



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

**‘We live our lives like Jesus’**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Corpus Christi Festival 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**We serve-We Create- We Celebrate - We are Proud to Belong**

**We will be celebrating our feast day with a host of events in school. Our week starts on Monday, when we thank God for creation with our pet blessing - please do consider joining us.**

**Tuesday we will carrying our acts of service in and beyond our school gates.**

**Wednesday is our create days, where the children will be creative in their celebration of our school community.**

**Thursday we will be celebrating with Mass, Eucharistic procession and our family fiesta (3.15-4.15pm).**

**Friday we will be thinking about how we belong to our school and church community and the city of Portsmouth as we join in the 100 celebrations of the city of Portsmouth.**

**To make our family fiesta event a success we are inviting parents and families from different communities to join us in celebrating their cultures through dance, music or a table display. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Mrs Comerford or myself.**

## **Year of St Francis**

This year is the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, who had a great love of God's creation and was called to build the church both physically by repairing churches in Italy and through preaching the Word of God. To celebrate this year we will be having a pet blessing on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2.45pm** on the playground led by Fr Emmanuel. We hope our much-loved family members will be able to join us for the blessing! Parents will be able to bring the pet to school for 2.45pm or children can bring a photograph of their pets. (We can't have live and lively pets in school during the day!) Pets will need to be secure - either in a cage or on a short leash and must be kept under the control of an adult. If your pet is nervous and likely to find this overwhelming, please consider sending in a photo as we wouldn't want to cause stress.

The blessing will take place on the sports playground with the gate directly accessing that playground opened at 2.40pm. We will ask parents to gather along one side of the playground with the classes facing them. Pets must remain with the adult and are not to be handed to the child/ren to hold. Owners will be responsible for controlling their pet and clearing up any mess. At the end of the blessing, children will return to class and be collected in the normal way. At this point we would ask that pets, especially dogs, are not brought back on to the school site.

If your child is nervous of animals, please email the office and we will work with them to find ways they can take part confidently - for example- sitting away from the pets. **If you plan to bring a pet to the blessing, please complete this form [Pet Blessing - June 1st 2026 – Fill out form](#)**

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Well done to our Year 6 children who have worked so hard to complete their SATS tests

Sports day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 1-6 will take part in their sports day at the Mountbatten Centre, leaving school at 9am and returning by 1pm at the very latest. We will aim to have a picnic lunch at the Mountbatten Centre  
Early Years' sports day will be in the school from 1.45pm to 3pm

Best wishes

Miss Clark  
Head teacher

**School Uniform - thank you to the Mrs Bucklar and Mrs Shepherd who have volunteered to help us with the uniform rail.**

**School Uniform donations: We have summer uniform available - if anyone needs any summer uniform please contact the office.** We are also looking for spare black joggers or leggings to keep on hand for little accidents. If your child has taken any school uniform home due to an accident, please return it to school once it has been washed. We appreciate your support.

**ARBOR APP - Please can I ask all parents to check their child's information on the ARBOR APP. If you received a new mobile or have moved recently, please update the contact details and ensure all the information on your child's record is correct. We are particularly keen for parents to check the religion status for their child as we believe there are a number of children recorded as Christian and not specifically as Catholic.**

**SMART Devices - I am writing to remind you that for the safeguarding of all members of our school community, children are not permitted to wear smart technology devices into school. This includes items such as smart watches. Children are permitted to wear a basic digital or analogue watch, but this must not have any photographic or communicative functions and should not be valuable. If you are not sure whether a watch is suitable for school, please speak to the class teacher.**

**Benefitted Related Free School Meals** - As you may be aware, families on certain benefits may be entitled to what is known as the Pupil Premium Grant - this is an amount of money, about £1300, that the school receives to support children in school. Where a family is entitled to the pupil premium grant, we offer subsidies for trips and some activities. However, families are also entitled to free holiday activities and a supermarket voucher during some holidays. If you have not checked whether you are entitled please do so before the end of September by clicking on this link [Synergy - Enquiry](#) Please do speak to Mrs Penney in the office if you need any help.

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## **Important Events**

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – School Nurse appointments (booking required)*

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – STEM week*

*Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – No swimming for Oscar Romero class*

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Non-School Uniform Day*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – school holidays (school closed for all children)**

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Pet Blessing @ 2.45pm*

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Corpus Christi Celebrations*

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Corpus Christi Fiesta @ 3.15pm – 4.15pm*

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Sports Day, Year 1-6 at the Mountbatten Centre (leaving school @ 9.00am)*

*– Sports Day, Year R at School @ 1.45pm-3.00pm*

## **INSET Days this year - school will be closed to children on these days**

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July*

*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July*

**PE Days - Children should come dressed in their PE kits - green t-shirt and black shorts or black or green track suit and trainers. Track suits must be plain with no logos.**

*Monday - Years 5 and 6*

*Tuesday - Years 3 and 4*

*Wednesday - Years R, St Francis and St Lucy's class*

*Thursday - Years 1 and 2, 3 and 4*

*Friday – St Nicholas class, Years 5 and 6*

**If children are taking part in any after school clubs on days that aren't their PE days they should bring trainers with them to school and change at the end of the day.**

## This week's celebrations:

Class	Good Shepherds:	Reading Champions:
St Joseph	Nelita	Polly
St Gabriel	Victor	Kwaku
St Francis	Dusty-Reen	Giovanni
St Nicholas	Elishua	Marley
St Lucy	Penelope	Zeline
St Josephine Bakhita	Sarwah	Blen
St Carlos Acutis	Clarín	Jeniffer
St Oscar Romero	Samuel	Elisa
St Therese of Lisieux	Frankie	Adrianna
St Bernadette	Luna	Oliver
St Maximilian Kolbe	Teddy-Lee	Rupert

### Silver Merits:

Niha (St Carlos Acutis)

Samuel, Harry, Gwen, David, Evelina, Shekinah & Alice (St Oscar Romero)

### Gold Merits:

Nora & Aaliyah (St Josephine Bakhita)