



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

*We live our lives like Jesus*



Newsletter 20th September 2024

On Monday, children in KS2 watched a performance of *Stories in the Dust* which told the story of travellers seeking water and fertile land and the challenges they faced. Children in Years 5 and 6 then took part in a climate change workshop where they reflected on the impact of environmental damage on the world today. It was amazing to see the children's and staffs' awe and wonder during the performance as the actors, retold their stories through song and performance.



Over the next few weeks, our RE theme focuses on Creation, where children will learn the story of Creation, how we are co-creators with God and stewards of God's creation. I'm sure the *Stories in the Dust* performance will help children think about environmental impact on our neighbours differently.

Miss Clark

**October 3rd October—Having a free school meal counts!** Please can I ask that children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have a school lunch on Thursday 3rd October. By having a school lunch, the school can secure additional funding. As you know children in KS1 and EY have the option every day of a hot meal which is free to parents. The school receives funding to pay for these meals based on the number of children who opt for a school lunch on Thursday 3rd October; the more lunches booked the greater the funding. Later in the newsletter, you can view the special menu for this day.

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## Drop off and Collection

### Gates open from 8.35-8.45am and 3.15-.3.25pm

Please can I remind parents that children in Years R-4 and those in Year 5 and 6 must be brought to and collected from school by an adult. Children in Years 5 and 6 with permission from a parent can walk to and from home and school without an adult. However, they cannot bring younger brothers and sisters to school. Parents do need to wait with their child until the gate is open; we've spotted a number of children in years R-4 who are being left without adult supervision.

Due to the number of children who are being collected late (i.e after 3.25pm) we will be establishing a late policy, including fines for parents whose children are collected later from school on more than 3 occasions in the year.

## Chess Club

We will be starting a lunchtime Chess Club, initially for Years 5 and 6. If any family has an un-used chess set at home they would like to donate to the club, please drop it off at the office.



## School Lunches

All children in Year R , 1 and 2 are provided with a hot lunch every day.

School Lunch prices have increases to £2.68. for children in Years 3,4, 5 and 6 other than those entitled to the pupil premium grant.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME to the

# BOOK FAIR

And earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

DOG MAN  
The SCARLET SHEDDER  
DAV PILKEY  
CREATOR OF CAT KID COMIC CLUB

MY BIG FAT SMELLY POO DIARY  
A work of staggering importance  
Jim Smith

Jonty Gentoo  
The Adventures of a Penguin  
JULIA DONALDSON • AXEL SCHEFFLER

MICHAEL MORPURGO  
THE NATION'S FAVOURITE STORYTELLER  
Illustrated by Michael Foreman  
COBWEB

Illustration from My Big Fat Smelly Poo Diary © Jim Smith, 2024

## SAVE THE DATE

We will have the Book Fair back in school on Wednesday 2nd October and Thursday 3rd October!

### Religious Education

#### Mission

We will be answering the question: **How can we live our lives like Jesus?**

#### Creation

We will be answering the question: **How can we find out about God's Creation and give Him thanks?**



#### History

We will be answering the question: **How do you know if a house is new or old?** Children will sequence houses and homes over time looking at their key features. We will hope to do a local area walk to look at different styles of homes within our local area.



#### PSHE

In PSHE we will be considering: **What dangers are there in my home?** We will discuss what 'risk' means and use this to recognise risk in simple everyday situations and what action to take. Children will also know basic rules to keep safe online.

#### Computing

We will be solving the question: **How can I make a quiz on a computer?** Children will know how to write algorithms to give computer commands when setting up their quiz format. They will also know how to add music and images.

### Writing

This half term, we will be focusing on grammar skills. We will specifically focus on punctuation, tense and sentence construction. It is important to embed these skills early to support overall writing development. Spelling and handwriting will continue to be a key focus throughout all learning.

### 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.

# Year 1 / 2

## Autumn Term 1



### Maths

**Year 1:** Children will learn about: place value, addition, subtraction and measurement.  
**Year 2:** Children will learn about: place value, addition, subtraction and measurement.

We will focus on building skills using concrete resources, then move to pictorial representations, ready for children to be able to solve abstract calculations and problems.

### Science

We will be answering the question: **How can we group animals?** Children will identify and name a variety of common animals (including carnivores, omnivores, and herbivores) and compare their structure.

We will sort animals based on their characteristics and use this sorting to classify. Children will discuss their own ways of sorting using their acquired knowledge over time.



### Music:

Year 1.2 children will be learning ukulele.

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



### PE

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

### 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. Homework is a key way for children to practise key skills.**



### RE

**Mission:** Children will begin the year by learning about our school mission statement: 'We live our lives like Jesus'.

**Creation:** What does it mean that we are all made in the image and likeness of God?

**Other faiths:** Children will learn about how Muslims pray and the symbolism of this.

### Spanish

Children will be learning and developing the skills and vocabulary they need to tell others about themselves.

### Science

Children will be answering the question: **How are shadows created?** They will learn about how light travels and use scientific enquiry skills to test out their scientific theories.

### PSHE

Children will be answering the question: **How can I spot risks and keep myself safe?** They will learn about risks at home and online and how to protect themselves against dangers. They will also learn about personal boundaries.

### Computing

Children will be learning about the internet. They will learn how it works, what websites are and how we can decide whether to trust information we find on them.

### PE

PE DAYS – Monday and Thursday

### English:

During the first half term, children will be focusing on grammar skills.

They will be securing their knowledge of how to use punctuation effectively as well as how to create a variety of sentences that use conjunctions to join ideas.



### Maths

**Year 3:** Children will be developing their place value knowledge of numbers up to 1000. They will develop their mental addition and subtraction skills. They will learn how to add and subtract with money in practical contexts. Children will practise counting in 3s and 4s as they begin to prepare for learning times table facts.

**Year 4:** Children will be developing their understanding of place value for 4-digit numbers. They will also be building on their addition and subtraction skills and applying these to money and measure. They will focus on learning their 6 and 7 times table facts.

### Geography

Children will be answering the question: **How did life change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?**

They will use timelines and historical evidence to think about the lives, homes and jobs of people in these eras and how they changed through time.

### Music:

Children will learn to play recorders and flutes this year and will receive lessons from a specialist music teacher.

### Art

Children will be developing their sketching skills. They will learn about toning and tinting before using this to create a 'Stone Age Silhouette'.

## GOOD SHEPHERD

OWLS — MARTHA  
HEDGEHOGS — HANNAH  
BADGERS — AOIFE  
DOLPHINS — ELIZA  
ORCAS — PATRICK  
STARFISH — JENNIFER  
KINGFISHERS — LUCY  
KESTRELS — ISHIOMA  
STARLINGS — SAVANNAH



BUMBLEBEES — LAURYN  
LADYBIRDS — JAHMYA  
OWLS — EWA  
HEDGEHOGS — ALEX  
BADGERS — ELHANA  
DOLPHINS — ADWIN  
ORCAS — ALANNA  
STARFISH — SEBASTIAN  
KINGFISHERS — DAWID.P  
KESTRELS — LUNA  
STARLINGS — AGNUS

## GOLDEN BOOK

Belle (Kingfishers) - Working hard with her Maths

Sebastian (Starfish) - Brilliant effort in his Maths

Mat & Jonelle (Badgers) - Super Maths

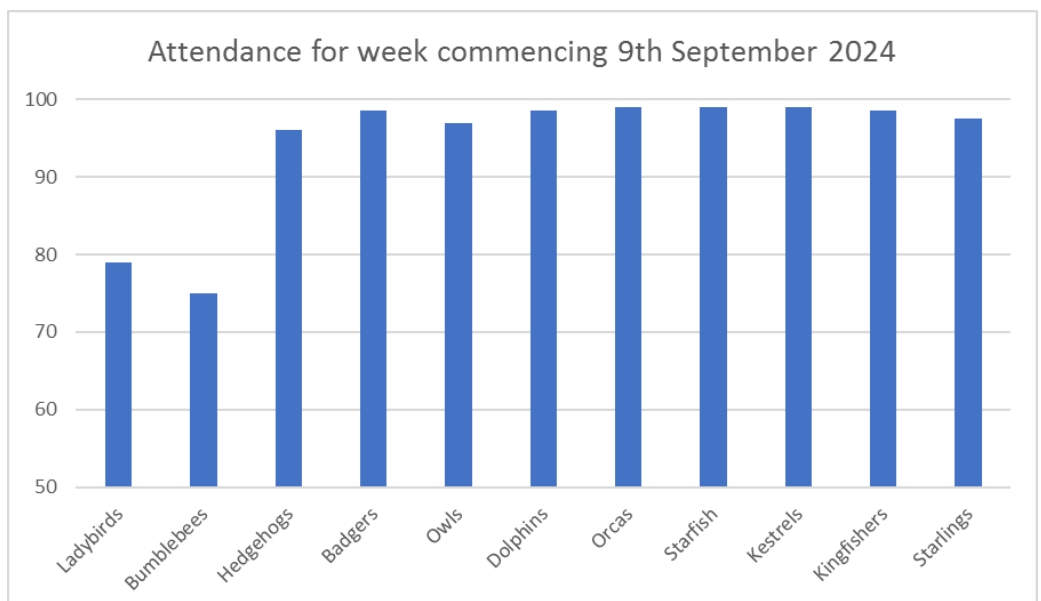
Kemi, Christabel & Daniel.D (Kingfishers)  
- Super Maths

Jessica, Mabel, Luna & Alan.S (Kestrels) - Super Maths

## Attendance

Well done to Orcas (again), Starfish & Kestrels class for have 99% attendance last week!

Regular attendance at school is a key factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Good attendance helps children to make good progress in school and fulfil their potential in life. Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning. If you need any support with this, please contact Miss Jack.





Mental Health  
Support Team  
Portsmouth



# MHST Parent Workshop: Wellbeing

Come along to the MHST Parent Workshop on:  
**Tuesday 1st October, 2.30pm-3.30pm**  
Corpus Christi Primary School

We will look at what wellbeing is and how we must look after our own wellbeing before we are able to support others. We will focus on the following 5 steps to wellbeing: Connection, Being active, Learning, Taking Notice and Giving.

Hopefully, parents/carers will come away with strategies to improve their family's wellbeing.



## 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)



## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 24th September	Orcas Swimming Lessons begin
Friday 27th September	Individual & Siblings School Photos
Tuesday 1st October	2.30pm MHST Workshop
Tuesday 8th October	Ladybirds Height & Weight Checks
Wednesday 9th October	Bumblebees Height & Weight Checks
Thursday 17th October	School Nurse appointments (booking required)
Thursday 24th October	Harvest Mass (time TBC)
Friday 25th October	8.45/9am 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 13th November - Friday 15th November	Yr 4 Stubbington Residential
Thursday 14th November	School Nurse appointments (booking required)
Monday 25th November	INSET Day - school closed for all children
Thursday 12th December	School Nurse appointments (booking required)
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

**This year we will not be having a weekly Celebration Assembly on Friday but parents are warmly welcomed to join us for Mass and Liturgies.**

## Blue Peter Book Badge

Last year, children in year 5/6 were given the chance to apply for a blue peter book badge, this year we are doing it again for year 3-6 children who would like the chance to earn a badge! Children will be sent home with an application form to complete. Parents are required to sign this to give permission.

All forms can be returned to school and we will post them to Blue Peter, badges will be sent by Blue Peter to your home address and give you a discount on entry to hundreds of attractions!

Please return your forms to Mrs Gosney by the 4th of October - Happy Reading!



## 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](http://www.portsmouthparentvoice.org/sleepcourse)



Further information please email: [ppvadmin@hportsmouth.org.uk](mailto: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 3 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 (NHS) to run a new Cheshire East sleep service for neurodiverse children and young people.



Portsmouth SEND Local Offer



# Local Offer Live!

📍 **John Pounds Centre**  
(23 Queen St, Portsea,  
PO1 3HN)

📅 **Tuesday 1 October**

🕒 **2pm – 6:30pm**

Find out about the services available for families in Portsmouth who have children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).



No ticket needed.  
Just turn up!

**SPECIAL EVENT!**

Visit [portsmouthlocaloffer.org/live](http://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/live)



## Census Day Menu

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Build a Beef Burger  
or  
Build a Vegan Burger

Served with Chips  
Baked beans and Sweetcorn

Vanilla Shortbread Fresh fruit or Yoghurt  
Jacket potatoes with be available

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