

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL – WEEKLY BULLETIN – WEDNESDAY 8th October 2025

Important Notices

Parent Evening Tuesday 21st or Thursday 23rd October 2025

Parent consultation appointments will be released via Arbor on Thursday 9th October 2025 at 4pm. There will be two options – **online appointments via TEAMS or face to face in the School Hall**. Please pick your preferred date and then option as follows:

Online appointments

Please pick an appointment time between 16.20 and 17.20 (links to the meeting will be sent via TEAMS the day before by 17.00).

Face to face appointments, held in the School Hall

Please pick an appointment time between 17.30 and 19.00.

Rosary Challenge

Following our wonderful Rosary Day last week, we have been praying a decade of the rosary in class each day using the beads that we made with Callum. Has anyone taken on the challenge at home? If so, we'd love to get some pictures of you praying together as a family or where you've put up your record sheet. Please do send them into the office for the attention of Mrs Hobbs. It's not too late to get involved all the information and resources to help you pray are here: [The Mark 10 Mission - The Rosary Challenge](#).

Orchestra

From next Wednesday (15th October) Mrs Hobbs will be holding an Orchestra rehearsal at lunchtime on a Wednesday for Years 5 and 6. If you are learning an instrument in or out of school, please do bring your instrument in next Wednesday and we will start to learn and rehearse some of the hymns ready to start playing in Celebrations of the Word over the next few months. The key purpose of orchestra is to play together with other musicians and perform pieces in our liturgical services.

St Roses Catholic Infant School Admissions

St Roses are now taking booking for our Early Year Tours. If you have a child who may wish to join in Pre-School, Nursery or Reception for 2026 – 2027 then please fill in the following to request a place on the school tour.

<https://forms.office.com/e/DH0ucyuEgf>

- 4/11/25 1:30pm
- 2/12/25 1:30pm
- 13/1/25 1:30pm

- 3/2/25 1:30pm

	Reception Class	Nursery Class	Pre School
Child's Date of Birth	01/09/21 - 31/08/22	01/09/22 - 31/08/23	01/09/23 - 31/08/24
School Start Date	September 2026	September 2026	September 2026
Applications Open	3rd November 2025	3rd November 2025	3rd November 2025
Applications Close	15th January 2026	13th February 2026	13th February 2026

Monday 20th October 2025 – Flu vaccination

Please refer to the email sent on Monday 29th September for details on how to provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccination at school on Monday 20th October 2025.

The Vaccination Nurses have requested that all parents/carers respond, regardless of whether you wish to consent or decline, so that records can be completed in advance.

Consents for this year

We still have many families that have not consented for the following this academic year. It is most important that you please review in Arbor and consent as appropriate.

[SCM Administer First Aid](#)

[SCM Communication Guidelines](#)

[SCM Local Walks/Activities](#)

[SCM Online Safety Agreement](#)

[SCM Photographs & videos in the media](#)

[SCM Photographs & videos in-school \(Google Classroom/assessments/displays\)](#)

[SCM Photographs & videos on school website/newsletters](#)

Building Fund

- The school has voluntary aided status meaning we must contribute 10% of the cost of maintenance and development work required to keep school buildings in a good state of repair.
- As we have charitable status the only way governors can generate these funds, is by fundraising. We are dependent on the generosity of parents/carers for this.
- If you feel you are able and would like to donate either a one-off payment or a regular payment to the Governors Fund, we would be grateful. This can be done by bank transfer or standing order to Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee St Cuthbert Mayne School. Sort code 16-01-09 account number 00277941.
- If you are making a donation and are a UK taxpayer, please complete the attached [Gift Aid Declaration](#).

Outdoor Play and Learning

As part of the OPAL provision, and the new school build, we are asking all children to bring in waterproof trousers and wellington boots (as well as waterproof coat) in a named bag.

Children can start bringing these into school from now, but these items will certainly become essential after October half term.

Attendance

If your child will be absent from school or has a medical appointment during the school day, please notify us by emailing: attendance@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

For any other requests for time off (not related to medical or dental appointments), please complete the [Leave of Absence Request Google Form](#).

Events and Trips

Thursday 16th October 2025 - Cross Country – Year 6

Year 6 children will be taking part in cross country at JFK (leaving St Cuthbert Mayne at 12.30pm). We need two parent volunteers to help us walk the children safely to JFK and back. Please do contact the office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk if you would like to volunteer. Please also complete [the volunteer form](#), in advance. Children will eat their lunch before they leave. Please can children ensure that PE kit and water bottle is brought into school.

Monday 20th October 2025 – Football Skills Event – Divine Saviour School, Abbots Langley – Year 3

As per recent communication the Year 3s will be visiting Divine Saviour School for a Football Skills Event. They will be travelling to and from the event by coach. Please consent as soon as possible via Arbor. FYI, the flu vaccinations will be administered during the afternoon of 20th October if consented for.

Tuesday 11th November 2025 6pm to 7pm - Open Evening for prospective families

We warmly invite prospective families to attend our Open Evening.

We would be grateful if you could please pass this information to any families who you may know that have a child currently in Year 2.

If you will be attending and to give us an idea of numbers, we would be grateful if you could register using this [form](#).

Wednesday 12th November 2025 - Gym and Dance event at JFK – Year 5

The Year 5s will be attending a Gym and Dance Display at JFK School the morning of 12th November 2025. If any parents/carers are able to accompany the children from 9.15am onwards to walk to JFK please email into admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk. They will be walking back after the performance at 12pm.

Thursday 13th November 2025 – Celtic Harmony - Year 3

As per communication sent out today, the Year 3s have a trip to Celtic Harmony on 13th November 2025. Please see Arbor for contribution and consent.

Autumn Term Year 5 - Swimming - Year 5

Please consent and contribute for Swimming this term as soon as possible via Arbor.

15th to 19th June 2025 PGL Liddington Year 6

Payment is now due in Arbor (thank you to those that have already paid this month's instalment). As a reminder, please see schedule of payments below:

- £60 deposit - PAID
- £100 by 12th September 2025
- £100 by 1st October 2025
- £100 by 1st November 2025
- £100 by 1st February 2025
- £65.50 by 1st March 2025

If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact the School Office.

Community Notice

First Holy Communion Registration

Registration for First Holy Communion classes in our local parish of Hemel West is now open. To register, please fill out the following form: [First Communion Registration Form](#)

There is a parent meeting in Ss Mary and Joseph at 7pm on the 16th October.

Registration closes on the 7th December. Classes begin in January and celebrations take place in May.

For more information please visit the parish website at: [Hemel West Parish Website](#)

Please ensure you are attending mass regularly to help support your child in their preparation and especially the St Cuthbert Mayne Masses that will soon be starting at Ss Mary & Joseph.

St Cuthbert Mayne Masses in Ss Mary & Joseph

Held on the last Saturday of each month at 5pm, these special Masses are led by Fr David and focus on children and families.

To help our community flourish, pupils are invited to contribute their talents in the following roles:

- Altar Serving
- Choir
- Reading
- Stewarding (with parents)
- Offertory

Each Wednesday, Callum Moore, Parish Catechetical Coordinator, leads choir sessions and youth ministry activities at St Cuthbert Mayne School.

If your child would like to be involved in the Masses, please contact Callum at:
cmoore@jfk.herts.sch.uk.

General Reminders

Pencil Cases

If you have not yet purchased a pencil case for your child. Please do so via the Arbor shop.

School dinners and sickness

If your child is not in school due to sickness or any other reason, please do remember to cancel any dinners that you have ordered through the Swift Kitchen app before 9.30am on the day, otherwise you will be charged.

Healthcare Google Form

If your child has any new healthcare issues that the school need to be made aware of and/or requires long term medication at school (inhalers/EpiPens etc), please complete the following google form [Healthcare Plan - Pupil with a Medical Condition](#) and bring the medication into the school office.

Medication in School

Please note that we are only able to administer *prescribed medication*. Parents/carers must complete the google form below before handing any medication into the Office.

In addition, please be aware that paracetamol and ibuprofen will only be administered if this is at the guidance of a doctor.

[Administration of Medication- Parental Request Form](#).

Cuthbert Collective – afterschool club

Runs immediately after school until 6pm, Monday to Friday. Cost is £12.50 including a cold tea such as a sandwich, fruit. It is available to book via Arbor 'clubs'. Please note that pick up is from the Main Reception. A late charge of £5 for any children who are picked up after 6pm will be applied to your account.

If for any reason you are delayed in the event of an emergency, please do email at collective@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk

Breakfast Club

Please ensure that your child is booked into Breakfast Club at least 24 hours before each session. Cost is £4 per session including breakfast. Breakfast Club runs from 7.50am and the gates shut sharp at 8.15am.

Please ensure that your Wraparound account is in credit and topped up via Arbor.

Kind regards

School Office

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](#)

Ties and Badges

These can now be purchased directly from the suppliers. Please see link below:-

To purchase a tie:

<https://lynendo.com/products/st-cuthbert-mayne-royal-with-single-white-stripe-ties-5402-9103>

To purchase a badge:

<https://www.teamworld.co.uk/scm>

FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints
Catholic Academy Trust



Thursday 2nd October 2025

Materials:

- A candle or battery tea light
- Bible
- A set of Rosary beads (if available)
- Paper and crayons or pencils
- A picture of Mary (optional)



Opening Prayer

Loving God, thank You for giving us Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to be our Mother too. As we pray the Rosary, help us to grow closer to You and to follow Jesus more faithfully. May our families be united in prayer and filled with Your love.

Amen.



Bible Reading Luke 1:46–49

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Family response: Glory to you, O Lord

“And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.’”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Family Response: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

The Rosary is a special prayer that helps us to think about the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary. When we hold the beads and pray, we are reminded of how close Mary was to Jesus. The Rosary helps us to remember important moments (mysteries) in Jesus’ life—His joy, His suffering, and His glory.

Just like Mary, we can say “yes” to God in our lives. Praying the Rosary with our family is a way of saying “yes” together and asking Mary to pray with us and for us. The Rosary is like a chain of love that connects us with God, with Mary, and with one another.



Discussion Points

- Why do you think the Church calls Mary our Mother too?
- How does praying the Rosary help us to feel closer to Jesus?
- Which mystery of the Rosary (joyful, sorrowful, glorious, luminous) do you feel most connected to, and why?
- How can our family make time to pray the Rosary together, even just one decade?



Activity *Make a Family Rosary Poster*

1. Draw a large Rosary shape on a big piece of paper.
2. On each bead, write or draw a prayer or something you want to thank God for.
3. In the centre (where the cross would be), draw or paste a picture of Jesus and Mary.
4. Place the poster near your family prayer space as a reminder to pray the Rosary together.

Closing Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.





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- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective Communication Skills
- Managing Emotions & Stress
- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Building a Supportive Network
- Creating a Unified Parenting Approach

These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 6 sessions on the following dates/times:

Date: Wednesday 15, 22 October and 5, 12, 19 & 26 November

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Thursday 16, 23 October and 6, 13, 20 & 27 November

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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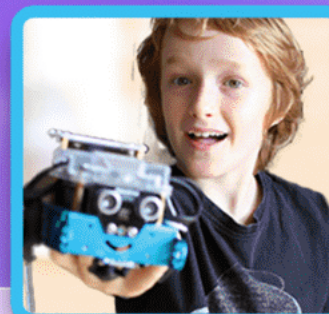


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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities



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