



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

**‘We live our lives like Jesus’**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

**Welcome to 2026 and Happy New Year!**

*On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank our families for the cards, kind words and gifts we received for Christmas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness means a lot and is much appreciated. We hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and the break gave you time to spend time together. We wish you all a healthy and happy 2026.*

*Our term started with a wonderful celebration of Mass for the feast of the Epiphany where Fr Emmanuel reminded us to allow the light of Christ into our lives and follow him as our guide. Fr Emmanuel blessed our new Bibles and Class candles. Thank you to the parents who contributed to the purchase of the Bibles.*

*I'm sure this term will be a busy one and full of exciting learning opportunities.*

Miss Clark  
Head teacher

**Advent Charity – we have received the following message from the Stella Maris charity. Thank you once again for your generosity.**

***I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who advertised, promoted, and collected donated chocolate items for seafarers at Christmas. We received an amazing quantity and were able to deliver bags of chocolate tubs and other gifts to about 100 ships in Southampton and Fawley Refiner. As you can see from the attached photos, the crew were extremely touched by your thoughtfulness and many expressed how it brought their ship the spirit and warmth of Christmas. Praised be the Baby Jesus!***



***Remembering seafarers at Christmas and Easter is a wonderful work of mercy and charity. Many seafarers tell us how lonely and isolated they can feel at times, especially away so far from their families. Visiting the crews with simple gifts of chocolates makes them feel appreciated and loved. As a charity, Stella Maris will continue to offer our hand of friendship and pastoral support throughout the year.***



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**ARBOR APP** - Please can I ask all parents to check their child's information on the ARBOR APP. If you received a new mobile or have moved recently, please update the contact details and ensure all the information on your child's record is correct. We are particularly keen for parents to check the religion status for their child as we believe there are a number of children recorded as Christian and not specifically as Catholic.

**Spring Census** - as you know each term the Department for Education carry out a census looking at the number of children in the school and the take up of school meals for children in Year R, 1 and 2 - please can I urge all parents to sign their child up for a lunch on this day as it does affect our funding.

**SMART Devices** - I am writing to remind you that for the safeguarding of all members of our school community, children are not permitted to wear smart technology devices into school. This includes items such as smart watches. Children are permitted to wear a basic digital or analogue watch, but this must not have any photographic or communicative functions and should not be valuable. If you are not sure whether a watch is suitable for school, please speak to the class teacher.

**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

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – PCSO Visit to all year groups

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January – St Josephine Bakhita class start swimming lessons

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Runways End & SATs zoom meeting @ 5.00pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Young Carers Parents Coffee Morning @ 9.00am

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Running Club at Portsdown Hill @ 4.15pm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – YrR 'people who help us' dress up day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Yr5 Bikeability

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Yr6 Residential

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Running Club at Portsdown Hill @ 4.15pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – School holidays (school closed for all children)

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

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**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, St Francis and St Lucy's class

Thursday - Years 1 and 2, 3 and 4

Friday – St Nicholas class, 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:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Good Shepherds:</b>	<b>Reading Champions:</b>
<b>St Joseph</b>	Polly	Nelita
<b>St Gabriel</b>	Ahish	Flourish
<b>St Francis</b>	Lidia	Michaela
<b>St Nicholas</b>	Isaiah	Yosif
<b>St Lucy</b>	Elijah	Nathan
<b>St Josephine Bakhita</b>	Joanna	Hannah
<b>Carlos Acutis</b>	Anna	Dorcas
<b>Oscar Romero</b>	Jonathan	Harry
<b>St Therese of Lisieux</b>	Eva	Philip
<b>St Bernadette</b>	Alan	Savannah
<b>Maximilian Kolbe</b>	Alexander	McKenzie

## **Golden Book**

Zinnia (St Joseph) – Reading a story to the whole class

Hannah & Goodness (St Bernadette) – Showing resilience and working hard in Maths

Isaiah (St Nicholas) – Working really hard

# Families of Faith

January

## Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, thank you for loving each other. Help us to love like you do, to be kind, and to help each other. Make our home a place of peace and joy. Amen

January can feel a cold and grey month with the excitement of Christmas behind us. Imagine how Mary and Joseph felt as they got to know the baby Jesus. In your prayer area this month collect things that remind you of being a family.

## Family Faith in Action



Spread a smile to others when you go for walks together. Say hello to another family at Church or on the playground - thinking about the Holy Family being in a strange land not knowing people.

## Saints to Inspire



**31 January - St John Bosco**

St John Bosco is the patron saint of children. His father died when he was two years old and his mother brought him and his brothers up in poverty but with a strong faith. He became a priest and devoted his life to helping the poor and young people. He taught them, cared for them, and gave them opportunities. He had a fun side. As a boy he learned magic tricks and used this to help him teach children about the faith.

**How can you be like John Bosco?** Learn a magic trick this month and perform it to others - telling them about St John Bosco. Save pennies to give to a youth charity. At your family meals celebrate the children's strengths, talents and potential with them.

## Good News from the Gospel



*We have come from the East to worship the King (Mt 2:1-12)*

January is the month of change for the Holy family. They welcome visitors from afar who have followed a star for many months to see the new baby. They then had to travel to a strange land themselves. Their faith in God meant that they knew they had to live with strangers until such a time that Jesus could be safe. During this time they were giving their best offering to God. What can you do this month to show your best offering to God? Think about people who are living away from home in your prayers.



## National Hot Chocolate Day 31<sup>st</sup> January

Go for a walk and share hot chocolate with someone who would appreciate your friendship



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## **Bikeability Booking Form**

### **Year 5**

Is your child nervous on a bike or riding everywhere?

Bikeability helps EVERY child.

This FREE training builds confidence AND teaches riders how to be confident on local roads.

Training will take place during school on the week commencing 9th February 2026.

Children learn at their own pace during school hours.

We can provide bikes and helmets to use to make sure no one misses out.

All children deserve these important skills, Scan the code and sign your child up today



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