

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEEKLY BULLETIN – WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024

Key dates for the next week:

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
6J Class Party

Thursday 19th December

Forest School 4A
All Class Parties (except 6J)

Friday 20th December

End of term. School will finish at 1.45pm

The new term starts on Tuesday 7th January 2025 (Monday 6th January 2025 Inset Day, closed to pupils)

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will be on **Wednesday 18th December 2024**. The children are invited to wear a Festive Jumper, along with leggings, joggers or jeans. Instead of collecting money for charity for Christmas Jumper Day, please can we ask for a donation for Dens Advent Collection in the form of food, kitchen and hygiene items. Please see list of items that are in high need further on in the letter.

Christmas dinner will be served for those who would like it on Wednesday 18th December 2024. Thank you to those who have already responded via the Google form. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner but you have not responded via the form that was sent out, please do so by Friday 13th December [Christmas Dinner Day 2024 Meal Order Form](#).

Class Parties

All Class parties will take place on **Thursday 19th December**, except 6J which will take place on Wednesday 18th December.

Children may bring in a snack and a drink to eat at their class party. Please though remember we are a nut free school so no snacks containing nuts and no fizzy/energy drinks.

Herts Music School

Violin lessons

Year 3 children are invited to learn the violin with Mrs Susan Greengrass who works for for the Herts Music Service. She has taught violin at St Cuthbert Mayne for over ten years! Lessons take place in school on Tuesday or Thursday morning each week in term time. Lessons are individual or in pairs, for 20 or 30 minutes.

All details for registration and lesson information can be found at www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk. There is an online application link (please be patient when awaiting a response). General enquiries can be made by phone 01438 844851.

Chicken Pox

There has been a case of chicken pox in Year 6 this week, so please be vigilant. Please follow government guidance found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Flu Vaccine Mop up

The nurses are returning to school next week (17th December 2024) for a flu vaccination mop up session.

If you have not already consented/declined your child receiving the vaccination and you would like to, you can click on the link below and complete a consent form for your child.

The consent/decline needs to be made via the link or the attached poster with QR code. Please ensure you complete this prior to our visit, or you may receive a call on the day to confirm if you consent or decline.

[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk)

Advent DENs Collection

The chaplaincy team would like us to buy and donate gifts for DENs in the run up to Christmas. These can be brought into school any day before the Christmas holidays. Last year we gathered a fantastic amount of food and products that were very gratefully received by DENs. Please see below a message from DENs about what donations they would find helpful:

We have a good supply of many food, hygiene and household items, however there are some specific items that we are in need of. Please see our High Needs List below.

Food

Tinned ham	Tinned corned beef	Sponge puddings
Tinned rice pudding	Tinned fruit	Long life milk
Long life juice/squash	Tinned potatoes	Tinned vegetables
Tinned fish	Biscuits	Crackers
Christmas selection packs	Chocolate	Custard
Gravy (small)		

Kitchen & hygiene items

Roasting trays (large)	Kitchen foil	Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
Deodorants	2-in-1 shampoo	

Ties & Badges

We have sourced a new supplier for both ties and badges. Further details to follow shortly. If you are waiting for your order of school badges, thank you for your patience, this will be distributed in the next few weeks.

PA Christmas Raffle

Our PA have organised a Christmas Raffle with some amazing prizes. The draw will take place on Thursday 19 December with prizes to be collected at pick up, Friday 20 December. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased via Arbor School Shop or from a PA representative.

Caritas Singing for the Elderly at Our Lady of All Creation Parish Hall

All children are invited to join Mrs Welch at Our Lady Queen of All Creation Parish Hall at 2.15pm on Sunday 15th December 2024 to sing for the elderly. If you would like to join in, please sign up via Arbor. For further details please see Mrs Welch's email sent 10th December.

After School Football & Netball Matches

The next football match will take place on 17 December, away at St Albert the Great.

Google Forms:

[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](#)

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Kind regards,
School Office