



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 15th May (a.m)	All	Class and Team Photos. Please advise if you do not want your child to be included.
Friday 15th May 2026, 2.30pm	All	Ascension Celebration of the Word – 4A leading 2.30pm (all family and friends welcome).
W/c 18 th May 2026	All	Walk to School week. Please walk or bike to school! Prizes will be given out.
Tuesday 19th May 2026	4	Stem Workshop taking place at school.
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026 8.40am to 9.30am	All	Coffee Morning in School Hall open to all Parents/Carers re: 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. Volunteers required please to accompany trip!
Thursday 25 th June 2026	All	Sports Day taking place at JFK school. Packed lunch for all in disposable bag. Walking to JFK for 12.45pm start. Volunteers required please for walk to JFK.
Friday 26th June 2026	3	Trip to Knebworth 'How Plants Grow'. Please see letter sent last week.
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

SATS

- Well done to the Year 6's working hard on their SATs – nearly there! Thank you to the rest of the children who are showing them support!

Raincoats

- It is important please to keep sending a coat/rain jacket with your child each day in case of rain – we always try and give the children the opportunity to go outside to play whatever the weather and having a coat makes this possible.

Walk to School Week - next week!

- Get fit, reduce traffic, and help save the environment by walking or biking to school. Or if you live too far away, a suggestions may be to park partway through your journey and walk the rest of the way. We will keep a tally throughout the week, and Mrs. Welch will hand out prizes!

St Cuthbert Mayne Athletics Club on a Friday

- We now have extra staff help for this club, so a few more places have become available. Please email into admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk if you would like a place for your child (£5 per session – payable in a block booking for rest of term).

Dogs

- We have received reports of dog fouling being left near the school gate. This presents a health hazard to children, parents, and staff. Please ensure that any dog mess is cleaned up and disposed of responsibly by the owner. Thank you for helping us keep the area safe and clean for everyone.

Contact details in Arbor

- Please ensure that **all individuals with parental responsibility** have up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses recorded in Arbor. We have noticed that information is missing for some second emergency contacts, particularly email addresses and, in some cases phone numbers which makes it difficult to share important information with those with parental responsibility. Please email the Office admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk if you require any help!

Volunteers needed

- If any parents/carers are available to accompany us on either of the following events, we would greatly appreciate your support: **Corpus Christi Mass Walk to JFK and back** – 4th June at 9.15am.
Sports Day Walk to JFK – 25th June at around 12.45pm
- If you are able to assist, please let us know by emailing admin@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk.



Reminders and Notices

Transition Coffee Morning

- We are pleased to invite **all parents and carers** to our **Transition Coffee Morning**, which will be held on **Tuesday 2nd June 2026 from 8:40am to 9:30am** at **St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School**.
- Mrs Rayson and Inclusion Team will be hosting this informal session, providing an opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the transition events and activities taking place during the summer term to support your child. We are also delighted to be joined by:
 - Family Support Worker Alish Sadidiquee
 - The MHST Team
 - Mrs Maria Hobbs and Mrs Kayleigh Clark (JFK Inclusion Team)

Places at St Roses

- **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 [St Rose's Catholic Infants School - Admissions](#) If you would like to book onto a tour or have any queries please email admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk 18th May at 9.00am or 16th June at 2pm [St Rose's Early Years Tours – Fill in form](#)
- **ST ROSE'S ADMISSIONS 2026/27 - PRE SCHOOL 2026 & NURSERY 2026** We have a small amount of places for Pre school 2026 and Nursery 2026. If you would like to book onto a tour of the school happening on 18th May at 9.00am or 16th June at 2pm please email admin@stroses.herts.sch.uk

Lost Jumpers

- There are 23 unnamed and discarded jumpers in the dining room. **Please name all of your child's items – especially jumpers/cardigans/coats as they take them on and off frequently.** If they are named we stand a chance of being able to reunite lost items. If your child has lost a jumper, please ask them to go and look in the Dining Room – these will be disposed of at the end of this half term if not claimed.



St Cuthbert Mayne
Catholic Junior School



DSPL8

Delivering Special
Provision Locally

DSPL8 Parents/Carers Newsletter Summer 2026

Please find attached our latest parent/carers newsletter, please share with your families and service users.

It has also been uploaded to our NEW and improved website, the link to view the newsletter online is below:

<https://www.dspl8.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletter&pid=6>



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)



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

Stir Stars!

Serving your favourite dishes!

21st May 2026

Allergy free Chicken Nuggets,
Chips & Baked Beans

Or

Tomato Pasta

and

Rocket Lolly

Or

Whole Fruit



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Clubs

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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Why Join?

From games and crafts to sports and creative fun, our holiday club keeps children active, happy, and well-fed in a safe, welcoming environment!

FOR AGES 4-11

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Register and book via our
website:



admin@goodshepherdclubs.co.uk



www.goodshepherdclubs.co.uk

TRANSITION COFFEE MORNING

ALL
PARENTS/
CARERS
WELCOME!

Join us for an informal coffee morning!



TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2026



8:40AM – 9:30AM



ST CUTHBERT MAYNE
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Rayson and the Inclusion Team will be hosting this informal session, providing an opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the **transition events and activities** taking place during the summer term to support your child.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE JOINED BY:



Family Support
Worker
Alish Sadidiquee



The
MHST Team



Mrs Maria Hobbs and
Mrs Kayleigh Clark
(JFK Inclusion Team)

We look
forward to
seeing you
there! ❤️



Let's work together to
**SUPPORT YOUR
CHILD'S JOURNEY!**

Watford School of Music

Explore Beethoven

Dive into an immersive day of all things Beethoven.

Come and explore his music, his influence, and the joy of playing some of his most iconic pieces together.

Open to all KS2 & Year 7 classical orchestral instruments; Strings, Woodwind, Brass players, Acoustic Guitarists.

3 Drum Kit & 5 Piano places available.

Must be having instrumental lessons in school or centre and must have permission from head teacher to attend. Please bring a packed lunch (no nut products allowed).



Scan me for more



Image by Simon Groom, Watford School of Music



Tuesday 9th June



9.30am - 3.00pm

Arrival and registration from 9.00am

Show and Share performance at 2.45pm



Watford School of Music



£ 30 per student



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This May half-term join us at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury for a week of Mythical family fun!

23 - 31 May 2026

Mythical May Family Crafts

Monday 25 May – Decorated Book Boxes (4-11yrs)

Tuesday 26 May – Dragon Marionettes! (4-11yrs)

Wednesday 27 May – Merlin's Potion Jars (4-11yrs)

Thursday 28 May – Nature Sprite Puppets (4-11yrs)

Friday 29 May – Spy Craft! With Mark Creasy (5-11yrs)

Join us for fun activities every Bucks school holiday!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Step into the magical world of Roald Dahl's stories. Crawl through Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel, investigate minibeasts inside the Giant Peach, and explore sound with the BFG in this much-loved, hands-on gallery. Packed with playful exhibits inspired by Roald Dahl's stories, it's a joyful way for children to discover science and the world around them.

Open daily over May Half Term

The SAXONS are here!

Meet the Saxons through engaging films, sounds, and immersive experiences.

Hands-on interactives and digital storytelling bring history vividly to life.

Discover real artefacts and try the fun family trail and creative activities.

An great day out for curious minds and young explorers!

Discover Bucks Museum

Aylesbury HP20 2QP

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Mythical May Half Term

23 - 31 May 2026

We'll be exploring the world of **Anglo-Saxon myths and legends** with a week of mythical and magical crafts: get ready for dragons, wizards and giants this May half term! Explore **The SAXONS exhibition**, unwind in the sensory room and don't forget to play, learn and explore in the **Roald Dahl Children's Gallery**.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



SCAN ME

May Half Term



Less Shouting More Cooperation

This 6-week group helps you change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control. The sessions will cover:

- Exploring what helpful discipline is.
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Monday 1st June to 6th July 2026

9.30am to 11.30am

Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email **services@familylives.org.uk** or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Getting on with your pre-teen or teen

Sign up to our 6-week online group

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to know how best to support them?

Learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Date, time and venue



Friday 5th June to 10th July
2026



9.30am to 11.30am



This course will be delivered
online via MS Teams

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