

26 September 1748

Cuthbert Collingwood born in The Side Newcastle

1759

Starts school at the Royal Grammar in Newcastle

1761

Goes to sea with his brother Wilfred. Their uncle, Richard Braithwaite is captain of the ship. It is a 28 gun frigate named 'Shannon'. A frigate is a small ship used for scouting the enemy at sea.

1767

Cuthbert Collingwood is promoted to midshipman. Only rich young gentleman could become midshipmen but they had to prove they could be good officers. Changes ships with his uncle. The new ship is named 'Liverpool'.

1772

Leaves his uncle's ship and joins 'Lennox' under Captain Robert Roddam at the huge naval base of Portsmouth. Roddam also comes from Northumberland.