



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Christ the King

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King which marks the last Sunday of the Church's year before we begin Advent and our journey to Christmas. The Year of Hope also comes to an end on Sunday - the last year has been an enriching time for us all, when we have reflected on how we are Pilgrims of Hope and brought hope to others. We have taken part in a pilgrimage raising over £1000 for CAFOD, celebrated our School Feast Day with a 3 day festival, donated food parcels to Bucklands Soup Kitchen and stood in solidarity with our brothers and sisters across the world. Although, our world is in need of God's gift of hope, I'm sure our children will continue to be Pilgrims of Hope in the years to come.

Advent begins next Sunday, this is a time of preparation where we get ourselves ready for the coming of the Christ child. This year's we are collecting chocolate - biscuits, bars and boxes. Donations will be split between Bucklands Soup Kitchen and Stella Maris - a charity that supports Seafarers who spend many months away from their families on ships bringing food and other goods into our ports. We will be collecting chocolate donations from 1st December and on Friday 5th December, children will have a non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate donation.

Miss Clark
Head teacher

Foundation Governors Needed - we are looking to recruit 2 Foundation Governors to join our Governing Board. Foundation Governors are appointed by Bishop Philip and must be able to provide a Priests' reference. Further information can be found on the Diocesan website [Governors – Catholic Academies and Schools Office](#) and the school's website [Governors | Corpus Christi Catholic Primary](#)

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.

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Important Events

Tuesday 2nd December – Late Owl Christmas Pyjama Party; after school (*booking required via Arbor*)

Friday 5th December – *Non-Uniform Day* – children can wear non-school uniform on this day in exchange for bringing chocolate to the school for the Advent collection

Tuesday 9th December – Year R Nativity @ 9.15am in the church (*parents are invited to join us*)

Wednesday 10th December – Year 1/2 Nativity @ 9.15am in the church (*parents are invited to join us*)

Thursday 11th December – Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day*

Friday 12th December – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day*

Wednesday 17th December – Parishioners & Grandparents Tea Party (*further details to follow*)

Friday 19th December – Carol Service @ 2pm in the church (*parents are invited to join us*)

Christmas Lunch, Party and Jumpers

Early Years and KS1 - Thursday 11th December & KS2 - Friday 12th December

Children can come dressed in their school uniform, swapping their school jumper for a Christmas Jumper. Katie Sparkles will entertain EY and KS1 on Thursday and KS2 will take part in a variety of fun activities in the afternoon.

If you have a spare Christmas jumper or one your child has grown out of please send them into school and we will arrange a jumper sale on Friday 5th December

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

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

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.

This week's celebrations:

Bronze Merit:

Liliana, Niha, Nikola (Carlos Acutis)

Oliver, Aaliyah, Hannah, Nora, Sera & Wilma (St Josephine Bakhita)

Ishioma (St Bernadette)

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:

Yara

Benjamin

Marilyn

Michelle

Marcus

James

Kasi

Ella

Adrianna

Rupert

Teddy.S

Reading Champions:

Sofia

Ralphie

Aryan

Marley

Elijah

Abi

Freades

Gwen

Andreas

Daniel.D

Lydia

Golden Book

Hannah, Ivy, Goodness & Kaelan (St Bernadette) – For great Maths work

Isabelle (St Therese of Lisieux) – Super Maths work

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