



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

We live our lives like Jesus



Newsletter 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Governor Vacancy We need your time and talent

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our governing board. The parent governor role is open to any parent or carer who has a child/ren registered at the school at the time of appointment. This is an important role as we move forward from our recent Ofsted and implement plans for the future and on-going improvement of the school.

The role of the local governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a **parental perspective** to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children

Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form which can be found on our school website in the Governor section— <https://www.corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk/governors> or can be collected from the school office. The form should be returned to the Governance Professional Clerk J Parish at jparish@corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk or in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of J Parish, Governance Professional Clerk at the School's office by Friday 24th October. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

Further information about the role and the application form can be found on our school website <https://www.corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk/governors>.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Miss Clark or Natasha Burnett, Chair of Governors.

Miss Clark

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Standing in Solidarity with our Neighbour Our Harvest Collection 2024

Thank you for your donations to our Harvest Collection which will end on the 22nd October. All donations, both tinned and packet food or monetary donation, will be given to the Bucklands Soup Kitchen as we stand in solidarity with our local community. We have asked the children to do something to “earn” their donation; perhaps giving up a treat to use the money to donate.



We will be celebrating Mass at 2pm on Thursday 23rd October where we will share our donations with Buckland Soup Kitchen—all families are welcome to join us.

Year R Welcome Liturgy

We are inviting you to join your child /children to our welcome liturgy next week on Wednesday 23rd October at 2:30pm in the church. It would be a great opportunity for staff, children and parents of our new children to gather together to celebrate the word of God.

We did it!

For the fourth year running, we are one of the top 6 schools in Portsmouth with 40 children having completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Well done everyone! Through your hard work, we have won another bean bag for our school.

Thank you!



KS2 Author Visit



The KS2 children were very lucky to have author David Fuller visit this week. David talked to us about his journey to becoming a writer and his love of books (and football!). He read us excerpts from his books and talked about his inspiration and struggles. We were lucky to get lots of tips from David and the children are excited to try writing stories of their own!

If you would like to order a signed copy of any of David's books, please return the form that was sent home with children last week or you can ask the office for a new one.

Sweet Treats

We are very aware of the cost of providing sweet treats on birthdays and special days and have made the decision to ask parents **NOT** to send in sweets etc on birthdays. We will of course make a fuss of children on their birthday in school and ensure it is a special day. Thank you for your support.

Zoom in, Zoom out

Last weeks reveal:



Discussion Tip!

Try discussing the item with your child using full sentence to explain your thinking:

I wonder if this could be a ____ because I can see ____

What do you think about the picture?



This week:



GOOD SHEPHERD

BUMBLEBEES — MISIA
LADYBIRDS — POLA
OWLS — RARES
HEDGEHOGS — ABI
BADGERS — MEGAN
DOLPHINS — ELLA
ORCAS — ANDREAS
STARFISH — CARTER
KINGFISHERS — RUFUS
KESTRELS — EBEHI
STARLINGS — BLESSED



BUMBLEBEES — DUSTY-REEN
LADYBIRDS — JUVANIYA
OWLS — LUNA
HEDGEHOGS — VED
BADGERS — AKOREDE
DOLPHINS — SHEKINAH
ORCAS — SARA
STARFISH — ANTONINA
KINGFISHERS — ALAN.Z
KESTRELS — CHIKAIMA
STARLINGS — NIKODEM.R

GOLDEN BOOK

Mandy (Bumblebees)
Practicing her name independently

Raisa (Orcas)
Excellent RE explanation about the rosary

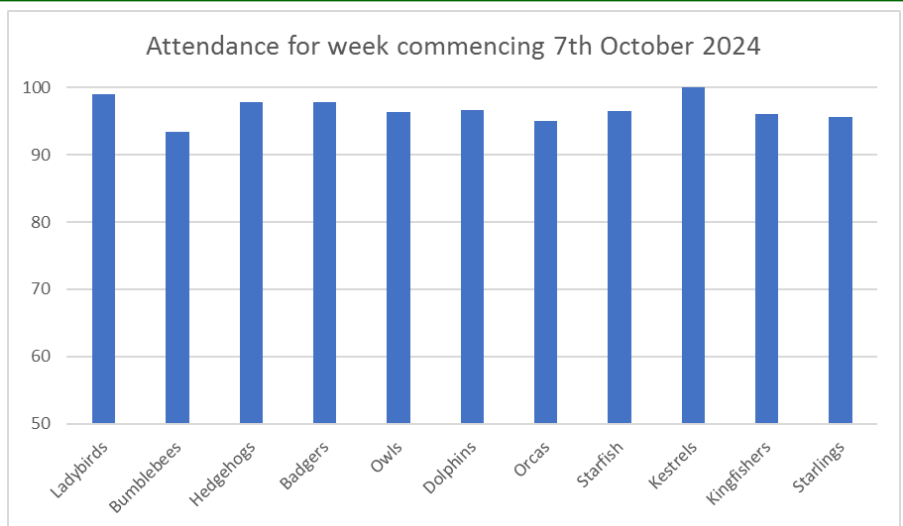


BRONZE:
Samrawi & Adwin
(Dolphins)
Goodness (Starfish)

Attendance

Well done to Kestrels class for 100% attendance last week.

Also well done to Ladybirds class for almost 100% attendance!



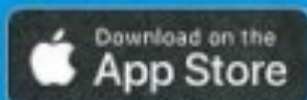
Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st October	Year 5 Bikeability begins (<i>booking required</i>)
Wednesday 23rd October	Year R Welcome Liturgy @ 2.30pm
Thursday 24th October	Harvest Mass @ 2pm
Friday 25th October	8.45-9.30am Drop-In/Coffee Morning hosted by Ms Fripp and Mrs Kirk
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	HALF TERM - school closed for all children
Wednesday 6th November	School Tours for September 2025 Starters (<i>booking required</i>)
Friday 8th November	School Tours for September 2025 Starters (<i>booking required</i>)
Monday 11th November	School Tours for September 2025 Starters (<i>booking required</i>)
Wednesday 13th November	School Tours for September 2025 Starters (<i>booking required</i>)
Wednesday 13th November - Friday 15th November	Yr 4 Stubbington Residential
Thursday 14th November	School Nurse appointments (<i>booking required</i>)
Tuesday 19th November	School Tours for September 2025 Starters (<i>booking required</i>)
Monday 25th November	INSET Day - school closed for all children
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Fiesta 3.15pm - 4.45pm
Tuesday 10th December	YrR Nativity @ TBC
Thursday 12th December	School Nurse appointments (<i>booking required</i>) Yr3-6 Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day Yr1-2 Nativity @ 2pm-3pm
Friday 13th December	YrR-2 Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Wednesday 17th December	Grandparents Tea Party @ 1.45pm
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

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

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Zoom Sleep Course for parents

*"Sleep is as important for survival as food and water;
yet most people know very little about this vitally important process.
80% of children with a special educational need or disability struggle to sleep."*



Join Nickie Sutton, experienced sleep practitioner and trainer, for sessions to learn more about sleep and how you can help children sleep better.

These sessions are specially written for parents of children with additional needs and disabilities and are interactive so that your specific questions and needs are answered.

Course

Session 1. How and Why we Sleep. What our brains need us to do to sleep well.

Session 2. SEND and Sleep. How sensory processing differences, autism, anxiety, ADHD and other conditions make sleep so much harder, and how you can help.

Both sessions are 90 minutes long with time at the end for questions.

You will need to commit to attend both sessions;
as the strategies discussed in session 2 relate back to what is covered in session 1.

NEXT COURSE



Mondays 28th & 30th September 2024, 10am 12pm
Tuesdays, 5th & 12th November 2024 7pm 9pm



RESERVE YOUR PLACE

www.portsmouthparentvoice.org/sleepcourse



Further information please email: ppvadmin@hportsmouth.org.uk

Nickie Sutton has been a sleep practitioner for 6 years and developed the successful and effective sleep courses for Space4Autism in Cheshire which have been running for over 8 years. Prior to this Nickie was a nurse for 34 years, most recently working as a Specialist Community Public Health School Nurse, and ADHD Nurse Specialist. Her background means that she is scrupulous about offering evidence based advice that is grounded in science. She is currently one of small team of experienced sleep practitioners working on the National Sleep Helpline and in 2022 was commissioned by the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (NH8) to run a new Cheshire East sleep service for neurodiverse children and young people.





Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL



Portsmouth Leisure Card

With the half term holidays approaching, why not see if you or your family are entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card. which offers residents to discounts of **up to 50%** at Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as some other services and attractions.

The Leisure Card is **free** and is available to residents who receive **means-tested benefits** living within the **PO1 to PO6** areas of the city (*and some properties in PO7 qualify where these pay council tax to Portsmouth City Council*)

You can enjoy BH Live sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre as well as discount on beach hut rental and allotments. *Please note that discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent to you when you receive your Leisure Card.*

The Leisure Card is valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

- **How to apply** :Visit the Portsmouth City Council website, search for Leisure Card and apply online www.portsmouth.gov.uk or you can also apply via your local library, community centre or housing office. (*Please bring along proof of benefits to be checked*)

If you have any questions, then please do call **02392 688797** or email
CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Eligible benefits.

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Working tax credit
- Housing benefit
- Council Tax Support (excludes statutory 25% single persons discount)
- Pension credit (guarantee credit element only)
- Foster carers with foster children (use the online application link and upload a signed letter from your supervising social worker as evidence)
- Children in Supported Accommodation – (children aged 16-18 cared for by PCC - validated by their social worker or sponsors letter)
- Asylum Seekers – Please note you will be asked to reference your Home Office number supplied by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary

