



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



2025-2026 Newsletter 10 (10th -14th November 2025)

Catholic Life and Mission



Virtues to Live By

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

Our Virtue to Live by - Hope

Our final two 'Virtues to Live By' for this half term, in the lead up to Advent and Christmas, are **HOPE** and **PATIENCE**.
For the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the virtue of **HOPE**.

We are hopeful

when

- we believe and trust that God will not give up on us.
- we are positive about the future.
- we do not give up on ourselves.
- we have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world.
- we pray to God placing our lives in his hands.
- we know God has a plan for each one of us.



Important dates for your diary

Monday 17th November

Hindu Faith Week

Monday 17th November

School Nursing Team

Year 6 National Child Measurement Check

Reception National Child Measurement and vision checks

Tuesday 18th November

Guy Fawkes visitor to Year 2 Class

Monday 24th November

9.15am- Tour of Reception

Wednesday 26th November

5.30pm- Tour of Reception

Thursday 27th November

Key Stage 2 Movie Night

Thursday 18th December



Open to all – including pack ups. £3 each if no entitlement to free meals. Correct money only please.

**School closes
Friday 19th December at
1pm**

**School opens
Monday 5th January
2026**



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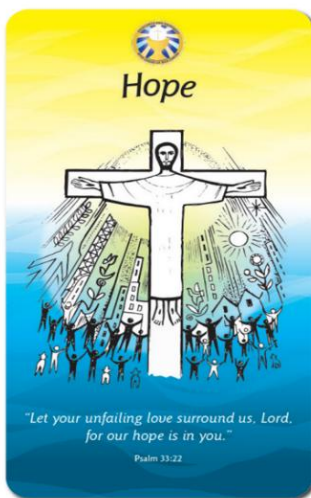
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Mission (10th – 14th November)

Each week we send the children out with a 'mission' to actively live out their faith in their everyday lives.

I am grateful for all I have and praise God for all he has given me.

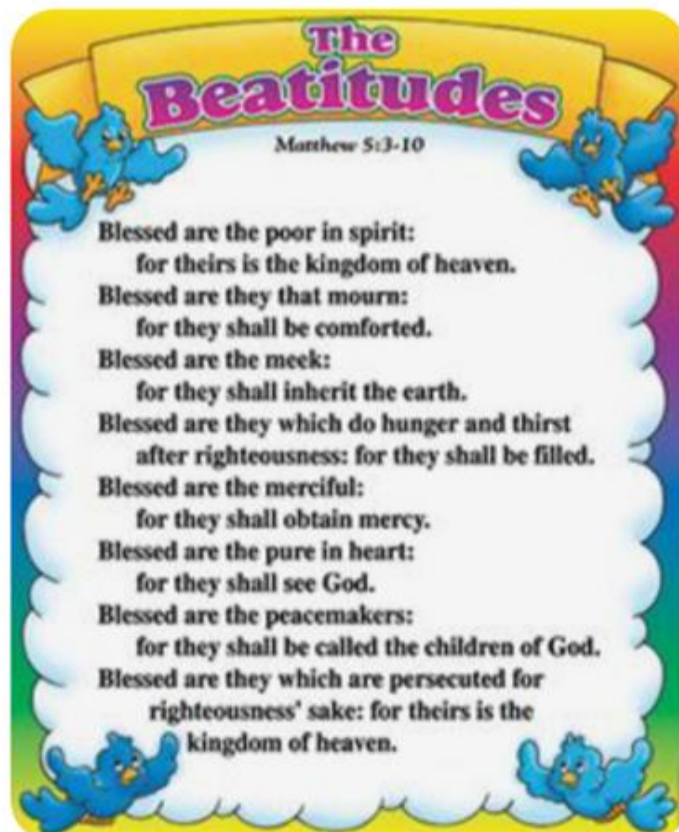


We trust that God's love has no end and that He is at work in our lives and in the world.

Today in our whole school Celebration of The Word, we listened to the Beatitudes from Jesus's Sermon on the



In the week ahead, our mission is to choose one Beatitude and trying to fulfil that during the week ahead.





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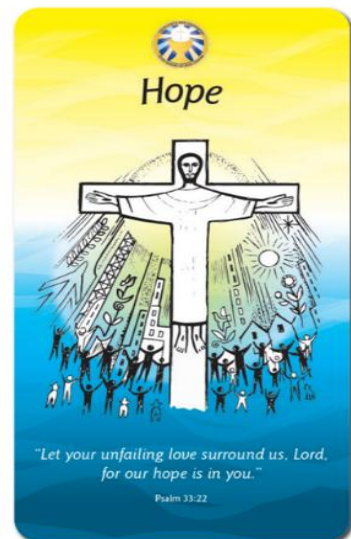
Virtues to Live by – Hope



Certificates are given in recognition of living out the virtue of **Hope**.

10th–14th November 2025

Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Orla	
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Lily	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Nathaniel	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Jasmine	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Noah D	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Fatima	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Dwayne	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Louie-Leonard	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Daniel V	



The children awarded the certificates this week have shown signs that they are living out this virtue in their daily lives in school.





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Remembrance Celebration

This week, our **Year 3 and 4 children** led a thoughtful and moving **Remembrance Celebration of the Word**. The children spoke with great reverence as they reminded us of the importance of remembering those who fought and sacrificed during times of war. The whole school joined together for a **two-minute silence**, reflecting on the courage and sacrifice of those who served and giving thanks for the freedoms we enjoy today. Our celebration concluded with a beautiful song, shared by the children, carrying a heartfelt **message of peace**. It was a truly special moment of unity and reflection for our school community.





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In **Reception** we have been learning all about Diwali, the festival of lights. We watched videos about families celebrating Diwali and the children made their own diva lamps using clay. They made cards and have coloured in rangoli patterns and even tried making their own using rice and 2D shapes. During our English lessons the children heard about the story of Rama and Sita and together acted out the story.





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Treasure Within – A Theatre Adventure with Rise Theatre Company

Last Friday, our school welcomed the Christian **Rise Theatre Company** for their inspiring and interactive production, “*Treasure Within*.” This unique **theatre adventure and treasure hunt experience** took our children on a journey to discover **seven of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching** — exploring how these treasures can be found in unusual places and discovering how each one can be applied in daily life.

Armed with a *modern treasure map* (a tablet!) - the child invited the whole school to join the adventure, searching for these treasures in some unexpected places such as a **junk shop, library, science museum**, and even through **encounters with familiar saints**.

Through a wonderful mix of **drama, storytelling, songs and prayer**, the children learned that everyone has special gifts and talents — each person is **unique, valued because we are all made in the image of God**. The day encouraged the children to reflect on their own “treasures within” and how they can use them to make a positive difference in the world.

It was an unforgettable experience filled with learning, laughter, and **faith** — reminding everyone to look for the *treasures within* themselves and that we are all called to share our treasures with others!



Reception



YEAR 1
HUMAN DIGNITY
EVERYONE IS
SPECIAL



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Treasure Within – more photos from The Rise Theatre production and workshop.



Year 5



Year 2



Year 5/6





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The Common Good



We are called to work for the good of each and of all

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Agency for Children's Development CAF4D

SHOE BOX APPEAL



Preferential Option for the Poor



The needs of poor and vulnerable people should be put first

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Agency for Children's Development CAF4D



More photos to follow next week!



Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated shoeboxes so far- filled with gifts and love. They will be collected shortly and distributed to people in Eastern Europe. Your generosity will make a real difference.





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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (10th-14th November 2025)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Matilda	Matilda for working hard to write her name and for spending lots of time practicing it, even at home.
	Cade	Cade for always being so kind, caring and considerate towards others.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Marniemae	For showing perseverance with her writing and working independently.
	Eleesha	For her wonderful positive attitude to her work.
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Joseph	For always being a kind and caring friend who shows respect others.
	Tapiwa	For trying his best during writing lessons and remembering excellent facts to include in a biography.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Jarron	For excellent subject knowledge in computing and being able to debug broken code.
	Darasimi	For excellent work in Maths using written methods for addition and subtraction.
Year 3-4 (Mrs Hossack)	Whole Class	For leading remembrance celebration of the word with reverence and maturity.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Finley	For his positive attitude towards his learning and persevering when he finds things challenging.
	Heidi	For her excellent art skills when creating her own William Morris repeating pattern.
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Isobelle	For contributing more in lessons and working hard to write a detailed setting description!
	Teddy	For working hard during assessment week and making good progress. Well done!
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Oakley	For trying his best and being focused in all his lessons.
	Aeron	For being a good role model and being kind to others.
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Kyle	For being a wonderful representative of our class and his willingness to contribute in all that we do.
	Alfie WM	A wonderful attitude to his work in school and an improvement in his home learning over the last two weeks.





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Essential Skills



Each week we award a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class who has displayed the skills focussed on that week.

 Social and emotional wellbeing

 Learning and academic outcomes

 Careers and opportunities

Skills Builder Award (10th-14th November 2025)

Class	Recipient	Our focus Skills Builder skill is....
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Frankie	 A Core idea of Creativity is Imagination. Imagination is the ability to create ideas, images, or possibilities in your mind. It allows you to picture things that do not yet exist, think beyond what is familiar, and explore new ways of doing things. Imagination can be used to solve problems, invent new things, or simply think creatively. It is not just about being artistic. It also plays a role in everyday planning, adapting, and problem solving.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Ebubechukwu	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Emmie	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Harper	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Riaan	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Ryan	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Salma	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Sophia	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Elektra	

These children have all displayed amazing creativity skills this week.





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Attendance (10th-14th November 2025)

Class	This week	Since 2.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	93.3%	96.7%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	100.0%	97.4%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	98.3%	96.8%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	97.0%	97.6%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	96.6%	96.4%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	98.9%	97.8%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	96.9%	98.0%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	98.0%	95.6%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	96.1%	97.9%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	98.3%	95.7%
Overall attendance	97.3%	97%

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have made sure their child is in school and on time every day which has meant we are just above our target.



Congratulations to our Provision Class (Miss Laxton) with their 100% attendance again this week- amazing!





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What has been happening in school this week.



Reception and Year 1 gathered together for a wonderful poetry recital. Each class learned the words and actions for their chosen poem and then performed them to one another.

The children remembered how to be a great audience—listening carefully and offering encouraging smiles throughout. It was lovely to see speaking and performance skills already blossoming in our youngest year groups.



Year 2 had a fantastic time this week making their very own fruit smoothies! The children chose between two delicious flavours – berry or tropical – and carefully chopped a variety of fruits using the bridge or claw cutting methods. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that helped them practise both safe food



With a little help from Mrs Grailey, the colourful fruit mixtures were blended together with either **orange juice** or **milk** to create the perfect smoothie. After waiting patiently, the children were so excited to taste their creations – and they were such a hit that many even asked for seconds!

It was delicious, I loved the mango! – N'Veyah





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This week in Provision Class, we explored all things Autumn! The children used real leaves and clay to make adorable hedgehogs. Such a fun way to strengthen fine motor skills while getting creative!



The children have also thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different areas of provision, where they have created models, practised counting, produced drawings, and completed a variety of puzzles.





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The children in **Year 4** have been taking part in a series of wonderful art lessons. They began by researching the famous English artist William Morris, discovering that he was not only an artist but also a poet and a politician. The children explored his artwork and learned how he drew inspiration from the natural world to create textiles, wallpaper, furniture, and stained glass windows featuring beautiful, repeated patterns.



The children then used a viewfinder to select a section of a William Morris design to create their own repeating patterns by. They worked in their sketchbooks before making a print block of their chosen design using safe print. Finally, they produced their own William Morris-inspired repeating patterns, taking their colour inspiration from the natural world.



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Cookies!

Thank you Salma's mum for making 300 cookies and to Sodexo, Food Services and Facilities Management for providing all the ingredients to make them. They were delicious and raised lots of money for Children In Need.



Our Children In Need fundraising links with our Catholic Social Teaching principles 'The Common Good' and 'Preferential Option For The Poor'.



Thanks to all our wonderful, generous families we have raised the fantastic amount of

£470.00





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CHILDREN IN NEED
COOKIE SALE 🍪





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Two children in Year 5, went the extra mile this week to raise money for Children in Need. We are very proud of the effort they put in to making cookies and bracelets to sell at school and know the money donated is going to a fantastic cause! Well done Bella and Salma and thank you for all the wonderful donations. Thank you to everyone for buying the cookies, bracelets and raffle tickets. It will make such a difference!





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Our Fund Raisers and
Raffle Winners in
Celebration Assembly





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Year 3 proudly showing off their contribution to 'Own Clothes Day' fundraiser for Children in Need.



League Champions

This week, a number of children from across school have taken part in the Emile Spelling Competition.

We are very proud of all the children as Corpus Christi came **first** in our league with the top 21 positions being filled with Corpus Christi children! We will now take part in the national finals next week! Keep practising!!!



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As part of Anti-Bullying Week, the whole school were invited to wear **odd socks** to school. This fun activity reminds us all that it is okay to be different! By wearing odd socks, we celebrated what makes each of us unique and encouraged everyone to value individuality with kindness.



Reception



Year 1



Year 2 ODD SOCKS



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 5/6



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Notices



Confirmation Classes

Classes for children with their parent/adult will begin here in Corpus Christi on

3.20pm – 4.30pm Wednesday 12th November 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes for the week ahead!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

WE ALL NEED A DOSE OF
HOPE TO GET US STARTED,
KEEP US GOING, AND TO END
THE BUSY WEEK ON A
POSITIVE NOTE.