

# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Holidays  
30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April

KS2 SATS Week  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

May Half Term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Sports Day  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

INSET DAYS  
School will be closed to  
children

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

We live our lives like Jesus

## Message from the Headteacher

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'  
John 10:10.

The end of the Spring term seems to have crept up on us rather quickly! Much has been packed into the 5 weeks of this half term with Year 3 and 4 helping to break a Guinness World Record, World Book Day celebrations in school, the visit of the relics of St Carlos Acutis, school trips to Stanstead Park and parents evenings! - And that doesn't include all the learning and opportunities to put how we follow Jesus into action.

Spring 2 always covers Lent, Holy Week and our journey to Easter. This year, we have focused our almsgiving on Mary's Meals through our sponsored activity event and Easter Egg Raffle. Our Faith in Action group have led our campaign and ensured children understand our giving is our response to God's love and generosity to us. Our Mini Vinnies have served a soup and roll lunch for the staff each week during Lent helping us all understand that through service and action we can make God's world a better place. During Lent, children have had the opportunity to reflect and pray for forgiveness with those who have made their first Holy Communion receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have also journeyed through the events of Holy Week helping the children to understand Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection into glory.

To welcome the relics of St Carlos Acutis to our school was a moment of grace and joy; his life provides such a strong role model for the children. We are called to be holy and all of us are saints in the making. This Easter we pray that the risen Lord inspires us all in our search for holiness.

On behalf of us all, I wish you a blessed and peaceful Easter.

Miss U Clark  
Headteacher

12<sup>th</sup> March 2026



# THE VISIT OF ST CARLO ACUTIS

*“If we get in front of the sun, we get a suntan; but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints .”*

We were truly blessed and proud to be visited by the relics of our dearest St Carlo Acutis, a saint we have proudly chosen as one of our class names.

Our children were extremely emotional and thankful for such a special occasion to happen in our school and is a moment we will never forget!



Children were very excited that we could also be just like St Carlo Acutis and came to school wearing clothes that made us comfortable. As we left each child was able to touch the relics with a prayer card - that prayer card is now holy and I hope the children keep it somewhere special.

## SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thank you to all involved in the special occasion, especially Mrs Hazelden and Miss Sayin for their hard work in helping the children create their amazing artwork. A huge thank you to Miss Clark and Mrs Biddlecombe for their continuous support and help with organising the occasion.





# Catholic Life of the School

**RE Units - Our topics for next term are Easter and Pentecost & Mission**

## **Easter**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter in RE we will take time to reflect on the meaning of new life and hope through the Resurrection of Christ. Within our Easter units children will deepen their understanding of sacrifice, forgiveness and renewal. As we do this we recognise how we are called to live as witnesses of the Resurrection, showing love and kindness so that Christ is made visible in our everyday actions

## **Pentecost & Mission**

As we learn about Pentecost in RE we will reflect on the sacred moment when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and sent forth on God's mission. Within our Pentecost units children will strengthen their knowledge of the Spirit's guidance, the unity of the Church, and the courage to live out their faith. As we do this, we recognise our own calling to use the gifts God has given us, working together as one body to proclaim His message and serve others with love.

## **Lighting the Path**

From September 2026, we will begin transitioning to a new Religious Education programme, **Lighting the Path**, in line with the revised Religious Education Directory, To Know You More Clearly. This curriculum is structured around a four-part pattern: hear, believe, celebrate, and live. This new programme will support pupils as they grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God.

The transition will take place in phases to ensure a smooth and meaningful implementation. Reception and Years 1-2 will begin this journey in the Summer term, with all classes fully adopting the new curriculum from September.

## **PUPIL VOICE**

School Council carried out a local survey walk to monitor the amount of dog mess and litter in our local area. We were shocked and disappointed by what we saw!

Together, we wrote a letter to the Cleaner Streets Team at Portsmouth City Council and we hope that they will reply to our concerns. We are planning to hold a protest next half term - we hope that some of our families will join us! Maybe we can even get into The News to make more people aware of the horrible state of our streets!

We were also visited by Jessi from PCOPS, who helped us to think about our next steps as a team and how we can use our voices to make change happen.



# Community Faith in Action



The Faith in Action children were busy organising our Lenten charity appeal with great thought and generosity. They prepared an Easter Egg Raffle and a Sponsored Fit Challenge, using space hoppers, silks and skipping ropes to remind us that giving often takes effort and perseverance. After completing their challenge, each child wrote their name on the wooden cross made by the FiA group, symbolising their personal sacrifice and willingness to help others. Next term, they are thinking about reaching out to wider community sharing happiness and hope and telling them that Jesus is risen.

So far we have raised £642.81 for Mary's Meals - if you have any sponsored money please do send it in.



## 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 served a soup lunch to the staff each Wednesday, raising money nearly £50 for Mary's Meals. Particular thanks to Mrs Blight for making soup for us on one of the weeks. Mini Vinnies follow the example of St Vincent de Paul in reaching out to others.





# World Book Day



## This half term we celebrated World Book Day as a school

Our teachers staff the day with a wonderful retelling of The Gingerbread Man.

The children were in fits of giggles seeing the calamitous teachers put through their paces by Mr Clark, our Gingerbread Man. We hope your children came home and told you all about it! See our Facebook page for more photos.



## World Book Day fun!

As part of our day, children visited our school hall for 'Buddy Reading' and were paired with another child from our school. It was a pleasure to watch our older children share stories with our younger children. This was definitely another highlight from our day.

Thank you to the children and families who took part in our 'Character Spoon' home craft activity. The spoons were amazing! It was obvious that there had been lots of special time shared together creating these. See our Facebook page for more photos.



## Costumes!

Thank you for supporting this day and sending your child in their costumes. There was so many great ideas and lots of home-made efforts. Nearly every child was dressed up and the school was full of a wonderful variety of book characters for the day!



# Early Years

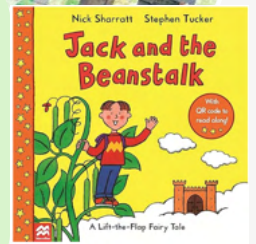
St Gabriel and St Joseph

Spring 2 learning journey



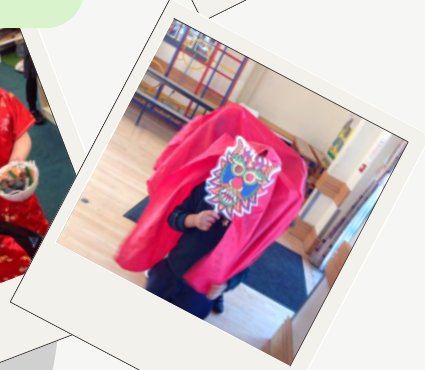
## Writing and Reading

This half term the children have been learning to write simple sentences including the phonics sounds from set 1. The children have enjoyed drawing club where we have explored the stories - Jack and the Beanstalk, Extraordinary Gardener and Supertato.



## Understanding the World

This half term we have explored the theme of growing things. The children enjoyed planting their own bean seeds and observed them change and grow. They also enjoyed learning about Vincent Van Gogh and his famous 'Sunflowers' painting. We also learnt about the Lunar New Year and about the traditions of the celebration.



## RE

We have explored the question 'How can we help others this Lent?' This children explored the parable of the Talents, different ways to pray for others and the scripture of the healing of Bartimaeus. The children used this knowledge to think of ways they could be like Jesus and help others.



## 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

We celebrated World Book Day with a wonderful day exploring stories. We had a class quiz, explored and sorted muddled up stories using our knowledge of books and we even created background music to go with a popular children's book.



In science we have been learning about what grows in our gardens. We have explored and dissected flowers to learn about their different parts.



The children have also loved their history learning this half term, learning all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Please ask them about their learning!

## Easter Craft

We would love children to create an Easter bonnet over the Easter holidays. Please bring them into school on Wednesday 15th April. We will hold a parade to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! We would love lots of children to join this Easter project.



## Worship

This half term, the children visited church to welcome the Relics of Saint Carlo Acutis. This was potentially a once in a lifetime opportunity and the children were wonderfully reflective and respectful.

Thank you St Nicholas class for leading our Mother's Day liturgy this half term. Thank you to St Lucy class for leading our Holy Week Liturgy, sharing the Washing of the Feet.

St Lucy will also be leading a Father's Day liturgy on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.



## School Trip

As part of our wider curricular learning we will be visiting Southsea Beach to explore our Victorian seaside history. Year 2: 8<sup>th</sup> July, Year 1: 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please see ARBOR for payment.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.' **Matthew 5:8**



# YEAR 3.4

**ST CARLO ACUTIS**  
**ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**  
**ST OSCAR ROMERO**

SPRING 2026

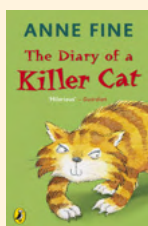
**Matthew 9:37-38**

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"



## Our Learning this term

### Writing



We have been reading the fantastic story: The diary of a killer cat by Anne Fine.

We have been practising our fronted adverbials and pronouns as we look to suggest a sequel to the diary of a killer cat with our own killer animal!

We will send some of our amazing work to Anne Fine in hopes for a response!

RE



This term, we have been reflecting on our own actions as we look to grow closer to God this Lenten season.

We have been answering the question: **Why is Lent a special time to show compassion?**



## We broke a world record!



Children in our year 3.4 class were invited to take part in the world record attempt for **'Worlds largest reading lesson in multiple venues.'**

the World Book Day spectacular saw 6,715 participants take part in a 40-minute lesson led by Sunday Times bestselling author of the Jamie Johnson series, Dan Freedman.

Children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters and had an amazing time as we read an expert from Dan Freedmans upcoming book and broke the world record!

## Important Dates

- Butser Farm Trip - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May
- **St Oscar Romero** start Swimming - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May
- Inset Day - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Inset Day - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



# YEAR 5.6

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE - ST BERNADETTE - ST THERSE

## Spring 2 Newsletter

### Our Learning

#### Writing

Our writers have explored everything from the structured world of formal letters to the vivid, sensory details of travel reviews. Lately, we've taken a creative turn into persuasion. By blending the story of Goldilocks with forensic vocabulary, we have crafted compelling speeches that use evidence and logic to argue our case. It's been a fantastic exercise in sharpening both their legal lingo and public speaking skills!

#### RE

Our RE lessons focused on the spiritual journey of Lent and the personal growth it inspires. By studying the Gospels, students explored how the teachings of Jesus provide a blueprint for resisting temptation in our modern lives. We examined the specific symbolism of Lent and discussed the true meaning of repentance.

### Scripture Focus

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

Hosea 6:3

### Events

A busy half term for events! We have celebrated World Book Day, celebrated a liturgy with relics from the Blessed Carlo Acutis and visited Stansted House for an evacuee workshop; visit our class pages to see more photos!



### Important Dates

Year 6 Cake Sale - 30<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May

SATS - 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 Family Games Night Fundraiser - 14<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 Wintershall retreat - June 17<sup>th</sup>

Inset Day - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Inset Day - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

# 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

Spring 2 has seen an improvement in the weather and an opportunity to teach PE outside. Year 1/ 2 have been improving their hockey skills and have also been focusing on their hand-eye coordination in tennis. Year 3/ 4/ 5 and 6 have been focusing on their teamwork skills in various orienteering challenges: ranging from creating 'funny faces' to reading a map of the school and navigating to different points to identify hidden letters.



### Clubs:

- Running club (finished)
- PIC- Football
- Karate- (ongoing)
- Multisports- Y5/6 Summer 1 (continues)
- Athletics / Track and Field 3/ 4/ 5/ 6
- Kwik-Cricket Summer 1 (Zuko Sports)



### Special events in school

This half term we have been lucky enough to be visited by Hampshire Cricket who completed a taster day for Y1 /2/ 3 and 4. The children took part in various drills focusing on batting, bowling and stumping and the children absolutely loved it. We most definitely have some budding cricketers in our ranks and I look forward to teaching some more cricket in the Summer.



The final week saw all classes take part in our sponsored lent fitness challenge and using the hall and back playground, all children completed as many laps as they could in 10 minutes while using a range of sports equipment. Options included : skipping ropes, hula-hoops, stilts, giant feet, basketballs and space hoppers. This challenge was a reminder that giving often takes effort and perserverence and they showed these in abundance.

### Running Club

The children were finally rewarded for all their hard work this year as they got the opportunity to take part in the Portsdown Championship Race to conclude the season. We finished 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> out of 16 schools overall for the boys and girls respectively and this was a great achievement for our first year in the event. It has been a pleasure leading this club (in a discipline I am extremely passionate about myself) and the children should be extremely proud of the progress they have made this year. Throughout, even during the rain, they have turned up to training and the group has felt like a real family, culminating in an Easter Egg Run to round off the club.



# ART AND DT NEWS



## Year 1 and 2

In Art the children have been finding out about 'still life' art. They have looked at the compositions of the artist Paul Cezanne and the contemporary artist Edgar Calel. They will continue with their mixed media still life next term.

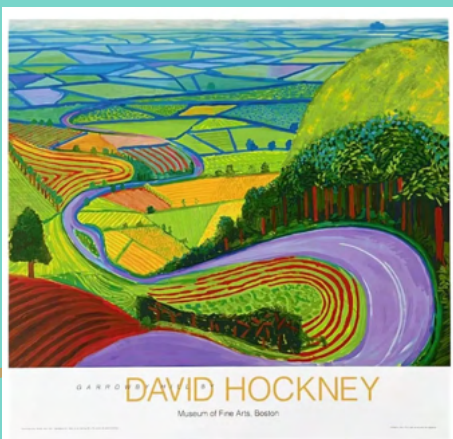


## Year 3 and 4

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



Year 3/4:



This term we learned how to say and write our Birthdays in Spanish. We used this catchy song!

<https://youtu.be/dVq6Wt00ZBE>

Next half-term:

We are learning about food and how to say what we like and don't like using 'Me gusta....' and 'No me gusta...'  
(I like....) (I don't like...)



Year 5/6:



This term we began a new topic on countries, languages and nationalities. We know how to say our nationality and where we are from in Spanish. We used the verb 'ser' (to be).

Check out this song which helped our learning!

<https://youtu.be/045wjys1Cu0>



Next half-term:

We will be learning about the languages we speak and talking about where we live using 2 new verbs -  
'hablar' (to speak) and 'vivir' (to live)

