



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This term our Good Shepherd awards focus on resilience and curiosity. We know that to be resilient is to keep on trying by trusting in God's love and care. When we are curious, we seek to know and learn more about the world, other people and all the amazing discoveries and inventions that are part of our lives, thanking God for the gifts we have been given to enable us to do this.

Well done to all the children who are shining examples of our Mission Statement by being resilient and curious in school and at home. We are super proud of you.

Miss Clark
Head teacher

Technology - I heard on the news today, that the Government is thinking about following the Australian example of banning and limiting social media for under 16s! I'm sure we have a range of opinions, but I wonder ... how much time does your child spend on devices each day and each week? Government statistics suggest that average screen time is 6 hours 22 minutes per day which is a 52% rise in screen time since 2020 for a child under 11yrs old! Research shows that children who play, are active, read and talk to their families and others find school much more straightforward.

On Monday, we will be holding our annual oracy day where children will learn that their voice matters and how to share their opinions. My challenge to our families for next week is to discuss this photo...

What do you see? What could it be and why do you think that?



Help us thank our school's superheroes!

We need your help to recognise staff in our school who have gone above and beyond for you. Teach Portsmouth are asking primary and secondary schools in the city to thank their school superheroes. To do this, all you need to do is visit the Teach Portsmouth website and share your thank you message using their online form. Visit www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/thankyou and share your message today!

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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.

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

Friday 23rd January – Young Carers Parents Coffee Morning @ 9.00am

Friday 30th January – Running Club at Portsdown Hill @ 4.15pm

Monday 2nd February – YrR 'people who help us' dress up day

Friday 6th February – Running Club at Portsdown Hill @ 4.15pm

Monday 9th February to Thursday 12th February - Yr5 Bikeability

Tuesday 10th February to Friday 13th February - Yr6 Residential

Wednesday 11th February – Late Owl Movie Party (booking required)

Friday 13th February – Running Club at Portsdown Hill @ 4.15pm

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

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, 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:

| Class | Good Shepherds: | Reading Champions: |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| St Joseph | Nelita | Jaylen |
| St Gabriel | Florence | Eshal |
| St Francis | Shawn | Arthur |
| St Nicholas | Vedhathmika | Kylah |
| St Lucy | Nati | Ariel |
| St Josephine Bakhita | Oliver | Gavin |
| Carlos Acutis | Matty | Aoife |
| Oscar Romero | Gwen | Joshua |
| St Therese of Lisieux | Valentina | Roman |
| St Bernadette | Amin | Hannah |
| Maximilian Kolbe | Lydia | Kaleab |

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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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Late Owl Club is inviting you to

Movie's Party

MOVIE & SNACKS



Dates: 11th February 2026

from 3.15-5.30pm

Please collect your child promptly before or at 5.30pm

Book on ARBOR for Standard Rate Late Owl session = £8.90 or

If you are not a late owl customer in TRIPS section on ARBOR as
Movie's Party Spring 2026 for the price of £10

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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 him 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 31st January

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



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