



2025-2026 Newsletter 2 (8th-12th September 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 'Virtues to Live by' – **Respect and Courtesy**

A virtue is a good habit that helps us to act according to God's love for us. Every day we have the opportunity to act as a disciple of Jesus.

Our first 'Virtues to Live By' for the academic year and autumn term and are



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesdays

- Year 4 and Year 5 classes swimming
- Year 3 and Year 3/4 classes choral singing
- Year 5/6 and Year 6 Melodicas

Thursdays

- Djembe - Year 3 and Year 3/4

Fridays

- Class music lessons across school led by specialist music teacher

Respect and Courtesy

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12

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We are respectful and courteous when

- We show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.
- We treat others as we would like to be treated.
- We use good manners.
- We respect ourselves and know we deserve respect from others.
- We speak politely to everyone and listen to others.

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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.

In the week ahead, let us speak and act respectfully and courteously to everyone as each person is special because we are all made in God's image and likeness.

Be a reflection of what
you'd like to see in others!
If you want love,
give love,
if you want honesty,
give honesty,
if you want respect,
give respect.
You get in return,
what you give! ~Unknown

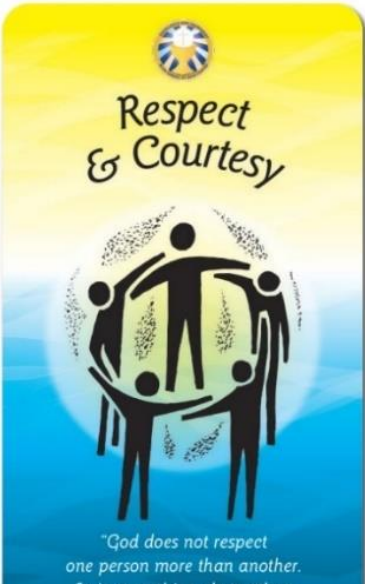


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Virtues to Live by – Respect and Courtesy

Certificates are given in recognition of pupils living out the virtues of 'Respect and Courtesy'.

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Class	Recipient	Our focus virtue for is
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Eleesha	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Isaac C	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Eli-Gold	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Vienna	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Scarlett H	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Molly	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Louie W	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Evie-Lea	
The children awarded the certificates this week have shown signs that they are living out this virtue in their daily lives in school.		





Two new saints to inspire us!

On Sunday 7th September 2025, the Church celebrated the canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young men from Italy whose lives continues to inspire people of all ages. These are the first saints canonised by Pope Leo.



Carlo was born in London in 1991 but grew up in Milan.

He was an ordinary boy who enjoyed playing soccer, video games, and spending time with friends. However, what made him extraordinary was the way he placed God at the centre of his life. From a very young age, he showed a deep love for God. He often said that “the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven” and made time to attend daily Mass and pray the Rosary. Living in the modern digital age, Carlo used technology to spread the Good News and share his faith with others. He also showed kindness to those who were lonely, defended classmates who were bullied, and shared his joy and faith generously. At the age of just 15, Carlo was

diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukaemia. Even in his illness, he remained full of trust in God, offering his suffering for the Pope and for the Church. He died in 2006, but his witness of faith and hope has continued to spread across the world.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, the other saint canonised on Sunday, lived from 1901-1925, when he died at age 24 of polio. He was a big fan of mountaineering and often climbed mountains with his friends. He was a good swimmer and athlete. He was also a young Italian Catholic who loved helping others. St Pier Giorgio cared deeply about social justice, which is about making sure everyone is treated fairly. He joined groups like Catholic Action and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. These groups helped poor and struggling people in his hometown of Turin, Italy. He used his strong faith to serve those in need. People remembered him for his kindness and friendly nature.



God our Father, we thank you for your gift of saints who are models of life for us. We ask that through the intercession of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, we will be inspired to love and serve you with courage and joy. Help us spread the Gospel through our lives so that each of us can be a beacon to light to others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Saint Carlo Acutis Pray for us

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati Pray for us



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Welcome to our new Reception pupils and their families

A special welcome to our wonderful new Reception children who are beginning their time with us at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. We are really impressed with the way the children have settled in during their first days and look forward to working with their families to nurture them on their learning journey during their time in school.





Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (8th-12th September 2025)



Reception Miss Kirk	The whole class	For the whole class for a wonderful first week in school and for settling in so well!
Provision Miss Laxton	The whole class	For how well you have settled into the new routines and joined in so well with all the activities.
Year 1 Miss Horkan	Gianna	For always listening and trying her best in all areas.
	Harper	For developing good control and ball skills in PE.
Year 2 Mrs Grailey	Ademide	For making an excellent start to Year 2 and being a wonderful role model.
	Reggie	For being a respectful and responsible member of the class.
Year 3 Mr Goodall	Lottie	For a fantastic start to Year 3 and being a positive role model to her peers.
	Oscar	For a great start to Year 3, being helpful and setting a good example in class.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack	Oscar	For a fantastic attitude to learning.
	Khadijah	For always trying her best and giving 100% in every lesson.
Year 4 Mrs Child	Bella	For settling well into Year 4 and trying her best in all areas of her learning.
	Edward	For an excellent start to Year 4 and always doing his best in learning time.
Year 5 Miss McBride	Lara	For working hard this week and creating some fantastic poems based on dreams
	Sklar	For making a fantastic start to year 5 and putting in 100% effort into all her work. Keep it up!
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Lucas	For settling in well and being focused in his learning.
	Jensen	For trying his best in all his learning.
Year 6 Mr Doyle	Isabelle	For a wonderful start to Year 6 and beautiful manners with both pupils and staff.
	Polly	For being extremely helpful to all over the first two weeks of term and having an excellent attitude during Bikeability.





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Skills Builder
PARTNERSHIP

Essential Skills



Our fantastic Skills Builders for this week!

8th-12th September 2025

Skills Builder Awards

Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Ayanda
Year 2 (Mrs Graily)	Dominic
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Una-Rai
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Rohaam
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Terrance
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Nathan
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Maizie
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Ryan

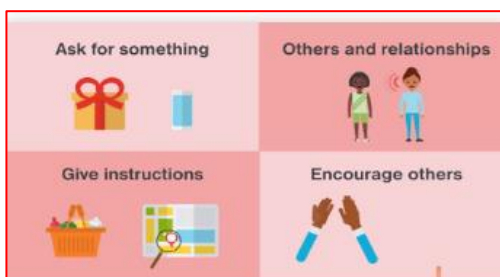


This skill is all about how to communicate effectively with others, being mindful of whether they are talking to adults, friends or peers or other adults and also in different places.

Initially this skill focuses on being able to speak clearly – firstly with well known individuals and small groups and then with those who are not known.

The next stage is about being an effective speaker by making points logically, by thinking about what listeners already know and using appropriate language, tone and gesture.

These children have all displayed amazing 'Speaking' skills this week.





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Attendance

There are 190 days in a school year





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Attendance (8th-12th September 2025)

Class	This week	Since 2.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	96.3%	
Provision (Miss Laxton)	100%	100%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	99.4%	99.7%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	99.7%	98.6%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	95.5%	96.3%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	94.8%	94.0%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	100.0%	98.8%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	100.0%	99.6%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	91.2%	90.5%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	96.5%	94.4%
Overall attendance	97.3%	96.8%

This week's attendance is **96.8%** which is just below our target of 97%.

A huge well done to all pupils in the classes which are on and above target especially Provision, Year 4 and Year 5 who achieved 100%! Well done!





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Look at what has been happening in school this week!

This week we welcomed our new **Reception** children. They have had a wonderful week and everyone has enjoyed exploring the classroom and making friends. The children have enjoyed making cakes with play doh, building towers and tracks in the construction area, cooking and cleaning in the home corner and running around together in the outside area.

They have enjoyed getting to know each other and it has been lovely to see so many happy faces and blossoming friendships.

Well done to our new Reception class! We are so proud of each and every one of you!





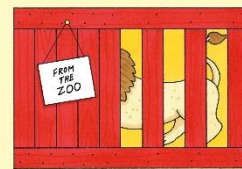
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Over the last two weeks in **Provision** Class, the children have been looking at the story of "Dear Zoo". The children have used pictures and toy animals to order the events of the story and used the toy animals to make footprints of some of the animals. The children have had lots of fun and really enjoyed their learning!

Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell

This week, the children have been counting objects to 3. They sorted different objects to match the correct number.





Miss Horkan, Mrs Monnelly and Miss Gilbert have really enjoyed their first full week in **Year 1**. The children have settled into new routines and adapted well to any changes. They really enjoyed using iPads to complete their reading games and activities. Thank you to parents for preparing the children so well for the new academic year - it is going to be very productive!

WE CAN READ.





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This week, **Year 2** took part in an exciting vote to decide on roles and responsibilities around the school. As part of this activity, they had thoughtful discussions about *why* we vote and the importance of having a voice in our community. Well done to all the children for showing responsibility and maturity throughout the process!





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Recently, **Year 3** took part in their first PE lesson of the Year with Mr Wales. The children worked on their Fundamental Movement Skills through a range of different stations. They worked on their running, jumping, hopping, throwing, catching, skipping and bouncing throughout the lesson.





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Year 3/4 have had a fantastic first full week back at school! The children have settled in beautifully and are already demonstrating a great attitude towards learning. They have worked hard to remember class routines and expectations, and we are so proud of how well they have adjusted. It's been a joy to see their enthusiasm and teamwork as we begin the new school year.

Religious Education

In our first RE lesson, the children explored the Bible. They learned about the Old and New Testaments and enjoyed finding different Bible scripture readings which remind us of God's promises. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and engagement as they discovered the messages of hope and faith found throughout the Bible.



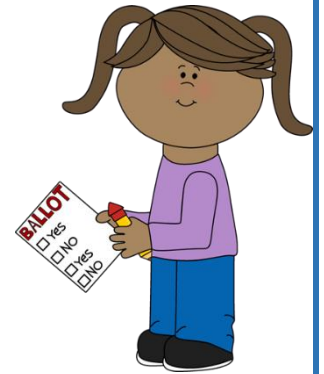
History

Our first History topic is the Ancient Maya. The children began by using atlases to locate where the Ancient Maya lived, developing their geographical skills along the way. They then created a timeline to explore the significant events and achievements of this fascinating ancient civilization. It has been a great start to our journey into the past!



Pupil Voice

This week, **Year 5** voted for their pupil voice representatives. They discussed the British Value of Democracy and held a vote, so all children were given the opportunity to select a candidate fairly. The elected children are looking forward to beginning their new roles and will rise to the challenge of their new responsibility.





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Year 5/6 learnt about cross-country running in PE this week, focusing on endurance, fitness and mental resilience rather than just speed alone. They started with a warm-up session in the hall followed by a course outside on the school field and playground.



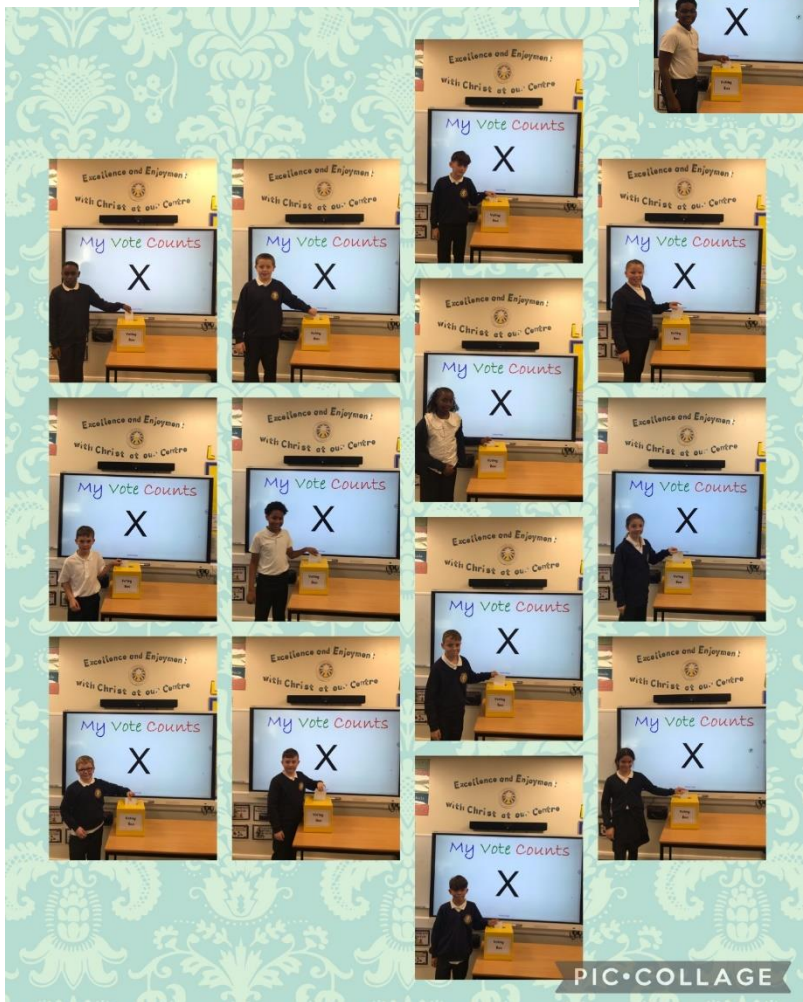
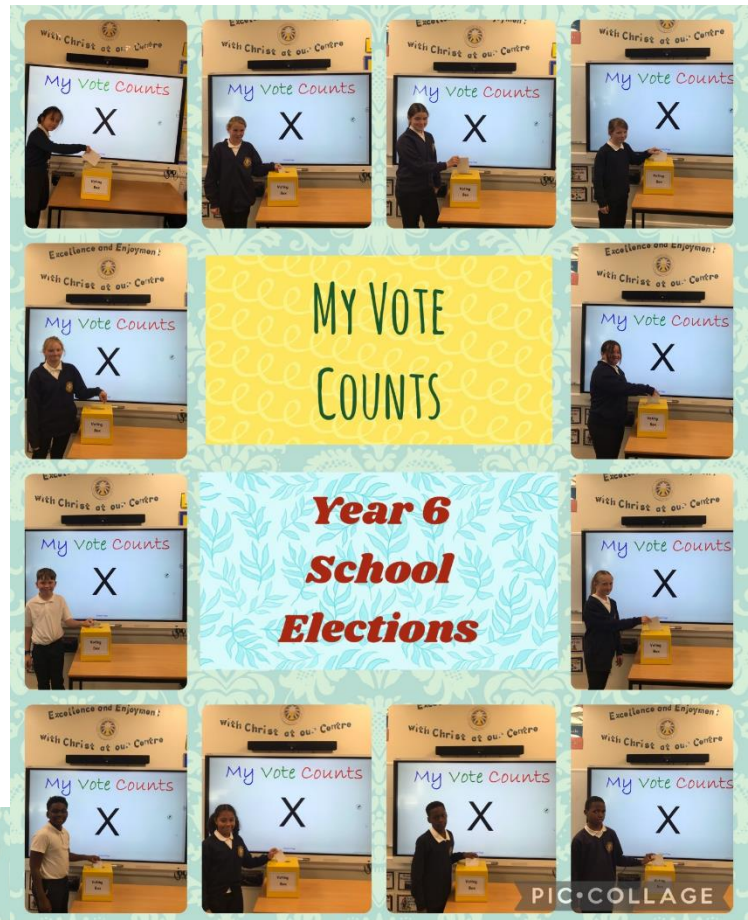


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Year 6 have been learning about the process and importance of voting within a democracy and the importance of the British Value of Democracy. The class prepared persuasive presentations to put forward their reasons why they should be elected for various roles within school.



When all the presentations were completed, each pupil voted and placed their voting papers in the ballot box to be counted.





Notices



Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Does your child qualify for free school meals?

Children may be eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400

If you get Working Tax Credit, your child will not qualify for free school meals.

Children who are eligible for a free school meal can also get a free carton of milk.

Even if your child has the universal free school meal offer for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, please apply for this benefit. The school receives money from central Government to support a variety of school initiatives that would be of benefit to your child. If you have any questions, please read the information on <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals> and speak to Mrs Midgley in the school office.



Please label your
child's items.



As always, we kindly ask that **all clothing** is clearly labelled with your child's name — especially jumpers, cardigans, tracksuit tops, jackets and coats. These items are often removed during the day and can easily get mixed up, so labels really help us return them to the right owner.



Starting Secondary School

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

The application process for the parents of Year 6 pupils to apply on time started on 1st September 2025 and closes on 31st October 2025. All applications received after this date **will not be considered** until after the national offer date of 2nd March 2026.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>



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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