

Week 4 Autumn 2026

Friday 25th September



Generosity

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 6 led a thoughtful collective worship on the theme of choices. It was the perfect topic for the start of the year and Year 6 really helped the rest of the school to reflect on the best choices in situations that may occur around school. They spoke clearly and their acting was fantastic. Thank you Year 6 and to the families that joined us for this celebration.

Our attendance and lates have shown a significant improvement so far this term. We have consistently had 98%+ attendance since the start of term at our average lates is 0.4%. This is something to celebrate and keep up! Thank you.

It was lovely to welcome families into school for the EYFS liturgy to mark the start of the children's time at St. Cuthbert Mayne. Celebrating this in the classroom, which used to be a chapel was special.

Thank you to The Friends for organising the film night tonight. Do contact the team if you are able to offer your help and support to future events – they would love to hear from you.

Please remember that next Friday (2nd October) is an INSET day.

We are currently reviewing our website – the information and its structure. Please bare with us during this process!

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs O'Donovan

This week's Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16 tells the story of workers who are hired at different times but all receive the same pay. Through this parable, Jesus teaches that God's love and generosity are freely given to everyone, and we should be grateful for His blessings rather than comparing ourselves to others.

Family Reflection: Generosity

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16), Jesus reminds us that God's love and generosity are for everyone. We are encouraged to be grateful for what we have and to celebrate the blessings that others receive too.

Talk Together

- *What does generosity mean to you?*
- *Have you ever found it difficult when someone else received something you wanted?*
- *How can we show kindness and generosity to others this week?*

Family Challenge Choose one act of generosity to do as a family:

- *Help a neighbour or family member without being asked.*
- *Share a toy, game or book with someone else.*
- *Write a thank-you note to someone who has helped you.*
- *Donate an item to a local charity or food bank.*
- *Spend time with someone who may be feeling lonely.*

Prayer

Loving God, thank you for your generous love. Help us to be grateful for all that we have and to share our kindness with others. May we learn to celebrate the blessings of others as well as our own. Amen.

Smartphones and Smartwatches

The Department for Education's (DfE) Mobile phones in schools guidance is now statutory. This guidance covers personal smartphones, smartwatches, and non-educational portable devices capable of social messaging, internet access, or recording.

Only children in Year 6 who walk to and from school may bring a phone to school. This should be a "brick phone" and be turned off and handed in to the office at the start of the day and then be collected at the end of the day. As detailed in our uniform policy, children may not wear smartwatches to school.

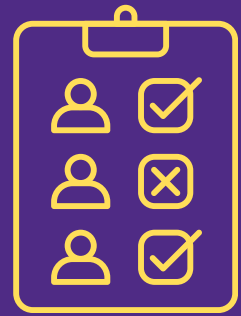
If children do bring smartwatches or smartphones to school these will be confiscated and then handed over to a parent at the end of the day.



Running Club

Ms. Robson was so excited to be able to start Running Club again today! A big thank you to Glebelands for letting us use their grounds.





Attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in helping us maintain strong attendance across our school. Your commitment to ensuring children arrive on time and attend every day makes a significant difference to their learning, wellbeing, and sense of belonging.

As a reminder, every school day counts. Please continue to:

- Ensure your child arrives promptly each morning, ready to learn.
- Avoid booking holidays during term time, as these cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.
- Inform the school as early as possible if your child is absent due to illness. We encourage families to refer to NHS guidance when deciding whether symptoms require time away from school and when it is appropriate for children to return.
- Schedule routine medical and dental appointments outside school hours wherever possible.

Working together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Should you need any support or guidance regarding your child's attendance, please speak with Mrs Hua, who will be happy to help.

Harvest

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations to create Harvest Hampers for members of our local community who may need some extra support.

Harvest is a special time for us to reflect on all that we have been given and to show gratitude by helping others. We would be very grateful if your child could bring in a donation of non-perishable food items, such as:

- Tinned vegetables, soup, fruit or meat
- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Tea, coffee or hot chocolate
- Breakfast cereals
- Biscuits and crackers
- Long-life milk or juice
- Jam, spreads or sauces



We would also be very grateful for donations of any empty hampers, baskets, gift bags, ribbons or wrapping materials that you may have at home and no longer need. These will help us present the Harvest gifts beautifully and create special hampers for those receiving them. If you have any items you would be willing to donate, please send them into school along with the food donations. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Donations can be brought into school and handed to your child's class teacher from Monday 28th September and should be received Thursday 1st October. The items will be used to create hampers which will then be distributed to local families and community members in need.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your kindness will help make a real difference to others and will demonstrate the true spirit of Harvest.

Mrs O'Donovan, Mrs Hua and Mrs Newland



PE days

On PE days, the children come to school in their PE kits. This should be: their St. Cuthbert Mayne t-shirt, their school cardigan or jumper, black leggings, joggers or shorts, white or grey socks and trainers. Earrings should NOT be worn to school on PE days please.

Wednesday: Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

Thursday: Reception, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Friday: Yr 1, 2, 5 and 6

Year 3 have swimming on Thursdays this term.

Reception 2027

We have just settled our Reception intake, but it is already time to think about 2027's new intake! If your child is due to start school in September 2027 and you would like to find out more about St. Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School, we will be running tours of the school so that you can see us in action and have the opportunity to meet with Mrs. O'Donovan, Headteacher on the following Wednesdays at 9.30am:

October: 7th, 14th and 21st

November: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

Secondary School Admissions

Admissions for secondary schools opened on 1 September.

If you're a parent or carer with a child reaching age 11 between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027, you have until 31 October 2026 to apply for their 2027 school place.

Learn more about the admissions process on the Surrey Admissions webpages:
<https://orlo.uk/BQA2S>

Online Safety

Is your child a gamer? Online games can be a great way for children to play and socialise, but as we know many games now include messaging, voice chat, purchases and interaction with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom's Parents Power Up guidance gives families a simple framework built around Check, Chat and Change – checking account details and settings, talking about who children play with and changing safety or parental controls where needed.

Click [here](#) to visit their page.



Discord is a hugely popular communication platform where young people can chat, play games and join communities built around shared interests. This #WakeUpWednesday guide explores some of the risks that can come with using it, including contact with strangers, inappropriate content, harassment and the potential for gaming and socialising to become a distraction from everyday life.

The guide also offers practical advice for parents and educators, from using Discord's Family Centre and checking privacy settings to talking openly about suspicious behaviour and reviewing spending controls. It also encourages families to agree on clear expectations around screen time, helping young people enjoy the platform while making safer and more informed choices online.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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Supporting your children's learning at home



We use the Life to the Full Plus for our Relationships and Sex Education. This is the programme approved by the Diocese and it is in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Click on the Life to the Full Plus icon to visit the parent portal and view the overviews and resources used in school.

As the first educators of your children, it is really important that you know the content of the RSE sessions as you may wish to talk to your children in advance and it also provides you with a heads up for any questions the children may have.

We will be offering an RSE information session and consultation for parents on the 15th October at 2.45pm. More information will follow to book a place. RSE lessons are not part of our curriculum until the second half of this term.

Parking reminder

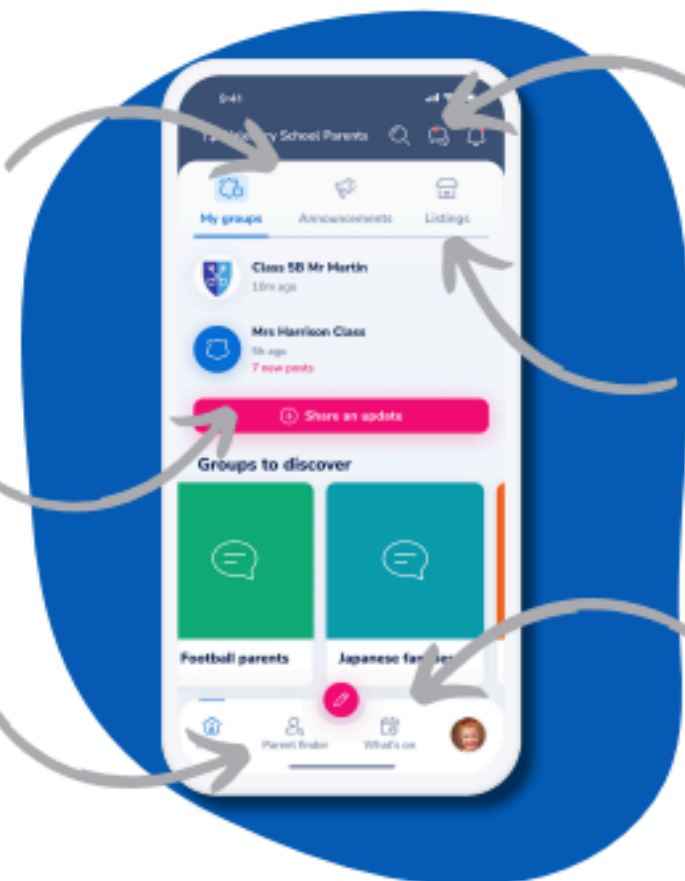
Please remember that The Parish Car Park should not be used by parents during the main drop off and pick up times. This is really dangerous when children and families are entering and exiting via the school gates. We are lucky that the parking near to the school is free – please do park on the surrounding roads safely and ensure you are avoiding the zig-zag lines and following the Highway Code.



Join our school on Classlist

The parent app that brings you into the heart of our school community

- ✓ Get in touch with parents in our school
- ✓ See what's coming up for you and your child
- ✓ Find like-minded friends in our community
- ✓ Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
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I'm in the loop with essential updates

I can ask the parents in my child's class questions

It helps me see who's who at my school and see who lives nearby

Now I know who my child is friends with, I can get in touch with their parents

I can buy and sell pre-loved clothing, books and household items

I can organise my child's birthday and see who's coming

Is Classlist moderated?

Yes! It's moderated by parents to keep our community friendly, welcoming and useful.

Is Classlist secure?

Yes! It's fully GDPR-compliant and private; only verified school parents can join.

How much information do I need to share?

You're in control of your profile info and notification settings!



Build amazing parent communities

Connect - Celebrate - Collaborate



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Join our parent app

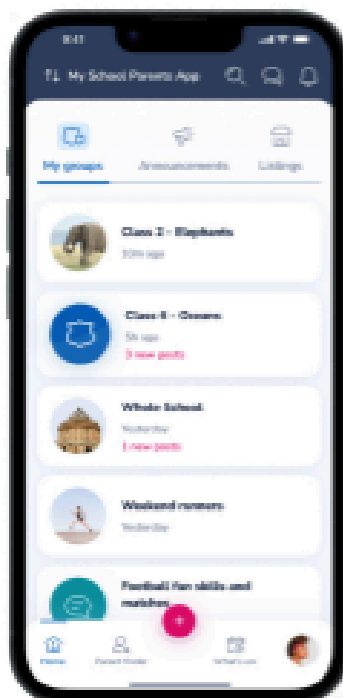
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-  **Organise meet-ups and birthday parties**
-  **Hear what's happening at school and ask questions**
-  **Get tickets to events**

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Weekly Awards

Well done to the following children for living out our school mission this week.

Everyone Belonging 	Reception: Eliza Year 1: Edward Year 2: Eloise Year 3: Bea and Toby Year4: Maud Year 5: Isabella Year 6: Callum
Aiming High 	Reception: Albert Year 1: Moss Year 2: Arabelle Year 3: Darcie Year4: Drake Year 5: Ignatius Year 6: Phoebe
Growing in Faith 	Reception: Phoebe Year 1: Otis Year 2: Oscar Year 3: Darius Year4: William Year 5: Olivia Year 6: Whole Class

The week ahead

Monday	28th	
Tuesday	29th	
Wednesday	30th	9.30am Open Morning
Thursday	1st	8.40am Praying the Rosary for the month of October. This takes place in the prayer garden on the KS1 playground. All children are welcome to join in. Harvest Festival donations into school today please.
Friday	2nd	INSET day – School closed to pupils

4th October

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10AM
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**WILD ABOUT BRITAIN
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER**



**BUBBLE SHOW
WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER**



**COMIC MASTERCLASS
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER**



**DRUM CIRCLE
SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER**

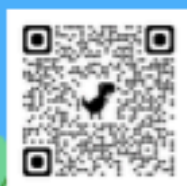


**POTTERY PAINTING CAFÉ
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER**



**GAMERS LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER**

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