



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

**‘We live our lives like Jesus’**

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Thank you to the families who joined us and the Parish to celebrate Education Sunday at Corpus Christi last week - it was lovely to see the children who were a credit to their parents and the school. It was also a wonderful opportunity demonstrating the crucial link between home-parish-school all working together to enable the children to be the best they can be. Today, Fr Emmanuel has celebrated our beginning of the school year Mass and blessed each of our classes, ensuring Christ is at the centre of our learning.*

*This week has continued to see the children settling into their learning with KS2 children beginning their drumming lessons - the corridors have been filled with the rhythm and beats of the jimbe! We are fortunate to work with Portsmouth Music Hub providing expert tuition to the children. At school, our Art, Spanish, KS2 Music lessons and some PE lessons are taught by specialist teachers meaning that children benefit from their expertise and are teachers can concentrate on teaching other areas.*

*We thank you for your support and patience with our transition to ARBOR and we apologise for the confusion and teething issues that have occurred. If you have been unable to login, please do come and speak with Mrs Pavlusova in the Office.*

*Kind regards*

*Miss Clark*

*Headteacher*

**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.

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**School Census Day - Thursday 2nd October.** On this day, we will be submitting our school numbers to the DFE. Our numbers affect our funding especially the amount we are given for the free lunches for children in reception, years 1 and 2. The menu for that day will be a build a burger day (beef or vegan option) with chips, beans and sweetcorn. Also available will be jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna.

So we can maximise funding please can I ask that ALL parents with children in reception, years 1 and 2 order a lunch for their child. (You may send a packed lunch as well if you think your child won't try the hot lunch provided).

**Secondary School Applications - Applications must be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Phase Mass - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September - led by St Therese Class - Parents are invited to join the Year 5/6 Phase for Mass at XXXX**

**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. Thank you for your support. Next year we will be looking to replace the class sets in Year 3/4.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PROGRAM 2025** Initial meeting on **Thursday 25th September at 6pm at the Corpus Christi Church.** The parish FHC program this year will take a different approach. Children of regular and practicing parishioners will be enrolled for the program this year and we shall need a maximum of 30 children for Corpus Christi and the rest will go over to St. Joseph. Forms will be collected from both churches, and the registration will all be done and submitted on the same day during a meeting with prospective candidates and parents on **Thursday 25th September 2025 at 6pm at the Corpus Christi church.** The parents will have a greater role to play in the primary instruction of the children especially on memorising basic prayers and the responses at Mass. Once we are convinced that this has been done properly, then the children will begin with the sessions after a retreat.

## **Important Events**

Monday 22nd September – INSET day – School is closed for staff training

Tuesday 23rd September – Flu vaccinations (nasal spray)

Thursday 25th September – St Therese Class Mass @ 2.30pm

Friday 26th September – Individual & Sibling School Photographs

**\*full uniform required – no P.E kits\***

Monday 29th September – 2.30pm - Early Years Welcome Liturgy - Parents are invited to join their children for a Welcome Liturgy with Fr Emmanuel

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October – Parents Evenings - we will send out the link for you to book your consultation towards the end of September

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

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

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – 10.00am

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 10.00am & 2.00pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 2.00pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **This week's celebrations:**

#### **Class**

**St Joseph**

**St Gabriel**

**St Francis**

**St Nicholas**

**St Lucy**

**St Josephine Bakhita**

**Carlos Acutis**

**St Therese of Lisieux**

**St Bernadette**

**Maximilian Kolbe**

#### **Good Shepherds:**

Abimbayo

Tristan

Michaela

Kester

Penelope

Kobi

Sebastian

Declan

Teddy

Liam

#### **Reading Champions:**

Greyson

Shalom

Leonardo

Evelyn

Akorede

Aaliyah

Liliana

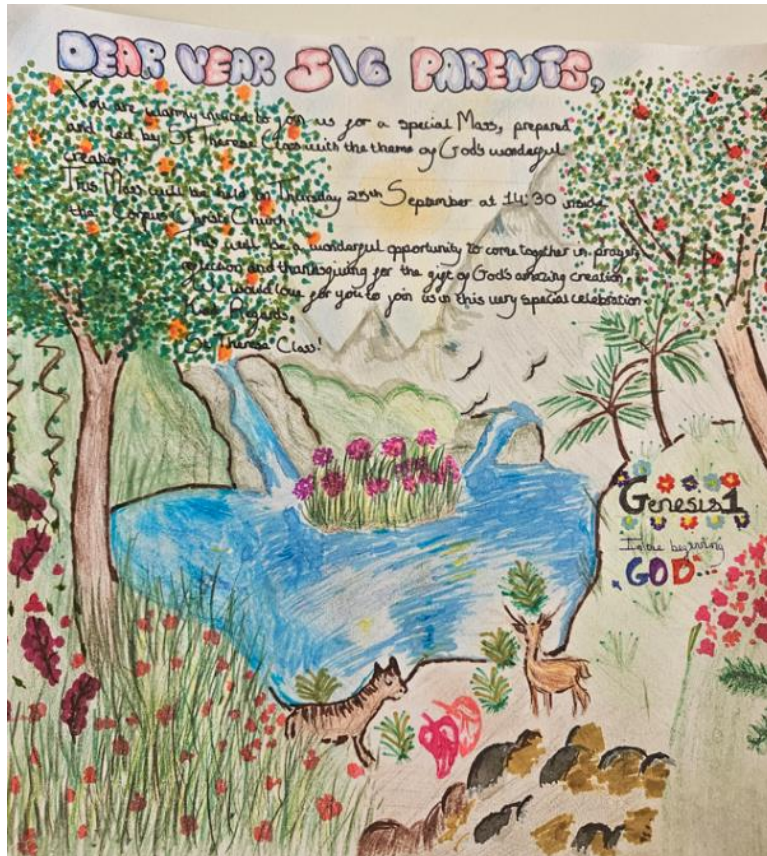
Aida


Amin

Florence

### **Golden Book**


Braxton (St Francis) – Super hard work



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**Census Day Menu**  
**Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

- Build a Beef Burger  
or  
Build a Vegan Burger  
Or  
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
- Served with Chips  
Baked beans and Sweetcorn
- Vanilla Shortbread  
Fresh fruit  
Yoghurt

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