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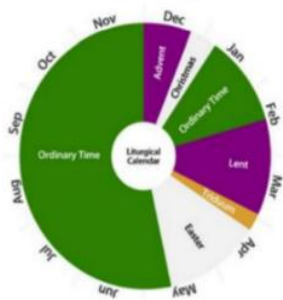
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2025-2026 Newsletter 12 (24th – 28th November 2025)

Catholic Life and Mission

Liturgical year



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent.

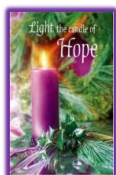
The Church's liturgical year begins with Advent and this Sunday is the beginning of Advent. In a few weeks it will be Christmas so it is time to begin getting ready! During Advent, we remember the birth of Jesus and so we need to get ourselves and our homes prepared to celebrate His birthday. In church and in school we have an Advent wreath with three purple candles, a pink candle and a white candle. The circle of wreath, which has no beginning or end, is made of evergreens and signifies the everlasting life we find in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of **Advent** and one candle is lit each Sunday with the fifth candle, the white one, being lit on Christmas day. The candles also have their own special significance. Lighting the candles on the Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every Sunday light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter the light gets. -the four weeks prior to Christmas.

Week 1- Hope

Week 2- Peace

Week 3- Joy (the pink candle)

Week 4- Love



Christmas Day- Jesus (white candle)



Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent



At Mass for the first weekend of Advent, the first purple candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. This candle signifies **HOPE** and this candle is sometimes referred to as the **Prophecy Candle**. During the first week we light the Prophet's Candle as we focus on the virtue of **hope**. This week is a time to acknowledge that Jesus is coming. We should begin preparing our hearts to welcome Him at Christmas.

Let us pray that this season of Advent may fill us all with **hope**, **peace**, **joy** and **love** as we prepare for the birth of Jesus the light of the world. Amen



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



The late
Pope Francis
said,



....*and we* ourselves can *become* a small *beacon of hope* for others. Each of you can *be* such a beacon...

Our mission in the week ahead is to be beacons of **hope** through our words, our actions and our deeds.





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As we enter December and the liturgical season of Advent, we reflect on how we can share love with our neighbour. Please use this calendar throughout the coming weeks as a family.

Walk With Me Advent & Christmas Calendar 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent Light the first candle. HOPE "I believe your promises, Lord Jesus"	1 Dec St Andrew (Don't be impatient) Advent is about waiting patiently with joy, hope and longing.	2 "We are on a journey! Be confident that Jesus is always with you"	3 Let hope in Jesus be reflected in your smile today	4 Morning Prayer: My hope is in God, who made heaven and earth	5 Heaven is a beautiful place full of happiness. Pray for those who grieve	6 Make a chain
7 2nd Sunday of Advent (A) Light the second candle and be sorry for your sins	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary What was the name of the angel sent to Mary? (Luke 1:26)	9 Pray for an end to war in our world	10 Seek to understand rather than be understood	11 Lord, I am sorry for being selfish. Help me be more generous	12 Prepare a Christmas shoe box for charity	13 Make a chain
14 3rd Sunday of Advent (A) Rejoice this Gaudete Sunday as you light the third candle	15 Treat others as you would like to be treated	16 Ask God to show you your sins and prepare to make a good confession	17 Give less to screens and be more helpful at home instead	18 Tell mum and dad you love them	19 If only Mary and Joseph had been welcome...	20 Help me be a good friend
21 4th Sunday of Advent (A) Light the fourth candle. Sing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	22 What is the name of the person Mary visited? E _ _ _ _ _ h (Luke 1:39)	23 This Jubilee Year invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope, to renew our hope and joy in Jesus	24 Thank God for Jesus	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Pray for all our servers & all who made Christmas in church special	26 Have a family get-together & share in the joy of this happy season	27 St John the Baptist Pray to be born to love
28 Holy Family (A) Light a candle in church and say a prayer for your family	29 St Thomas Becket (In England) Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? Discuss! (Luke 2:46)	30 Think about the New Year coming & pledge to be a ray of hope to all you meet	31 Say a Hail Mary! Ask our Lady to watch over & protect you this year	1 Jan Mary, Mother of God Write down 3 things you would like to improve at this year	2 Pray for those less fortunate than you	3 Being kind is important. Love one another & be kind
4 Epiphany of the Lord Visit the crib. Offer Jesus the gifts of your heart, that it may be his home	5 Where did the 3 Kings find Jesus? B _ _ _ _ _ m (Matthew 2:6)	6 Protect your heart, Jesus' home, by saying morning and night prayers	7 What did the 3 Kings want to do on finding Jesus? W _ _ _ _ _ p Him! (Matthew 2:2)	8 Praise God for the beauty of creation. Look after it. Don't be a litter bug	9 This Jubilee Year reflect on the promises highlighted on this calendar	10 The Baptism of the Lord
11 The Baptism of the Lord Baptism makes us sons and daughters of God. Give thanks						



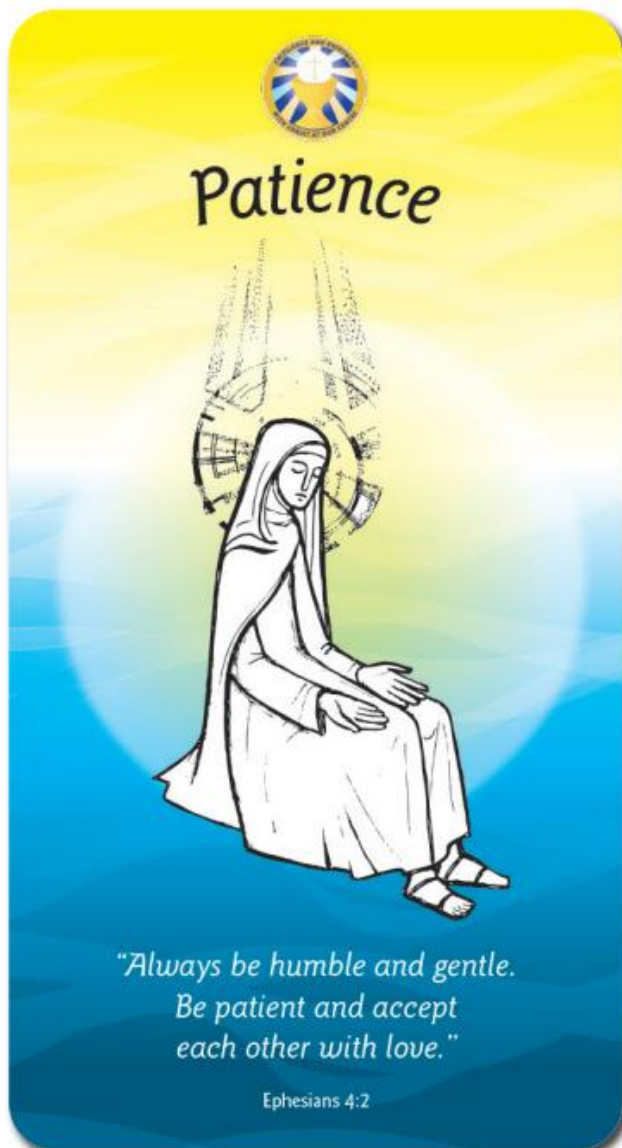
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Our final 'Virtues to Live By' for the Autumn term is **Patience**.

We are currently focusing on the virtue of **Patience**. During the season of Advent, we wait **patiently** for Jesus's arrival on Christmas Day. By lighting the candles on the Advent wreath at home, or at church, or at school, we remember there is more to Christmas than shopping, parties and decorations. The true meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus.



Virtues to Live by

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

We are patient

when

- We can wait.
- We use strategies to keep ourselves calm.
- We can accept things we cannot change with humour and grace.
- We are patient with ourselves when we make mistakes.
- We are patient with others when they make mistakes.
- We can do something now that will help us in the future.





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Virtues to Live By

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Virtues to Live by – Patience

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

24th – 28th November 2025

Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Harrison	
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Maxwell	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Khadim	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Lottie	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Cooper	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Giovanna	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Chidiebube	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Connor	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Sampson	



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



Patience is not simply the ability to wait – it's how we behave while we're waiting.

Joyce Meyer



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BRITISH VALUES



• Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

In Britain we accept that other people might have different beliefs than ours and they may believe in different religions.



As part of **Other Faiths Week**, the school welcomed a special visitor named **Seema**, who led an engaging assembly on **Hinduism**. She introduced the children to key aspects of the Hindu religion, helping them understand important beliefs, traditions, and places of worship.

The pupils especially enjoyed the opportunity to **try on traditional clothing** worn by Hindus when visiting a **Mandir** (temple) to pray. This hands-on experience helped bring the learning to life and gave the children a deeper appreciation of Hindu culture and practices.



Seema also spoke about the origins of Hinduism, the significance of the **Om** symbol, Hindu holy books, and typical foods—highlighting that many Hindus follow a **vegetarian diet**. She went on to explain the different ways the god **Brahma** is represented. To finish, each key stage took part in a **question-and-answer session**, helping pupils deepen their understanding of the Hindu faith.





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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (24th – 28th November 2025)

Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Jesse	For his hard work and effort to improve his letter formation.
	Orla	For always working hard and trying her best.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Mila	For learning all Phase 5 phonemes and developing fluency when reading.
	Ikenna	For being a good ambassador and following our school's Code of Conduct .
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Levayeh	For excellent effort in Maths lessons.
	Thea	For remaining focused in Guided Reading and answering comprehension questions well.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Broden	For showing enthusiasm in his learning and sharing his ideas in class discussions.
	Teddy-Cooper	For being engaged in discussions during guided reading.
Year 3-4 (Mrs Hossack)	Selihom	For quickly learning new school routines and showing an excellent attitude to learning.
	Archibold	For being a wonderful role model - fantastic listening, lovely manners and shows kindness others.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	The Whole Class	The whole class for their amazing presentation of Christ the King in this week's Celebration of the Word.
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Ben	For working hard this week to be a good ambassador for the school and completing work to a high standard. Keep it up!
	Mariama	for great contributions within English lessons and creating some lovely writing about Oliver Twist.
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Sophia	For trying her best in her writing lessons.
	Louie Leonard	For working hard during PE lessons listening carefully to instructions.
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Elektra	For showing a great attitude towards her learning in all subjects.
	Heidi	For wonderful contributions to singing and music lessons in Year 6



STARS OF THE WEEK





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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 24th – 28th November 2025

Class	Recipient	Our focus Skills Builder skill is....
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Frankie	 <p>A Core idea of Creativity is Imagination.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is not just about being artistic. It also plays a role in everyday planning, adapting, and problem solving.</p>
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Reilly	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Sonni	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	John	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Caleb	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Dilane	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Coby	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Jensen	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Kayla	

These children have all displayed amazing creativity skills this week.





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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Our attendance target is

97%

Every pupil, on time, every day.

Attendance 24th – 28th November 2025

Class	This week	Since 02.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	92.7%	95.6%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	96.8%	97.8%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	100.0%	97.3%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	97.8%	97.4%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	94.4%	96.5%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	95.0%	97.7%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	92.0%	97.5%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	92.8%	95.7%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	90.3%	96.8%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	84.2%	94.7%
Overall attendance	93.6%	96.7%

100%

Congratulations to our Year One class (Miss Horkan) with their 100% attendance this week—well done!

100%

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have made sure their child is **in school** and **on time every day**.

This week, we have recorded a **significant number of RED class attendance figures**, particularly in our **Key Stage Two** classes. A real improvement is needed by everyone next week

While several absences have been due to unavoidable illness, we also have a number of cases where no contact has been made by parents. Please remember to **follow the absence procedure** whenever your child is not in school. We ask that you contact us **each morning of the absence**—via phone, text, Dojo, or Tapestry. This helps us avoid spending valuable admin time tracing children who are absent without explanation. Please note home visits are carried out on the first or second day of absence.



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Corpus Christi School Council Presents

Christmas Movie Night

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Thursday 4th December

£2.50 per ticket

(Please pass money to class teacher)

**To include watching a Christmas movie,
a drink, popcorn and a chocolate bar.**

Finish 4.20pm





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Thursday 18th December



*Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 18th December and it will be available to **ALL** children if they wish to take it.*

Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free meal under the **UNIVERSAL FREE MEAL SCHEME** and lunches will be ordered for all children who want one. No money will be needed for these children. Just let the class teacher know if your child has a packed lunch but would like Christmas dinner instead that day.

Year 3 to Year 6 children who are already on dinners **and pay for their meals** do not need to do anything as they will order their dinner as usual.

Year 3 to Year 6 children **who are entitled to a free school meal** but bring packed lunch will need to inform the class teacher if they would like a Christmas dinner so correct numbers can be ordered.

Year 3 to Year 6 children **who are not entitled to a free school meal** and usually have a pack up but would like a Christmas dinner need to bring £3.00 in a clearly labelled envelope with name, class, reason and amount and pass it to the class teacher.



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What has been happening in school this week.

This week, **Year 1** have continued to learn about healthy eating. They thoroughly enjoyed making a fruit salad within their groups and looked forward to tasting the finished product. The children practised using the bridge and claw cutting methods as they prepared their fruit. One pupil was heard saying, "This is so tasty. The fruit is delicious." Great teamwork Year 1!





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Last week, children in **Year 3** enjoyed a visit from author and illustrator **Chris Mould**. The children were highly engaged and inspired as Chris shared examples of his artwork and read extracts from some of his stories. They also took part in a draw-along session, learning how to illustrate in his unique style. To finish, the children asked thoughtful questions about how Chris began his journey into writing and illustrating.



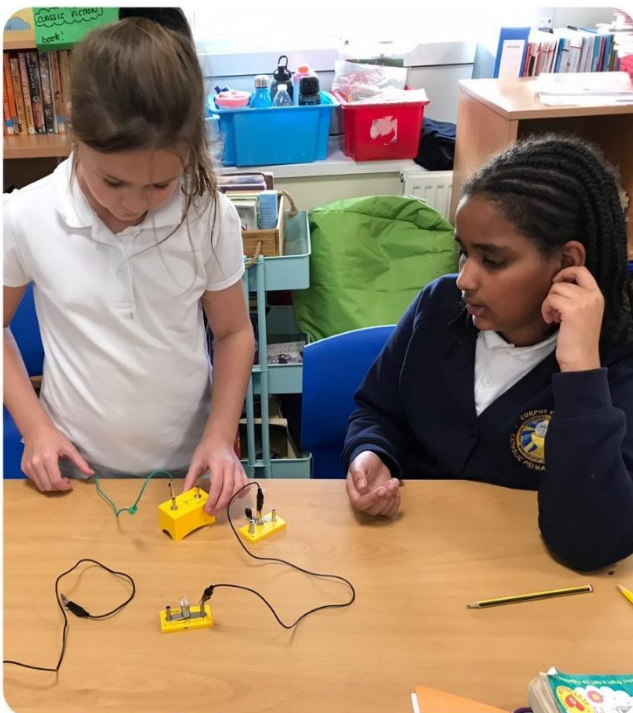
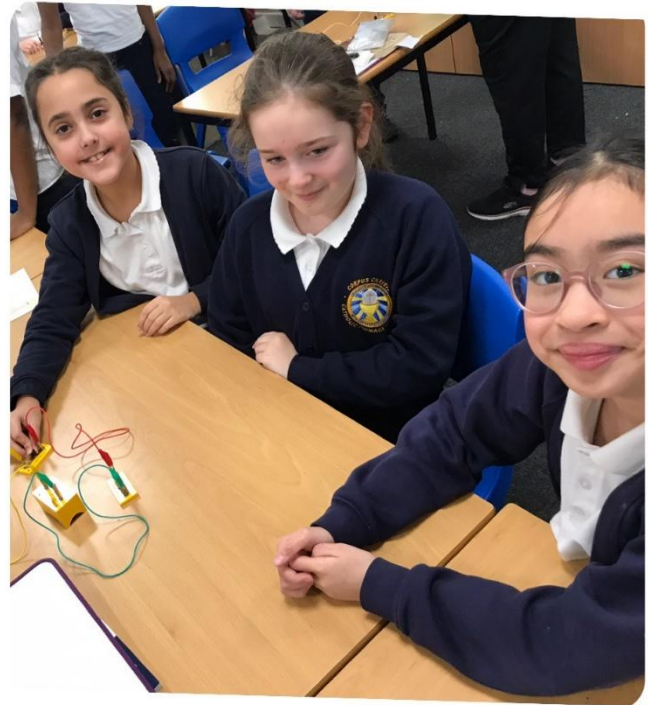
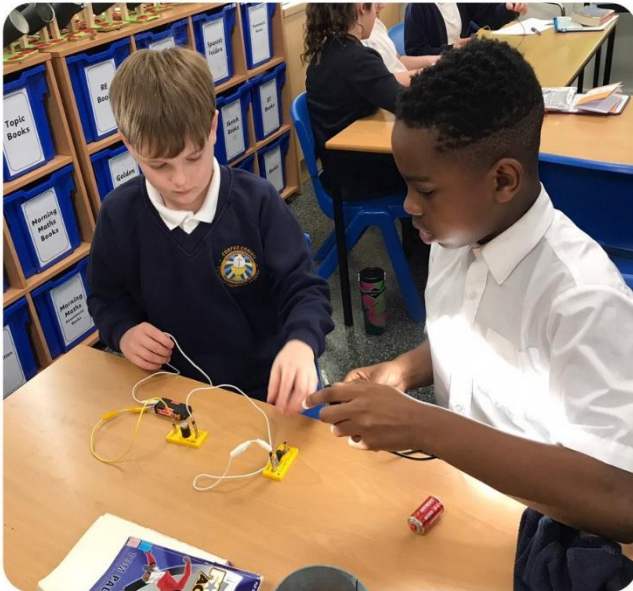


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As part of their work on electricity in Science, **Year 5** pupils were challenged to construct and modify series circuits. They experimented with adding and removing different components—such as bulbs, switches, motors, and additional batteries—to observe how these changes affected the strength of the current and the voltage in the circuit. Through hands-on investigation, pupils developed a deeper understanding of how electrical components interact and how circuits function.



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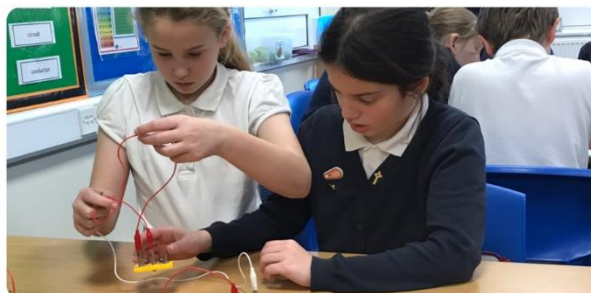
In Science this week, **Year 6** investigated how to build effective series circuits.

Pupils experimented with a range of components — including bulbs, buzzers, switches, and different lengths of wire — to explore how electrical circuits work and how component choices affect performance.

They were then set an exciting challenge “Who could create the brightest bulb and the loudest buzzer?”

Working collaboratively, groups tested different combinations, compared the effect of additional cells, and observed how resistance changes brightness and volume. Through hands on problem-solving, they developed a strong understanding of how electrical energy flows and how to optimise a circuit for a specific outcome.

The room buzzed with creativity and scientific thinking as Year 6 engineered their most powerful circuits yet!



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☀️ Festive Fun in Year 6! ☀️

December is almost here, and our Year 6 children have been getting into the Christmas spirit by learning the *Christmas Conga* on the chime bars with Mrs Cossavella. Using chords and their own improvisations, they performed brilliantly – as a whole class, in small groups, and even as confident soloists!

After showcasing their musical talents, they danced the afternoon away with huge smiles and plenty of festive cheer. Roll on Christmas! 🎄 ✨

A Year 6 Christmas Conga



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Key Stage Two had a fantastic movie night this week! Feasting on popcorn and chocolate, they settled in to watch *The Bad Guys: A Very Bad Holiday* and *Elf Pets: Santa's Reindeer*. It was the perfect start to our festive celebrations. We cannot wait to do it all again for Key Stage One's movie night next Thursday!



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Last Monday, some of our **Year 3s** were selected to play in a tournament at Fives in Seacroft. The boys were fantastic and the improvement they have made was clear to see. They won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 against schools from across Leeds. A special thank you to the parents who helped with transport to make this possible. Well done everyone!



On Monday, some of our **Year 2 and Year 3** children took part in a football tournament at Fives in Seacroft. For many, it was their first time representing the school and even their first experience playing competitive matches against other teams.

They played brilliantly, growing in confidence as the evening went on. The children celebrated every goal and showed fantastic teamwork, supporting one another throughout all the games. We are incredibly proud of their effort, enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship.





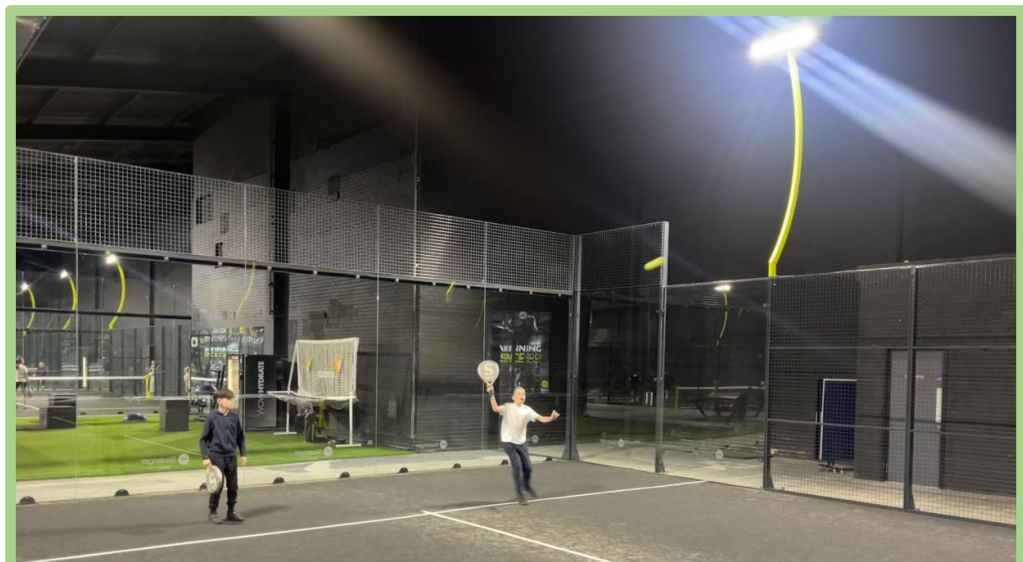
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On Tuesday, a group of our **Year 6** pupils were selected to take part in a padel competition against several local schools at the Slazenger Padel Club. This was a fantastic opportunity for some of our gifted tennis players to experience a new and rapidly growing sport. The facilities were excellent, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the event.

A big thank you to the parents who helped transport the children and to everyone who came along to support them.





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On Wednesday, the Leeds Irish Centre popped in to drop off some vouchers donated as a result of the Christmas Charity Lunch.

These will make a real difference to some of our families, and we are incredibly grateful for their generosity once again this year.



Maizie's nana has kindly donated a wonderful range of gifts for families who may need a little extra support this Christmas. We are truly overwhelmed by her generosity and her thoughtful care for others in our community.

Thank you so much!








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Important Christmas dates for your diary 2025

<u>Sunday 30th November</u>	<u>1st Sunday of Advent-Theme Hope</u>	
Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Movie Night (4.20pm) Reception, Provision, Year 1 and Year 2	
<u>Sunday 7th December</u>	<u>2nd Sunday of Advent- Theme Peace</u>	
Tuesday 9 th December	2.00pm Christmas Service in Corpus Christi Church (Classes Year 1-Miss Horkan, Year 2- Mrs Grailey, Year 3-Mr Goodall, Year 3/4- Mrs Hossack and Year 4- Mrs Child) All welcome but please be on time!	
Wednesday 10 th December	9:30am - 12:30pm SEND Singalong at Pudsey Civic Hall	
Friday 12 th December	Choir performing at local care home	4:00pm-Choir performance for parents and carers in school
<u>Sunday 14th December</u>	<u>3rd Sunday of Advent – Theme JOY</u>	
Monday 15 th December	Year 2 (Mrs Grailey) at The Snowman and The Snowdog	2.00pm UKS2 Nativity in Corpus Christi Church (Classes Year 5-Miss McBride, Year 5/6- Miss Guy and Year 6- Mr Doyle) All welcome but please be on time!
Tuesday 16 th December	am-Pantomime Beauty and the Beast in school M & M Productions	pm- Christmas parties (Own clothes with appropriate footwear and coat)



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<p>Wednesday 17th December</p>	<p>10:00 am- Reception's Nativity for parents and carers in the school hall (3 Tickets per child) All welcome but please be on time!</p>	<p>3.20pm Christmas Fair with lots of Christmas goodies on sale</p>
<p>Thursday 18th December</p>	<p>Christmas jumper day but a Christmas top, T-shirt, hat or headband can also be worn instead. We ask for a donation of <u>50p per child</u> for our CAFOD World Gifts fundraiser.</p> <div data-bbox="387 1140 756 1337" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="434 1373 700 1550" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>2.15pm Provision Christmas event for pupils and parents</p> <p>2.15pm- Road Safety Panto (Hall)</p>
<p>Friday 19th December</p>	<p>9.30am Mass All welcome</p>	<p>1.00pm -School closes</p>



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Countdown to Christmas

Parents and Carers

**You are warmly invited to join us on
Tuesday 2nd December in our school
hall where stalls will be available
with money saving tips and treats.**

8.45-9.45am

**Guess the value of
the Christmas food
shopping basket –
Winner takes all!**

**Information on
'Savvy Savings'
at Christmas.**

**Guidance on
money saving
tips and
upcycling gifts.**



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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend and best wishes the week ahead!

God bless

From Mrs Walsh
and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School



The keys to patience are acceptance and faith. Accept things as they are, and look realistically at the world around you. Have faith in yourself and in the direction you have chosen.

— *Ralph Marston* —

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