA2 to 70085 to donate £2
Text HEMELSANTA5 to 70085 to donate £5

Texts cost the amount of the donation plus one standard rate message.

Merry Christmas



STASHBUSTING SUPERSALE

ARTS AND CRAFTS BARGAINS

SCRAPBOOKING

FABRIC BEADS BUTTONS

VINTAGE TREASURES

EMBELLISHMENTS

INSPIRATION

Saturday 21st November
11am-3pm

THE PARISH CENTRE
ST JOHNS ROAD
BOXMOOR HP1 1NR