St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School

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ST CUTHBERT MAYNE WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 11th November 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
Thursday 12th November 2026	3	Celtic Harmony trip.
Monday 16th November 2026	All	Odd sock day! Anti Bullying week.
Thursday 19th November	All	Author Matt Oldfield coming in – please see details below.
Thursday 19th November 2026 and Tuesday 12th January 2027	For those looking for a place in Year 3 from September 2027	Year 3 Open Events - please see poster below for details. To sign up please follow this link St Cuthbert Mayne Tours 2027 – 2028 St Cuthbert Mayne Tours 2027 - 2028 Admisssions
Tuesday 24th November 2026 from 8.30am onwards	All	Coffee Morning at St Cuthbert Mayne School in the Hall – we'd love to see as many parents/carers as possible. Please see details below.
Friday 27th November 2026	All	Occasional Day – school closed.
Monday 30th November 2026 at 9am	All	St Cuthbert Mayne Feast Day Liturgy. All welcome. 6J leading.
Monday 30th November 2026	All	St Andrew's Day – children are invited to wear a blue accessory.
Tuesday 1st December 2026 **(rearranged date)**	All	Individual and sibling photos (St Cuthbert Mayne School children only)
Tuesday 1st December 2026	All	Children are invited to wear a purple accessory day for first day of Advent (please wear something small so that it can be removed easily for photos)!
Wednesday 2nd December 2026		Flu vaccine spray mop up session
Friday 11th December 2026	All	PA Fundraiser – School Disco! **Year 3 and 4** - 3.30pm to 4.30pm and **Year 5 and 6** - 4.45pm to 5.45pm. Tickets available on Arbor from 4pm today. £5 each!
Wednesday 16th December 2026	All	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas Dinner is now available to order in Swift Kitchen app).
Friday 18th December 2026	All	End of Term. Finish at 1.30pm

Matt Oldfield – author visiting school

We are thrilled to announce that bestselling author **Matt Oldfield** will be visiting our school for an action-packed, high-energy author event on **Thursday 19th November!**

Known and loved by young sports fans across the country, Matt is coming to share his gripping, high-stakes mystery: ***Football Spy: Lethal Strike***.

About the Book: *Football Spy: Lethal Strike*

Combining the thrill of football with undercover espionage, *Football Spy: Lethal Strike* is a heart-pounding, page-turning adventure! When secret plots, high-stakes matches, and undercover missions collision, young football fan and sleuth Luke must use his wits, bravery, and tactical mind to tackle the truth before time runs out.

During his live session, Matt will share his passion for sports and storytelling, talk about how he turns real-life football excitement into gripping fiction, and inspire pupils to fall in love with reading and writing.

As you can imagine, this will be a wonderfully interactive event, where he will be signing books for the children.

IMPORTANT – Parents, you can order a signed copy from Our Bookshop- please use the links below:
https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/football-spy-lethal-strike/

Shared Carpark

We have received a report of a near miss at the pedestrian crossing located at the entrance to the shared car park.

As a reminder, parents and carers are not permitted to use the shared car park while the building works are ongoing. There are contractors, delivery vehicles and lorries regularly entering and leaving the site, making the area particularly busy and not a suitable location for children to be dropped off, collected from or to get in and out of vehicles.

TeamWorld Issues

We have been made aware that some parents are experiencing issues with orders. If you are having any problems, please contact Jamie on **01442 250262**. We have also been advised that there has been a delay with the joggers, but this should be resolved shortly.

*****Calling all St Rose's and St Cuthbert Mayne Parents!*****

We are holding a joint **Inclusion Coffee Morning** at St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School Hall **on Tuesday 24.11.2026**. **The event will have a soft start from 8.30** when our school gates open. You will have the opportunity to meet with us and catch up with other families over a coffee. At 9.00, Mrs Pritchard (INCo at St Rose's) and I, Alison Rayson (SENDCo and Inclusion lead at St Cuthbert Mayne) will share some work that we are undertaking to develop an Inclusion Strategy for both schools. We welcome all parents to attend and are looking for involvement and feedback. (If you have pre-schoolers, I will make sure I have some activities and fruit squash, so please do attend if you can!)

We are also hoping to be joined by Sam our MHST and Alish our family support worker from Gade so that they can share any updates from their service.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Alison Rayson and Hazel Pritchard.

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School Tours - St Rose's Catholic Infant School

Pre School 2027, Nursery 2027 & Reception 2027

We are now taking bookings for tours of St Rose's on the following dates:-

- Wed 4th Nov at 1.30pm
- Wed 2nd Dec at 1.30pm
- Wed 13th Jan at 1.30pm
- Tues 2nd Feb at 1.30pm

(Tues 2nd Feb is after Reception admissions close) to book please use this link St Rose's Early Years Tours 2027 - 2028

Applications for Year 3 (2027/28) place at St Cuthbert Mayne Junior School

To apply for a Year 3 place for academic year 2027/28 at St Cuthbert Mayne School, please complete the attached Supplementary Information Form found below and return to St Cuthbert Mayne School Office:-

Determined_Admissions_Policy_and_SIF_2027-28v3.pdf

Please also apply for your child's place through the Hertfordshire County website:-

Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council

Deadline for online Hertfordshire County applications and for Supplementary Information Forms to be returned to St Cuthbert Mayne School Office is **15th January 2027.**

Coats – please name

Last year, by the end of winter we ended up with many unnamed coats in the school which we were unable to reunite with owners despite our best efforts. Please can you ensure that all coats, hats, scarves and gloves are named clearly so that they can quickly be returned to owners

Year 6 - PGL – instalment due

If you have not yet paid the next instalment of £100 for PGL, please do so as soon as possible.

Christmas Painting Competition

Each year, the Knights of St Columba organise a Christmas Painting Competition. This is a national competition for all children aged 4 upwards.

Prizes will be awarded at both local and national level. In addition, the winner's work in each category in our parish of Hemel West will form the cover page of the Christmas Mass times leaflet. Please note that the closing date is 7th December. You can find all the details on the attached link:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/ksc-the-knights-of-st-columba/christmas-painting-competition/



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Ongoing Reminders

- If your child will not be attending school due to illness or medical, please email attendance@cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk
- **Please remember we are a nut free school.** We have a number of pupils with serious nut allergies. Please be vigilant of the ingredients in pre-wrapped items.
- 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)

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Year 3 Open Events

for children joining us in September 2027

Belong
Learn
Thrive

A bright future starts here



Come and see what makes our school so special!

We warmly invite parents and carers of children due to join Year 3 in September 2027 to attend one of our Open Events.

Thursday
19th November
4pm – 5pm

OR

Tuesday
12th January
9:15am – 10:15am



Take a tour of our school!

Please sign up for one of our Open Events

Tap the link below to book your place:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/nqNVZFBQbH

Inspiring learners

Supportive community

Brighter tomorrows

We can't wait to meet you!

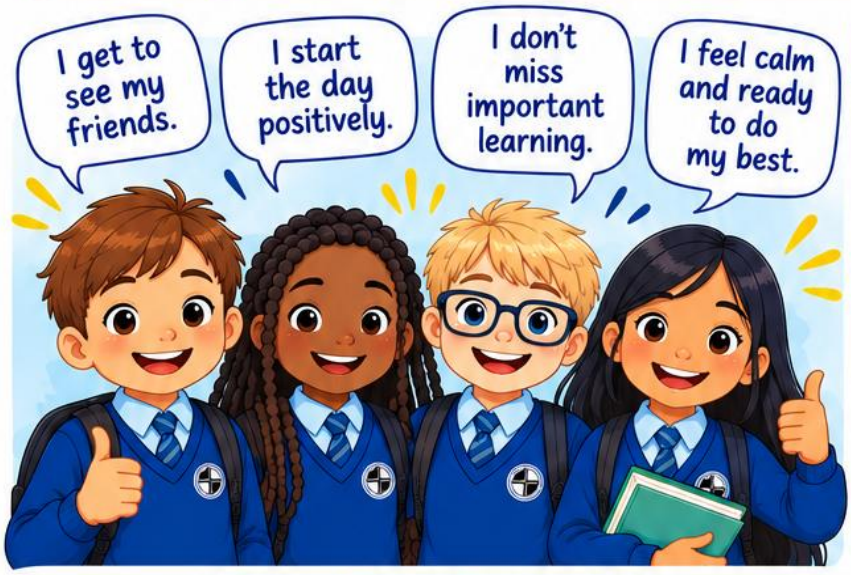
Respect | Aspiration | Kindness | Together

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Be on Time, Ready to Learn

Every minute in school counts



Key times for our school day

Gates open
8:30am
You can arrive from 8:30am.

Learning starts
8:40am
Children should be in class, ready to learn.

Gates close
8:50am
Please make sure your child arrives before 8:50am.

Register closes
8:55am
Arrivals after 8:55am will be marked as late.

Being on time helps you to:

- Make a positive start to the day
- Feel settled and less rushed
- Take part in the full curriculum
- Achieve your best
- Build good habits for the future



Did you know?

Even a few minutes late can add up *to* a lot of lost learning time.

5 minutes late each day =	10 minutes late each day =	15 minutes late each day =	20 minutes late each day =	30 minutes late each day =
3 days of learning lost each year	**6.5 days** of learning lost each year	**10 days** of learning lost each year	**13 days** of learning lost each year	**19 days** of learning lost each year



Top tips for being on time

- Get everything ready the night before (school bag, uniform, lunch).
- Leave plenty of time in the morning.
- Aim to arrive at school from 8:30am.
- Be on the playground ready to line up at 8:40am.
- If you are late, come to the school office.

Good habits now help bright futures!

Being on time shows responsibility and respect for yourself, your friends and your teachers. It helps you to:

- Make the most of your opportunities
- Develop independence
- Build skills for secondary school and beyond

Resilience We keep going | **Empathy** We care | **Self-regulation** We manage our feelings | **Responsibility** We do the right thing

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Is My Child Too Ill for School?

A guide for parents and carers of children in Years 3–6

It can be tricky to know whether to keep your child at home or send them to school when they are unwell. This poster follows NHS guidance to help you decide.

They can come to school

Most mild illnesses do not stop children from taking part in school life.

If your child is well enough to do their normal activities and does not have a high temperature, they should usually come to school.

This includes:

- Mild cough
- Common cold
- Sore throat (without a fever)
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Mild tummy ache
- Head lice
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Hay fever
- Mild asthma (as long as well controlled)



Keep them at home

Your child should stay at home if they are too unwell to take part in normal school activities or if they have:



- A high temperature (38°C or above)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- A persistent cough that is making them feel unwell
- A severe sore throat (e.g. with fever)
- Chickenpox (until all the spots have crusted over)
- Shingles (until the rash has crusted over)
- Measles (at least 4 days from when the rash appeared)
- German measles (rubella) (at least 4 days from when the rash appeared)
- Scarlet fever (at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics)
- Impetigo (until the sores have crusted over or 48 hours after antibiotics)

When can they return to school?

For some illnesses, your child should stay at home for a certain period of time, even if they start to feel better.

NHS guidance for common illnesses:

Vomiting and diarrhoea	48 hours after the last episode
Chickenpox	When all spots have crusted over
Shingles	When the rash has crusted over
Measles	At least 4 days from when the rash appeared
German measles (rubella)	At least 4 days from when the rash appeared
Scarlet fever	At least 24 hours after starting antibiotics
Impetigo	When sores have crusted over or 48 hours after starting antibiotics



Being in school helps me to learn, see my friends and stay healthy.

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David Taylor MP is hosting a community event in Gadebridge on Thursday 26th November, from 16:30 to 18:30.

- *Exclusively for Gadebridge residents, the event will provide an opportunity to raise local concerns, speak directly with key organisations and stakeholders, and share ideas about how the area could be improved. Eight stakeholders have confirmed their attendance, ranging from Affinity Water and Community Action Dacorum to local councillor Angela Mitchell.*

- *Each stakeholder will have their own table, allowing residents to move freely between them, ask questions and discuss matters that are important to them.*

- *The purpose of the event is to identify areas for improvement and ensure that the voices of local residents are heard. You can RSVP and find more details by clicking here!*

WANT TO TRY GIRLS RUGBY?

WANT TO BE PART OF AN AMAZING TEAM?



COME AND PLAY FOR CAMELOT

AGE	TRAINING	
U12 (Year 6 - 7)	Thursday	19:00 - 20:00
U14 (Year 8 - 9)	Thursday	19:00 - 20:00
U16 (Year 10 - 11)	Thursday	19:00 - 20:00

FIXTURES START IN SEPTEMBER

Why Should Your Child Play Rugby ?

- Build Confidence and Resilience
- Train Hard and Stay Fit
- Be Part of a Team That Has Your Back
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Push Yourself Beyond Your Limits

Camelot Rugby Club
Chaulden Lane
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP1 2BS

Any Questions Want to Join?
WhatsApp, Call or Email

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girlsrugby@camelotrfc.co.uk

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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is currently seeking to recruit Foundation Governors for a number of our schools Local Academy Committees. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in a vibrant and collaborative Trust that is in the process of expansion and development. The role of Foundation Governor is incredibly rewarding and the benefits include:

- Professional Development
- Management and Leadership experience
- Supporting the local and wider Catholic community
- Build your professional and personal network
- Gaining insight into the Education sector
- Having significant impact on the schools in our Trust

Contact:
governance@ascat.co.uk

www.ascatonline.co.uk

Let's stir up some Festive Fun!

Wednesday 16th December

Roasted English Turkey Breast &
Stuffing Ball

or

Parsnip & Apple Wellington

both served with

Roasties, Carrots, Peas & Gravy

—

Reindeer Biscuits

or

Fresh Fruit



Stir.


From SCM Parent's Association
We would love to invite all children to our
Christmas DISCO
Every child will get a little snack and drink!
Friday
11 December
£5 a ticket
Year 3/4
3:30pm to 4:30pm
Year 5/6
4:45pm to 5:45pm
Tickets are available on Arbor.

ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM

CHRISTMAS

OPEN DAY

Sunday 13th of December 2026 - 10:30AM To 4:00PM






BOOK NOW!

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS