



ST CUTHBERT MAYNE WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 29TH 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 1st May 2026	All	Marian Celebration of the Word – 4J leading 2.30pm (all family and friends welcome).
Monday 4th May 2026	All	Bank Holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 5th May 2026	4J	Retreat at JFK.
Thursday 7th May 2026	4A	Retreat at JFK.
Friday 8 th May 2026, 9am – 10.30am	All	Parent Workshop being held at St Roses 'Supporting You and Your Child To Understand and Manage Big Emotions'.
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026	6	Year 6 SATS .
Friday 15th May 2026, 2.30pm	All	Ascension Celebration of the Word – 4A leading 2.30pm (all family and friends welcome).
Thursday 19th May 2026	4	Stem Workshop taking place at school.
Thursday 2 nd June 2026 8.40am to 9.30am	All	Transition Coffee Morning in School Hall open to all Parents/Carers regarding transitioning into next academic year. JFK staff will be available for Year 6 parents!
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	5	Hazard Alley Trip.
Thursday 4 th June 2026	All	Corpus Christi Mass. At St Marks (JFK). All parents/carers invited to walk with us. Leaving at 9.15am.
Thursday 25 th June 2026	All	Sports Day taking place at JFK school. Walking to JFK at 12pm for 12.45pm start.
Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 2.30pm (newly added date for diary)	3	Recorder Concert (running time approx 15 to 20 mins).



Reminders and Notices

- **Transition Coffee Morning – open to all parents/carers of all years - will be held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026. St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School Transition Inclusion Coffee morning - SAVE THE DATE!** Mrs Rayson and the Inclusion Team at St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School are holding a Transition Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 2nd June from 8.40 - 9.30**. It will be an opportunity to meet the team and to find out about transition events and activities taking place over the summer term to support your child with their transition. We have invited Family Support Worker Alish Sadidiquee, the MHST team and Mrs Maria Hobbs and Mrs Kayleigh Clark from JFK inclusion team to join us. We look forward to seeing you!
- **Please remember to order school dinner for your child before 9.30am on the day via Swift Kitchen app.**
- 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.
- **ST ROSE'S ADMISSIONS 2026/27 - RECEPTION 2026**
- We have spaces for Reception 2026. If you would like your child to be considered a paper application must be made directly to the school and you should log into your Herts Admission Portal to request a place here at St Roses before the deadline of 23rd April for the first round of continued interest [St Rose's Catholic Infants School - Admissions](#). Any queries please email admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk



St Cuthbert Mayne School Sports Clubs

- Please do not send your child to St Cuthbert Mayne after-school sports clubs unless they have been registered and payment has been completed via Arbor.
- We have recently had a number of children arriving at clubs without being registered. This affects staff-to-child ratios.
- **Please note that all clubs are now fully booked for this term and no further places are available.**
- We also kindly ask that children attending clubs bring the appropriate kit with them. We've recently had an increase in calls home for forgotten items. Please help your child check they have everything they need before leaving each morning.

☀ Donations welcome!! Outdoor Play and Learning

We're having lots of fun developing our outdoor play areas, and we'd love your help to make them even more exciting for the children.

If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer need, we would be so grateful for your donations:

🪑 Cosy Seating & Chill-Out Areas

- Chairs or small seating
- Cushions & blankets
- Outdoor furniture cushions
- Rugs
- Bean bags

🎵 Music & Creative Play Area

- Old kitchen items (pots, pans, cutlery, baking tins, metal trays, utensils)
- Piping or tubing
- Old musical instruments
- Everything we collect helps spark creativity, imagination, and joy in playtime 🧡
- If you're able to donate, please get in touch or drop items in at school.
- Thank you so much for your support – it really means a lot.



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)

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.

The South West Herts Schools Consortium