

# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

  
School Christmas Holiday  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Spring term starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - 2pm  
Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany  
Parents invited to join us

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Yr6 Residential Trip

  
February Half Term  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET DAYS**  
School will be closed to children

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## We live our lives like Jesus

### Message from the Headteacher

Over the last few weeks, the classrooms and corridors have been filled with the voices of angels, a few barn animals, some shepherds, inn keepers and wise men as the children prepared for the nativities. And didn't they do a great job in sharing the good news of Jesus' birth! It was lovely to see parents at the nativities and Carol Service and Grandparents and parishioners at our Community Christmas Party.

Thank you to everyone who helped us share the spirit and meaning of Christmas with Seafarers and clients of Bucklands Soup Kitchen by donating to our chocolate collection. It is lovely to see how the children, staff and families embrace our Mission statement and are determined to '*live our lives like Jesus.*' This half term, our mission values have been to show Jesus' love through being generous and joyful. This is especially true of Advent as we prepare in expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for Christmas.

As we prepare to start our Christmas break, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents, staff, Fr Emmanuel and governors for all their support and hard work

We wish you all the peace and joy of Christmas.

Miss Clark



# Catholic Life of the School

The last few weeks have been busy preparing for Christmas - our activities during Advent have helped us get ready to open the door to Jesus this year. We have had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reflect on the good things in our lives.

## RE Units - Our topics for next term are Christmas and Revelation

### Christmas



We will start our term, finding out more about the Christmas story and how Angels shared the good news of Jesus' birth. The shepherds witnessed his coming and why the wise men brought gifts. We will also think about the meaning of Christmas for us today.

### Revelation

During our second unit children will learn how God shows or reveals himself to us in Jesus through signs and actions. We will also learn about Jesus' Baptism and how at our baptism we are children of God.



## Our Advent Giving



This year we collected chocolate! Our donations were divided between two charities; Buckland Soup Kitchen and Stella Maris. Stella Maris is a charity that provides practical and spiritual support for seafarers, many of whom spend months on container ships delivering the products we buy and take for granted. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection.



## PUPIL VOICE



In December, we organised a non-uniform day to help support our Advent Appeal.

Look at all of the amazing chocolate donations received!

We will be sharing these between Buckland Soup Kitchen and Stella Maris Seafarer Charity.



We are excited to introduce our new School Councillors to you! Each one completed an application and pledge speech before being democratically voted into office by their classmates. Congratulations to them all - we know they will do a wonderful job of representing the voices of their classes to make positive change in our school!

This half term, 4 of our Year 5/6 councillors attended the Primary Council of Portsmouth Students (PCOPS) Summit at Portsmouth University.

Emilia from St Maximilian Class has written a few words about her experience: "We visited Portsmouth University to talk about what 'pupil voice' means at our school. We had a really fun time! We got to meet lots of other pupil councils from around the city and we also gave a presentation to over 70 people about what our plans for the year are."





# Community

## Care Home Visits

Children from our 3 Year 3-4 classes visited Meadow Care Home this week bringing Christmas cheer and greetings from our school community. As well as singing carols, children spent time talking to the residents. Liliana said she was "happy to sing carols to people who don't always get to see their families at Christmas." Elsie said she "felt really proud because the care home residents looked happy when we sang carols and gave out cards."



### Stella Maris

Half our donations of chocolate are on there way to the seafarers in Portsmouth and Southampton! Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection this year.



## Grandparents and Parishioners Christmas Tea Party



It was lovely to see so many of our grandparents join us for Christmas tea hosted by our Yr5/6 School Councillors. The classes shared their carols and it was a great chance for old friends to catch up.



### Bucklands Soup Kitchen

Yesterday, staff and some of their children delivered the chocolate to Bucklands Soup Kitchen and helped parcel up 80 gift bags for their clients. The gift bags were filled with our chocolate and donations of hats, gloves, socks and personal hygiene items.



## Carol Singing

**Carol Singing with KS1 and St Therese class raising money for CAFOD and Home Start**





# Early Years

St Gabriel and St Joseph

Autumn 2  
learning journey

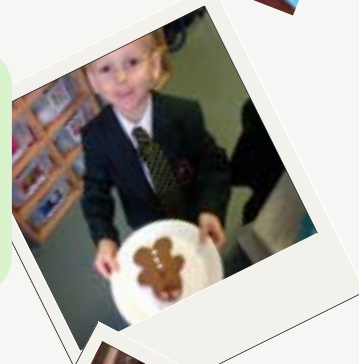
## Writing and Reading

This half term the children have been learning to segment simple words and record the initial, middle and end sounds and applying the first 25 single letter sounds. The children have enjoyed drawing club where we have explored the stories - The gingerbread Man, Alien's love underpants and Lost and Found. .



## Understanding the World

This half term we have explored the events of the past and why we remember them - bonfire night, remembrance day and the moon landing. We have also explored the polar regions and the animals that live there.



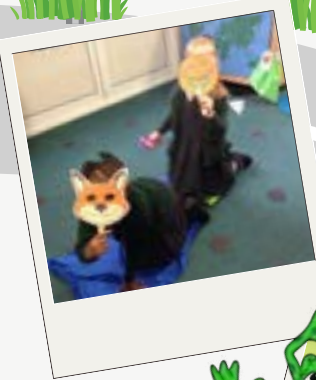
## RE

We have explored the question 'Who needs our love?' in our Catholic Social Teaching lessons and thought about how we can be like the Good Samaritan and treat our neighbours with love. We have also explored Advent and thought how we can prepare ourselves for Christmas. The children also did a fantastic job of retelling the first Christmas in their Nativity.



## Maths

During our mastering number sessions, we have been learning how to count objects to match numerals to 10. We have explored the composition of numbers to 5 and understood the concept of 'Part and Whole.' The children have also explored comparing and measuring length.



# YEAR 1 AND 2

ST FRANCIS ST LUCY ST NICHOLAS



## Our Learning

### RE

During Advent we have focused on the Annunciation where Gabriel announced to Mary that she had been chosen to have God's Son. We thought carefully about the thoughts and feelings of both Mary and Gabriel during this momentous time. We also shared the nativity story with our friends and loved ones. The children worked so hard to share this most special story. They sang their hearts out, danced their socks off and acted so confidently and clearly.



But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

Luke 1:30-31

### History

Children have loved learning about the moon landing! They know who was part of the great space race, who went to the moon and when this key historical event took place. Ask them all about it!

## Santa Dash!

Well done to all the children in year 1 and 2 who completed the Santa Dash! Mr Poore, our PE specialist, led them on a Christmassy trail around our playgrounds, adorned in Christmas jumpers with songs playing. There were smiles all round and the children were very chuffed with their achievement!



## Class Feast Days

This half term we have celebrated the feast days of St Nicholas and St Lucy. Children read the story of their saint and shared class prayers, focusing on what their saint has taught them.

St Nicholas class delivered gifts to the classes and all took part in an act of service, making hot chocolate gift bags for our school families. They raised £40 and children chose to use this money to buy a goat for an overseas community - see the CAFOD website for more information.

St Lucy class made St Lucy crowns and performed the song: This Little Light of Mine which has been shared with families.



## PE update

After Christmas, our PE days will be:  
St Nicholas: Wednesday and Friday.  
St Francis: Wednesday and Thursday.  
St Lucy: Wednesday and Thursday.

Please remember that hair should be tied back and that earrings should be studs, no hoops please.





# YEAR 3.4

Matthew 25:40  
“Whatever you did for one  
of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of  
mine, you did for me.”

## Autumn 2

### St Carlo Acutis

### St Josephine Bakhita

### St Oscar Romero

This term has been full of exciting learning and great progress. We're proud of our students for their effort and enthusiasm in every activity. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:

## Mathematics

Our year 3s have been looking into fractions and measurement. We have spent some time measuring using mm's, cm's and converting these measurements.

Our Year 4s have been learning about perimeter and fractions. They have been learning how to recognise proper fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers and how to convert these.

## Science

This term we have been looking at the effect of good oral hygiene. We completed an experiment to show the effects different liquids had on our teeth - we used egg shells to replicate the enamel.



**RE**

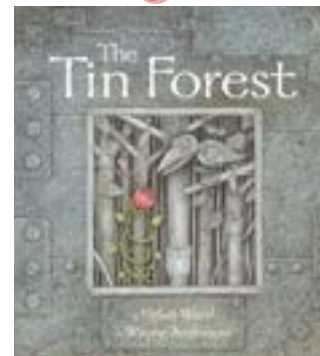


We have been learning about how to put our faith into action during our CST unit.

We explored the parable of the sheep and the goats and what it means to follow our shepherd.

We have prepared for the coming of Jesus in our Advent unit!

## English



We've been reading The Tin Forest by Helen Ward. We looked at what expanded noun phrases are and how we can use these with our conjunction knowledge to create an amazing letter.

## Useful Dates

- **Tues 13th January - St Josephine Bakhita start swimming**

## Reminders



- Read at least 3 times a week and complete spellings
- MyMaths Homework
- TTRS at least 3 times a week.



PE Days are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.



Snacks should be healthy and suitable for school - fruit is best!  
No chocolate or crisps, please.

# Welcome

## To Year 5/6 - Autumn 2



### Scripture Focus

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

St Bernadette - St Maximilian Kolbe - St Therese

### Our Learning

#### Writing

In writing, we have explored creating non-chronological reports for failed pets that we designed ourselves. We have also written persuasive speeches and letters in response to the Grinch's behaviour in Whoville!

#### Geography

We have studied our local area, thought about improvements and delivered presentations to a local MP on what we think needs to happen in North End.

#### Science

We have explored electricity and made our own circuits!

#### RE

In RE, during our CST unit we have thought about how to reach out to the marginalised and each class has planned a project to do so. During Advent, we have deepened our knowledge of John the Baptist and why he is important in the coming of Christ.

### Kindness Sale

Year 6 had a fantastic time spreading kindness across the school on National Kindness Day. They sold items relating to kindness and raised an amazing £267.99 towards their future trips.

### CST Projects

Year 5/6 have worked hard to reach out to the marginalised this term, planning and running fundraising events to donate money to HomeStart and MAKE, there has been raffles, carol singing and a Christmas sale to raise funds! We appreciate the generosity of families in supporting the childrens endeavours.

### Important Dates

Year 6 residential - 10th - 13th February

Stansted House Trip - 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March

SATS - 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 Wintershall retreat - June 17<sup>th</sup>





# Music News

This half term, Key Stage 2 have been learning to play Bamboo Tamboo, an exciting percussion instrument that involves bouncing the tubes on the floor while tapping the top or bottom with a stick. The children have mastered playing different rhythms, worked hard to stay in sync as an ensemble, and continued developing their ability to read simple musical notation. Their teamwork and focus have been fantastic, and they have truly embraced the challenge of learning a new instrument.

In the second part of the term, our focus shifted to Christmas carols and singing together. The children have loved learning festive songs and preparing to share them beyond the classroom. Several classes will be heading out into the community to spread joy through music, performing for local groups and bringing the Christmas spirit to everyone they meet.

We hope you enjoy these performances as much as the children have enjoyed practicing and preparing them. Their enthusiasm and commitment have been wonderful to see!



## PE News from Mr Poore

This half term children at Corpus Christi have really engaged in their PE lessons and we have been very lucky with the weather for the most part. Ball skills like dribbling and passing have been practised, pressurising to regain possession in team games and balance and movement in gymnastics has been a focus in our lessons.

### Clubs:

- Running (ongoing)
- Badminton (completed)
- Fundamentals of sport (Y1/2- Spring 1)

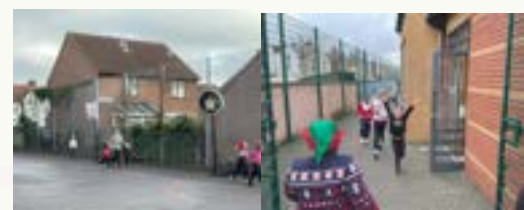
### Opportunities outside of school

We have been lucky enough to attend two events up at the Mountbatten Centre and both of these were for badminton. The first was a 'Festival of Skills' where children learnt the basic skills and got to try a carousel of fun activities. and the other for Y5/6 was a tournament against other schools. Our A team finished second in their group and our B team finished third which was amazing as most children had never played a competitive game.



### Santa Dash

We took part in the 'National Santa Dash' as a school over the two Christmas Jumper days. 300 children across KS1/2 took part as well as 16 members of staff. We did continuous loops of the school playgrounds while listening to Christmas songs and the children absolutely loved it. Last year over 130,000 children took part across the country and its a great way to keep the children active while having fun with their friends.





# ART AND DT NEWS



## Year 1 and 2

In Design and Technology the children have learnt about different types of mechanisms; levers and linkages. They created pictures with moving parts such as sliders, levers and pivots. They then created their own moving space picture for a space book using some of these mechanisms.



## YEAR 3 AND 4



The children successfully completed their Tutankhamun sarcophagus cases with a hidden surprise inside! They then learnt about the artist Pablo Picasso and learnt about his unique style of art called Cubism.

## Year 5 and 6

This term in DT the children designed and made a rubberband powered vehicle for a race. This project gave the children a chance to show their engineering and technical skills. Throughout the topic the children had to solve problems and work as a team. They explored forces and the principles of, potential energy and kinetic energy.



# Spanish News



¡Hola!

Year 3/4:



This term we've practised greetings like ¡Hola! (Hello) and ¿Cómo estás? (How are you?). We also learned numbers and zoo animals, then designed our own animal parks – ¡qué divertido!

Next half-term:

We'll learn days of the week (lunes, martes...), months, and dates. Plus, how to say our birthday:

Mi cumpleaños es el... (My birthday is...)

and ask friends:

¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? (When is your birthday?)



Year 5/6:


We've been describing towns in Spanish! Places like la plaza (square), adjectives like bonito (pretty), and verbs for things to do.

Next half-term:

We'll learn how to say how we travel using ir (to go) and transport words like en coche (by car) and en avión (by plane)!



Exciting News!

 Congratulations to Ishioma from St Bernadette, winner of an Amazon voucher and certificate for her amazing poster in the Solent Languages competition! Her design showed the theme "Where can languages take you?" beautifully.



¡Bien hecho, Ishioma! We're so proud of you!





# Different Jobs You Can Do With

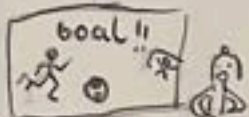
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## LANGUAGES



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Sign language interpreters are very important. They help the deaf listen to important things like the news.



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Breaking

Knowing other languages are good because you won't know when you work in a foreign school.

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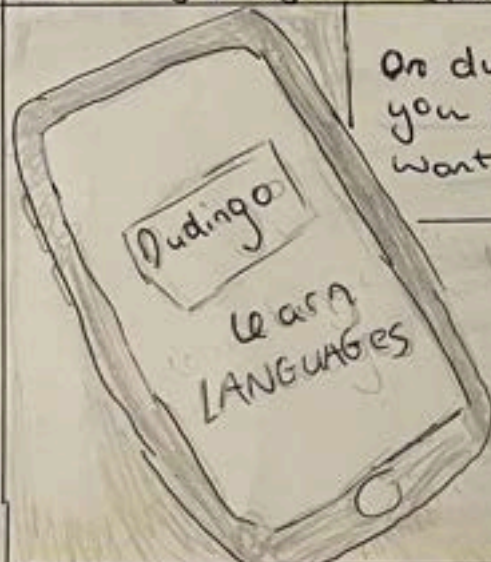
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### Tourism!

Can help those to hear about places they go to! using foreign languages.



bienvenue à la  
tour Eiffel de  
Paris



On dudingo it can help you languages you don't know, want to learn and want to try!



I can help you master any language you want even Spanish and French

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Study Cat is basically like Dudingo but for younger children 5+



Como estas amigo!

Study Cat!

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