



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

'We live our lives like Jesus'

17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest for Hope

Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for our Harvest Mass on Thursday 23rd October at 2pm.

We will continue to collect tinned and packaged goods up until the 20th of October.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Harvest for Hope collection already in support of Bucklands Soup Kitchen who serves a hot meal to people in need living in Portsmouth on a Wednesday night and also provide the clients with a packed meal. The soup kitchen is run by a group of volunteers from Bucklands Baptist Church. Over the last few years, we have developed a positive relationship with the soup kitchen with staff helping out on some occasions. One of our classes made up the packed lunches for them during the Corpus Christi Festival.

This year, we have been working hard to support the Pilgrims of Hope Holy Year where we are encouraged and challenged to bring hope to the world. Our harvest collection is part of our commitment to share hope and love with others.

From Monday 29th September to Monday 20th October please send in food with a long shelf life. We are particularly looking for tinned goods, jars and packets including biscuits, beans, rice, pasta, tinned tomatoes or vegetables, bars of chocolate, coffee or tea. Any donation would be lovely - children should place their donation by their class prayer table.

Have a good weekend

Miss Clark
Head teacher

Uniform expectations - We have noticed a number of children wearing trainers as school shoes; please use half term to ensure children are wearing school shoes. Hair adornments e.g. beads and ribbons, must be in school colours. Beads in particular are not encouraged to be worn in school. If children are wearing earrings these must be studs and not hoops.

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Bibles - Our first 37 Bibles have arrived and will be in the classrooms once blessed by Fr Emmanuel. Our aim is to purchase 45 Bibles for the Year 5/6 classes. Each Bible costs £15.99. If anyone would like to make a contribution to the Bibles, please donate using the "School Donation" option on Arbor or cash via the school office.

Benefitted Related Free School Meals - As you may be aware, families on certain benefits may be entitled to what is known as the Pupil Premium Grant - this is an amount of money, about £1300, that the school receives to support children in school. Where a family is entitled to the pupil premium grant, we offer subsidies for trips and some activities. However, families are also entitled to free holiday activities and a supermarket voucher during some holidays. If you have not checked whether you are entitled please do so before the end of September by clicking on this link [Synergy - Enquiry](#) Please do speak to Mrs Penney in the office if you need any help.

Secondary School Applications - Applications must be made by the 31st October 2025. Please do apply before then. [Apply to move to secondary school - Portsmouth City Council](#) If you need any help, please come and see me or Mrs Comerford. We would advise parents to put more than one preference - last year, some parents were caught out as they were allocated a school because they were not offered their preference school.

Important Events

Monday 20th October to Wednesday 22nd October – Year 4 trip to Stubbington

Tuesday 21st October – Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

Thursday 23rd October – Harvest Mass – Parents and Carers are welcome to join us

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – Half term - school closed for all children

Starting School 2026 tour dates (booking required):

Thursday 13th November – 2.00pm

Friday 14th November – 10.00am

Tuesday 18th November – 10.00am

Wednesday 26th November – 10.00am

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PE Days - Children should come dressed in their PE kits - green t-shirt and black shorts or black or green track suit and trainers. Track suits must be plain with no logos.

Monday - Years 5 and 6

Tuesday - Years 3 and 4

Wednesday - Years R, 1 and 2

Thursday - Years 1 and 2, 3 and 4

Friday - Years 5 and 6

If children are taking part in any after school clubs on days that aren't their PE days they should bring trainers with them to school and change at the end of the day.

INSET Days this year - school will be closed to children on these days

Monday 1st December

Monday 16th March

Monday 6th July

Wednesday 22nd July

This week's celebrations:

Bronze Merit:

McKenzie (Maximilian Kolbe)

Class

St Joseph

St Gabriel

St Francis

St Nicholas

St Lucy

St Josephine Bakhita

Carlos Acutis

Oscar Romero

St Therese of Lisieux

St Bernadette

Maximilian Kolbe

Good Shepherds:

Edward

Victor

Jo-Anne

Martin

Edwin

Gavin

Nathan

Samrawi

Bentley

Kaelan

Mishael

Reading Champions:

Polly

Aiden

Henry

Ambadi

Ade

Faith

Nikola

Alice

Mia

Sonny

Sofia

Golden Book

Liam & Alex V-I (Maximilian Kolbe) – Fantastic writing

Eliza (St Bernadette) – Fantastic writing

Niha (Carlos Acutis) – For being a super hard worker

Samuelle (St Gabriel) – Working really hard using her phonics to write independently

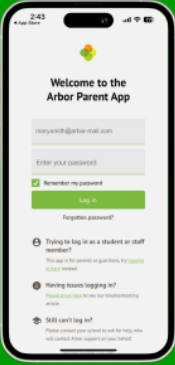
Wallace (St Joseph) – Fabulous independent writing using his phonics

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World Kindness Day Menu Thursday 13th November

- Sausage Roll
or
Vegan Sausage roll
Or
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
- Chips
- Baked beans
Coleslaw
- Vanilla Heart Shortbread



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MORIAH FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP



Confidential support for ALL parent/carers especially those from culturally diverse backgrounds.

ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER OF A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON (AGE 0-25) WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

COME AND MEET WITH OTHER PARENT/CARERS WITH SIMILAR EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES.



Our coffee morning is held every 2nd Monday of the month (term time only)



10:30am
to
12:30pm



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