

Newsletter

St Cuthbert Mayne | Summer 2, 2023



A message from the Head

Earlier this half term, we heard Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11:28, 'Come to me... and I will give you rest'. Schools are busy and often demanding places - both physically and mentally - and just like when you carry a heavy load for long periods, your muscles begin to ache and you have to stop, so too do we need to give our bodies and minds a chance to recover and grow stronger.

We have packed a lot into this year, celebrating many spiritual, academic, sporting, musical and so many other successes; everyone has earned their summer break – parents, pupils and staff alike.

As we reflect on the year, I hope that you share my joy and pride in this year's successes, my optimism for what can be achieved next year and my faith in our community to continue to come together as a place where everyone feels that they belong.

Alex Sallis (Headteacher)

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Sports Day Winners

Congratulations to the winners of Sports Day this year, St Rose!

House winners for the Summer Term will be announced in September.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all pupils who took their First Holy Communion this summer in their parishes.

Mass with St Roses (Y5 and Y2)

Year 5 celebrated Mass with Year 2 and parish members at St Mary and St Joseph Church this half term. Father Brian spoke about sprinkling our lives with God's love so that we 'taste' better to others.

Liturgy – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul – 5E

Thank you to 5E for leading our final liturgy of the year. Saint Peter and Saint Paul both had a great love for Jesus and spent their lives sharing his good news with as many people as they could.

Rosary Priory

Mr Sallis was invited to Rosary Priory to meet with Sister Laurensia. It was wonderful to meet the sisters and hear their stories of their time at St Cuthbert Mayne and other schools in the area. We look forward to visiting with the Chaplaincy Team in the Autumn Term.

Caritas

Thank you to the staff and children who shared their musical talents with parishiners at a Caritas event this term.



Upcoming Mass / Liturgies in School

TBC (September) – Welcome Mass

19th October – Harvest Liturgy led by the Chaplaincy Team

2nd November – All Saints Liturgy led by 6MLK

CLASSES

Year 3



CLASSES

Year 4



CLASSES

Year 5



CLASSES

Year 6



Curriculum Development

I am really excited about the curriculum being developed for pupils by staff this year. A lot of thought is going into how to ensure that it is ambitious, engaging and cohesive... watch this space!

Transition

Children spent a morning in their new classrooms. Year 6s visited their new schools and Year 2 pupils came both for the morning and then again to watch the Year 6 dress rehearsal followed by an extended playtime and picnic lunch.

Forest School

In Forest School, children have imagined themselves stranded in the Amazon Rainforest. They have had to use all of the skills learnt this year in order to survive.

Children imagined fishing in the Amazon River before creating a fire and cooking real fish which was shared with the group.

In addition, children have learnt how to make paper similar to the way that people would have done in ancient civilizations.

Children have developed their survival skills, teamwork, problem-solving skills and resilience as well as having fun!

Improving Writing

Our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner came and met with children, looked at their work and visited lessons. He commented on the two English subject leads' passion for developing writing across the school and a short look at some books showed excellent presentation skills - especially handwriting - thoughtful pieces of writing and effective feedback.

Volunteers

Thank you again to all volunteers that have given their time and expertise to school this half term. Many of the fun activities we have run would not have been possible without your support. If you think you are able to commit to some regular time in school, please email the office and someone will be in touch!



Breakfast Club

We are welcoming two new members of staff to our breakfast club team from September. If you would like to use the club please refer to our Wednesday email.

STAFF UPDATE

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Mrs Field, Mrs Knight, Miss D'Souza and Miss Godino – thank you all for your contributions to St Cuthbert Mayne and we wish you the very best for the future.

Pastoral and Hub Development

Miss Brydon will be taking up a two-year position focused on developing in-school specialist provision, working closely with Mrs Rayson. She will continue in her role as Site Manager alongside her new position.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Toms, Mr Daude, Mrs Poole, Mrs Jones, Miss Jackman and Mrs Gunasekera who will all be taking up roles in school from September.

Maths Mastery Specialist

Miss Reed has been successful in being selected for the Primary Maths Mastery Specialist Programme. She will spend the first year training and embedding mastery in school. In the second year she will begin supporting other schools through leading Work Groups.

PUPIL GROUPS

Sports Council

Thank you to the Sports Council for their support this year, especially in setting up the daily active mile and for their help with Sport Day.

Chaplaincy Team

Thank you to the Chaplaincy Team who have played an important role in developing the Catholic Life of the school this year. We will be recruiting a new team in September.

POPstars

Thank you to the POPstars for their work supporting the Friends of Jellicoe Water Gardens this year. They successfully grew Charlotte Potatoes, planted Marigold flowers to help pollinating insects, checked up on the nesting Red Mason Honeybees and learnt about the new, purpose-built beehive.

School Council

Thank you to the School Council for your contributions this year, especially with helping to set up the new lunchtime routines and helping to get Treat Friday's up and running.

Sports Day

Sports Day brought the school community together for a great afternoon of races. Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents who made it such an enjoyable event.



Dacorum Schools Sports Network Year 6 Rounders Tournament.

I had the pleasure of taking 12 children to Longdean on Monday afternoon to compete in a rounders tournament. There were 24 teams which were divided into 8 pools. In our pool were Tudor and Bovingdon. We played Tudor first winning 9 rounders to 5 with all of them out. Then we played Bovingdon who had already beaten Tudor. We lost 3 rounders to 7 ½. The team just took some risks running in to third and getting out when they should have remained at 2nd base.

Bovingdon went through to the quarter finals.

We then played Lime Walk in a friendly and it was a great competitive game with us winning 8 rounders to 6 ½. Everyone played really well, scoring rounders, making catches and communicating on the whole well as a team.

Outstanding play by Poppy scoring the most rounders and Finn for consistent bowling.

Thank you to all the children for being so committed to playing their best and Mrs Nolan for attending with us.

Mrs Tizard



Premier League Trophy

Through our partnership with Watford FC Education Trust, children were given the opportunity to attend a Premier League Trophy assembly. As you might expect, it was a very popular event for many pupils and staff alike.



Tennis

Some Year 3 and 4 pupils were selected to take part in a tennis competition and skills session at Leverstock Green Tennis Club.

Governors

I would like to thank governors for their support this year: they have given their time and expertise generously, providing invaluable guidance and challenge throughout.

There are currently two vacancies on the Governing Board. If you are interested in finding out more about being part of it please contact Maria Buchart on: mariabuchart@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

Attendance

To ensure that we are fulfilling our statutory responsibilities from September 2023, we have reviewed our attendance processes and updated our school attendance policy to reflect the most recent guidance published by the DfE. We will share this policy with parents before the beginning of the next academic year.

DfE School Building Project

Further information about the progress of the DfE's school rebuilding project will be shared in the Autumn Term.

Parent Association

Thank you to the Parents' Association for their work this year. As a result of their hard work and everyone's generosity, we will be able to:

- Buy important Forest School Equipment
- Top up pupil chromebooks
- Fund fun events for pupils in the next academic year

Academisation

All staff and families will be invited to take part in a formal consultation process in the Autumn Term where they will have the opportunity to hear about ASCAT and to ask any questions they may have about the process. If you are interested in finding out more about ASCAT before then, you can view their website [here](#).

Photos

Thank you to Mr Ambridge who took photos for us to update our website and prospectus (I have used some for this newsletter). He has also made some of these photos available on a specialist website as a way to raise money for the school.

Request for End of Year Report Feedback

Honest, constructive feedback helps us improve what we do. Please take a few minutes to share any comments you have about your child's End of Year Report by completing this [survey](#).