



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will have noticed, our classes are named after Saints carefully chosen as role models to us in their relationship with Christ. St Therese of Lisieux's feast day is the 1st of October; St Therese is also known as the Little Flower and her philosophy was to carry out small acts of kindness and love. The children in St Therese class celebrated her feast day by presenting staff with a beautiful rose and message sharing that message of kindness and love with others. Saturday will be the feast of St Francis which the class will celebrate on Monday and on the 12th of October we will celebrate the feast of St Carlos Acutis.

Symphony of Prayer

On Tuesday 7th October we will be adding our prayers to the One Million Praying the Rosary campaign organised by Aid to the Church in Need. If any child would like to bring their rosary to school, please send it in in a clearly labelled container.

Harvest for Hope

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Harvest for Hope collection already. Our harvest collection is in support of Bucklands Soup Kitchen, and we will keep collecting until Monday 20th October. Bucklands Soup Kitchen serves a hot meal to people in need living in Portsmouth on a Wednesday night and also provide the clients with a packed meal. The soup kitchen is run by a group of volunteers from Bucklands Baptist Church. Over the last few years, we have developed a positive relationship with the soup kitchen with staff helping out on some occasions. One of our classes made up the packed lunches for them during the Corpus Christi Festival.

This year, we have been working hard to support the Pilgrims of Hope Holy Year where we are encouraged and challenged to bring hope to the world. Our harvest collection is part of our commitment to share hope and love with others.

From Monday 29th September to Monday 20th October please send in food with a long shelf life. We are particularly looking for tinned goods, jars and packets including biscuits, beans,

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rice, pasta, tinned tomatoes or vegetables, bars of chocolate, coffee or tea. Any donation would be lovely - children should place their donation by their class prayer table.

Have a good weekend

*Miss Clark
Head 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.

Secondary School Applications - Applications must be made by the 31st October 2025. Please do apply before then. [Apply to move to secondary school - Portsmouth City Council](#) If you need any help please come and see me or Mrs Comerford. We would advise parents to put more than one preference - last year, some parents were caught out as they were allocated a school because they were not offered their preference school.

Bibles - We are looking to replace our Yr5/6 class sets of Good News Bibles and are asking if parents would like to make a contribution to the cost? We have been awarded a grant of £600 from the Jerusalem Trust which will enable us to buy 37 Bibles. We ideally would like to buy 45. Each Bible costs £15.99 but any contribution would be gratefully received. Contributions can be in cash handed to the school office or via ARBOR (select Quick Actions, then Payments, then School Donation). Thank you for your support. Next year we will be looking to replace the class sets in Year 3/4.

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Important Events

Monday 6th October – Book Fair after school

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October – Parents Evenings – available to book after school today and Monday 6th October in the school hall foyer

Monday 20th October to Wednesday 22nd October – Year 4 trip to Stubbington

Tuesday 21st October – Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – Half term - school closed for all children

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

Thursday 16th October – 10.00am & 2.00pm

Thursday 13th November – 2.00pm

Friday 14th November – 10.00am

Tuesday 18th November – 10.00am

Wednesday 26th November – 10.00am

PE Days - Children should come dressed in their PE kits - green t-shirt and black shorts or black or green track suit and trainers

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

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

This week's celebrations:

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:

Ralphie

Florence

Marilyn

Lewis

Elijah

Dolly

Jonnelle

Ivie

Cyprian

Ishioma

Antonina

Reading Champions:

Chloe

Adriel

Joshua

Poppy

Isla-Belle

Joanna

Elhana

Nela

Isla

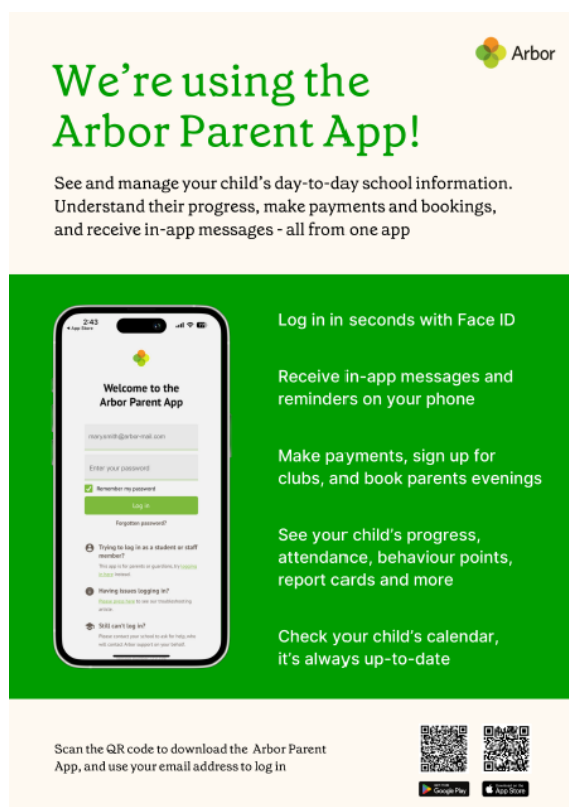
Hope

Emilia

Golden Book

Lewis (St Nicholas) – Working hard with his Maths

Teddy-Lee (St Bernadette) – Fabulous attitudes to learning



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HAPPY Diwali

Thursday 16th October 2025

Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice
or
Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry & Rice
or
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Cauliflower
Green Beans
Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries

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