



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

**‘We live our lives like Jesus’**

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

## Advent

Advent begins on Sunday and starts our 4 week journey to the birth of the Christ child, Jesus. This is a hope-filled and joyful time of preparation when we especially reflect on how we can prepare our homes and hearts for Christmas and for us demonstrate how we can live our lives like Jesus through our words and actions.

In school, each class will have an Advent Wreath with four candles, three purple and one pink. Each candle helps us to prepare in a different way. On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is often referred to as the Prophecy Candle in remembrance of the Old Testament prophets, particularly Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope and expectation in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

This short video explains Advent in 2 minutes and would be great to watch as a family.

Advent in 2 minutes – Busted Halo

<https://youtu.be/eC0FGQLBp7w?si=4nwEVI0hVSodHFMs>

At home, could you have an advent wreath with 4 candles, lighting one each Sunday and spending a few minutes reflecting on the theme for the week. This week our hope that we can all live our lives like Jesus?

**Miss Clark**  
Head teacher

**Don't forget there is NO school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Advent Charity – this year we are aiming to support two charities, Stella Maris and Bucklands Soup Kitchen through donations of chocolate – biscuits, bars, boxes and tubs! Stella Maris is a charity that supports seafarers working on container ships. The crew come from far and wide and spend many months away from home and loved ones. As a port city this is a great way of showing our thanks and gratitude to these men and women who ensure we have the food and goods we need. Please send donations to the office from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

**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](#)**

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**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.

## Important Events

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Late Owl Christmas Pyjama Party; after school (*fully booked*)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Year R Nativity @ 9.30am (*tickets will be available via Arbor*)

– Year 1/2 Nativity @ 2.00pm (*tickets will be available via Arbor*)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1/2 Nativity @ 9.30am (*tickets will be available via Arbor*)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day\*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day\*

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Grandparents and Parishioners Tea Party @ 2pm\*

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

### **\*Christmas Lunch, Party and Jumpers\***

Early Years and KS1 - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December & KS2 - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **\*Christmas Grandparents and Parishioners Tea Party – 2pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

All grandparents and parishioners are invited to join us for an afternoon of chat and catch ups. Our School Council will serve refreshments and classes will entertain us. We will also be holding a raffle – if anyone has an item they could donate to the raffle please drop it into the office. *Please note there will not be a chance for each child to speak to their grandparent*

**As we have not had many donations for our Christmas Jumper Day sale we will no longer be selling these on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, apologies for the inconvenience.**

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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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:**

Lucas (St Francis)

Abena, Sebastian, Daisy & Clarin (Carlos Acutis)

Aidhan, Oliwia, Daneka & James (St Josephine Bakhita)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Good Shepherds:</b>	<b>Reading Champions:</b>
<b>St Joseph</b>	Zinnia	Wallace
<b>St Gabriel</b>	Tate	Sophie
<b>St Francis</b>	Ethan	Miguel
<b>St Nicholas</b>	Ambadi	Sakinah
<b>St Lucy</b>	Zeline	Zuzanna
<b>St Josephine Bakhita</b>	Darius	Oliwia
<b>Carlos Acutis</b>	Arnav	Clarin
<b>Oscar Romero</b>	Ottilie	Kiara
<b>St Therese of Lisieux</b>	Levon	Nichola
<b>St Bernadette</b>	Eliza	Alan.S
<b>Maximilian Kolbe</b>	Anya	Olivier

### **Golden Book**

Alex.B (Maximilian Kolbe) – Worked hard on his interpretation of his class survey. Excellent Work!

Michael (St Bernadette) – Super hard work in Science making circuits

Dolly & Aaliyah (St Josephine Bakhita) – Fabulous & careful art work to support their Egyptians topic

# Families of Faith

★ December ★

## Prayer Corner



An Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are waiting for Jesus to be born.

Help us to be full of hope and to share your love with everyone we meet.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!  
Amen

Prayer at bedtime

Bless me Lord as this day ends

Bless my family and all my friends.

Keep me safe throughout the night.

And wake me with the morning's light.

Amen

## Good News from the Gospel

**7 Sunday** – Matthew 3:1-12 "Prepare the way of the Lord." Activity: tidy an area to make space for Christmas and donate old toys to charity.

**14 Sunday** – Matthew 11:2-11 "The blind receive their sight and the lame, walk." Activity: show your support to a charity of your choice.

**21 Sunday** – Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and they shall call his name Emmanuel." Activity:

Make a baby Jesus decoration to put onto your Christmas tree.

**28 Sunday** – Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23

"Arise and take the child and His mother and go into the land of Israel."

Activity – take your decoration on a journey – to family or friends, church or on a nature walk. Take a photo to share at school with your class.

## Family in Faith Action

Why not make an advent wreath together with greenery from plants and candles. Light one each week.

### Week 1 – Hope (Prophecy Candle)

Represents hope of the world for the coming of the Messiah. Make your Advent wreath as a sign of waiting for Jesus to come to us.

### Week 2 – Peace (Bethlehem Candle)

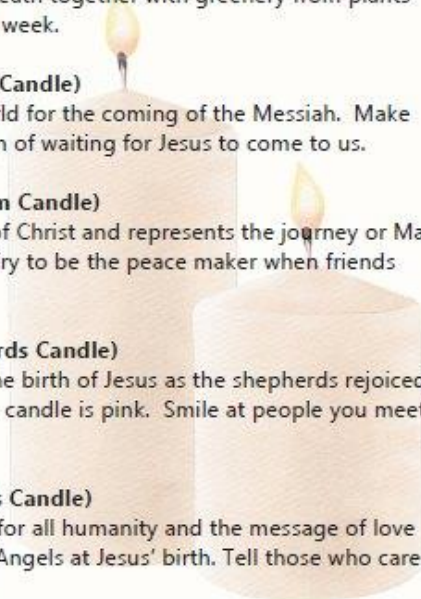
This symbolises the peace of Christ and represents the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Try to be the peace maker when friends quarrel.

### Week 3 – Joy (The Shepherds Candle)

This represents the joy of the birth of Jesus as the shepherds rejoiced upon hearing the news. This candle is pink. Smile at people you meet to bring joy to them.

### Week 4 – Love (The Angels Candle)

This symbolises God's love for all humanity and the message of love and peace delivered by the Angels at Jesus' birth. Tell those who care for you that you love them.



## Saints to Inspire

### 6 December – St. Nicholas

Saint Nicholas was a bishop known for his generosity. In the Middle Ages people began leaving gifts and money in shoes as a way to copy his kindness, especially for the poor. In many European countries today, children still put out their shoes and receive sweets, nuts, fruit or small toys on the morning of December 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Why not donate some of your own shoes you have grown out of to charity**

### 13 December – St. Lucy

Saint Lucy was known as the "Bearer of Light." She wore a crown of candles to bring food to people in hiding with her hands free to carry the food. In Sweden today, children still sing a song dedicated to St. Lucy. A girl dresses as St. Lucy with a wreath of candles on her head and is accompanied by children dressed as gingerbread figures. This symbolises the bringing of light and treats to ward off the darkness of the long winter nights. The 12<sup>th</sup> December is known as Gingerbread House Day.

**Why not try making your own gingerbread man or house!**



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