



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

'We live our lives like Jesus'

12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Advent

This week we celebrate Gaudate Sunday, the third week of Advent when the rose or pink coloured candle will be lit. Gaudate means rejoicing. The joy we experience is the confident trust in God's nearness. As the light of the Advent wreath brightens, so too does the invitation to open our hearts to the transforming presence of Christ in our lives. Joy will grow as we make room for Christ – in prayer, in stillness and in acts of charity.

Please do watch Advent in 2 minutes – Busted Halo to help prepare for Christmas, <https://youtu.be/eC0FGQLBp7w?si=4nwEVI0hVSodHFM>

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?

Well done to the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children for sharing their wonderful Nativities. It was lovely to see their confidence and joy in sharing the Christmas story.

Miss Clark
Head teacher

Advent Charity – our chocolate donations will be shared with our charities next week. It is lovely to be able to share the joy of Christmas with others this year.

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](#)

Arbor APP - please can I ask all parents to check their child's information on the Arbor APP. Parents can make updates that we can then see and approve. Could I particulate ask that parents check the Religion listed for their child and let us know if there are any amendments needed.

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CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY: Saint Faustina, formerly Helena Kowalska was born in a village near Lodz, Poland in 1905. She was a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She died at the age of 33 years. She was Canonized by Saint John Paul II. Starting December, every Wednesday and Friday at 3.00pm we will be praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at Corpus Christi Church. We are inviting the parents and carers of children at Corpus Christi School to join us. This will be finished in time to collect children. All Parishioners are also invited to join in.

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 16th December – Advent Prayer Stations

- Yr3/4 St Carlos Acutis Class visit to Meadow Care Home

Wednesday 17th December – KS1 Choir – 9.30am Carol Singing at Lidl's

- St Josephine Bakhita Class visit to Meadow Care Home
- Christmas Grandparents and Parishioners Tea Party @ 2pm*

Thursday 18th December – Yr5/6 St Therese Class – 9.30am Carol Singing at Lidl's

- Yr3/4 St Oscar Romero Class visit to Meadow Care Home
- St Bernadette Christmas Raffle draw
- St Maximilian Kolbe Christmas Sale

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

- Last day of term

***Christmas Grandparents and Parishioners Tea Party – 2pm on Wednesday 17th December.**

Slips need to be returned by Monday 15th December, parent will be notified on Tuesday 16th December if their child's grandparent has a space. Our School Council will serve refreshments and some classes will entertain. There will be a raffle – if anyone has an item they could donate to the raffle or teapots we could borrow please drop them to the office. If any parents are available to help with the event, please let us know. *Please note there will not be a chance for each child to speak to their grandparent*

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

Monday 16th March

Monday 6th July

Wednesday 22nd 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:

Class	Good Shepherds:	Reading Champions:
St Joseph	Chloe	Evie
St Gabriel	Sophie	Irene
St Francis	Yori	Rupert
St Nicholas	Hannah	Amber
St Lucy	Riley	Hanna
St Josephine Bakhita	Aaliyah	Yilka
Carlos Acutis	Oliver	Abena
Oscar Romero	Emma	Julia
St Therese of Lisieux	Ariam	Alex
St Bernadette	Michael	Ivy
Maximilian Kolbe	Goodness	Carter

Golden Book

Sofia & Alex.B (Maximilian Kolbe) – Showing resilience during the Santa Dash