



School News

MARCH EDITION

Lent



During the church's year we get several opportunities to take a moment and reflect on our lives. Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is one of those occasions. We often hear about what people are going to give up for Lent, but sometimes we don't really understand the reason why. Sometimes it is because we want to do something to change our lifestyle such as giving up chocolate or crisps. Sometimes it is to do something for other people, in the end our reasons are personal. As Year 5 reminded us last week in their liturgical prayer, we could try and give to the foodbank or our Lenten charity, St Cuthbert's Care. Lenten alms is collected in class. Perhaps this Lent our promise could be to think about others and try to follow Jesus' commands and example more fully.

Wraparound Care

We have begun our after school wraparound care. Thank you to those parents who gave us feedback while we were exploring the potential of establishing this. Thank you all for your patience with us in setting up Arbor Pay and our to office staff who have worked tirelessly to get Arbor Pay and wraparound care up and running. There will be blips along the way, but please continue to be patient with us and we will help you as soon as we can!

The first part of wraparound care runs as a club. You can choose to sign your child up to the first session or both sessions. There are spaces available for all sessions. You can book weekly or in a block. Please contact the office if you want more information.

WRAPAROUND CARE STARTING 2ND MARCH

BREAKFAST CLUB FROM 7:45
HEALTHY BREAKFAST & SOCIAL TIME
£2 per session

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SESSION 1: ACTIVITY CLUB 'TIL 4:30	SESSION 2: SOCIAL TIME 'TIL 5:30
MON: KS1 Multi Sports KS2 Computing	Light Tea Provided
TUES: KS1 Art & Craft KS2 Multi Sports	Homework Club
WED: KS1 Fun Fitness KS2 Art & Craft	Board Games Art
THU: KS1 Lego & Games KS2 Forest School	Table-top activities
FRI: Film Club for all	Stories & reading

Registration Form MUST be handed into the school office to book

Bookings open TUES 17th Feb online

Payment IN ADVANCE via Arbor Pay

Parent/Teacher Meetings

All year groups: there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their year group and their progress on the afternoon of Tuesday 24th March.

We will be in touch with you with details about how you can make an appointment. Please do not ring the school office for an appointment. Thank you.



Sacramental Preparation

Some pupils in Year 4 are continuing their journey of preparation with Mrs Noble, Mrs Strong and Fr Charles. Please remember them as they prepare to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on 25th March and the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 27th June.



Uniform reminders

Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. We would just like to remind you that:

- Leggings / jogging bottoms should be navy not black and should not have branded logos. Flared yoga pants are not always appropriate as they can get in the way if they are too long
- Maroon cycling shorts can be worn in warmer weather (purchased from JD Fashions)
- Hoodies can be plain grey and do not need to have the school badge, but they should not have a zip (this is for health and safety in PE)
- Earrings or retainers CANNOT be worn for PE. We follow advice from the PESSPA (Physical Education, School Sport, and Physical Activity) framework. Please do not get your child's ears pierced until the summer holidays as this jeopardises how much they can participate in PE, festivals and competitions.
- Long hair should be tied back and hair accessories should be in the school colours (no elaborate hairbands)
- Make-up (even subtle make up) and nail varnish/false nails should not be worn for school.

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Save the date: the Easter disco will be on Friday 27th March. More details will be sent out about this event from the Friends of St Cuthbert's.

Our **summer fayre** is on 19th June (pm). If you know any stallholders who would like a stall at our Fayre, please email fscarr@stcuthbertsprimary.com.



Sunflower Competition

Sunflower packs are available from your child's teacher. Sunflowers cost £1 for a starter kit with everything you need to grow your own sunflower.

Who can grow the tallest?

Happy growing!



SEND and Well-Being Parent Drop In

Monday 30th March 2026
2:30PM until 4:00PM

Visitors include:

Rainbow Sensory, Learning Library, Family Hub
Mental Health Support Team
Sleep Workshop from Cognition and Learning

Everyone Welcome

Free Raffle

Refreshments

Athlete Event

This year Sean Gaffney is visiting school for our 'Great Athlete Event' on 18th March. Children have all been given their sponsor forms with their activities on. Please can you return sponsor forms by 23rd March. All money raised will go towards PE/outdoor equipment for school.

