



ST CUTHBERT MAYNE WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2026

Welcome to the Wednesday email!

Below you'll find the key dates and important notices for the weeks ahead. This bulletin, can always be found on our website at [Wednesday email](#) . For full school calendar please follow this [link](#).



Upcoming Events and Trips

Date	Year Group	Trip/Event
Friday 17th April 2026	4	Swimming lessons re-start.
Monday 20th April to Friday 24th April 2026	5	Bikeability - please see reminder letter sent out today for further details.
Monday 27th April 2026	6	PGL Information Meeting – via TEAMS. Link will be sent a few days before. Session will be recorded for those that are unable attend.
Monday 27th April 2026	All	Whole school photo.
Thursday 19th May 2026	4	Stem Workshop taking place at school (further info will be sent in due course).
Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 2.30pm (newly added date for diary)	3	Recorder Concert (running time approx 15 to 20 mins).



Vacancies – Parent Association

- Our Chair, Treasurer, and Parent Association team have done a fantastic job supporting the school and creating memorable experiences for our children. The Chair and Treasurer have now stepped down so we are looking for volunteers to continue their great work. If you're interested in getting involved in any capacity, please email: admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk



Reminders and Notices

- Please be aware that there is a case of chicken pox in Year 4. Please see NHS guidance for information [Chickenpox - NHS](#)
- **Please remember to order school dinner for your child before 9.30am on the day via Swift Kitchen app.** We have had a large number of children recently where dinner has not been ordered, which in turn puts huge pressure on the kitchen staff. Thank you for your support with this.
- **Year 4 Swimming will restart this Friday 17th April.** Please send children in with swimming kit as usual. Please see Arbor to make consent and contribution. If any parents/carers are able to help with swimming trips, we would be most grateful. Please contact admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk if you are interested in doing so.
- We are looking to build a stockpile of **spare shin pads, football boots, football socks**. If you have any spare/outgrown items at home that you would be willing to donate, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please send any donations into the office. Thank you!
- **Please remember to label all uniform items, water bottles, lunch boxes etc.** Lost belongings are far more likely to be returned to their owners if they are clearly named.



Ongoing Reminders

- If your child will not be attending school due to illness or medical, please email attendance@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk
- Please do remember that if your child will not be present at school, to cancel their lunch through the Swift Kitchen app before 9.30am as otherwise you will be charged.



Useful Links

- [Information about Breakfast and Afterschool Club](#)
- [Link to School calendar](#)
- [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](#)
- [Healthcare Plan – Pupil with Medical Condition](#)



Uniform

- [St Cuthbert Mayne RC Primary School – Leonard Hudson](#) (to buy a tie)
- <https://www.teamworld.co.uk/scm> (to buy a badge and PE Kit)



String Day!

at Mid Herts Music Centre

Join us for a fun-filled day of music making on Tuesday
19th May 2026

String Day is a day course for students already having lessons on violin, viola, cello and double bass to gain ensemble experience. This event is for students in year groups 3-6. Students need to have at least 2 terms playing experience, or be able to play open strings.



Tuesday 19th May 2026



9.30am - 2.30pm



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Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops April – June 2026

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.



All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Tuesday 28 th April 10am-12pm Tuesday 30 th June 6-8pm
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 7 th April 6-8pm Monday 8 th June 6-8pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Monday 13 th April 10am-12pm Tuesday 5 th May 6-8pm Monday 15 th June 10am-12pm
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.	Tuesday 21 st April 6-8pm Wednesday 20 th May 10am-12pm Tuesday 23 rd June 6-8pm

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit:
<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>

HERTFORDSHIRE SEND PROVISION PLAN 2026-2029- HAVE YOUR SAY!

- The Hertfordshire SEND Local Area Partnership has developed a SEND Provision Plan 2026-29 which supports the delivery of the new SEND Strategy for 2026–2029.
- The strategy sets out our shared ambitions to improve outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- More children and young people in Hertfordshire are requiring additional support at school, many presenting with increasingly more complex needs than in the past. Families have consistently told us they want clearer pathways and better local options. In response, this Special Education, Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Provision Plan outlines how we will strengthen support in local schools, increase specialist provision where it is needed, and ensure every child receives the right help, in the right place, at the right time.
- Feedback gathered so far has helped identify key priorities and has informed the five core elements of the draft SEND Provision Plan:
 - Strengthen capacity in mainstream schools
 - Expand specialist capacity in mainstream schools
 - Create more special school places
 - Update special school designations
 - Child centred placements
- As part of the SEND Provision Consultation running from 23 March to 15 June 2026, we are seeking your views on whether the plan reflects your priorities, and how it can be further strengthened before it is finalised.
- You can share your feedback by completing a [short survey](#) or by attending one of our consultation events. All details on how to get involved are available on the Local Offer: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDProvisionPlan
- Thank you for your time, your views are important to us. All responses will be carefully considered and will directly influence the final SEND Provision Plan for 2026–2029.



South West Herts Consortium Test - Important Test Information for Parents

The South West Herts Schools Consortium comprises seven secondary schools that operate admission tests for part of their intake: Croxley Danes, Parmiter's, Queens', Rickmansworth, St Clement Danes, Watford Grammar School for Boys and Watford Grammar School for Girls.

Parents wishing to apply under the **academic or music criteria** must register with the Consortium by **Friday 5 June 2026**. **Late registrations will not be accepted**. If you believe there are extenuating circumstances relating to a failure to register, these may be raised during the Secondary Transfer Appeals process. Please read the guidance carefully.

The registration website opens on **Wednesday 1 April** and will remain open until **Friday 5 June**, providing almost ten weeks to complete registration. You may register at any point during this period. The website address is www.swhertsschools.org.uk, includes links to individual school websites and a FAQs section.

To register you must create an account, activate it and log in to the parent portal using a secure password. Please note the following:

- Do not use a work email address as firewalls often block activation emails
- Add info@swhertsschools.org.uk to your contacts to prevent emails being filtered into junk or spam

It is essential that the email address used for registration remains accessible throughout the testing process. Once registered the email address cannot be changed. Other details may be updated until registration closes on 5 June. No changes can be made after this date.

Parents must regularly log in to the secure portal to view test registration details, test centre allocation, Music Stage 2 appointments if applicable and final results. While reminders may be sent, it is your responsibility to check the portal at the appropriate times.

Familiarisation papers are available at www.swhertsschools.org.uk/familiarisation-papers/. These free materials are provided to help children understand the test format and the use of separate question booklets and answer sheets. They are generic examples and do not reflect the timings or number of questions used on test day.

If your child requires special provision due to disability or special educational needs, written evidence from the current school SENDCo **must be uploaded during registration** at Step 3: Child's Welfare and Support Information. Evidence cannot be accepted after **5 June**. Late submissions are likely to result in allocation to the reserve test day.

Test centres will be allocated on **Friday 26 June**. This does not affect the schools to which you may apply. Tests will take place in **September**.

Before registering please ensure your child meets the eligibility criteria for your preferred school. These are published on each school's website.

Key Testing Dates In 2026 for Secondary Transfer 2027

Date	Test
Wednesday 1 April	Online registration for the tests opens
Friday 5 June	Online registration closes
Friday 26 June (around noon)	Parents informed of test venue
Saturday 5 September	Academic test
Monday 7 September	Music aptitude test
Wednesday 9 September	Queens' School sports aptitude test*
Thursday 17 September (around noon)	First Round music scores notified to parents
w/c Monday 21 September	Start of second round music tests
Thursday 15 October (around noon)	Scores notified to parents
Saturday 31 October	Secondary application deadline

*Sports Test times are allocated on an alphabetical basis **which cannot be changed**.

All communication with regard to the Sports test comes directly from Queens' School and your sports test time will not show on the Parent Portal

Further Information

The Test Administration Team can be contacted by email only at info@swhertsschools.org.uk. There is no telephone service. Please do not use enquiries@swhscregistrations.co.uk or support@swhscregistrations.co.uk as these inboxes are no longer monitored.

We aim to respond to emails within **48 hours during term time school hours**. Response times may be longer during peak periods such as before and after the release of test scores. Responses are specific to individual enquiries and must not be shared, published on social media or relied upon by others. Abusive or anonymous emails will be deleted without response.

We cannot respond to queries about **school admissions or applications**. Our role is limited to test registration and administration. Admissions enquiries should be directed to the relevant school. Consortium school contact details are available on our website.

Requests under the **Freedom of Information Act 2000** for data from previous test cycles cannot be met. In line with **GDPR** all personal data is deleted within 12 months and no historical test data is retained.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KEITH

cda.hertfordshire@gaa.ie

Parenting when separated for parents of SEN children - online programme

Come along to our six-session programme, specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

The programme includes:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective communication skills
- Managing emotions and stress
- Collaborative problem solving
- Building a supportive network
- Creating a unified parenting approach

Dates and times

Date: Wednesday 22nd and 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May and 3rd June 2026

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Thursday 23rd and 30th April, 7th, 14th, 21st May and 4th June 2026

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

This will be delivered online via MS TEAMS

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Half Term Holiday Club

26th – 28th May 2026

Micklem Primary School,
Boxted Rd, HP1 2QH

8:30–4PM

8:30–5PM



ADVENTURES

- What to bring:**
- Nut free packed lunch
 - Water bottle (named)
 - Snacks
 - Comfortable clothes for outdoor play



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