



St Cuthbert's

NEWSLETTER

September 2024



Message from the Headteacher

We have been very busy in school setting up our new Pupil House Teams, Pupil Leadership Teams, Pupil timetables and rotas! We have been learning about our British Values through this process, in particular about democracy and democratic processes. You will see our new House Captains and Vice Captains in Celebration Assembly.

It was so lovely to see some of you at our Parent Information sessions last week. I hope that you find these sessions helpful.

Thank you for the positive comments about the home time routines and the safeguarding procedures around the collection of children. These are to help keep children, staff and families safe at the most vulnerable times of a school day, which are in the mornings and at home time.

As I mentioned in my communications at the start of term, the horrific events in Stockport, which sadly resulted in the death of 3 little girls, and the horrific aftermath in various communities, has lead all schools and families to review and improve their safeguarding systems and routines. As a school community we already have robust systems in place, but the additional measures will further improve this.

All classes will be sent home from the playground exit. This is a new system, and our children may take a little while longer to come out occasionally - we thank you for your patience. The staff will not rush this, as it is important that our children are seen safely out of school and onto the parent/carer.

The photos and passwords are to provide you and the school with the added security of being able to identify those adults who do not pick up your child/children ordinarily. The staff will use this system if they are unsure of the identity of the person collecting your child; they will not be checking the photo, or asking for passwords if it is you, the parent/carer, or one of the known people on the collection list that you provided.

Please be assured that for our celebration assemblies, the staff who are welcoming families at the gate or door, do know the families and extended families. They will stop anyone who is not attending with the known families, or anyone they are unfamiliar with and do not know.

Best wishes,
Nicola Thornber and Team

CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is

CHOICES

Our Vision

At Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation, we will all approach everything we do in the **CHAMPS** way, helping every child flourish into a caring, confident and resilient young person who has a love of learning and:

- Chooses the right way and takes responsibility for their own actions
- Is **Honest** in everything they do and shows compassion for others
- **Achieves** the best they can with the talents they have and develops their wisdom
- Shows good **Manners** to everyone and treats everyone with respect
- **Perseveres** when situations are difficult and shows courage when they are challenged
- Knows how to keep **Safe** on and offline, ensuring that everyone is kept physically and emotionally safe.

This shows the special relationship we have with each other, where as a community, we look after each other, keeping each other safe – **Koinonia**.

Monthly Attendance Summary for September 2024

Diamond 1: 90%

Ruby 2: 90.31%

Emerald 3: 94.27%

Whole school: 91.97%

Christian Values

This half term our Christian Value is **RESPONSIBILITY**. We have talked about how we are all responsible for the choices that we make and to care for one another.

Articles of the Month

Article 1 – Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights of the convention.

All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live or what language they speak.

Diamond Class

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We are settling in well into our new routines in Diamond Class and have already started having lots of fun!

We have been learning about Little Red Riding Hood, retelling the story through play and looking at the characters in our story.

In Maths, our focus has been exploring number and shapes of numbers. We have been sorting numbers 1-10 using criteria of 'straight' and 'curved' and have been practicing forming our numbers correctly.

In the afternoons we have been learning about a British Illusion artist, Bridget Riley and recreating her illusion artwork using pencils through our art topic of 'Make your mark'.

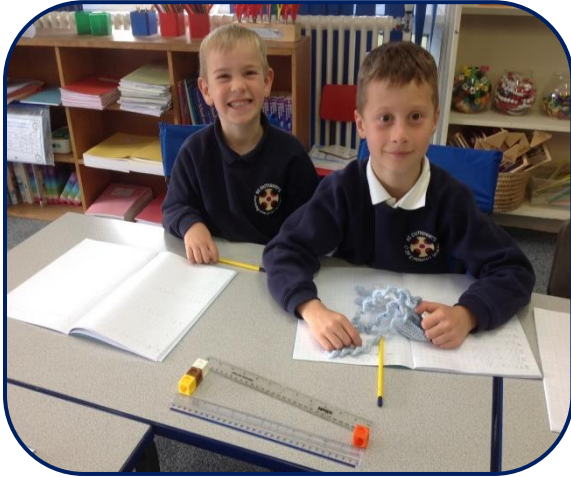
During our Forest schools sessions, we have been learning about the season Autumn and how the environment has changed. We have been jumping in puddles in the wet weather and mixing paints outside – we really have been out in all weathers!

It has been wonderful to meet parents during parents evening and sharing how incredibly proud we are of all children in Diamond class, they really are embracing school and demonstrating our CHAMPS values.



Ruby Class

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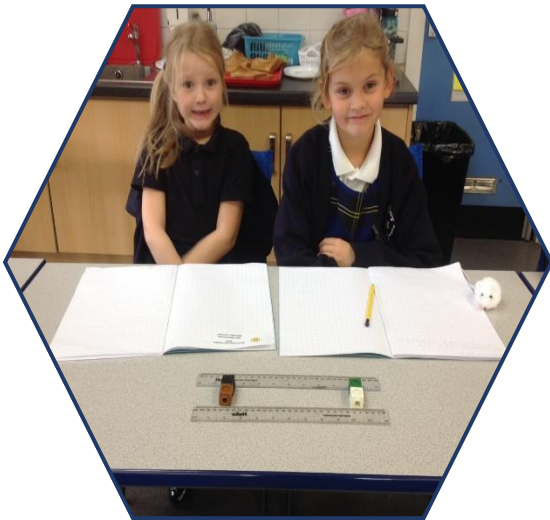
As we embark on another exciting school year, I'm thrilled to share how wonderfully the Ruby class has settled in! The children have adapted beautifully to their new routines, demonstrating enthusiasm and a positive attitude toward learning.

In our English lessons, we've been diving into the delightful book, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. The students have engaged in predicting outcomes, sharing their creative ideas, and producing their own written pieces inspired by the story. It's been wonderful to see their imaginations flourish!

In Maths, we've focused on place value up to 100. Using bead sticks, the children have been exploring how to represent numbers by identifying tens and ones. They've been learning the names for various numbers, practicing identifying 10 more and 10 less, and finishing off our unit by comparing their prior knowledge with their new understanding through spidergrams. We had a fantastic time learning about greater than and less than, using rulers and cubes to make it interactive and fun!

I am incredibly proud of how hard-working and dedicated the Ruby class has been. Their commitment to their learning is evident, and I've received wonderful feedback from both parents and children regarding the home learning folders sent home last week.

It was a pleasure meeting you all at the recent parents' evening and sharing your child's progress. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further information. Keep up the fantastic work, Ruby class!



Emerald Class

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Emerald class have had a wonderful start to the new school year. We are all very proud of how well the children have risen to the challenge of being the eldest children in school and great CHAMP role models.

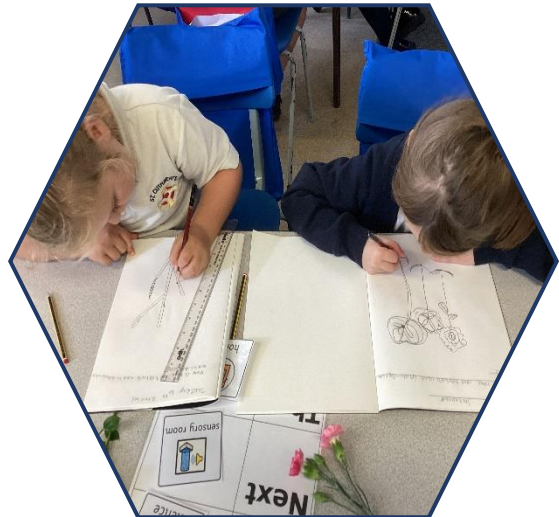
We have also welcomed some new children into our class and are so pleased with how quickly they have settled and the friendships they are making. Welcome to the Emerald family.

In English we have been looking at the story of The Red Prince. We are getting ready to plan our own version of the text and look forward to sharing it with you. We have also looked at our sentence structure and making our writing as exciting as possible using expanded noun phrases.

In Maths we have begun with a unit on place value. The children have really enjoyed challenging themselves in reading, writing and comparing numbers. Why not ask them at home to show you the numbers that they can recognise?

In Art we have been looking at retrofuturism and created some eye-catching pieces of work which are displayed in school for the children to be proud of. The children in Year 3 and 4 have been looking at botanical drawing and created some very detailed observational drawings.

It was great to catch up with you all at Parents Evening and share with you your child's progress. Please do speak to us if you have any further questions. We are looking forward to working with you this year.

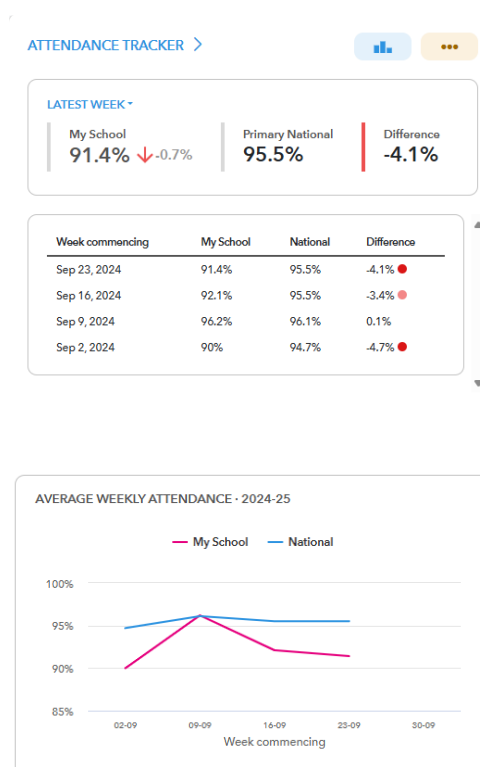


Attendance News

As you know, improving attendance is a priority in school this year.

Below is a comparison of attendance at St. Cuthbert's since the start of the school year, compared with national attendance.

For the month of September, we are below the national average.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

This term we are running a Music Band Club on a Tuesday after school for KS2, Craft Club on a Thursday for after school for KS2 and Kanga Sports Club on a Friday morning for both KS1 & KS2. Chess Club will start after half term for KS2 – information will come out later this term. We did offer a Tag Rugby Club but unfortunately there was not enough take up at this time for it to be viable.



Community Give Back

Did you see us on Look North and hear us on Your Harrogate Radio? It was a great experience for the children to see how these reports were made and to be part of it. It was also a wonderful way for us to let others know about the great things we are doing with Community Give Back. The extra surprise bonus from this was that we received generous donations from the public who wanted support our families.

New this year is our Upper Nidderdale Federation Band. We are really lucky to have 4 volunteers from Summerbridge and Dacre Silver Band who are giving their time and instruments to support our children have free access to music. The children have had great fun learning how to get notes out of their cornets and we are delighted to hear that they have been practicing at home too! Some of the children got their first opportunity to perform at The Nidderdale Show where they delighted the large crowd with their Old MacDonald had a Farm. The Band's conductor was so impressed with them that he is wanting them to perform at some of the Band's concerts this year so watch out for great things from our Band.

Finally, will have our 2nd Working Bee day planned for this term – so look out for the date!



Pupil Leadership News

The children are choosing their teams this week. More information to follow next time.

Online Team

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Rights Respecting Team

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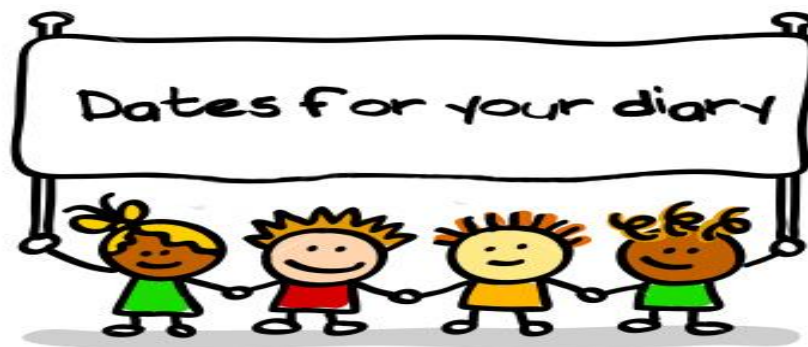
Sports Leaders

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Wellbeing & Happiness Team

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Collective Worship Team



Date	October
	<i>Fire Prevention Week (6-12 Oct)</i>
10/10/2024	<i>Nell Banks Parent Meetings (both schools) @3.10pm</i>
16/10/2024	STC Open Day for Reception 2025 New Starters
22/10/2024	STC Parent Learn with Me Session (9-9:30am)
23/10/2024	STC Harvest Parents Breakfast
25/10/2024	<i>(1 Nov) All Saints Day / Diwali</i>
	HALF TERM

Date	November
05/11/2024	11am North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Visit
08/11/2024	<i>World Science Day (10 Nov)</i>
	<i>Anti-Bullying Week (11-17 Nov)</i>
11/11/2024	Years 3&4 Residential – Nell Bank <i>Remembrance Day – wreath to Cenotaph</i>
12/11/2024	Years 3&4 Residential – Nell Bank
13/11/2024	<i>Odd Socks Day</i>
15/11/2024	<i>BBC Children in Need</i>
	<i>Road Safety Week (19-24 Nov)</i>

Date	December
02/12/2024	<i>Beginning of Advent (1 Dec)</i>
10/12/2024	STC – Carols and Mince Pies (parents and community)
11/12/2024	<i>Christmas Dinner Day</i>
12/12/2024	<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i> St Cuthbert's Nativity (parents and community)
19/12/2024	STC Winter Walk
20/12/2024	Break for Christmas Holiday

NOTICEBOARD



Baby/Toddler Groups

Glasshouses

Every Friday 9:30 – 11:00 am

St Cuthbert's

Every **Thursday** 1:30 – 3:30 pm – Starting after
October half term

All groups run during term-time only

No charge, but donations towards
refreshments appreciated

Breakfast Club

Breakfast and Afterschool club, Monday –
Thursday, Friday breakfast club ONLY.

7.45am – 8.45am and 3.30pm-5.30pm

Email
parentinfo@uppernidderdalefed.school



**Upper Nidderdale Primary
Federation Nursery**



**Based at St Cuthbert's Primary,
Pateley Bridge**

We welcome children from the age of three and we are an Early Entitlement registered setting (15-30 hours funding depending on your circumstances). For more information, ring the office at St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.

PATELEY BRIDGE FOOD BANK

If you are struggling financially then we can provide you with the essentials to tide you over.



Open Monday to Thursday 10am – 3pm.
Due to current restrictions, please telephone first
on 07792419982.
Email – horlix@aol.com.

*We are here for everyone, singles or families, if
you're in receipt of benefits or not.
Don't struggle alone – we're here to help.
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