

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Half Term
Monday 16th - Friday 20th
February

World Book Day
Monday 9th March

Parents Evenings
10th and 11th March

Holy Week Liturgies
Week of 23rd March

Easter Holidays
30th March - 10th April

KS2 SATS Week
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

INSET DAYS
School will be closed to
children

Monday 16th March
Monday 6th July
Wednesday 22nd July

We live our lives like Jesus

Message from the Headteacher

I can't quite believe that we are half way through this year and yet again I have been amazed and proud of that has been achieved. This term has been full of moments that remind us why we do what we do: children and young people learning and growing, acts of kindness that reflect the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching values we all hold dear, and the shared sense of purpose that binds us together. This time after Christmas can be hard with dark mornings and evenings and plenty of rain but we know spring is close and see hope - in the joy of pupils, the dedication of teachers, the support of families, and the wise guidance of our governors.

When we return to school after the break, we will be in the season of Lent and a chance to make a fresh start in our friendship with Jesus

Lent is a special time of quiet reflection for our children and families. During these weeks, the children will have the opportunity to take home the class Prayer Bag, which includes simple ways for families to pray and reflect together.

Inside, you will find short scriptures and verses from the Bible to help guide your family's thoughts and prayers throughout Lent. This is a gentle way for everyone to pause, think about God's love, and prepare our hearts for Easter.

Miss Clark
Head teacher





Catholic Life of the School

RE Units - Our topics for next term are Lent and Holy Week



Lent

As we begin our Lenten journey in RE, we will take time to pause and reflect on our lives, asking ourselves how Christ is made visible to others through our words and actions. Within our Lent units children will deepen their understanding of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As we do this, we open our hearts and minds to being the “Body of Christ” to everyone we meet.

Holy Week

As we enter Holy Week in RE we will take time to reflect on the final days of Jesus’ life and the great love He showed through His actions. Children will revisit key events such as Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and Good Friday. They will consider what these moments teach us about love, sacrifice and forgiveness. Through our Holy Week learning we will reflect on Jesus’ sacrifice and the love He showed by giving His life for us.

PUPIL VOICE

This half term, School Council have been working on a campaign to improve the streets around our school. Fed up with having to dodge dog mess and litter, the children went on local walks to complete a survey before writing to Portsmouth City Council about what they can do to help us.

The children also organised a poster competition. The winners were:

- 1st place: Ariam, Year 6
- 2nd place: Ishioma, Year 6
- 3rd place: Iza, Year 2

Special Mention: Emilia, Year 5

Councillors are going to ask local shops and houses to display our posters to encourage local residents to take more care of our community!

Let us know if you would like a copy to display locally!



Community

Faith in Action

Faith in Action" means showing our faith through real actions and kind deeds, reminding us that faith is not just something we believe, but something we live out by helping others, just like Jesus did.

The Faith in Action children led a special Hot Chocolate Day liturgy, reminding us that God's love is warm, sweet, and comforting. They explained that just as hot chocolate helps us feel better on a cold or difficult day, God is always there to comfort us when we feel sad or low, filling us with His gentle warmth and care. All the money raised will be donated to their chosen charity - Mary's Meal.



Mini Vinnies

12 children from Year 3 and 4 have joined our Mini Vinnies group. They meet with Mrs Cox, one of our Governors, to pray together and show how we all can live our lives like Jesus. During Lent they will be serving a soup lunch to the staff each Wednesday, raising money for CAFOD. Mini Vinnies follow the example of St Vincent de Paul in reaching out to others.



Early Years

St Gabriel and St Joseph

Spring 1 learning journey



Writing and Reading

This half term the children have been learning to write simple captions using single sounds and they have begun learning some special friends. The children have enjoyed drawing club where we have explored the stories - Zog, Dinosaur Police and Little Red Riding Hood.



Understanding the World

This half term we have explored the people in our community that help us. We learnt about police, doctors, priests, King Charles. The children also enjoyed our 'People who help us day' and the children thought about future aspirations.



RE

We have explored the question 'How can we be a shepherd to others like Jesus?'. The children have learnt how we should treat others and how much God loves us by exploring the scriptures of The Lost Sheep, Feeding of the 5000 and Jesus Welcomes the Children.



Maths

During our mastering number sessions, we have been learning all about the number order system and the staircase pattern of numbers. They have also explored to composition of number 5, 6 and 7 using the part whole model.



YEAR 1 AND 2

ST FRANCIS ST LUCY ST NICHOLAS



Our Learning

RE

Our liturgical unit this half term has been Revelation.

We have been exploring many of the parables that Jesus shared and have focussed on being able to retell these in detail.

Children have used drama to share their understanding of the parables.

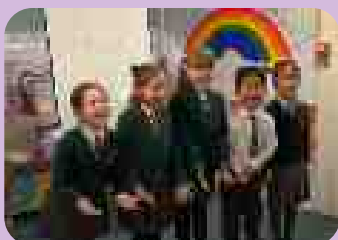


Children made puppets to retell The Prodigal Son and they used their role play skills to act out The Good Samaritan. We look forward to you seeing their learning.

Oracy Day

We use the programme Voice 21 to develop oracy (speaking) skills across our school. We have been working hard to develop our talking pairs within class - making sure we use eye contact, take turns to speak in full sentences and summarise our partners thoughts.

On our recent oracy day, we focused on our voices, aiming to build expression and project our voices to an audience. We used performance poetry and enjoyed the works of Michael Rosen, particularly 'Hot Dogs!'.



Traction Man

Children have loved reading Traction Man this half term. A super story about a hero and his trusty sidekick. Children made their own characters, using inspiration from the story (household items) and wrote character descriptions of their creations...they loved sharing whether they were a good guy or a bad guy!



Children also used items to create scenes to show their story predictions for Traction Man Part 2! They orally shared their story predictions with the class. We have all loved this unit!



Mother's Day Liturgy-

This will be led by St Nicholas class. 2.30pm on Friday 13th March.

We hope you'll be able to join us.



YEAR 3.4

Matthew 5:13-16

You are salt of the earth; Light of the world.

Spring 1

St Carlo
Acutis

St Josephine Bakhita

St Oscar Romero

This term has been full of exciting learning and great progress. We're proud of our students for their effort and enthusiasm in every activity. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:



Mathematics

08:00

Our year 3s have been learning how to tell the time! They have also explored the durations of times as well as how many days we have in a month. We also explored how an analogue clock and a digital clock can be read.

Our Year 4s have been refining our addition and subtraction skills to make sure that we are efficient and accurate. We have also been learning about angles, triangles and quadrilaterals: their names and their properties.



Science

This term we have been looking at how sound is made. We learned that sounds is created through vibrations and travels in sound waves! We did many experiments using decibel meters, tuning forks and different materials to see which was best for sound proofing!



RE



Our prayer tables started as white and gold as we started our Christmas unit and explored the roles the shepherds had in the nativity story.

We are finishing the term with a green prayer table as we re-enter ordinary time and explore how God calls to us through our Revelations unit.

English



We've been reading *The Ocean Meets Sky* by The Fan Brothers.

We've been working extremely hard on our fronted adverbials and prepositions within our writing to create wonderful and engaging setting descriptions.

Useful Dates

- Parents evening - 10th and 11th March 26'
- INSET Day - Monday 16th March 26'
- Last day of Swimming for St JB class - Tuesday 24th March

Reminders



- Read at least 3 times a week and complete spellings
- MyMaths Homework
- TTRS at least 3 times a week.



PE Days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Snacks should be healthy and suitable for school - fruit is best!
No chocolate or crisps, please.

YEAR 5.6

SPRING 1

St Maximilian Kolbe - St Bernadette - St Therese

Our Learning

Writing

In writing, we have studied the book 'The Lost Thing', we have looked at speech, narrative and worked on improving our vocabulary.

Science

In science, we have explored evolution and inheritance. We learnt about why we might look like our parents and completed an investigation into birds beaks!

RE

In RE, we explored Christmas and Jesus' humble start to life in the stable. In Revelation, we revisited John the Baptists role in revealing Jesus as the son of God and explored three parables in depth: The Sower, The house built on sand and the king's wedding feast.

Geography

In Geography, we have explored the world's mountain ranges, learnt to read maps and compared life in different mountain ranges like the Alps!

Scripture Focus

"For behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.

12 The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing [a] has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land."

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Events

Year 5 have enjoyed a week of bikeability, learning how to ride and be safe on our roads.



Year 6 have had a wonderful time at Runways end, climbing, canoeing, caving, team building and more!



See our class page for more photos.

Important Dates

Parents evening - 10th and 11th March 26'

INSET Day - Monday 16th March 26'

Stansted House Trip - 17th & 18th March

Year 6 Cake Sale - 30th April - 1st May

SATS - 11th - 14th May

Year 6 Family Games Night Fundraiser - 14th May

Year 6 Wintershall retreat - June 17th

Music News

It has been a busy and exciting term in Music!

In KS2, children have been learning the glockenspiel, proudly performing Carol of the Bells and the Imperial March from Star Wars. We explored the work of John Williams, and pupils were surprised by how many of his pieces they recognised. They also arranged the Imperial March into three parts, reading and performing the melody on glockenspiels, chords on tone chimes, and the bass rhythm on djembe drums.

In LKS2, children have focused on learning two parts of Ode to Joy, creating a lovely two-part melody using glockenspiels and tone chimes.

Across the school, we continue to learn new hymns and develop confident singing in hymn practice.

We have many more exciting musical experiences to look forward to!



PE News from Mr Poore

This half term children at Corpus Christi have adapted well in their PE lessons as the weather has not been kind! We have been creative with our learning in Y3/4 particularly, with children learning various Tudor dances to tie in with their Mary Rose history work. The rest of the school when dry have been improving their hockey skills and when wet have been focusing on their health and wellbeing through circuits, dance and yoga.

Opportunities outside of school

This half term we took 12 Year 6 children up to Mountbatten for an Athletics Tournament. This was a competitive event against 9 other schools and they showed great Sportsmanship, teamwork and perseverance to secure a bronze medal, narrowly missing out on silver by 9 points which would've given them an opportunity to represent Portsmouth against the rest of Hampshire. 3rd place was a great achievement and they should be very proud of themselves.

Clubs:

- Running (ongoing)
- Fundamentals of Sport (completed)
- PIC- Football
- Karate- (ongoing)
- Multisports- Y5/6 Spring 2
- Dodgeball (Y3/4 Spring 2 (Zuko Sports))

Running Club

Children are continuing to train hard and improve their stamina in my running club, which has been going since the start of the year. We continue to have strong numbers attending weekly and have also gained new members keen to improve their running. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather, all Portsdown races have been cancelled this half term but we hope to make the 2 remaining fixtures once rearranged in Spring 2. The children deserve the chance to show off all their hard work against other schools.



ART AND DT NEWS



Year 1 and 2

In Art and Design the children have been finding out about the story behind the Art of traditional Chinese Willow plates.

After investigating how to create at least 5 Tints of blue they then created their own design for the plates

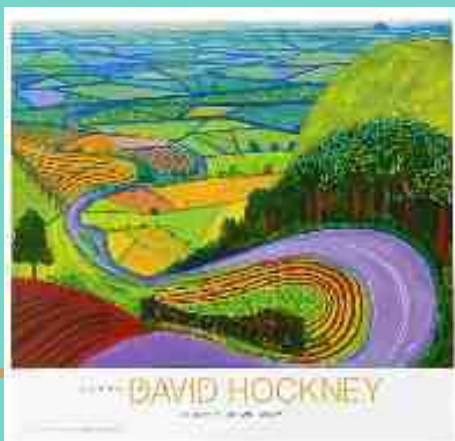


Year 3 and 4

In Art this term the children have been developing their understanding of facial proportions and perspective when drawing faces. This work has been link closely with their history learning, as the outcome will be for the children to apply these skills to create a portrait of Henry VIII.

Year 5 and 6

This term Year 5 and 6 have been looking at the work of contemporary landscape artists **Hurvin Anderson** and **David Hockney** and learning about perspective. They created their own landscape painting in the style of these Artists.



Spanish News



¡Hola!

Year 3/4:



This term we learned the days of the week – ask your child to teach you the accompanying action song!

We've also been learning this song to remember the months of the year in Spanish!

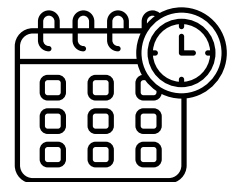
<https://youtu.be/IKznbHvPFwc>

Next half-term:

We are continuing our work on birthdays.

Check out this catchy song!

<https://youtu.be/dVq6Wt00ZBE>



Year 5/6:

This term we learned about travel using ir (to go) and transport words like en coche (by car) and en avión (by plane)!

We enjoyed these songs for learning the verb to go!

<https://youtu.be/8TD-OcclxvE?list=RD8TD-OcclxvE>

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Next half-term:

We will be beginning a new topic on countries, languages and nationalities!

