

Newsletter

St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School

26/02/25

Welcome back after a well needed half term holiday. The weather was somewhat variable but with the summer term fast approaching I am hoping for some warmer and sunnier weather very soon.

A special visitor!



Councillor Jasmine Browne, the Mayor of Wells, has developed some strong links with our school since she took office in May last year. This week, the mayor has attended one of our singing assemblies and has had a look around school, meeting the staff and children. She was very impressed!

On Thursday 13th March the mayor will be returning to school to talk to the children in assembly. She will be accompanied by the Town Crier, Mr Len Sweales and her Mace Bearer, Mr Colin Price. The mayor will have the Mace with her and will be wearing her mayor's gown.

Myself and Mrs Ramsay have been invited, along with our school choir, to attend a civic service at St Cuthbert's Church in April. This is a great honour to be invited to such an event and we are very much looking forward to it.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 6th March** we will be celebrating all things to do with reading. Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book. The children will also be bringing home a paper plate for them to decorate to look like their favourite book character. I have attached some photographs from last year to give you some ideas. These are displayed in school in the library.



This is always such a lovely day and we are all really looking forward to it.



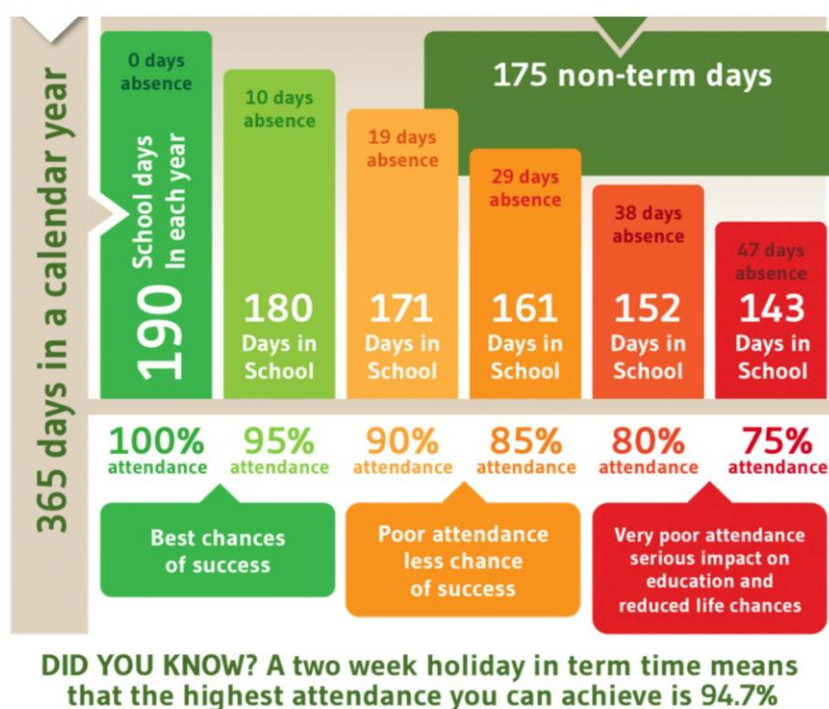
Attendance

Attendance remains a high priority in school. Pupil attendance is monitored on a weekly basis and children who are persistently absent (less than 90% attendance) are monitored even more closely.

Please make sure if your child is too unwell to come to school, you inform school through Parentmail or leave a message on the school answerphone. If we do not know why your child is absent it will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

We also have a lot of children who are regularly late and not arriving until 9.30am or later. Registers close at 9.15am and if your child arrives later than that they have to be marked as unauthorised for the whole morning.

I would also like to remind parents that there are very few exceptional circumstances where I am allowed to authorise a term time holiday. Please be aware, especially as we are coming into the warmer summer weather, if you book a term time holiday you will be at risk a fixed penalty notice being issued.



If you need support with attendance or lateness, please come and speak to me; there are lots of ways we can help.

Library Visits



Mrs Ramsay has been working hard to raise the profile of reading across school. During this term, classes have been visiting Wells library and exploring the whole range of books they have on offer there. The classes that have already visited really enjoyed it and lots of children now have their own library card.

This is a perfect opportunity to sign up to get a library card to borrow books and increase your child's interest in reading.

Viking Day

On Friday afternoon, we have a visitor coming into school to talk about the Viking period in history to our Year 5 and 6 children. They will explore this through speaking in old English and singing medieval songs. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to do some wool spinning and see what plants and flowers were used to make natural dyes. This is a great way for children to learn about history in an interactive and exciting way.



Online Concerns

We have a lot of children who use iPads and phones to keep in touch outside of school using messaging sites. We are seeing an increasing number of problems arise from these interactions. When children have arguments online, the language used can end up being quite aggressive and very inappropriate. It also results in children coming into school the following day feeling anxious and worried.



Can I ask parents to monitor your child's use of online activity carefully, particularly if they use messaging sites.

- How large are the chat groups they are in? Do they know all of these people?
- How appropriate is the language?
- Are the children arguing and being aggressive to a person in the chat?
- What images are being shared?



Red Nose Day

on

**Friday 21st
March**

will be a full mufti day **BUT** the theme is **wear red!!**

Donations towards Red Nose Day 2025 are gratefully received.

For 2025 to celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief, we're bringing back a favourite Red Nose from each decade – from the 80's, 90's, Noughties and 2010's.

Plus, there's a celebratory Cupcake Nose, exclusive to our Collector Pack. Well, it wouldn't be a birthday without cake! Why not try to get your hands on all five?

And if you're lucky, you could even get our Rare Ruby Nose – a sparkling addition to our classic line-up. There's a 1 in 125 chance of getting your hands on this little gem.

WHAT YOUR MONEY DOES

The money raised will support those facing poverty here in the UK and around the world this Red Nose Day. Your support could help provide shelter for those that need it, put food on plates, fill the shelves of baby banks, offer someone to talk to or somewhere to be safe.



THE 80'S NOSE

The OG - smooth, round, red. Life was simpler back then.



THE 90'S NOSE

Put your hands in the air for this favourite from the decade of dance. The first time Comic Relief tweaked its nose.



THE NOUGHTIES NOSE

A new Nose for a new century. If a nose can have hands, it can also have a face.



THE 2010'S

Welcome back this little critter, the Di-NOSE-saurus. A classic from Jurassic and a Red Nose with toes.

With many thanks for all of your support,

Helen Mullinger

Head Teacher

Glastonbury and Street Musical Comedy Society

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The TALENT SHOW!

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

You have been given this leaflet because someone knows you have a very special talent.
Portway Performing Arts are searching the area to find the best talent there is to perform
at a showcase on April 26th 2025.

Have you got what it takes to reach the final and to win?

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3. Send to portwaymusicschool@gmail.com
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