



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Saturday is National Hot Chocolate Day! Having a hot drink is comforting especially in this cold weather and we will be sharing a hot chocolate in school whilst reflecting on the many children around the world who may not have even a hot meal next week. We will stand in solidarity with them and recognise the many treats we have and think about how we can be generous to others. We are asking for a donation of about £1 as a sign of our care for our brothers and sisters around the world. Money collected will go to the charity Mary's Meals. Across next week, our Faith in Action group will lead liturgies and serve hot chocolate and a biscuit to each class. Donations can be made via Arbor or in cash - please bring donations on Tuesday. To find out more about Mary's Meals please click the link later in the Chronicle.

Miss Clark
Head teacher

Staff Leavers. At the end of this half term, we will be saying good-bye and a huge thank you to Mr Byrne's who will be leaving us to concentrate on the tutoring company, "Love to Learn." We thank him for all his support and efforts over the last 7 years and wish him well for the future. Mrs Lucas will teach St Oscar Romero class on a Friday.

We are also waving good-bye to Ms Halifax as she begins a new role as a TA in another school.

Technology - We now know the Government are starting a consultation on under 16s access to social media. It would be great if parents can start the conversation with their child about their use of devices; What social media and games are they accessing and using? What do they like about them and what worries them? How would they feel about not having access to certain sites?

Whenever we have to deal with an issue about inappropriate messages being sent to children and groups via WhatsApp, I am always surprised by the time children are sending messages. My challenge and request is for the next 2 weeks, could mobile phones be charged out of the bedroom so children aren't tempted to send, read and reply to messages

Faith in Action - National Hot Chocolate 31st January

mary's
meals

a simple solution to world hunger

Our Faith in Action group are planning a special hot chocolate treat for the children during the week of 2nd - 6th February to mark National Hot Chocolate Day. As a recognition of all the gifts we have received from God and that we will have a special treat we are asking the children to donate some money to show how

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they are giving back to God with abundance all that he has given them. Money collected will be donated to our chosen charity, **Mary's Meals**, which is a charity that ensures 3 million children receive a hot meal each day in countries like Syria, India, Ecuador, Kenya and Malawi. Find out more about Mary's Meals from this link [Mary's Meals UK Charity - Helping to Feed Hungry Children Living in Poverty Worldwide | Mary's Meals UK](#)

Donations can be paid through Arbor - we would suggest between 50p - £1.

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Faith in Action Children



Our Mini Vinnie Children have been confirmed below:

Shekinah, Evelina, Harry, Elisa, Oliver.O, Celestine, Niha, Daisy, Kobi, Oliver.B, Caris and Oliwia.S.

The Mini Vinnies follow in the footsteps of Christ and St Vincent de Paul, these children will get together in school to live out their mission of see, think, do, supporting their school community and beyond alongside the St Vincent de Paul Society.

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

Last week, our image was a poppy - were you right?



And what could this mysterious material be?



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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!

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

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

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	Paisley	Elena
St Gabriel	Sarah	Eliana
St Francis	Chinecherem	Yori
St Nicholas	Penelope	Mandy
St Lucy	Akorede	Penelope
St Josephine Bakhita	Faith	Dougie
Carlos Acutis	Liliana	Jonnelle
Oscar Romero	Daniel	Ella
St Therese of Lisieux	Serah	Kacper
St Bernadette	Adwin	Nyah
Maximilian Kolbe	Florence	Molly

Bronze Merits:

Alex & Oliviya (St Nicholas) Celestine & Nathan (Carlos Acutis) Bentley & Eva (Therese of Lisieux)

Silver Merits:

Elsie, Savannah and Kasi (Carlos Acutis)

Golden Book:

Chloe (St Joseph) – For super independent writing

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