



Tuck Shop:

Our Friday tuck shop profits will be donated to St. Cuthbert's Care as part of The Good Shepherd Appeal.

St. Cuthbert's Care normally hold an annual Good Shepherd Mass and it is our hope that our Mini-Vinnies attend the event. Please read below for information about this very important charity who do phenomenal work across the region.

Our Story

For almost 80 years, St Cuthbert's Care has been at the heart of communities across the North East, providing care and support when it's needed most. We began in 1946 as the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Rescue Society, set up to care for vulnerable children displaced following World War II. Guided by the values of care, compassion and community, our work quickly grew to support families and individuals of all ages. In 1983, we became Catholic Care North East, reflecting our wider mission to provide care not only for children but also for adults in need. As our services expanded, so did our vision to make sure care is available to everyone, whatever their faith, background or circumstances.

In 2003, our name changed to St Cuthbert's Care, inspired by the legacy of St Cuthbert, a figure synonymous with compassion and service. This name reflects both our Catholic ethos and our commitment to serving the diverse communities of the North East. Today, we're proud to offer support across an extensive range of services, from residential care for children and fostering services to specialist provision for people with disabilities and welcoming nursing homes for older people. Whichever service families across our region experience, they know they can rely on us to provide care with compassion, dignity and respect.

Mass for the Holy Land – Saturday 25th April, at 11.00am, St Joseph's Church, Birtley

All are warmly invited to attend Mass for the Holy Land on Saturday 25th April at 11.00am at St Joseph's Church, Birtley, celebrated with members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Northumbrian Section.

The Order supports the Christian presence in the Holy Land, assisting local Christian communities through pastoral, educational and charitable work. At a time of great challenge and uncertainty for many in the region, this mission remains especially important. This Mass offers an opportunity for the parish to pray together for peace and to stand in solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land.

Members of the Order will be present and will take part in the Mass, including a formal liturgical procession. This will also be an opportunity to find out more about the work of the Order and its mission.

Parishioners, families and friends are very welcome, and all are encouraged to come along and join in prayer.



Easter Eggstravaganza:

As we prepare for our upcoming Easter Raffle, we are kindly asking for donations of Easter eggs to help make the event a great success. On Friday 20th March, pupils will be able to come into school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of an Easter egg (please note that this is the day of the Big Lenten Walk). Any size or type of egg would be greatly appreciated! All donations can be handed in at the school office. Your generosity helps us to raise funds for our children - thank you in advance for your support.

Mother's Day Shop

On Friday 13th March, we will be holding a Mother's Day shop at both schools, where children can buy a small gift for someone special, if they wish.

Gifts will range from £1.50 to £5.00 each. Children can bring cash into school on the morning - we'd be grateful for change, where possible please.



Dates for the Diary

(Please note that these dates are subject to change)

- Thursday 12th March – Year 5 Singing Festival
- Friday 13th March – Mother's Day Shop
- Monday 16th March – Year 5 Library Visit
- Tuesday 17th March – Year 4 Celebration of the Word – 9:00am
- Wednesday 18th March – Year 3 Multi-Skills Event
- Wednesday 18th March – SJIB Visit to Beamish
- Thursday 19th March – Mr Taylor to visit SJB
- Friday 20th March – Mr Taylor to visit SJIB
- Friday 20th March – Big Lent Walk for Cafod - Non-uniform Day – Easter Egg Donations
- Monday 23rd March - Year 6 Library Visit
- Tuesday 24th March – Year 2 & Year 4 Dance Festival
- Tuesday 24th March – Mothers' Day Reception Celebration of the Word - 9:00am
- Wednesday 25th March – Year 3 Visit to Little White Farm
- Thursday 26th March – Stations of the Cross 9:30am Key Stage 2 only (in church)
- Tuesday 31st March – Year 1 and Year 2 Palm Sunday Liturgy in Church - 9:30am
- Wednesday 1st April – Year 4 and Year 5 Maundy Thursday Celebration of the Word Service – 9:30am
- Thursday 02nd April – Last Day of Term
- Monday 20th April – Children return to school
- Tuesday 21st April- Year 4 Whitburn Wherry and Seaburn
- Thursday 23rd April- Mr Taylor to visit SJB
- Friday 24th April - Mr Taylor to visit SJIB
- Monday 27th April – Good Shepherd Mass – 10:00am
- Tuesday 28th April- Year 3 Celebration of the Word
- Monday 04th May – May Bank Holiday
- Monday 11th May – KS2 SATS Week
- Friday 22nd May – Last Day of Term
- Monday 01st June – Children return to school
- Tuesday 02nd June – Year 6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 02nd June – Year 6 Celebration of the Word – 9:00am
- Tuesday 16th June – Year 5 Celebration of the Word – 9:00am
- Tuesday 16th June- Year 6 Transition Day at Cardinal Hume Catholic School
- Tuesday 16th June – SJIB to attend Washington Wetland Centre
- Friday 19th June – Father's Day Shop
- Tuesday 23rd June – Year 1 Celebration of the Word – 9:00am
- Monday 29th June – Inset Day
- Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 01st July – Year 6 to attend Cardinal Hume Catholic School
- Wednesday 1st July – SJIB Big Sing for Mini Singers at The Glasshouse
- Tuesday 07th July – Year 4 Celebration of the Word- 9:00am
- Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th July – Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Ford Castle Residential
- Thursday 9th July – Year 3 & Year 4 Big Sing at The Glasshouse
- Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers' assembly
- Friday 17th July – Leavers' Mass in Church – 10:00am

Friday 17th July – Last Day of Term

Designated Safeguarding Leads for the school: Mrs K. Swaddle Deputy Designated

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Mrs R. Nutton, Mrs E. McConnell and Mrs A. Snaith and Mrs J. Smith.

Visit: [St Joseph's Birtley Bulletins \(stjosephsbirtley.co.uk\)](http://stjosephsbirtley.co.uk) for more information