



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

*We live our lives like Jesus*



Newsletter 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers.

This week is the third week of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when we focus on the theme of joy as we continue our expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation as Christ enters the world. Our prayer this week is

**O God, As we faithfully await the birth of your son, Jesus, Let us be glad and rejoice. In our families and our schools and in our lives, Help us to share the joy of Christ's love with others. Amen.**



Over the last few weeks, the classrooms and corridors have been filled with the voices of angels, a few barn animals, some shepherds, inn keepers and wise men as we have prepared for the nativities. It was lovely to welcome parents, parishioners and wider family members to the EY and KS1 nativities where the story of Christmas was retold and shared so beautifully by the children. Thank you to the children and staff for preparing so well. You were all fabulous.

Next week, our term finishes with our Carol Service—all are welcome.

Thank you to those who have already donated to the reverse Advent calendar—We are asking children to make a donation to our Advent Calendar with items such as scarves, socks, hats, gloves, biscuits, toiletries or chocolate. In the School Reception Area will be an Advent Calendar where children can leave their donations. We have delivered many of the gifts to Bucklands Soup Kitchen and will take the donations we have received since on Wednesday.



Happy Advent to all our families,

Miss Clark

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## Christmas Celebrations

Parents are invited to join us for our Christmas Celebrations.

**Friday 20th December**

Yr3-6 Carol Service at 2.15pm



The Carol Service will be in the Church so we are able to accommodate the wider family community.

**Grandparents and the Parish Community are invited to join us on**

**Tuesday 17th December**

Community Tea Party @ 2pm—School Hall

Children from the Christmas Choir will be performing for the Grandparents and Parish Community. They will also be singing outside of Lidl in North End around 9.30am the same morning.



**Wednesday 18th December**

**YrR-2 Christmas Jumper, Christmas Lunch and Party**

If your child is in Yr R, 1 or 2 and would like a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18 December please order via SCOPAY or the school office (NO PAYMENT REQUIRED).

On Thursday 19 December your child will **need to bring in a packed lunch** unless your child is entitled to an INCOME BASED FREE SCHOOL MEAL, please contact the school office with any queries .

**Thursday 19th December**

**Yr3-6 Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch and Party**

If your child would like a school Christmas lunch on Thursday 19 December please order via SCOPAY. On Wednesday 18 December **your child will need to bring** in a packed lunch unless they are entitled to an INCOME BASED FREE SCHOOL MEAL. please contact the school office if you have any queries regarding this.

Please see the menu on the next page.

## Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast Turkey with Sausage,  
Roast Potatoes and  
Stuffing

Christmas Vegetable  
Wellington with Roast  
Potatoes

Peas  
Sliced Carrots

Frosted Chocolate Cake  
Or  
Gingerbread Biscuits













# School Council FIESTA WINNERS

Name the Teddy  
**Kylah**  
Hedgehog  
Class

Whose Tree is it?  
**Oscar**  
Kestrel  
Class

Snowball Shootout  
**Arnav - Badgers**  
**Eva**  
**Starfish**



<p>Miss Jack – Office Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>K</b></p>	<p>Mrs Tye – Office Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>E</b></p>	<p>Mrs Lima-Leal – EY Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>A</b></p>	<p>Mrs Miles – EY Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>H</b></p>
<p>Mrs Zammit – EY Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>F</b></p>	<p>Mrs Biddlecombe - EY Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>J</b></p>	<p>Mrs Clark – Y1/2 Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>C</b></p>	<p>Mrs Cain – Y1/2 Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>B</b></p>
<p>Miss Goscombe – Y3/4 Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>D</b></p>	<p>Mrs Kelly – Y3/4 Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>I</b></p>	<p>Mrs Comerford – Y3/4 Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>L</b></p>	<p>Mrs Gosney - Y5/6 Team</p>  <p>Tree: <b>G</b></p>



**This week's theme is:**

**“Health, Wellbeing  
and Lifestyle”**

I can identify rules that help keep us safe and healthy in and beyond the home when using technology

Questions to ask your child:

- ◆ What device(s) do you like to use at home/school?
- ◆ What do you like to do on your device(s)?
- ◆ What things make you happy when you use technology?
- ◆ What things make you unhappy/angry/sad when you use technology?
- ◆ Do you have any rules at home/school for using technology? What are they?
- ◆ Who helps you to stay safe?
- ◆ Who decides the rules for how you use technology?
- ◆ Why do you think we have these rules?

*As part of the "Portsmouth: The Digital City Project", we are conducting a survey to understand your access to technology and your views on its use in education. This information will help us better support students and families across the city, both for now and in the future. Your responses are confidential and will be used to help shape our vision and the support we give schools and the wider community.*

*Thank you for taking the time to participate by completing [this form here](#) by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.*

## Zoom in, Zoom out

Last weeks reveal:

It was a Medal!



This weeks zoom in:



# GOOD SHEPHERD

BUMBLEBEES — MICHELLE  
LADYBIRDS — MASON  
OWLS — DANIEL  
HEDGEHOGS — AIDHAN  
BADGERS — JONNELLE  
DOLPHINS — HANNAH  
ORCAS — IVY  
STARFISH — AIDA  
KINGFISHERS — SIENNA  
KESTRELS — ELLA  
STARLINGS — TUPPENCE



BUMBLEBEES — LIDIA  
LADYBIRDS — MAKLIT  
OWLS — ALISHA  
HEDGEHOGS — ALICE  
BADGERS — NATHAN  
DOLPHINS — JONATHAN  
ORCAS — LOUIS  
STARFISH — SONNY  
KINGFISHERS — SOFIA  
KESTRELS — ALAN.S  
STARLINGS — NICHOLA

# GOLDEN BOOK

Valentina (Starfish)  
Fabulous writing

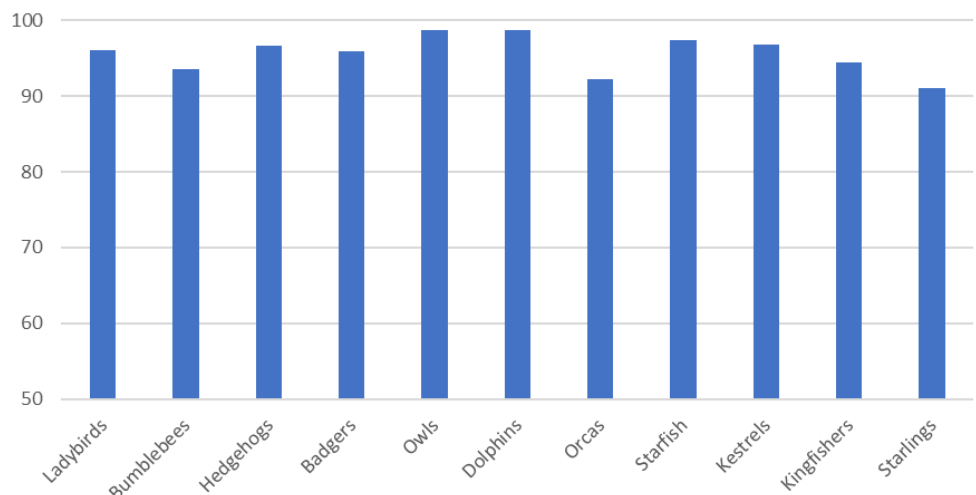


**BRONZE:**  
Abi & Oliwier (Hedgehogs)  
Nikola (Starfish)

## Attendance

Well done to Owls & Dolphins class for almost 100% attendance - Amazing!


Attendance for week commencing 2nd December 2024



## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th December	Grandparents Tea Party @ 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	YrR-2 Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December	Yr3-6 Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 20th December	Yr3-6 Carol Service at 2.15pm
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children
Tuesday 11th February - Friday 14th February	Yr 6 Runways End Residential
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 - Monday 21st April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - school closed for all children
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
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 – Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dolphins yr3.4 (Mrs Kelly)	Orcas yr3.4 (Mr Clark)	Bumblebees yrR (Mrs Miles)	Kestrels yr5.6 (Mrs Precious)	Owls yr1.2 (Ms Martinez)
Starfish yr3.4 (Mrs Hassana)		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)

## Household Support Fund Vouchers

Please note that families on a low income that don't qualify for a voucher from school, may be eligible for an 'Extended Family Voucher'. The Extended Family Voucher scheme will be open for applications after the end of this term. Families will be able to register to be notified when the scheme opens using a form that will be added to this web page shortly: [Household support fund - Portsmouth City Council](#). Further details of the scheme such as eligibility and information on how to apply can also be found on the same web page soon.

## Early Bird and Late Owl Club pricing review:

The school has looked into the costing for our wraparound care and we are letting you know that the following increase will take place from 1st January 2025:

Standard Early Bird from £3.25 to £4, which increases by £0.75 ( for siblings from £3 to £3.60 which increases by £0.60)

Full Late Owl from £7.70 to £8.90 which increases by £1.20 (for siblings from £7.40 to £8.50 which increases by £1.10 and Friday Late Owl from £2.75 to £3.30 which increases by £0.55.

## A SEND-sational season ✨

Here to make sure everyone has a magical Christmas. We've made sure there are activities to suit all abilities so everyone has the chance to to experience HAF. Check out the full list of activities with [SEND support available](#).



### SEND multi-sports with Pompey in the Community

📍 John Jenkins Centre 📅 Thurs 2 Jan

A tailored day to suit the needs of children with SEND, including football and either basketball, netball, cricket, rounders, dodgeball, tennis and archery.

[Book SEND space](#)



### SEND gymnastics camp

📍 Viva Gymnastics, Hilsea 📅 Fri 3 Jan

Viva aims to make gymnastics is accessible for every child. Learn basic to advanced skills including, all equipment: floor, bars, beam, vault, track, trampoline, plus, games, arts and crafts and a lunchtime movie.

[Book SEND space](#)



Small changes,  
big differences.



## Triple P Primary Parenting Course

Suitable for children aged 4 - 8 yrs



### WHO IS IT FOR?

Parents or caregivers interested in promoting their child's development and potential or they may have concerns about their child's behavioural problems or simply wish to prevent behaviour problems from developing

Tuesday 14th January to 25th February 9:30—12:00

At

Paulsgrove Family Hub, Cheltenham Road,  
Portsmouth PO6 3PL

To book a place please send an e-mail to the Parenting in box at  
[ParentingService@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:ParentingService@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

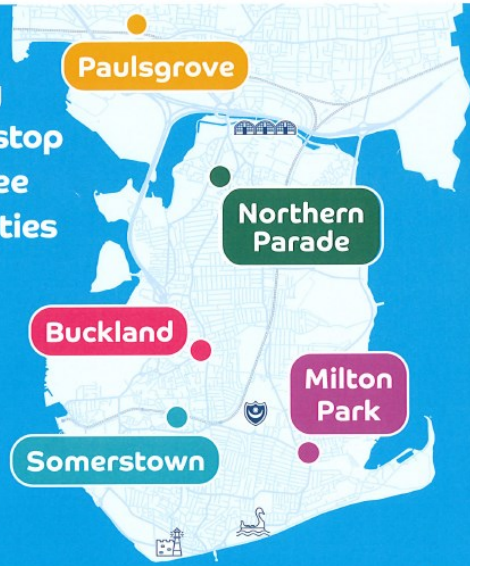
With your contact details and your child's name and DOB.

[www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)



## Free support for you and your family

Every Family  
Hub is a one stop  
shop with free  
advice, activities  
and more



To view the online Family Hub, scan the QR code or visit  
[www.portsmouthfamilyhubs.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthfamilyhubs.co.uk)



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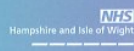


Mental health services are available

Call the Portsmouth Mental Health Hub  
0300 123 6621 (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm)

Connecting you to the best support for you  
For anyone aged 16+

[www.mentalhealthinportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.mentalhealthinportsmouth.co.uk)



## DAD LIFE GOT YOU FEELING NERVOUS? FIRST-TIME DAD OR SEASONED PRO, EVERY STAGE COMES WITH ITS UPS AND DOWNS.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

IT'S OKAY TO GET HELP. YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Chat with us online or by phone (Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm)  
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