



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2025-2026 Newsletter 19 (26th – 30th January 2026)

Catholic Life and Mission

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an important celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated this Monday, 2nd February, forty days after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God.



Candlemas is more than a feast day; it is an invitation to live by the light of Christ all year. The blessed candles are a reminder that each one of us is called to share this light with others by following Jesus' teachings and bringing kindness, peace, and hope into the world.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read about two holy people, Simeon and Anna, who meet Jesus at the Temple. Both Simeon and Anna see that Jesus is special. They have waited their whole lives for this moment. Simeon praises God and calls Jesus a "light for all nations."



Important dates and events for your diary

Mondays and Wednesdays

Coach led PE lessons

Wednesdays

Swimming lessons for classes Year 4 and Year 3/4

Diocesan Singing Programme lessons for classes Year 3 and Year 3/4 followed by hymn practice for all classes

Melodica instrument lessons for classes Year 5/6 and Year 6

Thursdays

Djembe instrument lessons for classes Year 3 and Year 3/4

Fridays

Artforms whole class music specialist lessons

Tuesday 3rd February

Reception - Year 1 – Year 2

Valentine disco 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Wednesday 4th February

5.00pm- Reconciliation Parent meeting
Corpus Christi Church

Thursday 5th February

Year 3 - Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

Valentine disco 3.15pm to 4.15pm

See poster on page 12 for more information ❤️

Saturday 7th February

1.30-4.00pm-Spiritual retreat for Confirmation candidates concluding with a Family Mass at 4.00pm to which all parents and siblings are invited to join.

Monday 9th February

6.00pm Reconciliation Parent meeting St Gregory's Church

Tuesday 10th

4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations evenings

Wednesday 11th February

3.50-6.20pm-Parent Consultations evenings

7.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation for candidates

Friday 13th February

TRAINING DAY-no pupils in school

Monday 23rd February - School reopens



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Mission-Faith

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.



Simeon joyfully recognised Jesus as 'The Light of the World'- the one who fills our lives with joy and love.

Jesus is the Light of the World, and we are called to share that light by following His example.

In the week ahead, let our words and actions bring hope, peace and love to others. Let every small act of kindness, every time we forgive or help someone in need, reflect Jesus' light.

FAITH IN ACTION

faith *Love*





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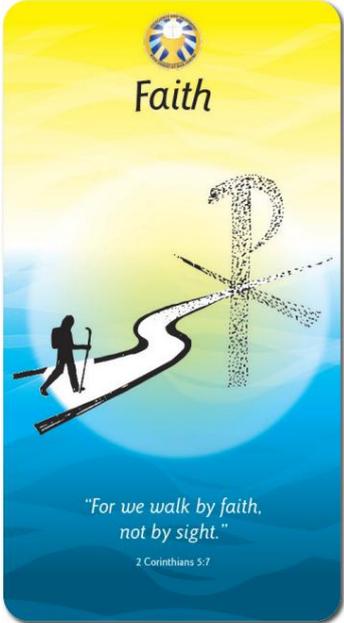
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Virtues to Live By

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

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Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is Faith. 
Reception/Provision Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton	Dolce	
Year 1 Miss Horkan	Chiziterem	
Year 2 Mrs Grailey	Thea	
Year 3 Mr Goodall	Gabrielly	
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack	Anaya	
Year 4 Mrs Child	Jeremiah	
Year 5 Miss McBride	Amber	
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Aeron	
Year 6 Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley	Oscar	





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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (26th – 30th January 2026)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	Maddison	For her wonderful work in phonics.
	Ava-Mae	For amazing phonics work and working hard to spell CVC words with the teacher
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Lily	For good partner work during Maths lessons
	Selena	For learning all Phase 5 phonemes in Phonics
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Emmie	For making an improved effort with her handwriting and presentation of her work.
	Nathaniel	For always giving 100% effort in his work.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Sofia	For sharing ideas confidently during class discussions.
	Dalton	For arriving every day with a positive attitude ready to learn.
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Cooper	For showing a calm and focussed approach to learning.
	Rohaam	For being a great support for his peers and showing 100% effort in the Multiplication Tables Check Competition.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Atarah	For her amazing and thoughtful answers in RE. Well done Atarah!
	Lewis	For working hard to improve his times table knowledge and working hard in the competition this week.
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Bella	For fantastic work on adding and subtracting fractions! Keep it up!
	Salma	For working hard throughout our fractions topic and making excellent progress.
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Maizie	For working hard in her writing lessons
	Lucas	For improving his presentation of his work.
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	Lucas	For having a competitive nature in his PE lessons and always supporting his teammates to improve
	Shaylan	For having a brilliant attitude to his maths work resulting in continually improving scores





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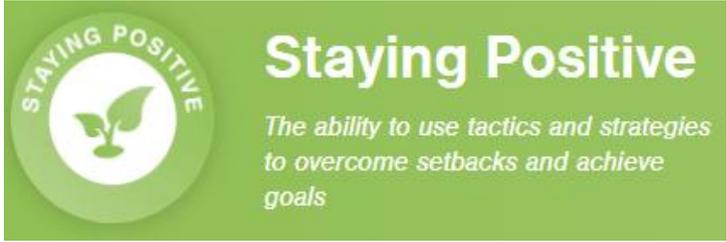
Essential Skills



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



Skills Builder Award (26th – 30th January 2026)

Class	Recipient	
Reception & Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	Jesse	 <p>Our focus Skills Builder skill is...Positivity</p> <p>This skill is all about pupils being equipped to manage their emotions effectively and being able to remain motivated, and ultimately to motivate others, even when facing setbacks.</p> <p>The early steps focus on identifying emotions - particularly feeling positive or negative. Building off that is the ability to keep trying - and then staying calm, thinking about what went wrong, and trying to cheer up and encourage others.</p>
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Gianna	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Nova-Rae	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Darasimi	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Ivy	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Scarlett C	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Skylar	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Oakley	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	Jenson	

These children have all displayed amazing **positivity** skills this week.





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Attendance



Attendance (26 th – 30 th January 2026)		
Class	This week	Since 02.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	95.6%	95.4%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	96.8%	96.9%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	96.5%	96.7%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	98.5%	96.2%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	99.6%	96.8%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	96.7%	96.1%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	98.4%	97.5%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	93.7%	97.0%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	97.4%	95.4%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	94.4%	94.5%
Overall attendance	96.8%	96.2%

This week's attendance is **96.8%** which is a whole one percent drop on last week and just below our school target! Let's all try to get attendance above our school target next week.

Well done and thank you to everyone who made it to school each day- you will reap the benefit of good attendance.



Our highest achieving class for attendance this week is **Year 3 and Mr Goodall** with **99.6%** so a massive well done to them. Also well done to **Year 2 (Mrs Grailey), Year 4 (Mrs Child) and Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)** who have all reached school target! Three other classes were almost there-Provision (

A mention must also go to **Year 4 (Mrs Child) and Year 5 (Miss McBride)** who are both above target in the overall figure from September. Congratulations to those children and staff.



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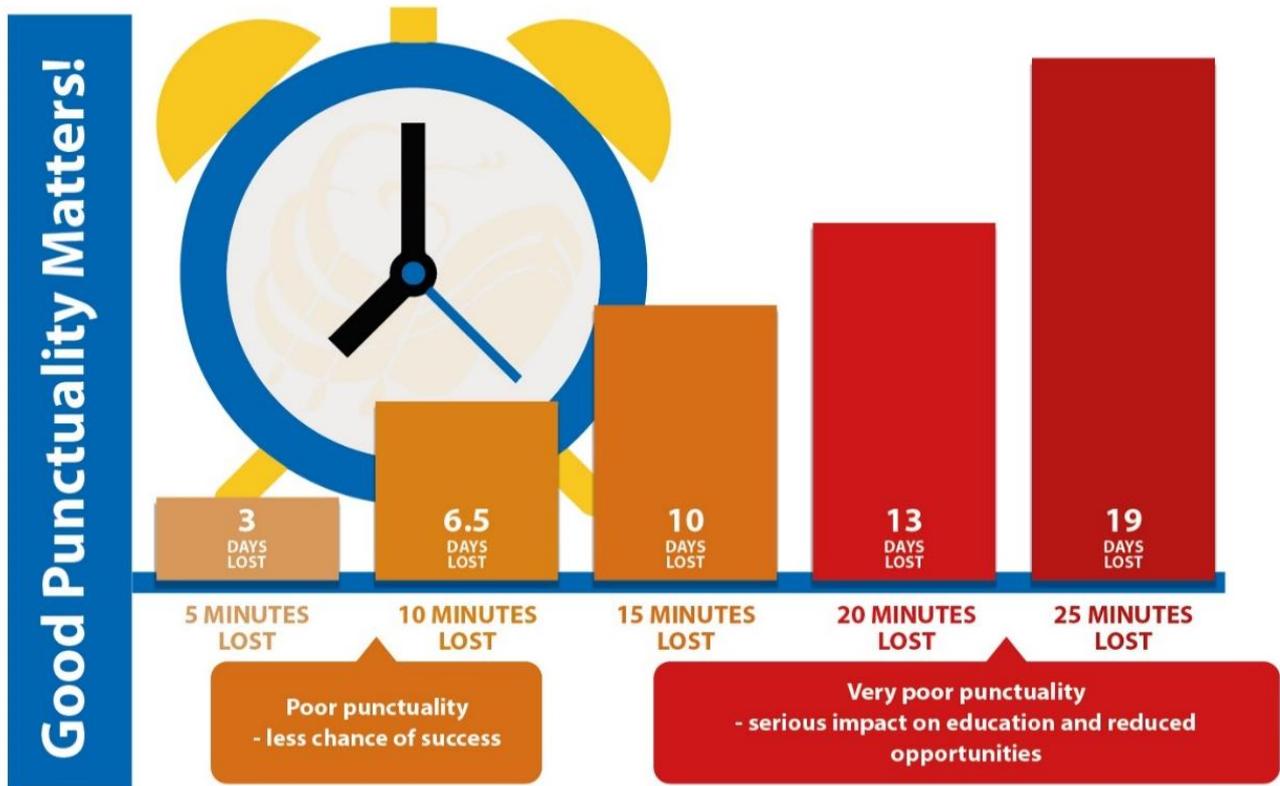
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Please be on time to give your child the best chance of success.

Gates open at 8.40am promptly. Please note children should be in class by 8.55am at the latest

Good time keeping at Corpus Christi Primary
means being in school...

ON TIME.... And ready to learn!



DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks in one year.



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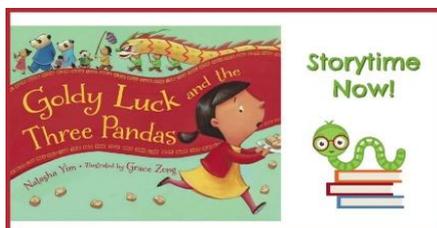
Look what has been happening in school.



This week in Reception, the children have been learning all about Chinese New Year. They have explored how it is celebrated and how families prepare for the festivities. In the workshop area, the children have enjoyed making lanterns and dragon masks.



In Literacy, the children listened to the story *Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas*, which is very similar to *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. They loved spotting the similarities between the two stories and were very excited to discover that our role-play area had transformed into the Chan family's apartment from the book. The children have especially enjoyed dressing up as pandas and acting out the story together.





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The children in **Provision Class** have really been enjoying listening to our new story- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. They made their own goats and created setting pictures to go with the story. In their setting pictures, they explored and used a variety of different media to create the scene, adding lots of texture and detail.





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Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic week of cooking, making some delicious courgette and cheese scones. The children practised a range of important skills, including measuring ingredients, kneading dough and grating cheese.



As well as cooking, Year 5 learned about the importance of good nutrition and eating a balanced, varied diet. They discussed the different food groups represented in their scones and why each one is important for a healthy lifestyle.

The children were extremely proud of their efforts and thoroughly enjoyed tasting their finished scones!





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Year 5/6 also had a fantastic time making savoury scones. Working in turns, they carefully mixed the dry ingredients before binding everything together with eggs and milk. Then they put their skills to the test by grating the cheese and courgettes, filling the room with delicious aromas.





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Valentine Discos



**3rd February Reception –
Year 2**

5th February Year 3 – Year 6

Valentine
disco

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and chocolate treat**

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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend and best wishes for the week ahead!

God Bless

from Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School