



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

*We live our lives like Jesus*



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**Habemus Papam!** We welcome and pray for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. His profile suggests he will continue the work of Pope Francis in standing up for justice and peace.

At this time, we remember and celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, which marked the end of WWII and brought peace and freedom to Europe. We know that there are many who do not live in peace and freedom and pray for God's peace across our world.

Next week, Year 6 children will be completing their KS2 SATS assessments. I have been very impressed with how hard they have worked and taken their studies seriously. We all know that our children are blessed with many gifts and talents and their futures are bright. Once the SATS results are in there will be some disappointments but many celebrations. I say to the children that God made you to be the best person you can be and know your star will shine for all to see; whatever you aspire to be always do it to the best of your ability. Remember you are artists, dancers, scientists, explorers, carers, teachers, historians, fair and just .... The list of your talents goes on and we recognise and value each of you for who you are and what you do. Please pray for our Year 6 children and for all young people completing exams at this time.

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*"By our actions, our words, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves. We want to sing of hope and reawaken in every heart the joy and the courage to embrace life, to the Full."*

*Pope Francis*

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### Religious Education

#### Easter

We will be answering the question: *Why is Easter and time for hope and joy?*



#### Pentecost

We will be answering the question: *What should the friends of Jesus do?*

### PSHE



We will be learning about how and who can help us to stay safe. We will continue to learn about the 'Helping hands'. We will be learning the difference between good and bad secrets, staying safe when on the internet and playing online.

### Expressive Art and Design

We will be exploring different ways to make patterns exploring line and shape through paints, pen lines and mixed media. We will look at different patterns in African materials and animals.



### PE – Throwing Catching and ball skills

Bumblebees / Ladybirds – Wednesday  
Children to wear PE uniform on this day

### Writing

This half term, we will be exploring the stories Handa's Hen, Three Billy Goats Gruff and Gecko's Echo. The children will be working on their individual writing targets during drawing club. We will also be learning to write a recount linked to our trip to the farm.



## Early Years

### Summer Term 1



#### USEFUL DATES (more details to follow):

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Staunton Farm Trip  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY - school closed for all children  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM - school closed for all children

#### Please support your children to complete the following homework:

Spelling: Issued on a Thursday, due for return the following Thursday (For those children in Red, Green, Purple RWInc books)  
Reading: Children should read daily at home, but MUST read 3 times weekly. Diaries are checked on Thursdays.  
Please continue to add home learning or special achievements on Tapestry.

### Reading

We are a Read, Write Inc school and we follow this programme for all phonics and reading lessons in Early Years We continue to assess children each half term to ensure all home reading books are the appropriate level of challenge and enjoyment for your child.

### Understanding the World

We will be exploring a range of different lifecycles – butterfly, chickens, frogs, lizards. We will also be learning about different animals that live in a range of different environments – farm animals, African animals. We will learn about the different names given to mothers and their young. Children will also continue to make observations, comparisons and explore the natural environment around them.



We will also be looking at the country of Kenya (Handa's Hen story setting) and be making comparisons with our country. We will learn to find it on a map and globe. We will be comparing the climate, animals, and the human and physical features.

### Maths

We will be consolidating our counting skills to 20 and beyond. We will also be exploring the composition of numbers to 10 and focusing on the two parts to make each number.



### Religious Education

#### Easter

How can we share and use what we learn about Easter to help others?



#### Pentecost

What promise did Jesus keep at Pentecost?



### Geography

In geography, we will be answering the question:

#### Why is our world wonderful?

Children will identify features and major characteristics of the UK. They will name the 7 oceans and will be able to locate these on a world map.



### Writing

In writing, we will be focusing on the Easter story. We will be retelling the story ensuring that we include our key year group criteria.

Year 1: capital letters, full stops, phonics, the conjunction 'and', adjectives.

Year 2: capital letters / full stops, conjunctions, adjectives, adverbs.

We will focus on our spelling and handwriting throughout too.

#### Reading

We are a Read, Write Inc. school and we follow this programme for all phonics and reading lessons in year 1.2. We continue to assess children each half term to ensure all home reading books are the appropriate level of challenge and enjoyment for your child.

## Year 1 / 2

### Spring 2



### PSHE

In PSHE we will be considering: **what jobs do people do?** Children will know and describe different jobs of the people who they know or people. They will explore, understand and know the jobs within our local community.

### Computing

We will be solving the question: **how can I make music on a computer?**

Children will be creating music for a given purpose, changing their ideas as the purpose and context changes.

### Art / DT

In art children will be exploring and creating weaving. Children will create fabrics by weaving materials, we will aim to create different visual effects.

#### USEFUL DATES (more details to follow):

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – return to school  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY, school closed  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: INSET  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Victory Trip for Owls and year 1 Hedgehogs  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Victory Trip for Badgers and year 2 Hedgehogs  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July: INSET

#### Please support your children to complete the following homework:

Spelling: Issued on a Thursday, due for return the following Thursday.  
Reading: Children should read daily at home, but MUST read 3 times weekly. Diaries are checked on Thursdays.  
Year 2 Maths: Year 2 Times Table Rock Stars homework is set on Thursday, due for completion by the following Thursday. Children are rewarded with merits on completion of each homework, completed on time. Homework is a key way for children to practise key skills.



### Maths

Year 1: Children will learn about: time, fractions, geometry, multiplication and division.

Year 2: Children will learn about: fractions, geometry, multiplication and division.

We use concrete resources to underpin all of our learning.

Children will be faced with many problems to solve to deepen their knowledge and understanding.

### Science

Next half term we will be focussing on **enquiry** skills and will be undertaking different investigations.

Children will make predictions, observe, perform simple tests, gather and record data and write conclusions.



### Music:

Year 1.2 children will be learning ukulele.

Lessons are led by a specialist music teacher from Portsmouth Music Service.



### PE

Our PE days will be Wednesday and Friday. Full PE uniform should be worn.

## GOOD SHEPHERD

BUMBLEBEES — GIOVANNI  
LADYBIRDS — MAKLIT  
OWLS — DAVID  
HEDGEHOGS — RILEY  
BADGERS — DOMINIK  
DOLPHINS — JUVAN  
ORCAS — KAELAN  
STARFISH — JENIFFER  
KINGFISHERS — TIFFANY  
KESTRELS — OSCAR  
STARLINGS — ALEX



BUMBLEBEES — HANNA  
LADYBIRDS — MASON  
OWLS — IVY  
HEDGEHOGS — OLIVER  
BADGERS — DARCY-MAE  
DOLPHINS — PEGGY  
ORCAS — RUPERT  
STARFISH — SAVANNAH  
THE ARK — LIAM  
KINGFISHERS — SOFIA  
KESTRELS — ANYA  
STARLINGS — MICHELLE

### SAFE IN THE SUN

During this hot weather please:



- ◆ Send your child/ren into school with a hat and **water bottle** (please ensure water bottles are cleaned regularly to avoid mould which can be harmful)
- ◆ Apply sun cream to your child/ren at home before school but please do not send the suncream into school. Some creams now contain nut oils and as we are a nut free school, we cannot have these on site.

Enjoy the weekend!

## GOLDEN BOOK

**Giovanni (Bumblebees)**  
For kindness and being a wonderful friend  
**Kasi (Badgers)**  
Working really hard on his presentation  
**Eliza (Dolphins)**  
Brave & resilient with her swimming



**SILVER:**  
**Harry (Owls)**



**OUR FIRST  
GOLD MERIT:**  
**Emilia (Orcas)**  
Congratulations!

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd May

INSET Day - school closed for all children

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

HALF TERM - school closed for all children

Tuesday 3rd June

Owls & Yr1 Hedgehogs HMS Victory Trip

Wednesday 4th June

Badgers & Yr2 Hedgehogs HMS Victory Trip

Monday 30th June

Year 5 Gilbert White House Trip

Wednesday 2nd July

Sport's Day

Friday 4th July

INSET Day - school closed for all children

Wednesday 23rd July - Tuesday 2nd September

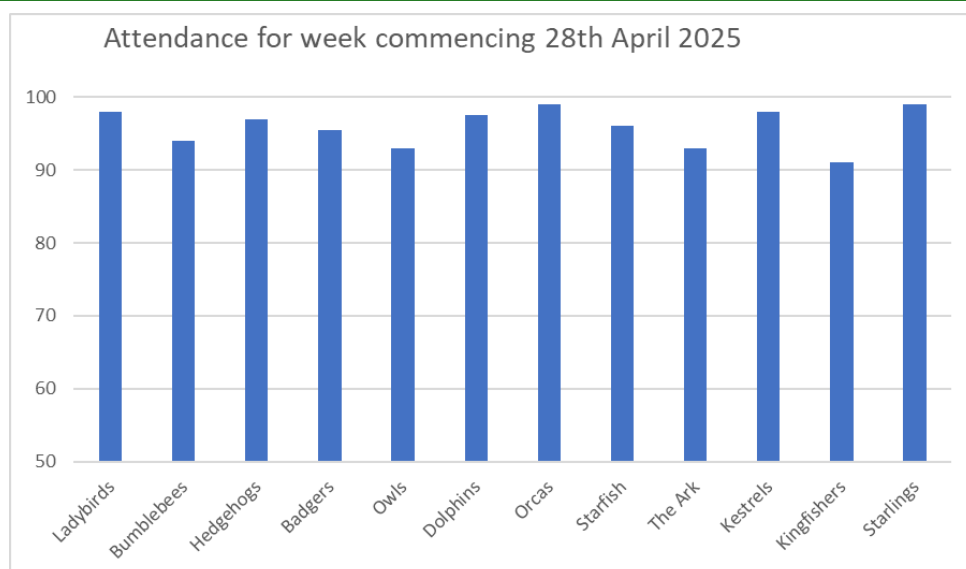
SUMMER HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children

## Attendance

Well done to Orcas & Starlings classes for 99% attendance for last week, followed closely by Ladybirds & Kestrels classes with 98% attendance.

Great attendance!

Hedgehogs and Dolphins classes were still over 96%!



## PE Days – Summer Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starfish yr3.4 (Mrs Hassana)	Dolphins yr3.4 (Mrs Kelly)	Bumblebees yrR (Mrs Miles)	Dolphins yr3.4 (Mrs Kelly)	Owls yr1.2 (Ms Martinez)
Orcas yr3.4 (Mr Clark)		Ladybirds yrR (Miss Longyear)	Starfish yr3.4 (Mrs Hassana)	Hedgehogs yr1.2 (Mrs Thiba)
		Owls yr1.2 (Ms Martinez)	Orcas yr3.4 (Mr Clark)	Badgers yr1.2 (Miss Elsom)
		Hedgehogs yr2 (Mrs Thiba)		Kestrels yr5.6 (Mrs Comerford)
		Badgers yr1.2 (Miss Elsom)		Starlings yr5.6 (Mrs Gosney)
				Kingfishers yr5.6 (Ms Dawson)

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