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2025-2026 Newsletter 15 Friday 19th December 2025

What a busy but enjoyable first term we have all had! I think children and staff are in need of a well-deserved rest! I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our school and our staff. We never take for granted how blessed we are to have such a supportive and caring parents and carers. The children at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School benefit so much from having strong links between home, school and parish in a community where they feel safe and loved. Thank you.

Although it is certainly not expected, thank you so very much for all the lovely cards and gifts for myself and my staff. It is very thoughtful and appreciated by all of us as well as all your kind and complimentary words and best wishes.

I hope that you and your families have a very joyful and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

School reopens on January 5th 2026

A Christmas Blessing

*May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world.*



*May God's love light your way
and lead you into a new year
that shines with His special joy.*

Happy New Year!





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Recently, the *Yorkshire Evening Post* published its list of the best-performing primary schools in Leeds. Out of 280 schools, our brilliant school was ranked **2nd across the entire city** – an outstanding achievement and one that is so richly deserved.



A huge thank you to all of our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to support our children and help them reach their full potential every single day. We are truly blessed.



2. Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

Corpus Christi is a local authority-maintained Roman Catholic primary school in Halton Moor, and was most recently rated 'good' overall by Ofsted. In the 2024/25 school year, it had a roll size of 275. 93% of its pupils met the Government's expected standards in reading, writing and maths - compared to averages of 61% locally and 62% nationally. | Google



Quote: *The primary schools who set their pupils up for success last year* 🌟

Leeds is home to plenty of excellent primary schools with a strong track record of giving their young pupils a solid educational foundation - but some are standing out from the crowd and we are certainly up there with the best!





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This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent when the third purple candle is lit. The last purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and preparation as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. The fourth candle of Advent is also known as the "Angels' Candle" and symbolises love. It reminds us that God is love. Love is a gift, a gift from God. At Christmastime, we believe that God's greatest gift of **LOVE** was Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Mission- our faith in action

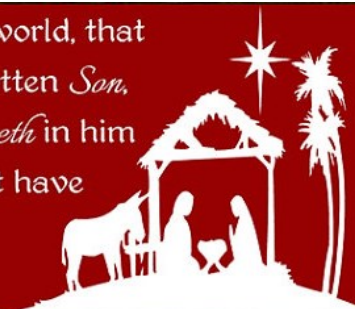
Each week we send the children out with a 'mission' to actively live out their faith in their everyday lives.

We ask the children to fill the week ahead with LOVE and share it with everyone around them through their words and actions.



For *God* so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten *Son*, that whosoever *believeth* in him should not perish, but have *everlasting life*.

John 3: 16



"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

—MOTHER TERESA





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Year 5/6 did an excellent job of preparing and delivering our end of term Mass and reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

Canon Pat spoke about LOVE and thanked Mrs Lightfoot, he also passed on the Bishop's appreciation to her. He spoke about how LOVE is doing things for others. Mrs Lightfoot is a shining example of Love in action. She has been a governor and associate governor for over 40 years.

Mrs June Lightfoot



Love and faith has permeated every action during those years and Mrs Lightfoot will always be part of our Corpus Christi Primary School family.





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Year 6 led a beautiful Nativity Service at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, supported by Year 5 and Year 5/6 pupils. Through thoughtful narration, drama and song, the children retold the story of the birth of Jesus, reminding us of the importance of kindness to everyone we meet. Parents, carers and parishioners thoroughly enjoyed the service and were delighted by the pupils' confident and reverent performances.





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Year 2 children have loved taking turns to bring home the Travelling Crib this Advent. They have enjoyed sharing the Christmas story with their families, talking about Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus and reflecting together on the meaning of Christmas. It has been a special way for children and families to connect, celebrate and learn together during this festive season.



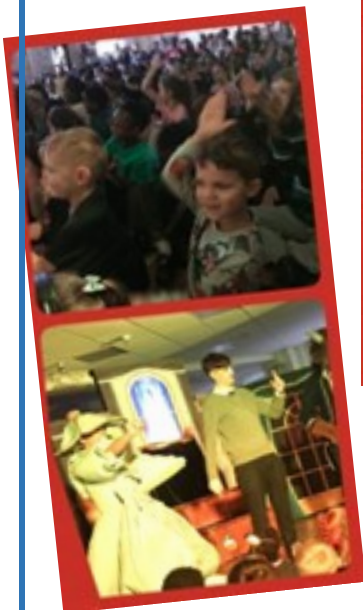


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Christmas Party day got off to a wonderful start with a fantastic pantomime by M&M Productions. The whole school gathered together to watch Beauty and the Beast and clapped, cheered and joined in enthusiastically throughout the show. What a lovely opportunity for all children to experience at Christmas time! A special thanks to Mr Goodall and Mrs Hamzaj who were the staff chosen by the cast to join in the performance...we especially loved your dance routine!





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Reception News



On Wednesday, the children in Reception performed their Nativity, *The Twinkly Nativity*, to parents who were extremely impressed by their wonderful children after only 14 weeks in school.



It was a truly lovely retelling of the Christmas story and made all the Reception staff extremely proud. Well done, Reception!





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Christmas
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As part of our topic *People Who Help Us*, the children were visited by our local PCSOs, Eric and Gemma. They spoke to the children about the role of the police and the many different ways they help people in the community



All of the children had the opportunity to dress up in police uniform, and everyone had a wonderful time. Eric and Gemma commented on how well behaved the children were, and it was lovely to see how enthusiastic they were about learning.

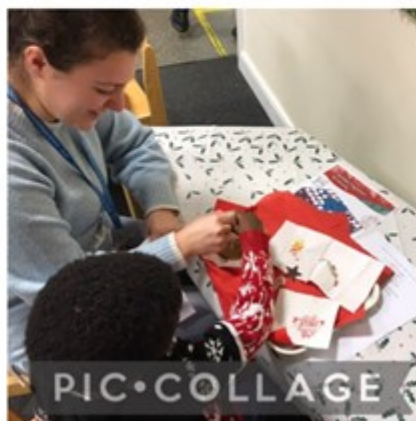


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Provision class parents were invited to watch a festive performance of Christmas songs and to take part in a range of activities alongside their children. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see so much enjoyment shared together.



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Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Pudsey Civic Hall to watch *The Snowman and The Snowdog*, accompanied by a live orchestra. The children were completely mesmerised by the magical combination of film and live music, watching and listening with great excitement throughout the performance. There was even a familiar face dressed as a Snowman (Mrs Cossavella!). They represented the school excellently, showing fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm and were a real credit to everyone involved.





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This week, **Year 3** have been busy creating Christmas cards and decorations. They designed their own bauble themed card and painted it using watercolours. For their decorations they created a Christmas tree design using air dry clay for our stall at the Christmas fair.



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Christmas Crackers!



What a week in **Year 3/4**! Working like busy bees to prepare for the Christmas fair. Having our faces painted so we all look like reindeer and finally having a wonderful Christmas dinner whilst singing along to Christmas songs.



Christmas Dinner





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The children in **Year 4** have had a very busy week and not only did they have the pantomime on Tuesday but they also had Christmas parties in the afternoon. The children joined with Year 3/4 to play games, dance, find a quiet spot to chat and shared some delicious food. Thank you to all parents for being so generous with the party food you sent in, it very much appreciated and enjoyed





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On Wednesday the **Year 4** children prepared for the school Christmas fair by making calendars based on their focus artist, William Morris. They used the prints they had made during art class with Mrs Robinson, to create a colourful calendar. The children also create wonderful tree ornaments in the shape of reindeers and decorated them for the fair.



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Year 5



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The children in Year 5, Year 5/6 and Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon at Leeds Playhouse watching the adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The show was packed with festive fun, lively music and a sprinkle of magic. The children behaved impeccably throughout the visit and were a real credit to the school.





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Year 5/6 thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Party, which included a lively dance competition. The children showcased some very interesting (and entertaining!) dance moves, with many winning treats and rewards for their efforts. It was a fun-filled celebration enjoyed by all.



Year 5/6 wore their Christmas jumpers raising money for the CAFOD World Gifts appeal. They discussed and studied the different gifts they could buy to other children around the world. Thank you for your generous support.



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Year 5 worked hard to prepare for the Christmas fair. They created their own reindeer hot chocolate cones and tree decorations, which were all successfully sold.





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Upper Key Stage Two
enjoying their
Christmas Lunch





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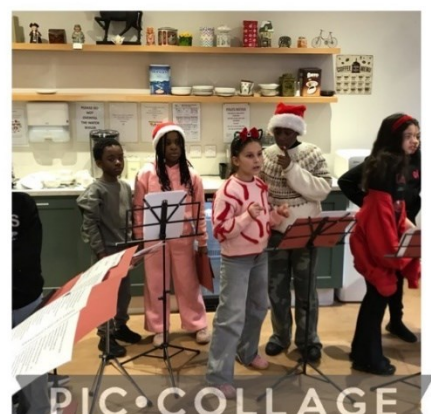
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Last Friday, our school choir visited Wykebeck Court Care Home to perform a selection of songs for the residents. The children sang beautifully and represented the school wonderfully.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed the performance, joining in with smiles, clapping, and lots of positive feedback. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share their talents with the local community and bring joy to others.

Well done to everyone involved – we are very proud of our choir.



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This half term children from Years 1 and 2 have been attending an afterschool art club on a Thursday. They finished their creation this week and proudly showed them off. They children have made 3D Christmas trees and wonderful paintings for the season depicting beautiful robins in the snow. The children had a wonderful time at the club and are looking forward to taking their hard work home. Well done Year 1 and 2 Mrs Robinson and Mrs Child have really enjoyed your company this half term.



Children were invited to attend a Road Safety Workshop in the lead-up to Christmas. They were reminded of the importance of wearing bright clothing to stay visible and to follow the Green Cross Code: **Think, Stop, Look, Listen**. The visit was made extra special when Father Christmas arrived and presented each child with a reflective strip for their coat.





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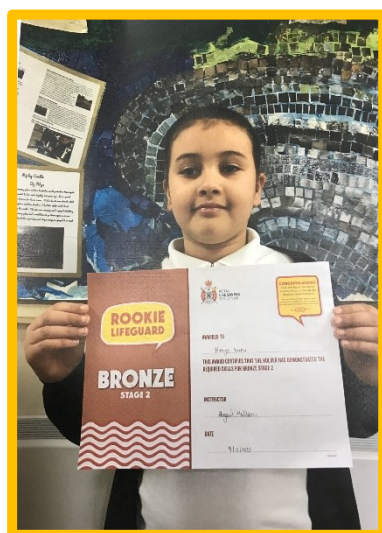
Jeshua, Atarah and Kehinde -winners of the Christmas hampers which was drawn yesterday by the road Safety Team during their assembly. Polly also a winner of Name the Snowman. Maya and Una-Rai winners of the Irish Health and Homes Christmas card competition.





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Congratulations!

Congratulations Mireya on
your Bronze Stage 2 Award
to be a Rookie Lifeguard-
well done!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for the Christmas break
God bless from Mrs Walsh
and the team at
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School



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