



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2023-2024 Newsletter 12 (27th November– 1st December 2023)



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' this week continues to be **HOPE** as **this is the theme for the first week of Advent**. The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of everyone.

Virtues to Live by

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 us.





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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.



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

Through our actions, our words and our deeds, we can be ambassadors of Jesus Christ and beacons of hope sharing His vision of faith, hope, peace and love in our world.

Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands.
Yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes.
You are His body.

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Important dates for your diary

2nd December
1st Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 5th December
9.30am Open morning for
Reception 2024 starters
4.30pm Open evening for
Reception 2024 starters

Thursday 7th December
Christmas Movie night
Years 3, 4, 5, 6

9th December
2nd Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 visit to Leeds
Playhouse
The Enormous Crocodile

Wednesday 13th December
Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2
at 'The Polar Express'
experience



Important Christmas dates for your diary



Thursday 14th December
Starts 9.30am-Reception and
Reception/Y1 Nativity for parents and
carers.
Please be on time!

Friday 15th December
Christmas jumper, top, hat, headband for
World Gifts fundraiser

Monday 18th December
2pm Years 3-6 Christmas Performance in
Corpus Christi Catholic church

Tuesday 19th December
Pantomime in school

Wednesday 20th December
2.15pm KS1 (classes Year 1, Year 1/2 and
Year 2) Christmas Story for parents in
Corpus Christi church

Thursday 21st December
Christmas Dinner
Christmas Parties-own clothes
Christmas jumpers optional

Friday 22nd December
1pm-School closes

Monday 8th January 2024
School reopens



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Catholic Life of our School

Liturgical year



Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent.

The Church's liturgical year begins with Advent -the four weeks prior to Christmas. It is a season of preparation, waiting and anticipation. 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.



First 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 can have hope for Jesus the Messiah's arrival. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

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



Week 1- Hope

Week 2- Peace

Week 3- Joy (the pink candle)

Week 4- Love

Christmas Day- Jesus (white candle)





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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.

December Kindness 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment
4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them
11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you
18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh
25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Reception/Reception Year 1 In RE this week, the children learnt that Advent is the time when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The children studied the Advent Wreath and talked about the different colour candles and their meanings. They worked together to create their own stain glass Advent Wreath and proudly displayed it in their class window ready for the liturgical season of Advent.



Advent





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Whole School Collective Worship

Year 4/5 As we move into the first week of the new liturgical year, Year 4/5 led the Collective Worship about Advent. The children explored a Gospel reading from Mark in which Jesus asks us to look out and keep our eyes open for what is happening around us, so that we are ready when He comes. The children reflected on this by thinking about what Jesus would like us to do if we see people who are sad, lonely, poor or sick.

Year 4/5 finished their Collective Worship by singing "If I were there".

Outstanding collective worship. I feel ready for Advent. Thank you.

Parent Comment



Brilliant, magical start to Advent.

Parent Comment

The children were excellent. It was a pleasure to watch them.

Parent Comment



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Look at what else has been happening in school this week!

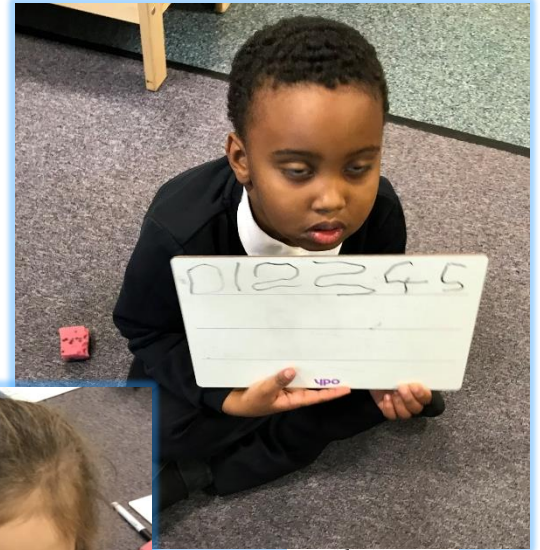
In **Reception** the children enjoyed their very first cooking lesson. The children made fruit pots which included: grapes, strawberries, blueberries, banana, oats, honey and yogurt. They all listened nicely and followed the instructions carefully, being able to chop the fruit using the claw and bridge method. Well done everybody you all did so well!



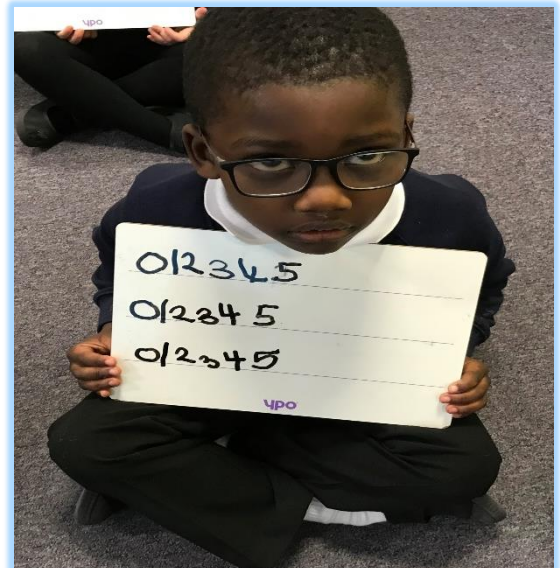


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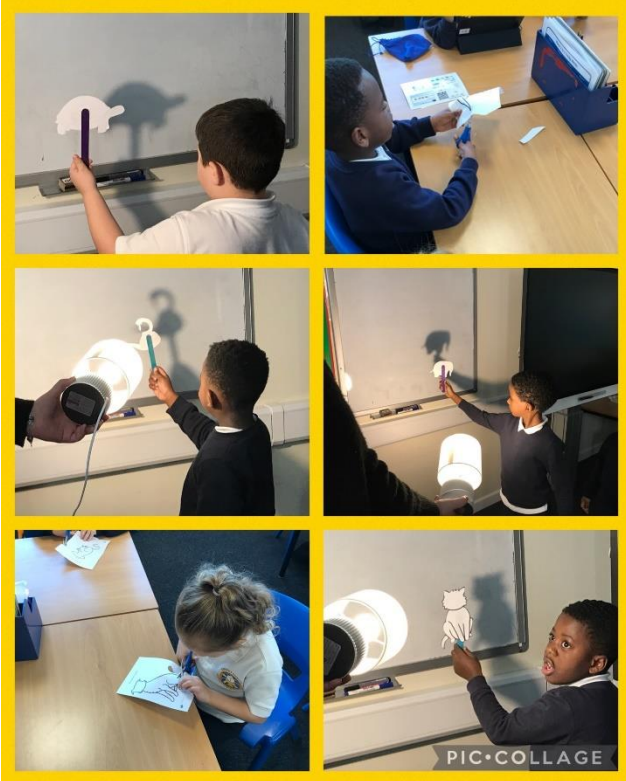
Reception/Year 1 This week the children in Reception/Year1 have been exploring the number 5. They have played counting games and sang lots of songs. They used the linking cubes to explore different ways of making 5 and practised writing their numerals to 5.





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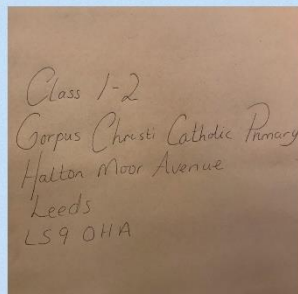
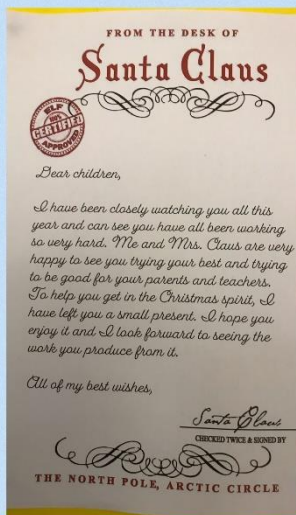
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Year 1 have recently continued their work about the weather and seasons by looking at shadows and how they change depending on the direction the light is coming from. They noticed the shadows were longer when the light was closer and they were smaller when the light was further away. They also replicated the sun and could see how shadows changed position too as the sun moved across the sky. After this the children made their own shadow puppet and tested them out.

Year 1/2 This week Year 1-2 received some very special mail. It came all the way from the North Pole! The children were very excited to receive their letter and gift from Santa which was The Polar Express book.

To help with their creative writing the children went on a virtual train journey. They had steaming, hot chocolate (milk and juice) and delicious, fruity Christmas sweets while bobbing along in a cosy, comfy train carriage.



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Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about 'Wild Weather'. As part of this, the children made windsocks and went outside to observe what happened to the tails of our windsock and to see which way the wind was blowing. They also put out a container to catch the rainfall over the next three weeks.



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Year 3

Year 3 have written their own Winter poems. They looked at examples and created their own noun phrases, alliteration and similes. The children performed their individual poems speaking with a clear and fluent tone!



Our School Council pupils met with Mrs Ball in their meeting this week to explain how we can keep our school grounds tidy. Mrs Ball loves to keep school grounds litter free and organises litter picks with pupils in our school and the Parish grounds.



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Year 3/4

Pupils in Year 3/4 have been very busy practising their sewing skills this week making a festive present for someone special. They have shown great determination and resilience whilst learning a new skill.



Year 6

In their weekly music lesson this week with Mrs Casavella, Year 6 learnt all about rhythms and reading music. They also listened to some music from The Blues.





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Key Stage One Movie Night





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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week'

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Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Mrs Fothergill	Thea	For trying hard during lessons and showing a positive attitude towards learning.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kemp	Levayah	For working on her letter formation during phonics and name writing.
Year 1 Miss Kirk	Eli-Gold	For his excellent work in History and remembering past learning.
	Broden	For his excellent work in mathematics this half term and his increased confidence.
Year 1/2 Mrs Child	Noah D	For his much improved attitude to his learning in all areas. Well done Noah, keep it up!
	Charlie	For his wonderful story telling and for being a good friend to others.
Year 2 Miss Laxton	Rohaam	For sharing some wonderful ideas and great work with a small group.
	Edward	For always being ready to learn!
Year 3 Miss Currie	Molly	For recalling and volunteering fantastic answers about North America.
	Connor	For excellent effort in Maths lessons.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack Mrs Kilvington	Alfie	For making a concerted effort to improve his handwriting.
	Oscar	For making a concerted effort to improve his handwriting.
Year 4/5 Mr Goodall	Heidi	For being focused and engaged in lessons and contributing to class discussions.
	Faith	For being a wonderful role model and always trying her best.
Year 5 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Amelia	For giving her all and freely sharing her wonderful ideas in lessons.
	Kayden	For making good progress with the presentation of his work.
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Konrad	For showing a vast improvement in completing his homework challenges.
	Caitlyn	For always listening well in lessons and being fully focussed on her learning.





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Each week we award a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class.



Social and
emotional
wellbeing




Learning and
academic
outcomes



Careers and
opportunities



Skills Builder Award (27th November -1st December 2023)

Class	Recipient	Our focus for this half-term is.....  Supporting, encouraging and developing others to achieve a shared goal. This skill is relevant not only for individuals in positions of management, but also for individuals working with peers in teams. The focus is on empathy – understanding their own feelings, being able to share them and recognising the feelings of others.
Reception	Dominic	
Reception/Year 1	Isabella	
Year 1	Giovanni	
Year 1/2	Lottie	
Year 2	Alana	
Year 3	Oskar	
Year 3/4	Aseda	
Year 4/5	Alfie	
Year 5	Jeremy	
Year 6	Luke	

These children have all displayed amazing teamwork skills this week.





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Attendance

At Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, we want all of our children to attend school every day as we know that not only will this enable them to achieve their very best academically but that it also helps them to develop social skills, make friends, and experience a variety of different activities every day. We continue to focus on supporting all of our children to be in school every day and would like to thank our parents for their support with this too!

Attendance (27 th November -1st December 2023)						
Our school target this year is 97%.	Class	This week	Since 5.9.2023		This week	Since 5.9.2023
	Reception 1	91.7%	94.9%	Year 3	98.9%	96.6%
	Reception/Year 1	93.1%	95.1%	Year 3/4	99.3%	96.6%
	Year 1	97.3%	96%	Year 4/5	93.8%	96%
	Year 1/2	98.3%	96.8%	Year 5	95.3%	96.9%
	Year 2	97.4%	96.5%	Year 6	97.9%	97.1%
	This week's whole school attendance					96%

This week's attendance is **96%** which is just below school's target A bit disappointing from last week' high, but hopefully an improvement will be seen next week. A massive thank you to all parents and carers who get the children in and on time every day, all your effort is appreciated. We are very proud to have such committed families.



Punctuality

In school we are using a new signing in/out system for late arrivals and early leavers. Late stickers will be given to children arriving late to hand to their teacher and early leavers stickers will be given to children to authorise them to leave school early for appointments etc. This will also allow us to monitor punctuality. All children should be in class ready to learn by 8.55am. If your child arrives after the start of the school day from 8.55am up to 9.15am they will be classed as late and marked as such in the register. If they arrive after 9.15am, their arrival will be marked as an unauthorised. Please endeavour to get your child in school for learning at 8.55am. Children arriving late lose valuable learning time.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day by...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



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Corpus Christi School Council Presents



Christmas Movie Night



Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 -
Thursday 7th December

£2.50 per ticket

pay online or use barcode 'Other'

This includes watching a Christmas movie, a drink, popcorn and a chocolate bar.

Finish 4.30pm

Come and join in the fun!





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Is your child due to
start primary
school in
2024?



Applications are open for Reception places
to start in **September**

You can apply online until **15 January 2024**

Before you apply, find out more at
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

- Learn about the admissions process
- Research schools so you can list your 5 preferences
- Read each school's admissions policy
- Understand where your child might be offered a place
- Check if your home address gives you priority

Call us on
0113 222 4414

Watch our quick
guide to school
admissions



Applying for primary school or junior place for September 2024

When and how do I apply?

Applications are open between 1 November 2023 and 15 January 2024 (national closing date). There is no advantage in applying early, all applications made by the national closing date are treated equally.

If you live in Leeds, you apply online at www.leeds.gov.uk/apply.

If you don't live in Leeds, you must apply to your home local authority (whoever empties your bins) but you can still ask for Leeds schools. We will work with other local authorities if you ask for schools in their area.

Do I have to include 5 schools?

You should apply for 5 schools to give your child the best chance of getting a place at a school you want. Asking for only 1 school, or the same school 5 times, does not increase your chances of being given a place at that school.

You need to list the schools in your order of preference when you apply. Schools don't know your preference order so this doesn't have any impact on whether your child will be offered a place. On offer day if a place is available at more than 1 school on your list, we offer you the highest school on your list.



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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely week!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh

and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School.