



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

'We live our lives like Jesus'

10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Symphony of Prayer

On Tuesday 7th October we joined with 1 million children across the world to pray the rosary for peace and unity. Each class prayed either the whole rosary or decades; our Year 5/6 children even formed a 'human' rosary. We all know the power of prayer in our lives and I'm sure God heard the prayers of children as it was announced on Thursday that a ceasefire will begin in Gaza over the next few days! We will continue to pray for peace in our hearts, school, homes and world.

Harvest for Hope

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

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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 13th October – Book Fair after school (*weather permitted*)

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October – Parents Evenings (*booking required*)

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

Tuesday 21st October – Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

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

Starting School 2026 tour dates (*booking required*):

Thursday 16th October – 10.00am & 2.00pm

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

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:

Emilia.M (Maximilian Kolbe)

Penelope (St Lucy)

Isabelle (St Therese of Liseux)

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:

Jaylen

Georgie

Lucas

Kylah

Haizal

Dougie

Celestine

Rafe

Tommy

Mabel

Michelle

Reading Champions:

Albert

Ahish

Teddy

Sakinah

Pola

Alanna

Martha

Shekinah

Bentley

Melissa

Ngoni

Golden Book

Florence (Maximilian Kolbe) – Amazing attitude to learning

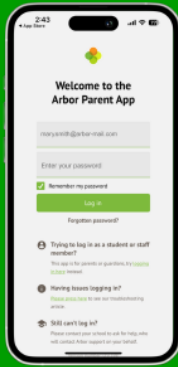
Danait (St Nicholas) – Fabulous writing

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HAPPY Diwali

Thursday 16th October 2025

Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice
or
Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry & Rice
or
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Cauliflower
Green Beans
Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries

Use with caterlink
feeding the imagination

Moriah Support Group will be attending the Thursday Parents evening for an informal meet/chat for any families who wish to know more about the support they can offer.

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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



Urbond City Buildings, Lake Rd, Portsmouth. PO1 4BD



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