
CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We live our lives like Jesus

Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of this year, it is not only an opportunity to reflect on the many successes, highlights and achievements from the last 12 months, we also say a fond farewell to our year 6s and their families plus other children and staff from across the school. We thank them all for their contribution to Corpus Christi and wish them well in their journeys as they leave our school.

It is also a time for me to reflect on my own journey in Catholic education, especially the last 6 years spent at Corpus Christi. I have reached destination retirement and a new journey will soon begin! One of my great passions is travel and as we know, every flight begins with a destination in mind, but the journey is rarely straightforward. There are clear skies, unexpected detours, moments of turbulence and countless memorable views along the way. The important thing is that we travel together.

When I first became a leader, I thought I was the pilot! Over time, I learned that no successful flight depends on the pilot alone. I have been blessed by remarkable co-pilots—deputy and assistant heads, senior leaders, colleagues, governors, trustees and priests—who shared the responsibility, offered wisdom and ensured we always stayed on course.

I have also been fortunate to work alongside an extraordinary cabin crew: our teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, site team and support staff. You are the people who truly make the journey possible, caring for every child with compassion, commitment and love.

And then there are our passengers—our wonderful children. It has been a privilege to accompany them as they grew in confidence, discovered their gifts and learned what it means to live out our Gospel values. Helping them become the people God calls them to be has been the greatest joy of my career.

As a Catholic school, however, there has always been one more presence guiding our journey. Every flight relies on a control tower, and throughout my years in Catholic education, that guiding voice has been Christ. In times of challenge and uncertainty, our faith has reminded us of our purpose: to serve, to love and to recognise the dignity of every person.

There have been moments of turbulence, but there have also been countless moments of joy—celebrations, achievements, sacramental milestones, acts of kindness and the daily privilege of being part of such a special community.

As this particular flight comes to its final destination, I do not feel that the journey is ending; I am simply changing seats. I leave knowing that this school will continue to soar because it is filled with talented staff, supportive families, inspiring clergy and governors, and children full of promise.

Thank you to everyone who has shared this journey with me. Thank you for your support, your friendship, your trust and your faith.

I step off this flight carrying a lifetime of memories, immense gratitude and a heart that is truly full. May God continue to bless this school community, guide its future journey and keep all who belong to it safe in His care.

Thank you for travelling with me. Safe travels, and God bless

U M Clark



As we come to the end of this school year, we thank all those who have contributed to the success of this year. We have some amazing parents and grandparents who have shared their time with us by reading with children, contributing to our Corpus Christi festival, walking with us to swimming or on trips, sorting lost property and selling school uniform. We also thank our Governors who give their time freely to ensure your children are at the heart of all we do. On behalf of us all, we thank Fr Emmanuel and Fr Ryan for leading our liturgical celebrations and I'm sure none of us will forget our first pet blessing.

I'm sure all parents will join with me in thanking each and everyone of our amazing staff. They are a fabulous team who give of their best each day, committed to ensuring the best outcomes for all children. We wish the staff team a relaxing and wonderful summer holiday.

Our final thanks goes to our wonderful children who bring joy and enthusiasm with them each day. We wish them all a lovely summer break.

I know the school will continue to thrive under Mrs Comerford's care and guidance and I wish her every success and blessing for her leadership.

Have a wonderful summer.



Year 6



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL dates

School starts for children in Year 1 - 6

on
Thursday 3rd September
Gates will be open from 8.35-8.45am

Early Years Reception Classes

Group A - Wednesday 9th September

Group B - Thursday 10th September

INSET DAYS 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September
Monday 2nd November
Monday 15th March
Monday 21st June
Wednesday 21st July

What else do I need?

Water bottle

Small book bag or backpack

Children do not need and should not bring to school pencil cases, toys or personal items.

upcoming EVENTS

Thurs 3rd Sept Children in Years 1-6 return to school

Wed 9th Sept Reception Start - Group A

Thurs 10th Sept Reception Start - Group B

Monday 26th Oct: Half term

Monday 2nd Nov: Return to school

School Uniform

Our uniform is important. it identifies that we all belong to this school community and we expect children to wear it with pride.

Our uniform is

- Dark green v-necked jumper or cardigan with or without the school's logo.
- White, cotton button up shirt
- School tie
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Green gingham check dress for the summer
- Grey socks
- White socks
- Green or grey tights
- Black shoes

PE Kit

- Black shorts or tracksuit
- Dark green t-shirt
- Trainers





Catholic Life of the School



Corpus Christi Week

This term we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi through a week long festival. We celebrated Mass, thought about our cultures, carried out acts of service and created lasting memories of what it means to be part of our community by sharing our diversity, faith and what makes Corpus Christi such a special place.

Our school celebrations for the Feast of Corpus Christi are much anticipated by staff, children and parents. Despite the weather it was lovely to see so many families represent their community with such pride. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event.

Religious Education – New Curriculum from September

From September, we will be teaching a new Religious Education programme called 'Lighting the Path.'

This scheme is based on the Religious Education Directory, which sets out clear expectations for what children should learn, understand and remember throughout their RE journey. Scripture will be at the heart of the curriculum, with children exploring a wider range of biblical texts, including passages from the Old Testament and the Acts of the Apostles.

Each topic, known as a Branch, follows a learning journey that enables children to:

- Hear - encounter and explore the Word of God;
- Believe - develop their understanding of what they have heard;
- Celebrate and Live - put their learning and faith into action in their daily lives.

One significant change to the curriculum is the final Branch, taught during June and July, which focuses on Dialogue and Encounter. This unit supports pupils in understanding how respectful dialogue can help us appreciate and learn from people of other faiths and beliefs.

The first Branch that children will study in September is Creation and Covenant, where they will explore God's creation and His relationship with His people.

We look forward to sharing this exciting new curriculum with our children and helping them deepen their knowledge, understanding and lived experience of faith.

PUPIL VOICE

The year drew to an end with some members of the School Council attending the Pupil Voice Celebration day, run by UNLOC.

They had the chance to meet with School council representatives from other local primary and secondary schools, members of the Local Youth Parliament as well as local counsellors and MP Stephen Morgan.

The main part of their day was to give a presentation to over 100 people about the work they had done this year.

School Council will begin again in October with newly elected representatives.

Community Faith in Action



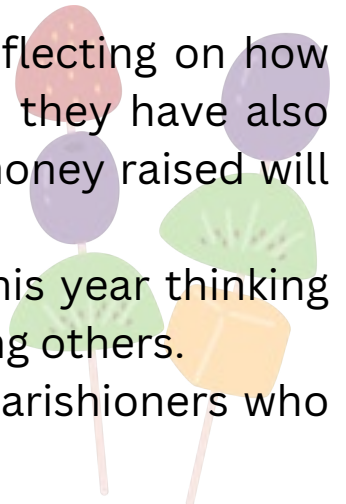
Our Faith in Action children enjoyed this journey of faith. They recognised the importance of putting their faith into action and have understood the value of serving one another and helping those in need. As some of the children move on to the next stage of their journey, others will become our pioneers, continuing this important mission and inspiring new groups of children to follow in their footsteps. Well done to you our Faith in Action children.

Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies group have had a wonderful term reflecting on how they can help others. As well as running a plant stall, they have also made and sold fruit kebabs, raising £220 in total. All money raised will be sent to Mary's Meals.

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

Well done to all the Mini Vinnies and all parents and parishioners who have supported them this year.



INCLUSION

at Corpus Christi



Check In

Many children use the Zones of Regulation at school to help them recognise and understand their feelings. Over the summer, try asking your child, "What zone are you in?" and talk together about strategies that help them feel calm, focused or ready, remembering that all feelings are okay.

As another busy school year comes to an end, we would like to celebrate the kindness, resilience and progress shown by all of our children. Every child learns, develops and succeeds in their own way, and we are proud of the inclusive community we continue to build together. Thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support and partnership throughout the year.

The summer holidays can be exciting, but they can also be a challenge for some children, particularly when routines change. Keeping some familiar routines in place, using a simple visual calendar or countdown, talking about upcoming plans in advance, and allowing time for rest and sensory regulation can all help children feel more secure. Reading together, playing games, exploring outdoors and involving children in everyday activities such as cooking or shopping are all fantastic ways to continue developing communication, independence and confidence while having fun.

I hope you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Miss Tripp

Mind Solent

Anchoring
Minds

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Portsmouth Parent Voice

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FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Dates for your diary:

25th July - Home Start Family Festival 10-4pm @ Victoria Park

23rd September - Parent Support Network event @ school

Neurodiversity Advice Clinics - see below!

Buckland Family Hub
1st Monday of every month 1.00pm-3.00pm

Northern Parade Family Hub
1st Tuesday of every month 1.00pm-3.00pm

Milton Park Family Hub
1st Tuesday of every month 1.30pm-3.30pm

insight™

If your child receives SEND Support, you will have received their Insight Individual Learning Plan (ILP) during this academic year. From September, parents and carers will be invited to contribute their views electronically as part of the ILP review process, ensuring we continue to work in partnership to support each child's progress. Further information will be shared at the start of the new academic year.



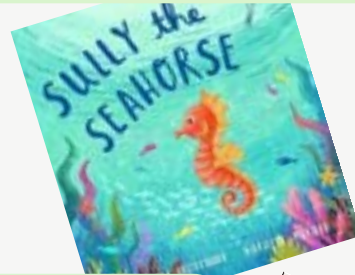
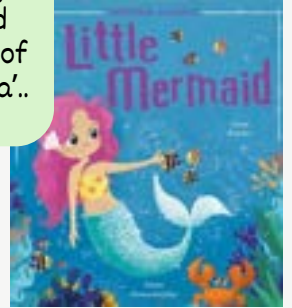
Early Years

St Gabriel and St Joseph

Summer 2
learning journey

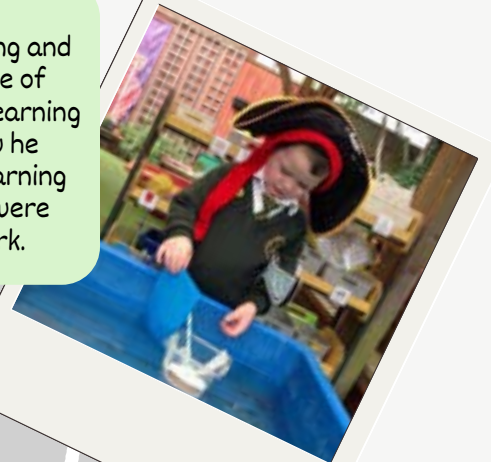
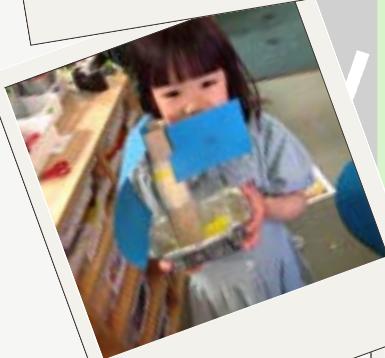
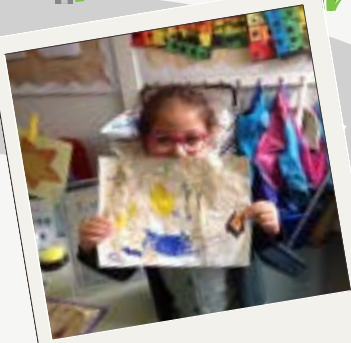
Writing and Reading

This half term the children have been learning to write simple sentences including the phonics sounds from set 1 and 2 including special friends. The children have enjoyed drawing club where we have explored lots of story books linked to our topic of 'All at Sea'..



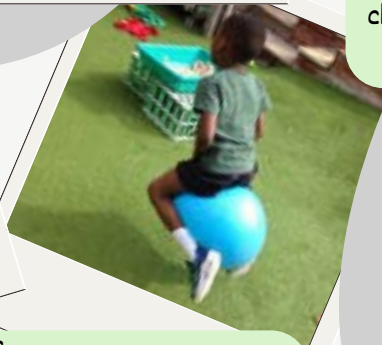
Understanding the World

This half term we have enjoyed exploring floating and sinking by building our own boats using a range of different materials. The children also enjoyed learning about the famous pirate Blackbeard and how he behaved in history. The children also enjoyed learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and they were inspired to create their own natural art work.



RE

We have explored the question 'How do we journey with God as we grow?' in our lessons on the 7 Sacraments. We explored how we encounter God at different points in our lives to grow closer to him. The children enjoyed reenacting a baptism and applying their knowledge in play.



Maths

During our mastering number sessions, we have been learning how to use the rekenrek to consolidate our knowledge of number facts and composition. The children were able to subitise and represent their deep knowledge of numbers to 10.

Year 1 and 2



ST FRANCIS



ST LUCY



ST NICHOLAS

What We Have Learned

History:

In history, we have been learning about Victorian Seasides! We have loved focusing this unit on Southsea and learning lots of new information about our local area. The classes went on a trip to Southsea to see the key Victorian spots for themselves: Canoe Lake and South Parade Pier. The children were incredible representatives for our school – not only were they singing their favourite Victorian songs but members of the public even joined in! There were lots of smiles all round!



Science:

We celebrated STEM week conducting lots of investigations focusing on air. Children learnt that:

"Air is all around us and can move objects, make bubbles, and change how things behave."

Children investigated how paper aeroplanes move through air, how bubbles are made, and how you can change the size and shape of bubbles.



PE:

We have celebrated another fantastic sports day this half term. The children always show great determination and resilience during our sports day, and once again the day was a clear highlight of the year!

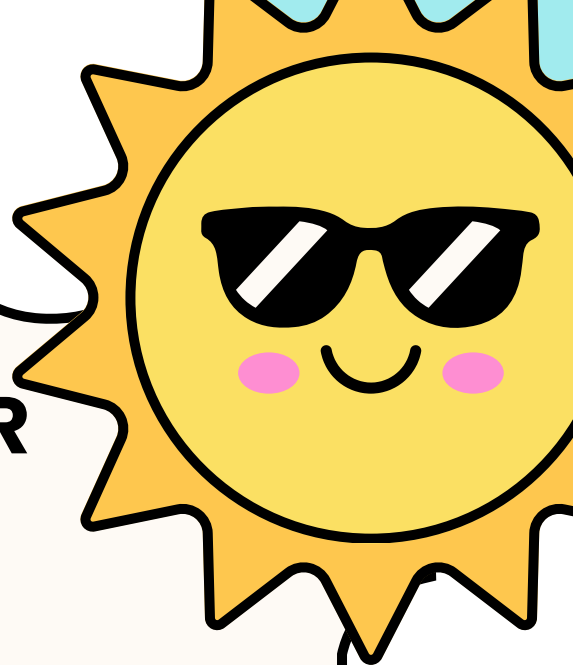


"Above all, love each other deeply." — First Epistle of Peter 4:8

Year

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SUMMER 2 2026



ST CARLO ACUTIS > ST OSCAR ROMERO > ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM



Writing

This term's writing has been all about celebrating the wonderful world we live in. We have explored and researched the countries we come from and live in, as well as some of our global neighbours. Children have been writing a non chronological report on their countries and have loved using different devices and research sources to aid in their writing!

Science

This term we have been looking at many different aspects of investigations and drawing our own conclusions to many cool experiments!

Children have used prediction, observation and recording of results to many different experiments



RE

We have been learning about the 7 Holy Sacraments this term and what they mean!

We have explored the 3 types - initiation, healing and service and why they are so important to us in getting closer to God.

All the teachers and staff in year 3.4 would like to thank all the grown ups and children this year for their hard work and dedication

Have a wonderful summer!

Have a great summer!

Hello
Summer!

Year 5/6

St Maximilian Kolbe

St Bernadette

St Therese

It has been an absolute honour and a privilege to share a classroom with the children this year. We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made, the resilience they have shown, and the wonderful young people they are growing into. Sharing this journey with them has been a true joy, and while we are sad to see our time together come to an end, we cannot wait to watch them continue to flourish, grow, and shine as they take on their next exciting chapter. Thank you all for a truly memorable year!

Mrs Biddlecombe, Mrs Dawson, Miss Elsom & Mrs Gosney



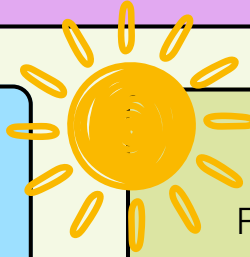
Our Learning

Writing

Our writers have been busy mastering the art of instructional writing. To kickstart their projects, the children completed some brilliant research at home on a subject they are personally passionate about. They then brought that expertise back into the classroom, transforming it into incredibly detailed, step-by-step guides tailored perfectly for their audience. From clear, imperative verbs to precise layouts, the children have done a fantastic job ensuring their readers can follow along flawlessly. Well done, everyone!

RE

In RE, our children have been deepening their understanding of different faith traditions and sacred commitments. We began by exploring Judaism and learning about the significance of Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), discussing the concepts of reflection and starting afresh. Following this, the children turned their focus to Christian sacraments, exploring the deeply meaningful promises made during the Sacrament of Matrimony and Holy Orders. The children have shown wonderful respect and maturity when discussing these special milestones and lifelong commitments.



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

Events

Summer 2 has been a busy half term with so many memorable moments. Year 6 enjoyed a beautiful day at Wintershall watching a thought-provoking and moving reinactment of Jesus' life.

We enjoyed healthy mind and body's week where we experienced meditations, made sensory dough, painted stones, learned about first aid and completed circuits on the playground!

Our year 6's have been perfecting their performance of 'What's the crime Mr Wolf?' and year 5/6 enjoyed a superb Tiki disco where they spent time with each other before both move on to an exciting year next year - thank you to all our staff and parent helpers!



PE News

Summer 2 has been extremely busy with sport with the following events taking place:

- Healthy Bodies- Healthy Minds Week
- Great Athletes visit
- Sports Day

The children have embraced PE this year and have persevered over the last few weeks especially during the current heatwave. A massive well done to all children and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.



Outside of school activities

I was lucky enough to be able to take 10 Y1 children up to Mounbatten running track for a mini sports festival in preparation for our sports day. The children all gave 100% in the heat and set their own PB's



Coming up in September...

Mr Poore's Cross Country Club returns!
Zuko Sports provision (TBC)
Pompey in the Community (TBC)

Healthy Minds- Healthy Bodies Week

Children took part in various activities throughout the week that were organised by school staff. Focus was on healthy bodies and healthy minds. These included 3 Wake and Shake activities first thing, practical basic first aid with class teachers and various sporting tournaments run by Mr Clark. The two major events that underpinned the focus were our sports day and our Great Athletes visit.

Sports Day



Children had an amazing morning down at Mountbatten taking part in a carousel of activities. Some events had more of a competitive element like the sprinting races whereas some, like the novelty race and egg and spoon race were more focused on teamwork and fun.

Great Athletes

We were very lucky to welcome Luke Delahunty to the school during our healthy minds and healthy bodies week. Luke is a Para Athlete and helped our children complete their sponsored 4 exercise fitness challenge in the hall. All children really embraced the event. Luke then finished with an inspirational assembly where he talked about his journey of resilience after his life changing injuries and highlighted to the children that they can achieve anything that they want to with a positive mindset. Money raised which we will be used to buy new playground provision. Great job Corpus Christi!



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 half-term we learned more food and how to express our opinions using conjunctions in our speaking and writing.



Me encanta el queso pero no me gusta la pizza.

Me gustan las manzanas y las naranjas.

We also learned some weather expressions.

¡Hace calor!



Year 5/6:

This term we learned about different genres of music, musical instruments and expressing our opinions of music in Spanish. We learned how to say that we can play an instrument.

¡Me encanta la música jazz, pero odio la música clásica!

La música pop – me da igual.

