

St Cuthbert's CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2025



Believe Achieve Inspire

Summer term 1

Message from the Headteacher

As we move through this half term, I would like to take a moment to share our current focus in our school.

Our core value this half term is **Perseverance**. We are encouraging all pupils to develop resilience in their learning—to keep trying when things feel difficult, to learn from mistakes, and to take pride in the effort they put into every task. We share with our children that perseverance is not just about academic success; it is a life skill that helps children grow in confidence, independence, and self-belief.

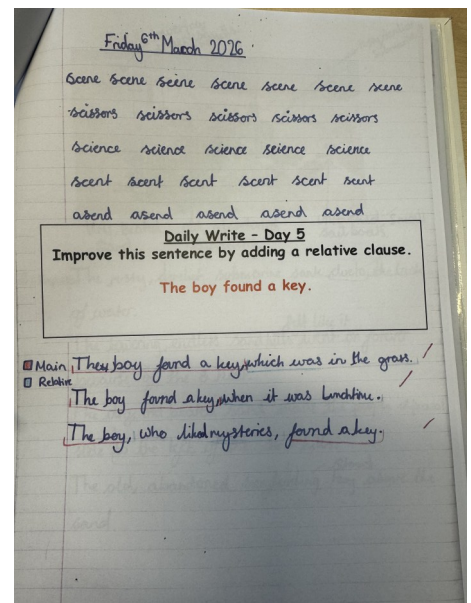
This focus sits firmly alongside our shared vision: **Believe, Achieve, Inspire**. We want every child to believe in themselves and their potential, to achieve their very best through effort and determination, and to inspire others through their actions and attitudes.

We are already seeing pupils embracing these values in many ways—approaching challenges with a positive mindset, supporting one another, and showing determination in their work, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through creative activities.

In particular as part of our School Improvement priorities, we have been focussing on presentation and handwriting and multiplication knowledge. We have seen a huge improvement in books across all the subjects and areas of school. The perseverance has paid off. I have included a photo here for you to see.

We look forward to continuing to build on this focus in the coming weeks and thank you for your ongoing support in reinforcing these important values at home.

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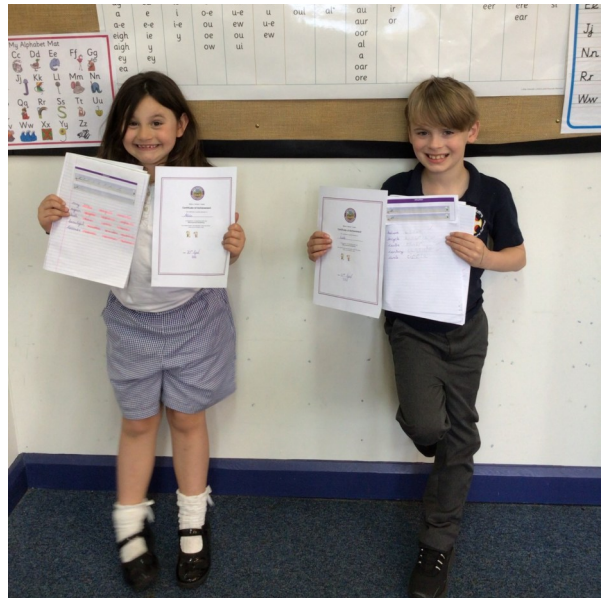
We have been so busy in **Diamond Class**! Our Reception children have been doing some amazing reading and writing, and Nursery and Reception have been exploring number concepts within and beyond 10. As part of our science focus in Spring term, we investigated materials, including which materials are waterproof and which are not. In RE we learnt who Christians feel made the world and created stained glass window designs to show parts of the story. In PSHE we have been thinking about the people who are important to us and that we can trust. This term we have started learning all about plants, including learning about the parts of plants and planting some seeds. We



In English, **Ruby Class** have been really focusing on their handwriting which links in really well with our half term value perseverance! Two children have already got certificate to celebrate how much perseverance they are putting into their handwriting across all areas of the school and many more to come!

Last half term, we looked at the story of 'Little Red writing' and the children wrote their own amazing versions on the stories including choosing their own characters and setting. All the children were extremely proud of the work they produced.

In Maths, we have had a big focus on multiplication and division. We have looked at how arrays can help us with this and we created some using cheerios! We have also been showing lots of perseverance with our timetables including 2s,5s, 10s and 3s and trying to complete these at the start of every maths lesson under time pressure...



We look forward going into the summer term with some lovely weather and even more super learning!



Collective Worship

This half term we are celebrating our value of **Perseverance** – encouraging children to keep going, even when learning feels challenging, and to take pride in not giving up.

Activity for parents and children to enjoy together:

"The Keep Trying Challenge"

Ask your child to choose something a little tricky (e.g. a puzzle, learning times tables, reading a new book, or building something). Work on it together for 10–15 minutes, encouraging them to keep going when it feels difficult. Afterwards, talk about:

- What was challenging?
- What helped you to keep going?
- How did it feel when you didn't give up?

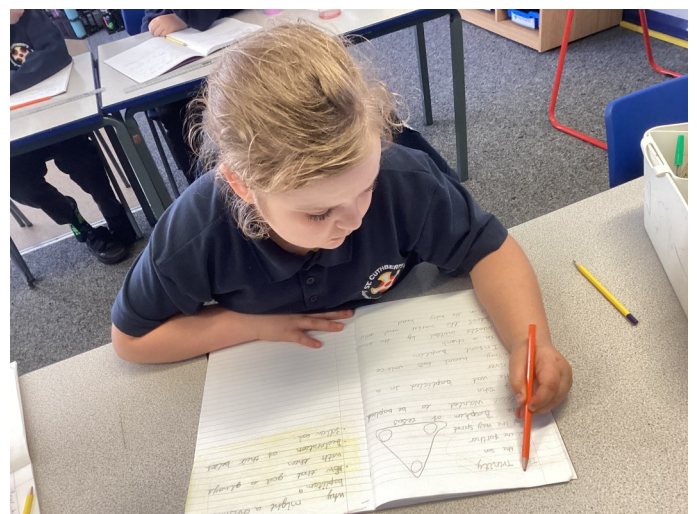
It would be lovely to hear how this went - please just drop us an email to share! We can celebrate this in our Collective Worship and display.



It has been a busy start to the Summer term in **Emerald Class** and lovely to have some sunshine along with it. In Maths we have been studying geometry and learned all about angles, quadrilaterals and triangles. We can order, measure and calculate different angles.

In English we are working towards writing a suspense piece of writing based on a film clip. We are using different techniques to build suspense and create a picture in our reader's heads. We can't wait to share the finished pieces.

In Science Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed finding out about rocks and how fossils are formed. In Year 5 and 6 they have enjoyed looking at different materials and reversible and irreversible changes that can take place.



On a personal note, I just want to thank you all for your support. It has been a privilege teaching your children and I am so proud of them and all their achievements.

They are true CHAMPS!

Mrs Thomas