

# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

National Kindness day and Marten Rosen  
Poetry Day  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Starting School Tours  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 2.00pm  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am

### INSET DAYS

School will be closed to children  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Nativities

Early Years – 9.15am  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Years 1 and 2 – 9.15am  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Nativities will be in the church and families are invited to join us.

### Christmas Lunches and Jumper Day

EY and KS1 – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Children can wear a Christmas jumper rather than their school jumper and enjoy a Christmas lunch with their friends.

### Carol Service – 2pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

The Carol Service will be in the church and families are invited to join us.



## We live our lives like Jesus

Our Mission Statement is *"To live our lives like Jesus"* and is very much at the heart of our vision and school success. Any mission statement needs to be actively lived and practiced; so what does that mean for us in school? At the core is how we relate to each other; staff to pupils; pupils to each other and staff with parents, aiming for mutually respectful relationships which show love and care for each other. Jesus gave time to those he met showing compassion and treating all with dignity; we aim to model that in all our interactions.

As you will know, we plan and organise many opportunities throughout the year where we can see our mission statement in action. For example, our recent harvest collection showed how we supported the dignity of others, ensuring they have food to eat and more importantly that those who have less than we have know people care for them. Our next RE unit will help us learn more about how we can live our our mission statement in lots of different ways.

### Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of Autumn 1, I am extremely proud of all that has been achieved this term. Children have made every effort to work hard and do their best learning. Well done everyone. I hope you enjoy reading all about the learning and events that have happened since September. Have a lovely half term.



# Catholic Life of the School

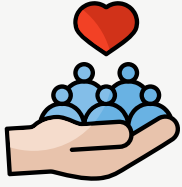
## World Rosary Day

**RE Units - Our topics for next term are Catholic Social Teaching and Advent.**

Corpus Christi took part in World Rosary Day, with every child gathering in prayer to honour Our Lady. Pupils in Year Five and Six created a moving human rosary formation on the playground. Together, they prayed the Holy Rosary with deep reverence and reflection. It was a powerful moment of faith, devotion, and unity for our entire school community.



Catholic Social Teaching teaches us how we need to live our lives like Jesus through our actions and words. Our children will learn they are all unique individuals made in the image and likeness of God and loved by Him and therefore they need to care for God's world, our common home and all people who are school, local and world neighbours.



### Advent

helps us prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We will be learning about how we get ready for Jesus' birth and how we mark Advent through our readings, prayers and hymns.

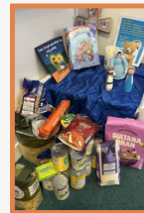


## Harvest

appeal



For our Harvest Appeal, we collected food donations to support Buckland Soup Kitchen and help those facing hardship in our local community. This reflects God's call to serve others with compassion and generosity, especially the most vulnerable. Just as Jesus taught us to feed the hungry and care for our neighbour, our pupils responded with kindness and action. We are grateful for the generous contributions that will make a real difference to those in need.



# PUPIL VOICE

# COMING SOON

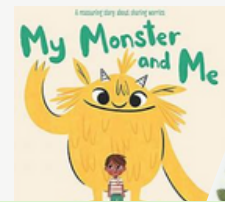
# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

# PREFECT APPLICATIONS



# Early Years

St Gabriel and St Joseph



Autumn 1  
learning journey

## Writing and Reading

This half term the children have been focussing on learning to write their name and applying the first 25 single letter sounds. The children have enjoyed drawing club where we have explored the stories - My monster and me, Mog and Three Little Pigs. We have also been focussing on fine motor skills to help develop pincer grip for writing.

## Understanding the World

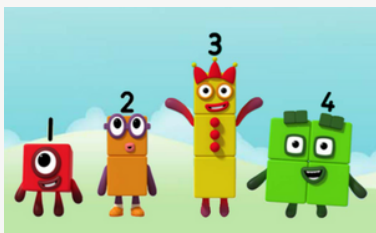
This half term we have explored the four seasons and particularly focussed on the changes and weather during Autumn. The children went of Autumn walks with their families to spot signs of Autumn.



**RE**  
We have been exploring the Creation story. The children have learnt what God created, thought of ways to protect creation and said prayers of thanks. Back in September, the children also took part in a welcome liturgy where they each received a blessing from Father Emmanuel and were given our school mission statement.

## Maths

During our mastering number sessions, we have been exploring number 1, 2, 3 and 4. The children have learnt to subitise the numbers in different patterns and representations. They have enjoyed meeting the Numberblocks and learning their songs



# YEAR 1 AND 2

## ST FRANCIS ST LUCY ST NICHOLAS

Our children have settled well into life in year 1 and 2. We have been so impressed by their positive attitudes to learning and their happy nature in school. We have been working really hard on our classroom routines and also our listening skills.

### What we have been learning about

#### RE

We have loved our RE learning so far this year. We have spent time sharing our school mission statement: We live our lives like Jesus. We unpicked what makes Jesus so special. Children said that they learn from him because he is forgiving, faithful, honest, generous, patient, kind. We will focus on these Gospel values throughout the year.

In groups, children have been busy planning our class Celebration of the Word, choosing how they would like the class to gather, selecting responses to scripture and how we should go forth. We will continue to do this with children each half term so that they are involved in planning and leading our class prayers.

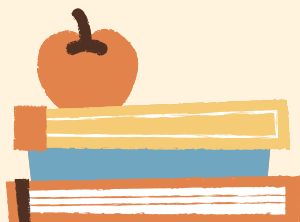
We have also been learning about God's creation, focusing on how we can praise and thank God for the wonderful world around us. We have written thank you cards, our own psalms, we brought the creation story to life with music, and even created our own class litany.

#### Writing

In our writing lessons we have been working really hard on ensuring we use correct grammar in our sentences. We started by identifying nouns. Children know that nouns are people, places and things. We explored which nouns need a capital letter and why and have been applying this learning in our writing. we have also spent time focusing on verbs. Children know that these are things that we can do e.g run, jump, smile.

#### Maths

In maths we have been using concrete resources to help us build our knowledge of place value. We have been counting - a really important skill to practise. We have been ordering numbers, using number lines to help children check their work. We have been comparing numbers, identifying which numbers are greater than or less than another number. Mon year 1 we have been securing our knowledge of number bonds to 10. in year 2, we have been learning number bonds and pairs up to 20.



### Reminders

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure full PE kit including a plain green t shirt. As the weather is cooling, plain black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms and top are ideal.

Please remember that hair should be tied back and that earrings should be studs, no hoops please.

### Thank you!

Thank you so much to all of our generous families who donated to our harvest collection. This year we have been supporting Buckland Soup Kitchen and your donations will really make a difference.

**Acts 20:35:**  
"It is more blessed to give than to receive"



### Homework Reminder

We review and set all homework on a Thursday. All reading diaries will be checked and new reading books selected for all children. If your child reads 3 times a week to an adult, they will receive a merit. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings each day, completed weekly spelling will earn a merit.



# Phase

# Year 3.4

“

Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson, and one success at a time!

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## This term in Our Phase

This term has been full of exciting learning and great progress. We're proud of our students for their effort and enthusiasm in every activity. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:

**St Carlo  
Acutis**

**St Josephine  
Bakhita**

**St Oscar  
Romero**

### English

We've been practising our grammar by using powerful conjunctions to expand our writing

### + = Mathematics

Our year 3's have been using column method to add and subtract up to 3 digits.

Our Year 4's have been developing their written methods up to 4 digits - paying extra attention to what happens when exchanging skills are needed!

### Science

Humans including animals! We have been looking at the human skeleton and its function. Protection, support and movement!



### RE

We have been learning about our class saints and the importance of Baptism!



## Egyptian Day



We had the most amazing day on our Egyptian day! We first looked at where the Egyptians were on our timeline in history. We discovered that they used hieroglyphs to record events! We even wrote our names in hieroglyphs

We then looked at the beautiful jewellery the Pharaohs wore and made our own!

We then looked at the gruesome method of mummification then we mummified an orange!



**Stubbington!**



Scan me for photos!

## Reminders

- Read at least 3 times a week.
- My maths
- TTRS at least 3 times a week.



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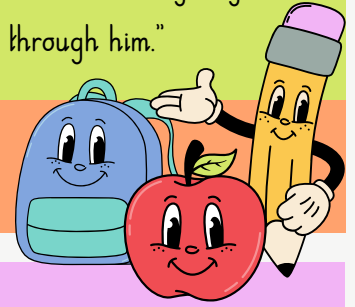
Snacks should be healthy and suitable for school - fruit is best!

# Welcome to Year 5 and 6

## Scripture Focus:

Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

St Maximilian Kolbe - St Bernadette - St Therese



## Autumn 1

What an incredible term it's been! From new challenges to creative projects, our students have embraced every opportunity to learn and grow. Their energy and dedication have made this a truly rewarding time — here's a look at what we've been doing:

## RE

This term, our faith learning has been both meaningful and inspiring. We explored the stories of our class saints and reflected on how their examples guide us. In our Creation unit, we learnt what it means to be a person of God and how to encourage others. We also discovered the many beautiful names of Mary and deepened our devotion through prayer. A special highlight was praying the full Rosary together as part of the Symphony of Prayers — a truly powerful and unifying experience for our year group.

## Curriculum

English - Children have been working on their grammar and understanding of how we build cohesive and interesting sentences. They showcased their skills writing a setting description.

Maths - Children have recapped place value and have spent time working on factors, multiples and primes - can they tell you all the prime numbers to 100?!

Science - Children have been learning how light enables us to see. They have created periscopes, colour wheels and explored reflection and refraction in their science lessons.

## Homework Reminders

Spelling - Handed out and collected on Friday's. One merit awarded for spelling and one for handwriting.

Reading - Children will receive one merit for logging at least 3 reads in their reading diary.

Maths - Set through MyMaths on a Thursday to be completed by the following week. A merit is awarded for completion.

Year 6 may also have paper math practice sent home.

## Looking Ahead

Year 6 Kindness Sale - 13<sup>th</sup> November

Michael Rosen Day - 13<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 residential - 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February

Stansted House Trip - 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March

SATS - 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May

# Music News

This half term, children in Key Stage 2 have worked with Portsmouth Music Hub to learn to play the Djembe drums. They've discovered how to care for the instrument, hold it correctly, and use different techniques to create sound—using fingers on the edge and hands in the centre.

Pupils have practised repeating rhythms, reading simple notation, and even composing and performing their own pieces. The sound of drumming has filled the school with energy and excitement, and it's been wonderful to see both children and teachers getting involved and enjoying the music together.

## PE News from Mr Poore

## Opportunities outside of school



Our new running club taking part in a gruelling 1.6 km (1 mile) fixture up at Portsdown Hill. The children are really enjoying this event against upwards of 300 other children. Fixtures resume again after Christmas!

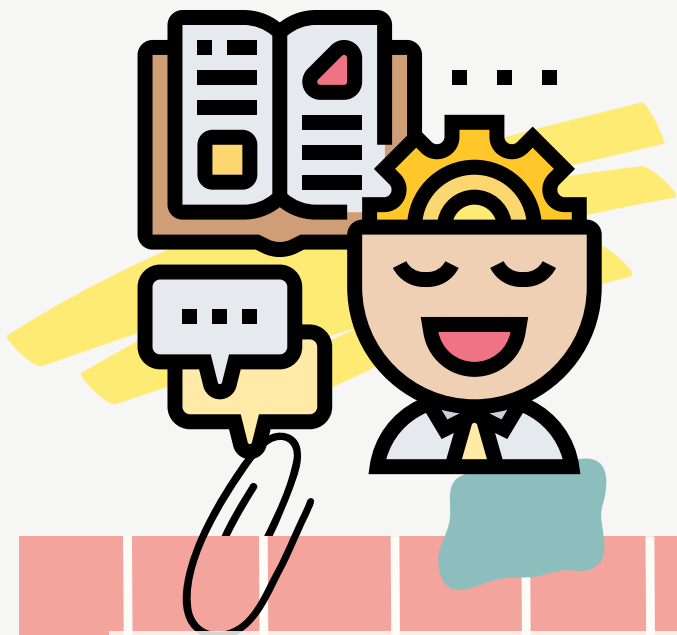
We were lucky enough to be invited to Mountbatten for an 'Active 60' session which looked at different ways to incorporate 60 active minutes into the school day every single day. We hope to take other children to many other sessions this year.



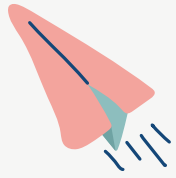
### Clubs:

- Running (ongoing)
- Hockey & basketball (completed)
- Lego & badminton (Autumn 2)

PE at Corpus Christi this year has started to take shape with all years recapping on the 'fundamentals of sport' and incorporating sportsmanship, respect and teamwork into a variety of lesson challenges.



# ORACY AT CORPUS CHRISTI



AUTUMN 1 2025



CORPUS CHRISTI IS PROUD TO BE A 'VOICE 21 SCHOOL' WHERE EVERY CHILD'S VOICE IS VALUED. WE ARE COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING THE VITAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS OF ALL OF OUR CHILDREN SO THAT THEY ARE SUPPORTED AND EMPOWERED TO BECOME THE CONFIDENT, ARTICULATE AND GLOBALLY MINDED CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE. WE ARE PROUD TO BE DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF FLUENT, PROFICIENT COMMUNICATION WITHIN OUR SCHOOL

## WHAT IS ORACY?

Oracy is articulating ideas, developing understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Help your child think about how they speak — not just what they say.

- Encourage your child to speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard — practice by reading aloud to you or recording a short story or news report.
- Play "storytelling with expression" — see who can tell a short story using the best voices, tone, and gestures.
- Model good speaking: look at your child when you talk, use facial expressions, and vary your voice.  
💡 Tip: Praise effort, not just performance: "I love how clearly you said that!"

## STRAND FOCUS - PHYSICAL

The Physical Strand focuses on the technical side of speaking and listening — how a speaker uses their voice, body, and presence to communicate clearly and confidently.

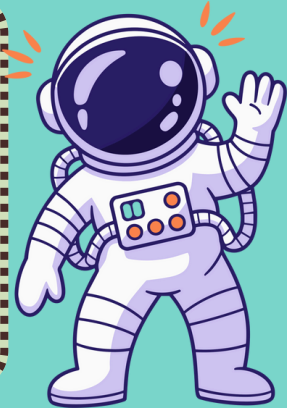
**It's about how we speak,  
not just what we say.**

# ART AND DT news



## Year 1 and 2

Next term will be a Design and Technology focus. We will be learning about different mechanisms, levers and linkages. We will be designing and creating our own moving space picture for a space book.



## YEAR 3 AND 4



Next term we're diving into the world of portraits with a special focus on Pablo Picasso and some contemporary portrait artists. Picasso was famous for his unique style of art called Cubism, where he painted faces and objects from different angles all at once.

We will be creating monoprints and 3D portraits inspired by Picasso's style.

## Year 5 and 6

This term in DT the children will be designing and making a motorized vehicle for a race. This project combines creativity, engineering, and technology, allowing students to explore the principles of design and mechanics. Throughout the project, students will develop problem-solving skills, teamwork. At the end of the topic will be racing the vehicles.



# Spanish News



On Monday 6th October some of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting and inspiring Languages trip to Admiral Lord Nelson School. The afternoon was all about discovering how languages connect people across the world – and involved having plenty of fun along the way!

The takeaway message of the afternoon was clear and inspiring:

**“IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT.”**

Our Year 6 pupils returned with a renewed enthusiasm for language learning – and a sense of how languages can truly open doors to the world'

*'The best part was the quiz and getting to know new people in our teams' [Agnus & Melissa](#)*

*'I enjoyed speaking to people from other schools and hearing talks from people who love languages!' [Declan](#)*

*'I enjoyed everything!' [Tommy](#)*

*'My team won the quiz and I also enjoyed learning about football player's languages' [Ishioma](#)*

*'I loved the quiz and hearing everyone's stories - overall amazing experience!' [Angel](#)*

*' It was very interesting and exciting!' [Anyia](#)*