



# St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

SEPTEMBER 2024

## WELCOME BACK

It is lovely to have everyone back for a new school year!

The staff have been delighted to see everyone and the children have been happy to see their friends.

Children have settled into the routines of their new classes very well so far. We look forward to seeing our Reception Class make new friendships with each other, while children in other classes develop their relationships with each other and their new teachers. Throughout the school, children are excited about new topics. We have an exciting term ahead and we are looking forward to seeing some great work over the coming weeks!

Thank you all for your support on our return to school and we look forward to working with you all this year.

PE Timetable from September 2024 – October Half Term 2024

Autumn 1 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI
Classes	Y4 swim Y1 Y6	Y3 Y5	Y2 Y4 Y5	Rec Y1 Y3	Y2 Y6

### Parent/Teacher meetings/ Curriculum Information sessions (Years 1,2,3,4,5,6)



There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher on Wednesday 11th September. There will be 2 sessions; one at 5pm and then repeated at 5.30pm (In case you have a child in more than one class). No appointment is needed. This is an excellent opportunity to find out new routines, log in details, key dates and expectations and share important information.

**We hope to see you there!**

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

Years 4, 5 & 6 Guitar lessons - Monday  
Years 4, 5 and 6 Violin lessons - Thursday

As part of their music curriculum, school pays for Year 3 to have First Access violin lessons from Durham music service. This happens every Thursday afternoon and violins are kept in school, not sent home like private music lessons.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE**

All schools receive extra funding for those families on a low income and who are entitled to free school meals. In addition to free school meals, school also provides free milk for these children and we can support families with clubs, music tuition and events in school. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please call at the office with your name, date of birth and NI number. Thank you.

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc, please let the school office know.

### **ASDA Rewards** Pounds, not points

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Please join the Asda Cashpot for schools scheme. Every time you scan your Asda Rewards app, a percentage of what you spend is donated to school. The scheme ends at the end of November and you can join the cashpot on your Asda Rewards app!  
Thank you!

### **SCHOOL MASS, 9.30am in church**

Monday 16th September Whole school  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

**Please see the diary dates (on the website and sent out in the summer) for the whole list of Masses and Celebration of the Word.**

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School



School Holidays 2024-2025

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Summer (6 weeks, 1 day)	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (1.30pm)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Autumn Half Term (1 week, 1 day)	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas (2 weeks)	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 (1.30pm)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Spring Half Term (1 week)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025
Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 (1.30pm)	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday (1 day)	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Half Term (1 week, 1 day)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025
Summer	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 (1.30pm)	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Please note that School will be closed for four Professional Development days in 2024/2025. These are:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Children will finish school at the usual time, unless stated otherwise above.

Year 6 SATS will take place week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Year 2 assessments will take place throughout May 2025

Year 4 Multiplication Tables check will take place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Year 1 Phonics screening will take place from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

SCHOOL CANNOT AUTHORISE ANY HOLIDAYS WITHIN TERM TIME

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please see our school holidays for next year and please be aware that school cannot authorise holidays during school time and a leave of absence form should be filled in with at least one week's notice. Please do tell us when they are on holiday - if you don't the children do!

Thank you for your co-operation.



Starting School

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2025.

Visit [www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces](http://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces) where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place for Year 3 in a junior school if you wish your child to attend there.

Applications open 1 September 2024 and close midnight 15 January 2025.

For more information please contact

School Places and Admissions Team

[www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

03000 265 896



**EARRINGS** - If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they can wear clear plastic stud retainers to school (available on Amazon and we do have spares in the office). Children can NOT wear the plastic retainers on PE days. They also cannot wear plasters or tape as this falls off easily.

back2school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.  
 Open my ears to hear my teacher.  
 Open my mind to learn new things.  
 Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.  
 Help me to love others like you do.  
 I want to shine your light so bright in my school."  
 © Courtney DeFoe Amen

**BIRTHDAY CAKES**

Please do not send birthday cakes into school on your child's birthday. Unfortunately due to the medical conditions and allergies of children in our school, we are unable to give them out.



**Rights Respecting Article of the week Article 42 - knowledge of rights**

Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.

This week in school children will be working together to create their own class charter and our Rights Respecting Ambassadors are working on playground and lunchtime charters to ensure their rights are being met in school.

Information about Rights Respecting and our journey to renewing our Gold award is available on our website [www.stcuthbertsprimary.com](http://www.stcuthbertsprimary.com)

Don't forget to talk to your child about what rights they know and what they mean to them.



