

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We live our lives like Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Half Term
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Pet Blessing
Monday 1st June
2.45pm

Monday 1st - Friday 5th June
Corpus Christi Fiesta

Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July

INSET DAYS
School will be closed to
children

Monday 6th July
Wednesday 22nd July

Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the close of what has been a joyful, productive, and deeply rewarding term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school family. This term has been one filled with hard work, perseverance, and many moments of pride. Our children have approached their learning with enthusiasm and determination, and nowhere has this been more evident than in the way our Year 6 pupils have engaged with their assessments. We are incredibly proud of the calm focus, resilience, and positive attitudes they have shown. They have truly lived out our values—trusting in their abilities, supporting one another, and striving to do their best for the glory of God.

Of course, at the heart of our school is not only academic achievement but also the development of the whole child. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils grow in confidence, kindness, and faith throughout the term. Whether through acts of service, times of prayer and reflection, or the everyday care they show to each other, our children continue to be a shining example of our Catholic ethos in action.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff team. Their commitment, professionalism, and genuine love for the children are evident in everything they do. They go above and beyond every day to ensure that each child feels valued, supported, and inspired. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and hardworking staff community.

As we move towards the summer weeks, we look forward to celebrating together—whether through special events, transition activities, or simply enjoying time together as a community. It is also a time when we begin to say farewell to some members of our school family and prepare others for the next stage in their journey. We keep them all in our prayers as they take their next steps.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. Your partnership with us is vital, and together we create a nurturing and faith-filled environment where our children can flourish.

"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Miss U Clark
Headteacher



Catholic Life of the School

RE Units - Our topics for next term are Other Faiths and Sacraments

Other Faiths

At Corpus Christi, children are encouraged to learn about and respect people of all faiths and backgrounds as part of living out our Catholic values. Through learning about other religions, children develop understanding, compassion and respect for others. We recognise that we are all part of God's family. During lessons we help children to deepen their own faith while also appreciating the beliefs, traditions, and celebrations of different religions.

Sacraments

Children will be learning about the Sacraments of the Catholic Church and why they are such an important part of Catholic life. They will learn how the Sacraments help us grow closer to God, from Baptism through to the Eucharist and Reconciliation. They will also have opportunities to think about how the values and teachings of the Sacraments. Through scripture, prayer, discussion, and reflection, children will deepen their understanding of Catholic beliefs, traditions and God's presence in everyday life.

Corpus Christi Week

The first week in June, we will be taking part in the Feast of Corpus Christi through celebrating Mass, class activities and honouring our cultures. Throughout the week children will reflect on what it means to belong to God's family, our school and our city. Through prayer, a mix of fun creative activities and celebrations of culture, we will come together share our diversity, faith and what makes Corpus Christi such a special place.

PUPIL VOICE

This half term we received a response from Portsmouth City Council, who came out to clear up the messes that we reported. They have also passed on our requests to display our posters on the lampposts around our school to COLAS. We are still waiting for a reply about this!

We also carried out a petition with our parents and families to ask the Council to install more bins around our school. Many of our families were happy to sign it and support us - thank you!

Next half term, we are planning to have a protest to make sure everyone knows about our concerns and how they can help.



This term, our Faith in Action children have been incredibly busy serving both our school and the wider community. They have shown wonderful commitment, kindness, and leadership in all they have done. One of their most special contributions was leading prayer stations to honour our Blessed Mary.

The children thoughtfully prepared and guided others through these moments of reflection, creating a calm and respectful space for prayer. At each station, they offered different symbols to express love, respect, and devotion to Mary. These included flowers, candles, and heartfelt messages, each chosen with care to help others reflect on Mary's importance in our faith.

In addition, the Faith in Action children visited our local care home to share joy, happiness, and their talents with the residents. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to put their faith into action by spreading kindness and building connections with others. It also gave them a meaningful chance to share their beliefs and live out their faith in a real and caring way.



Faith in Action



Community

Mini Vinnies

This term our Mini Vinnies group have been busy collecting plant pots, planting seeds and nurturing plants to grow - all in aid of Mary's Meals. They will be selling their lovely plants at the end of the day on Wednesday 3rd June.

The Mini Vinnies group have worked extremely hard this year thinking of how they can live their lives like Jesus through serving others.

Early Years

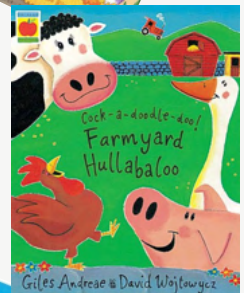
St Gabriel and St Joseph

Summer 1
learning journey



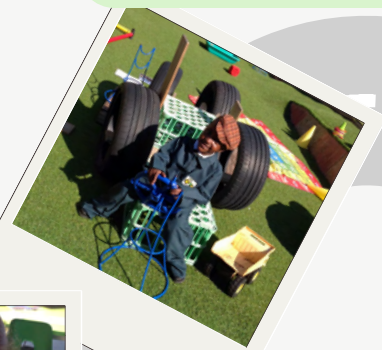
Writing and Reading

This half term the children have been learning to write simple sentences including the phonics sounds from set 1. The children have enjoyed drawing club where we have explored the stories - Billy Goats Gruff, Gecko's Echo and Handa's Hen.



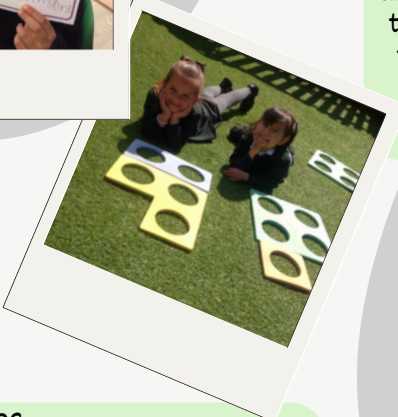
Understanding the World

This half term we have explored lots of different lifecycles - caterpillar, chicken, frog and gecko. The children loves having our caterpillars in the class and watched them patiently until they transformed into butterflies. The children also loved experiencing their first school trip to the farm



RE

We have explored the question 'How can we bring hope and Joy to others this Easter?' The children explored the stories following the resurrection of Jesus and thought about the different ways that they could bring hope to others through acts of love and kindness.



Maths

During our mastering number sessions, we have been learning all about the number order system and the staircase pattern of numbers. They have also explored to composition of numbers to 10 and have built on their knowledge of the part whole model.



YEAR 1 AND 2



ST FRANCIS



ST LUCY



ST NICHOLAS

Our Learning

We have had a very busy half term in year 1.2!

As part of DT, we welcomed Caterlink into school to lead a cookery workshop with our children. They were taught how to hold a knife and cut safely. They used these skills to cut fruit and create a fruit pizza!

In geography, we have been learning to read maps and plan routes. Children have used Lego to make maps of their classroom, explored aerial photos of our local area and school, used maps to identify features on our school grounds and have planned routes around our school using direction language (left, right, forward, backwards).

To extend this language, in maths, year 2 have been using position language: left, right, clockwise, anticlockwise, quarter turn, half turn). We used Lego figures to practise turns, before solving problems.

In science, children have been learning about plants. They have learnt what plants need to grow. Children have explored and planted bulbs, grown cress and recorded their observations.

This week, Mr Poore, our PE Lead, took a group of children to a racket skills festival at the Mountbatten Centre. Children tried their best, showed team work and resilience and built their racket and ball skills. Thank you to Mr Poore for organising this opportunity.



Phonics Screening Check

All year 1 children will take the statutory Phonics Screening Check in June. Families received details of this at the last Parent's Meetings. Please continue to complete the phonics homework at home to help us to prepare your children. Results will be shared in annual reports.

Worship

St Lucy will be leading a Father's Day liturgy on Friday 19th June
All families invited. 2.40pm.



School Trip

As part of our wider curricular learning we will be visiting Southsea Beach to explore our Victorian seaside history. Year 2: 8th July, Year 1: 9th July. Please see ARBOR for payment.

"Above all, love each other deeply." — **First Epistle of Peter 4:8**



YEAR 3.4



St Carlo Acutis | St Josephine Bakhita | St Oscar Romero

Our learning

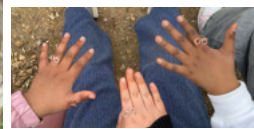
Writing

This term's writing has led us to discover our creative pupils are also very clever tricksters at heart! Our imagination and creativity has led us to create over 80 unique tricks similar to those performed by the wicked Mr and Mrs Twit!



School Trip

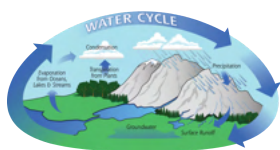
Our Year 3.4 pupils not only became enthusiastic historians on trip to Butser Ancient Farm, we also became jewellery makers, archeologists and even ancient builders!



Our wider learning

Science

We looked into the amazing states of matter for our science this term. We investigated the effect of gas turning to liquid as well as the fascinating water cycle!



Religious Education

This term ends our celebration of Easter but opens the door to start our Pentecost unit. We explored why it's good to find the time to share a meal and we look forward to seeing our pupils go forth and embrace meal times with loved ones just like Jesus did.



PSHE

What makes a community and where do I fit in it? This term we have been answering this question and asking ourselves who we were as people and what our identity is. We are all part of this wonderful community and should celebrate every wonderful thing about it.

Reminders and important dates

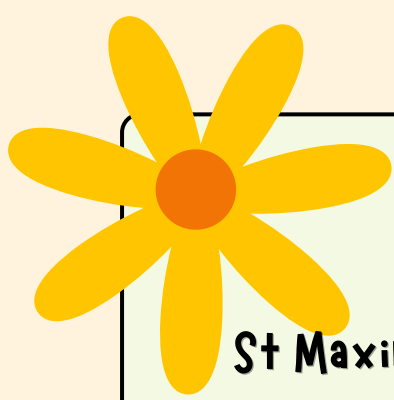
School snacks should be healthy and suitable for school; **no** chocolate, crisps or high sugary snacks.

Year 3.4 Bikeability starts **week beginning 8th June** - More news to follow.

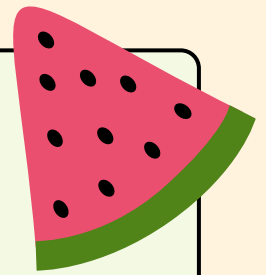


Year 4 MTC

Year 4's will be taking their statutory MTC (Multiplication Table Check) this term. We thank all who have helped prepare our pupils in the run up to this and encourage all to continue to practise daily on TTRS.



Year 5/6



St Maximilian Kolbe

St Bernadette

St Therese

Our Learning

Writing

Recently, our writers have been busy mastering the different styles and tones of both informal and formal letters. In a fun, hands on project, the children put these skills to the test by writing letters to a very disruptive Gingerbread Man, adjusting their language to suit the situation.

Following this, they turned their attention to descriptive writing, using atmospheric vocabulary to create a vivid and mysterious setting description for the Traitors' Castle

RE

Recently, our RE lessons focused on a central question: How can the Easter Triduum guide and inspire us? The children looked deeply at the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, reflecting on how these holy days shape our lives today. We also explored the story of Lazarus and discussed how his resurrection links directly to the promises of the Nicene Creed.

* Year 6 Focus *

We are so proud of the year 6's and their attitude to their SATs exams. No matter the results we hope they know they are successful superstars in our eyes and we are so proud of their Corpus Christi journeys.

Scripture Focus

"Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun."

Ecclesiastes 11:7

Events

A busy half term that ended in a week long STEM activity that had year 5/6 turn into CSI investigators and uncover a traitor in our school!

Children had a science workshop, a police visit and spent time collecting and analysing data to try and uncover the truth!



Important Dates

Year 6 Cake Sale Fundraiser - 4th June

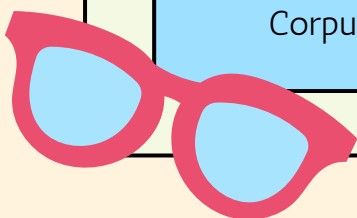
Year 6 Wintershall retreat - June 17th

Inset Day - 6th July

Year 6 Show - 15th July

Year 5/6 Disco 16th July

Inset Day - 22nd July





PE News

Summer term 1 has seen children from all year groups continuing to improve their PE skills through a variety of sports and activities. Linking to our whole school push on oracy, class teachers have been focusing on PE lessons with communication and teamwork as the main aims. I have been educating the children about healthy bodies/minds and we have been working on improving our overall fitness. Y3/4 have been improving their tennis skills and studying the game of cricket. Similarly, Y5/6 have been perfecting their cricket skills and have played whole class pairs cricket games which they have really enjoyed.

Clubs:

- Multisports- Y5/6 (FINISHED)
- Athletics / Track and Field 3/ 4/ 5/ 6 (FINISHED)
- PIC- Football (ongoing)
- Karate- (ongoing)
- Tennis Club (Mr Poore) Summer 2
- Handball club (Zuko Sports) Summer 2

Coming up..... Healthy Bodies-Healthy Minds Week

Athlete Visit
Wednesday 1st July

Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July
9am Years 1-6 Mountbatten Centre
1.45pm Reception School Playground
Parents are invited to join us.

Outside of school activities

I was lucky enough to be able to take 10 Y2 children over to the Portsmouth Tennis Dome for a Racket Skills Festival. Children took part in a carousel of activities to improve their throwing and catching, hand eye coordination and their racket control. This was a very well organised event and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of taking part in a tennis environment. They worked so hard that it was a struggle walking back to school with some very tired children in tow.



ART AND DT NEWS



Year 1 and 2

In Art the children in Year 1 and 2 have produced some beautiful mixed media still life art works of flower.

In DT they have been finding out about mechanisms; wheels chassis and axles.



Year 3 and 4

This term in DT, children explored earthquake-resistant structures. This links to their geography unit on earthquakes. They've designed models with features like base isolators and shock absorbers, applying what they've learned. This hands-on project boosts their understanding and creativity.



Year 5 and 6

In Design and Technology (DT) the children have been designing and making items like pencil cases. They started by evaluating existing products to see what worked and what could be improved. During the design phase, they expressed their creativity and problem-solving skills by sketching ideas and choosing materials. These projects not only improved their design abilities but also taught sewing and other crafting techniques. Working with textiles enhanced their dexterity and patience, leading to a sense of accomplishment.





Spanish News



Year 3/4:



This term we learned about food and how to express our opinions. We used this fun fruit song!

<https://rockaling.com/songs/fruits>



Next half-term:

We are learning about weather, compass points and towns.

Check out this song we will be learning!

<https://youtu.be/d1WR2Jiaor8>



Year 5/6:



This term we learned about the languages we speak and talking about where we live.

Next half-term:

We will be learning about different genres of music, musical instruments and expressing our opinions of music.

