

Week 6 Autumn 2026

Friday 9th October



Attitude of gratitude

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dear Parents,

We started off the week with a beautiful Harvest Festival Celebration in school led by children from across the school. The hall is full of your very generous donations that are being organised to get to those who really need it in within our community.

Year 5 were out and about in Cranleigh on Monday morning as part of their field work for Geography. They were exploring the local facilities and speaking to local residents to find out what they would improve.

On Wednesday we welcomed the first group of prospective parents for our Open Mornings. Year 6 were a real credit to the school - one parent said Year 6 all deserved to be added to the proud wall in their classroom and I received many comments about how articulate and confident the children were.

Please see the Friends Dates on page 6 and a QR code for a parent survey about school uniform.

To enable us to safely share photos of life in school within our newsletter, from this week, the newsletter will not be added to the website. It will continue to be emailed via Arbor. If you are not receiving it - please contact the office.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs O'Donovan

This week's Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells a story about a landowner who trusts some tenants to care for his vineyard. However, they do not respect him or his servants, and even reject his son. Jesus teaches us that God trusts us to use His gifts well and to produce "good fruit" through our love, kindness, faith and actions. Jesus is the cornerstone who guides us in how to live.



Your generous Harvest donations. Thank you!



Ukraine Shoebox Appeal

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Following the overwhelming generosity shown through our Harvest collections, we would like to invite families to support our annual Ukraine Shoebox Appeal in a slightly different way this year. Rather than asking families to prepare a complete shoebox at home, we are hoping to create our gift parcels together as a whole school community. We would like each child to donate one new item linked to their year group, along with £1 towards postage costs. The children will then help to sort the donations, wrap the gifts, and write Christmas messages, creating special parcels that will bring joy and hope to children in Ukraine this Christmas.

All donations need to be in school by 6th November and should be taken into class.



Suggested donations by year group:
Year R: New toothbrush and toothpaste
Year 1: Soap and a flannel
Year 2: Toy for a girl
Year 3: Toy for a boy
Year 4: Arts and crafts materials
Year 5: A book
Year 6: A warm pair of gloves or hat



Once all items have been collected, the children will work together in school to create and wrap the gift parcels before they are collected and distributed in the usual way.

We would also be very grateful for donations of empty shoeboxes and Christmas wrapping paper to help us prepare the parcels.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity. We know that, together, our school community can make a real difference and help bring some Christmas cheer to children and families facing difficult circumstances.

Family Reflection: Growing Good Fruit

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 21:33–43), Jesus tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and asks some tenants to care for it. When the landowner sends people to collect the fruit from the vineyard, the tenants refuse to give it to them and treat them badly. Even when the landowner sends his own son, the tenants do not listen.

Jesus uses this story to remind us that God has given us many gifts and trusts us to use them well. God wants our lives to produce "good fruit" through the way we treat others. We can grow the fruits of kindness, love, forgiveness, generosity and faith and help to build God's Kingdom through the choices we make each day.

Talk Together

What gifts has God given to you?

What do you think it means to produce "good fruit" in our lives?

How can we show kindness, love and generosity to other people?

How can our family help others to feel that they belong?

Family Challenge

Choose one way to grow good fruit as a family this week:

Do an unexpected act of kindness for someone.

Share something you have with someone else.

Forgive someone if you have fallen out.

Help someone without being asked.

Make a special effort to include someone who may be feeling left out.

Thank God together for the gifts and people He has placed in your lives.

Perhaps at the end of the week, talk together about the "good fruit" your family has grown.

Prayer

Loving God,

thank you for all the gifts you have given us.

Help us to use them wisely

and to grow good fruit in our lives.

Help us to be kind, loving, generous and forgiving,

and to help everyone know that they belong.

May we follow Jesus,

aim high in all that we do

and continue to grow in faith together.

Amen.



A prayer by Finley, Yr3

Dear God,

Thank you for the world God
created and everyone around us.
Please help the world from being
polluted and make the world more
tidy.

Amen

Parking

A number of parents have spoken to me this week about parking on St. Nicolas Avenue, particularly near the junction with Ewhurst Road. Parking in this area can make it difficult for vehicles to enter and leave St. Nicolas Avenue safely and easily.

Please can we all be mindful of where we park at drop-off and pick-up times, considering the impact our parking may have on other road users as well as the convenience of getting children into school. A little extra care and consideration will help keep the area safer and more accessible for everyone. Thank you for your support.

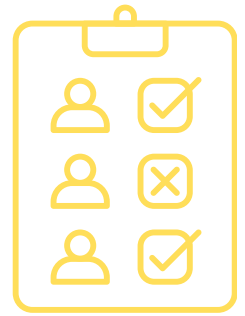


Choir with Mrs Gale

If your child is interested in joining the KS2 choir on a Tuesday after school from 3.15 – 4.00pm, there are places available. Please contact info@stcuthbert-mayne.surrey.sch.uk to sign up.



Attendance



Attendance and Wellbeing Reminder

At our school, we are committed to supporting both the academic success and emotional wellbeing of every child. Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping children thrive, not only in their learning but also in their confidence, friendships and sense of belonging at school.

The Department for Education is clear that attending school every day is important for children's educational progress and wellbeing. While a child with **96% attendance** may appear to have a good attendance record, this still equates to ***approximately eight days of learning missed*** across the school year.

We understand that children will occasionally be unwell and should stay at home when they are genuinely too ill to attend school. However, many minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats or tiredness, can often be managed while attending school.

Schools and families work best in partnership, and we are committed to supporting any family experiencing difficulties that may affect attendance - [link to website page](#).

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Hua as early as possible so that we can work together to help you.



Autumn Term Events



SEPT
25

3:15PM
Fun Film Friday
Toy Story 5
R, KS1 & KS2



OCT
5

DROP OFF
Uniform Donations
Drop Off



OCT
7

3:15PM
Preloved Uniform sale



OCT
16

3:15 PM
Yr 6 Class Bake Off/Tuck
Shop



NOV
6

3:15PM & 4:15PM
Autumn Lights Discos
R, KS1 & KS2



NOV
20

3:15PM
Yr 5 Class Bake Off/Tuck
Shop



NOV
25

8PM
Parents Christmas
Wreath Making



NOV
27

3:15PM
Fun Film Friday
ELF
R, KS1 & KS2



NOV
27

DROP-OFF
Christmas Bauble
Competition Sale



DEC
2

DROP OFF
Christmas Donation
Day



DEC
6

12-3PM
CHRISTMAS FAIR



DEC
11

The Friends Presents:
Aladdin Pantomime



DEC
11

3:15PM & 4:15PM
Christmas Discos
R, KS1 & KS2

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: 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

National Crime Agency/ IWF: "IWF analysts found 3,440 AI-generated videos of child sexual abuse in 2025, compared to just 13 in 2024, and the NCA have increasingly seen offenders exploiting AI technologies to target children in new ways." This prompted the campaign and new guidance.

This is a really scary statistic and the worry is will this trajectory continue? If you would like to find out more, you may be interested in:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide>



The week ahead

Monday	12th	.
Tuesday	13th	
Wednesday	14th	9.30am Open Morning 2.45pm Year 2 Class Collective Worship in the Hall. Parents and families are very welcome.
Thursday	15th	
Friday	16th	

Parents Consultations

Do sign up on ICloud to book an appointment to discuss your child's progress at parents evenings. This is a really important part of our partnership with you. They are taking place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October. You should have received separate communication about this.



Weekly Awards

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

Everyone Belonging	Reception: Angela Year 1: Henry Year 2: Arlo Year 3: Lottie Year4: Ava B Year 5: Penelope Year 6: Everly
Aiming High	Reception: Ellery Year 1: Lissy Year 2: Rosa Year 3: Maggie Year4: Alfie Year 5: Sophia Year 6: Millie
Growing in Faith	Reception: Amelie Year 1: Lewis Year 2: Remy Year 3: Joey Year4: Joseph Year 5: Byron Year 6: Arthur

SchoolSurveys

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Garden



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October Half Term Holiday Club

Ages: 6-11 years

Monday 19th, Friday 23rd & Friday 30th October

Time: 9am - 3.15pm

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ADVENTURE

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THIS AUTUMN

WILD PLAY HOLIDAY CLUB

10.00-4.00 School Years 1-6 £50/day

Witley Common

Webb Road, Godalming GU8 5QJ

Activities can include:

- **Den building**
- **Track & trail**
- **Survival skills**
- **Ninja frisbee**
- **Wide games**
- **Rope courses**
 - **Craft skills**
- **Storytelling**

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OCTOBER HALF TERM AT CRANLEIGH ARTS



**WILD ABOUT BRITAIN
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER**



**BUBBLE SHOW
WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER**



**COMIC MASTERCLASS
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER**



**DRUM CIRCLE
SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER**

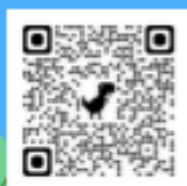


**POTTERY PAINTING CAFÉ
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER**



**GAMERS LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER**

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- Nature exploration
- Outdoor adventures
- Friendship building
- and more!

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