St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 25th November 2026

Upcoming Events and Trips

Date	Year Group	Trip/Event
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 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 – tickets are available on Arbor. All proceeds will go to Caritas to support local families in need.
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! Year 3 and 4 please bring party clothes to change into!
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.

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DENS Advent Donations

We are looking for donations for DENS homeless charity. Monday 14th December will be the last day for donations. Following items would be gratefully received: Donations can be brought into your child's classroom from **Monday 30th November until Monday 14th December**. Please note that **Monday 14th December is the final day for donations**, as all items will be delivered to DENS that day. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any donations after this date.

UHT milk	Shower gel
Tinned peas	2-in-1 shampoo
Tinned carrots	Toothpaste
Cup soups	Deodorant
Pot noodles	Laundry liquid, tablets or powder
Long-life puddings	Carrier bags
Christmas chocolates	

Author Matt Oldfield visit

We had a really exciting morning with Matt Oldfield last Thursday, where the children heard about Matt's writing process and what inspired him to become an author. The children asked some great questions and felt excited and inspired by Matt's visit!



Attendance/Absence Updates

Please see attached our updated Primary Attendance & Absence Policy. If arrival is after 8.50am, please come to the School Office and provide a reason for lateness. Please do note the following timings:-

Playground open: 8.30am

Classrooms open: 8:40am

Gate Closed: 8:50am

Registration starts: 8.50am

Registration closes: 9.10am

Gates Open: 3:10pm

End of the school day: 3.20pm

For further information about 'Attendance' and also 'Arrivals and Collection' please follow links below:
St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School - Attendance Information

SCM_Safe_Arrival_and_Collection_Policy_Aut_26.pdf

A gentle reminder that when reporting your child's absence from school, please include the reason for their absence and details of any illness or symptoms they may be experiencing. This information helps us maintain accurate attendance records and support the wellbeing of our pupils.

Additionally, we have a new Leave of Absence Request Form:

St Cuthbert Mayne Leave of Absence Request Form

Thank you for your support.

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PA Fundraising!

School Disco

If your child is attending Afterschool Club on Friday 11th December and will be going straight to the School Disco afterwards, please send them with a change of clothes. They will be able to get changed during Afterschool Club before the disco begins.

🎄 Christmas Raffle 🎄

Please see the poster below for details of our Christmas Raffle.
Tickets are available to purchase via Arbor for £2 each, and there are some fantastic prizes to be won!
The Parents' Association is still looking for additional raffle prizes. If you have a prize you would be willing to donate, please contact them at PA@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk.
Thank you for your support.

My Child's Art

If you would like to order anything from My Child's Art, please log on:-
mychildart.co.uk/order
Username:StCuthbert12
Access Code: eh9qp694

Silent Auction

Please see poster below for details.

.PE Kit

We have noticed an increasing amount of children with no PE kit in school! Please ensure that PE kits are in school each day: blue tracksuit bottoms/ shorts, jumper white t shirt and most importantly trainers!!

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 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.**

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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 with details of illness and symptoms.
- **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

- St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School - Safeguarding and Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.
- Information about Breakfast and Afterschool Club
- Link to School calendar
- Administration of Medication- Parental Request Form
- St Cuthbert Mayne Leave of Absence Request Form – Fill in form
- 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)



To register your child, please complete this Registration Form.

Silent Auction

Two amazing prizes!

1. Declan Rice Shirt Signed!



2. Microneedling Treatment



You can write your bid in a **sealed envelope** with your name and phone number and leave it in the **School Office.**

We will announce the winner on

15th December!

Good luck everyone!


Christmas
RAFFLE
£2 per ticket
Purchase your tickets on Arbor
and we will send an envelope with your child home
by 13th December.
We will draw lucky winners
15th December.
Here are just some of the prizes which you can win...
Snow Centre voucher
In The Frame Photography business headshot
Boxmoor family yoga session
Creation cakes
Salvatore voucher
Hair cut at Karina's barber in Harpenden
Sicilian Olive Oil
Hoss photography voucher
DJ's play voucher
Christmas hamper
Beauty voucher
Warehouse pizza voucher
After school club voucher
Pony Ride voucher at Old Town Riding School
and many more !!!

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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

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Brighter tomorrows

We can't wait to meet you!

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Winter-Fest

Seasonal Family Fun

Festive Farm

- See the Pigs, Goats, Geese, Alpacas, Cattle, Ducks, Chickens, Sheep, Rabbits & more
- Feed the Animals
- Hunt for Elves, Bears & win sweets
- Visit our Rabbit Walkway & Guineapig Village
- Elf Tractor & Trailer Rides
- Includes Festive Activity Book
- Dogs welcome

See Santa & the Elves

- Visit Santa's Elves & make a wish
- Collect reindeer food & carrot to take home
- Meet Father Christmas & Santa Paws
- Visit the Elf Toy Shop & pick a quality gift
- Includes sticker & Santa 's Official Nice List Certificate

See Santa every weekend from 28th November











Also enjoy ....

Church Farm Café serving hot drinks & food

The Jolly Waggoner Pub - real ales & real fires

The Festive Farm Shop

Book Now Online & Save !

Visit Santa Paws

28th November to 23nd December

Book Online www.churchfarmardeley.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.


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.

Changes to Free School Meals Eligibility

From September 2026 the eligibility for free school meals (FSM) has changed. Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive FSM. Check your child's FSM eligibility and additional benefits below.

Questions about FSM? *Contact your child's school*



	Targeted free school meals (T-FSM)	Expanded free school meals (E-FSM)	Universal Infant free school meals (UIFSM)
Benefits-based	✓	✓	✗
Eligibility Check for Pupils	In households in receipt of Universal Credit, with **annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.**	In households in receipt of Universal Credit, with **annual household earnings over £7,400.**	No eligibility checks are required for UIFSM *
The child will get Free Meals at School	✓	✓	✓
Registration required on Local Authority website	✓	✓	✗ **
Other benefits or entitlements for the child	Herts Card and HAPpy: Holiday Activity Programme	Herts Card	Must register for T-FSM or E-FSM to receive benefits **
Pupil Premium Funding for the child's school ££	✓	✗	✗

* All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2, in state-funded schools, regardless of household earnings, are entitled to UIFSM.

** If the household is in receipt of Universal Credit, then eligibility should be checked for T-FSM or E-FSM and a registration made.

Other households may also be entitled to FSM (if receiving income-related Employment and Support Allowance, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, or families with no recourse to public funds). If this applies to you, please contact your child's school office for advice.

HAPpy: Holiday Activity programme

To access the HAPpy holiday programmes, children must now meet the new **Targeted FSM threshold**.

The FSM eligibility change means some children who previously accessed the HAPpy: Holiday Activity Programme will no longer be eligible to attend after Sept 2026.

Visit HAPpy

Herts Card

This card gives discounts to children from low income families for lots of activities and days out that they might not be able to access otherwise.

Visit Herts Card

Need Help to Manage the Cost of Living?

For help and advice please visit the Help to manage the cost of living page on the Hertfordshire County Council website.

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