St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy

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Dates for your diary

Fri 15th May - 3:15pm - 4:30 pm SCCA Festival
Fri 26th June - 1:30pm - 3:30pm Summer Fair
Sun 28th June - Holy Communion Ceremony

Y4 Goes 'Blue' for Water Aid

On Tuesday (12th April) Year 4 went 'Blue' to raise money for Wateraid. The children had learnt all about the great work that the charity does the day before, when we were joined online by a guest speaker. Thank you to everyone who participated by dressing up in blue and donating money. Wateraid have expressed their gratitude for your support and kind donations.

Did you know? 696 million people, almost 1 in 10 - don't have clean water close to home.
Wateraid works with local communities and global partners to provide people with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

BSYW - A Diary of a Disciple

Last week, BSYW visited Year 4 and delivered an engaging workshop based on *A Diary of a Disciple*. The children explored the life of the disciple Luke and learned about the stories he shared about Jesus in the Bible. Through discussion and activities, pupils gained a deeper understanding of Luke's role as a follower of Jesus and how his writings help Christians learn more about Jesus' life and teachings. It was a wonderful opportunity for Year 4 to bring their RE learning to life and deepen their knowledge of the Gospel.

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Castlerigg Trip

Last week 44 children from St Cuthbert's and Christ the King attended a two day residential at Castlerigg Manor. Castlerigg Manor is a renowned Christian retreat center in Keswick, Cumbria. The visit was supported with a tea of staff from both schools (some of the staff attending had even attended Castlerigg previously as children themselves!). The children had a wonderful time, creating a range of crafts, exploring the building and area around Keswick and enjoying some time to reflect in the chapel and during a range of liturgies. The children were amazing. Mr Mitchell was very proud of how the two schools embraced the activities, how they conducted themselves and engaged with each other. There were lots of new friendships formed.

The next Castlerigg adventure will take place in November 2026. Please keep an eye out if you want your child to be involved.

HRSE Consultation

We are consulting on revisions made to our HRSE policy - Human Relationships and Sex Education. This is the curriculum area that we share with you each September and offer thoughts and comments. This school year we offered a training session and an opportunity for face to face discussions.

There have been some recent changes in government policy so the Bishops of England and Wales have also made changes to the suite of documents that they provide Catholic schools. The policy is very different to the one we had before and is much longer.

We have therefore opened a period of consultation with you as parents from today until Monday 11th May 2026.

The policy document has been posted onto class dojo and sent out to you via the my child at school app. **If you have any comments that you wish Governors to consider please email them directly to Sarah Smith at ssm@sccacademy.co.uk marked HRSE CONSULTATION.**

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Gone Green Achievement!

Well done Louie A and **Ella A** on being **the first two children to reach an all green heatmap on times table rockstars!** The Gone Green certificate is awarded to children who have mastered all of their multiplication facts and can answer each question in under 4 seconds, at least 10 times in a row. We are incredibly proud to celebrate the first Year 4 children who have achieved this fantastic milestone through their hard work and dedication. Well done to you all-what an achievement! **We look forward to seeing who will be next to earn their Gone Green certificate in Year 4!**

St Francis of Assisi Assembly

The special Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi runs from the 10th January 2026 to the 10th January 2027, marking the 800th anniversary of his death. Proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, this special year celebrates the life, legacy and witness of St Francis.

As part of this important celebration, classes have been learning more about St Francis of Assisi and his message of peace, kindness and care for creation. During a special assembly, pupils shared beautiful poems and heartfelt prayers they had written in honour of St Francis, reflecting on his love for God, others and the world around us.

A St Francis Award was also presented to children who have shown; a particular care for creation, kindness and compassion towards others , a gift for peacemaking and who are positive role models within our school community.

Congratulations to our St Francis Award winners : Liyla-May B, Ohemaa A, Somma O-O, Bruno P, Ella F, Zofia W and Jonah H.

"The world is a great stage on which God displays his many wonders."
St Francis of Assisi

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Nursery celebrates St George's Day!

In the 2-3 nursery room the children have been painting red flags for St. George's day. They really enjoyed making lines with the red paint and trying to make a flag shape.

Better Start - Ready, Steady, Smile

Last Tuesday, Blackpool Better Start visited pre-school to run a Ready Steady Smile session. The children learnt all about the importance of brushing their teeth and got to explore a variety of fun provision activities. It was great to have parents and guardians visit us to share the experience with their children too.

Do you need help finding a dentist for your child?