



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

*We live our lives like Jesus*



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Dear Parents and Carers.

World Book Day

Monday 10th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 10th March—children may come dressed as their favourite book character, bringing the book they've based their character on. During the day, they will take part in a range of activities that promote a love of reading.

Yesterday, children from Yrs5 and 6 took part in the Portsmouth Literacy Quiz—3 teams entered the quiz and had spent the last few months, busily reading the books selected for the quiz. Well done to all the children who took part in the quiz.

Miss Clark

Lent starts on Wednesday. KS2 will be joining the Parish for Mass on Ash Wednesday (9.30am), where the children will receive ashes on their forehead. Parents are welcome to join us. Children in early years and KS1 will participate in an Ash Wednesday liturgy in the afternoon where they will also receive ashes. The ashes used come from the Palm Sunday palms—Fr Emmanuel will be burning these palms with our Yr5/6 children on Monday to show why we have Lent as a period of preparation for Easter. We have ashes on our forehead as a symbol which recognises we want to be reconciled with God and others through forgiveness and by following the Gospels.

Parents may want to watch Busted Halo's Lent in 3 minutes with their children to help prepare for Lent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xo1mjuv1NA0&t=5s>



***"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

#### Lent

We will be answering the question: 'How can we help others in Lent'. We will be learning about prayer and how we can pray for others during Lent.



#### Holy Week

We will be answering the question: 'What happened during Holy Week?' We will be learning about the key events leading up to the death of Jesus.

### Writing

This half term, we will be exploring the stories Jack and the Beanstalk, The extraordinary gardener and Supertato. The children will be working on their individual writing targets during drawing club.



### 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

Our topic is 'Growing things' so we will be learning about plants growing and what they need. We will be growing our own beans and observing them at each stage. The children will also be learning about common flowers that grow during spring.



## Early Years

### Spring 1

### Growing things



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

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February HALF TERM - school closed for all children

Monday 24th February INSET Day - school closed for all children

Monday 7th April-21st April - Easter holidays

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

Reading: Children should read daily at home, but **MUST** read 5 times weekly. Diaries are checked on Thursdays. Please continue to add home learning or special achievements on Tapestry.

#### PE – throwing and catching

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

### PSHE

We will be learning about being good friends and the skills of turn-taking and sharing. We will also be revisiting teeth hygiene and what is good and bad for our teeth. The children will explore healthy eating, and which foods are good for our bodies.



### Expressive Art and Design

We will be exploring the 'Sunflowers' painting from Van Gogh and using it as inspiration to paint observational artwork of flowers. The children will also be designing and creating their own 'Superveg' characters and investigate different ways to join and manipulate materials.



### Maths

We will be learning expanding our knowledge of composition of number to 7 and the staircase pattern of number order. The children will also be representing patterns in number including finding doubles and odd and even numbers.



### Religious Education

#### Lent

Why is Lent a time for repentance and forgiveness? We will focus on the scripture from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.



#### Holy Week

What messages from Holy Week can guide us today?

### Writing

In writing, we will be sharing the text: The Disgusting Sandwich. We will use the text to help us to learn how to write instructions. To be successful we will use time connectives such as: first, then, next, later, finally. We will also use specific verbs to make our writing really clear.

#### 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.

### Maths

**Year 1:** children in year 1 will focus on the following maths units: Addition and Subtraction; Measurement, Fractions and Geometry.  
**Year 2:** children in year 2 will focus on the following units: Statistics, Addition and Subtraction.

In our lessons we always introduce concepts using concrete resources so as children fully understand the learning, before we move on to pictorial or abstract representations.

### Geography

We will be answering the question: **would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?**

Children will know and locate the seven continents of the world. Children will be introduced to the basic concept of climate zones and will map out hot and cold places globally. Children will know and use the four compass points.

## Year 1 / 2

### Spring Term 2



### PSHE

In PSHE we will be considering: **What is bullying?** Children will know that bodies and feelings can be hurt by words and actions. We will continue to build our knowledge of online safety and will apply this in school and at home.

### Art / DT

In art children will be learning about the artist: Paul Klee. They will explore colour mixing focusing on warm and cold colours. In DT we will make sandwiches, linked to our writing text; The Disgusting Sandwich.

### Science

We will be answering the question: **How do I know if something is alive?**

Children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will know and identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited.



### Computing

We will be solving the question: **How can I collect and represent data?**

Children will record and represent data using different software and methods such as Pictograms.

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

Tuesday 4th March: Infant Music Festival – we will be joining other schools for an afternoon of singing!

Tuesday 4th March: Book Fair arrives

Monday 11th March: World Book Day

Friday 21st March: World Poetry Day

Tuesday 1st April: KS1 Big Lent Walk

June: School trip to HMS Victory, please pay on SCOPAY.

Friday 23rd May: INSET / Friday 4th July: INSET

### Music:

Year 1.2 children will be learning ukulele.

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



#### 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 MyMaths 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.



### PE

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



## GOOD SHEPHERD

BUMBLEBEES — MARLEY

LADYBIRDS — KESTER

OWLS — LUNA

HEDGEHOGS — DESIRE

BADGERS — AKOREDE

DOLPHINS — BLEN

ORCAS — SARA

STARFISH — CELESTINE

KINGFISHERS — MONTY

KESTRELS — KALAEB

STARLINGS — FLORENCE



BUMBLEBEES — MIGUEL

LADYBIRDS — BORI

OWLS — RARES

HEDGEHOGS — YANIS

BADGERS — PENELOPE

DOLPHINS — MOLLY

ORCAS — FAITH

STARFISH — ELSIE

KINGFISHERS — SKYLAR

KESTRELS — ANNABELLE

STARLINGS — OLIVIA



**BRONZE:**

David & Olivia  
(Orcas)



**SILVER:**

Eva & Valentina  
(Starfish)  
Raisa & Nora (Orcas)

## GOLDEN BOOK

Carter (Starfish) - Working really hard with his Homework and Work

Aida (Starfish) - Amazing attitude to her work & neat presentation

Aidhan (Hedgehogs), Otilie & Madeline (Owls) - Lovely Homework

Danuji (Starlings) - Fabulous writing

Amber (Owls) - Thoughtful RE - completed at home

Chinecherem (Ladybirds) - Fantastic writing & retelling of the Little Red Riding Hood

Levon & Anya (Kestrels) - Wonderful use of Stopmotion Animation to create a story

Muhammad (Owls) - For being thoughtful to friends

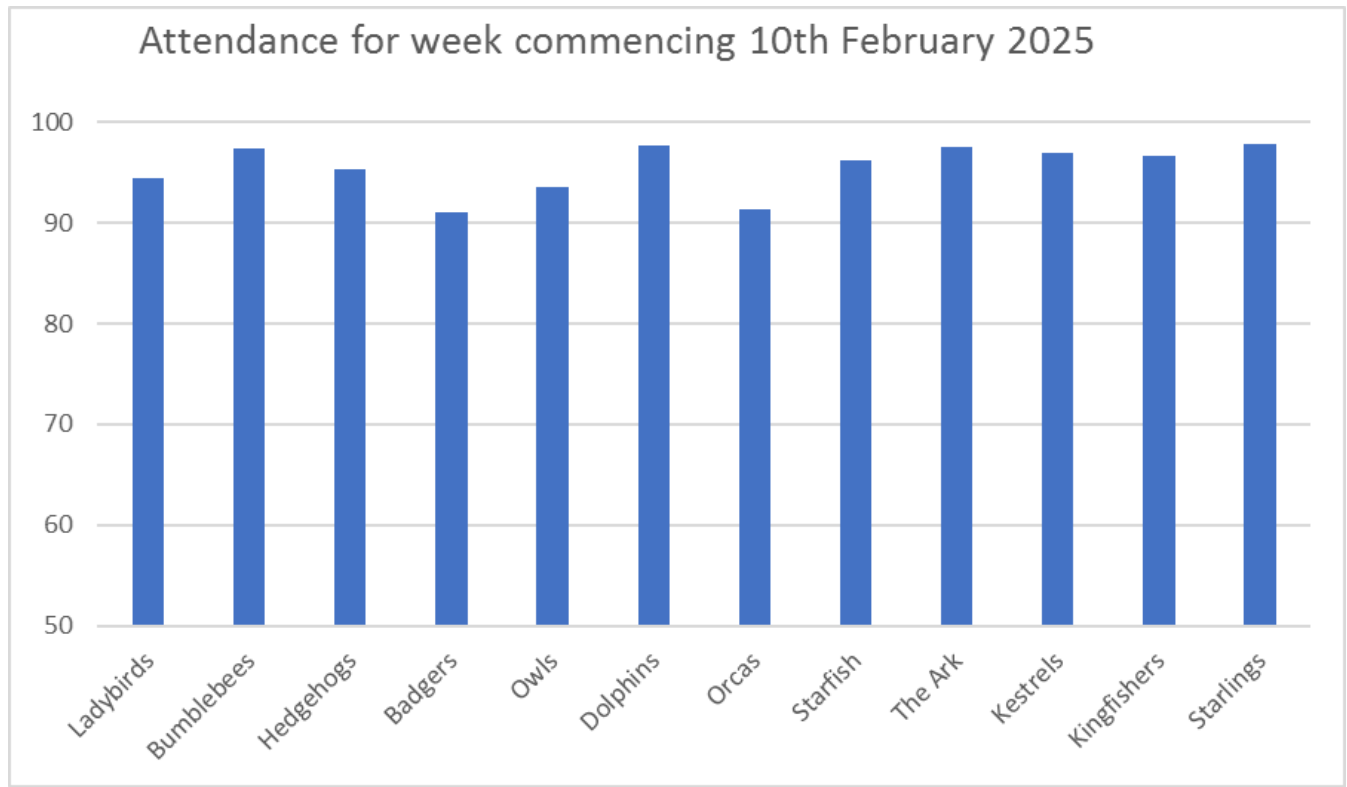
Alice (Hedgehogs) - Amazing & thoughtful RE

Jessica, Kalaeb & Teddy (Kestrels) - Working hard on Imotion Animation

## Attendance

Well done to Dolphins & Starlings class for 98% attendance for the last week of term!

Followed closely by Bumblebees, The Ark, Kestrels, with over 97% attendance! Great attendance!!



Just a reminder the school day starts at 8.45am, this is when lessons start, the front gate opens at 8.35am and shuts at 8.45am. Lunches are ordered with the teacher, when a child is late this can lead to unsettlement, missed learning and potentially missed lunch orders.


The school day ends at 3.15pm, the front gate shuts at 3.25pm. If you are unable to collect your child during this time we do have an after school club available as teachers often have meetings, training or their own commitments at the end of the day.

If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure you call the school office by 9.00am or report via the Studybugs app (we may still call you even if you have reported them on Studybugs). If your child is off of school for a medical appointment please visit the office and let us know beforehand with evidence of the appointment. Please also try to complete Leave of Absences forms for all other absences at least 2 weeks before the absence.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd March	KS2 Aspirations Week
Tuesday 4th March	Book Fair arrives Yr 1/2 Music Festival
Wednesday 5th March	KS2 Ash Wednesday Mass
Monday 10th March	World Book Day celebrations ( <i>non-school uniform</i> )
Thursday 20th March	School Nurse Clinic ( <i>appointment only</i> )
Monday 24th March	Dolphins & Yr 4 Orca's Marwell Zoo Trip
Wednesday 26th March	Starfish & Yr 3 Orca's Marwell Zoo Trip
Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children
Thursday 1st May	Yr R Staunton Farm Trip
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY - school closed for all children
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
Friday 4th July	INSET Day - school closed for all children
Wednesday 23rd July - Tuesday 2nd September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children

## PE Days – Spring Term

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

**FREE term-time SEND sessions for ages 11-16 at John Pounds:**

Saturday 1st March, 12-1pm

Saturday 8th March, 12-1pm

Saturday 15th March, 12-1pm

Saturday 22nd March, 12-1pm

Book here: <https://eequ.org/book/portsmouth-11-16-send-youth-gymnastics-with-viva-gymnastics-club-12685>

**FREE term-time SEND sessions for ages 11-16 at Skill Centre, Hilsea:**

Tuesday 4th March, 5-6pm

Tuesday 11th March, 5-6pm

Tuesday 18th March, 5-6pm

Tuesday 25th March, 5-6pm

Book here: <https://eequ.org/book/hilsea-11-16-send-youth-gymnastics-with-viva-gymnastics-club-12672>

**£5 per child SEND sessions for ages 4-10 at Skill Centre, Hilsea:**

Tuesday 4th March,  
4pm-4.45pm

Tuesday 11th March,  
4pm-4.45pm

Tuesday 18th March,  
4pm-4.45pm

Tuesday 25th March,  
4pm-4.45pm

Book here: [https://www.viva-gymnastics.club/service-page/send-gymnastics-for-age-4-10-years?referral=service\\_list\\_widget](https://www.viva-gymnastics.club/service-page/send-gymnastics-for-age-4-10-years?referral=service_list_widget)



The poster features a yellow paint splat at the top with the text 'PI-CASSO Art Competition' in white and blue. To the right is the UTC Portsmouth logo, which includes a stylized sailboat. Below the splat is a large purple pi symbol ( $\pi$ ) with small stars. A teal speech bubble contains the text: 'To celebrate Pi day, we are running an art competition! Send us a picture of your Pi or maths related artwork. Be creative! PRIZES TO BE WON!'. At the bottom, a dark blue shape contains the text: 'Deadline for entries is 10/03/2025'. The entire poster is set against a white background with various colored splats.

**PI-CASSO Art Competition**

**UTC PORTSMOUTH**

To celebrate Pi day, we are running an art competition!

Send us a picture of your Pi or maths related artwork.

*Be creative!*

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

Deadline for entries is **10/03/2025**

Submit photos of your artwork to:  
[marketing@utcportsmouth.org](mailto:marketing@utcportsmouth.org)