



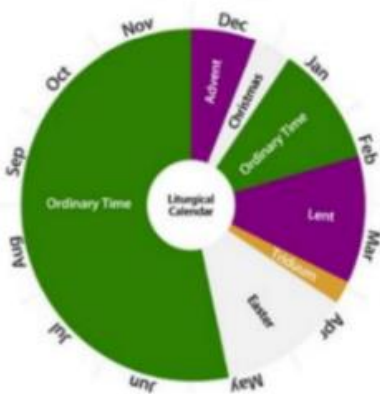
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2024-2025 Newsletter 13 (2nd-6th December 2024)

Catholic Life and Mission

Liturgical year



Second Sunday of Advent.

Week 1- Hope

Week 2- Peace

Week 3- Joy (the rose coloured candle)

Week 4- Love

Christmas Day- Jesus (white candle)

We continue to be in the season of **Advent**.

The word **Advent** comes from the Latin meaning "coming." Jesus is coming and Advent is a season of preparation for His arrival. At Mass, on this second weekend of Advent, the second purple candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. This candle signifies peace and is sometimes referred to as the Bethlehem Candle as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. During this second week of Advent, we are asked to meditate on Bethlehem, the birthday place of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and therefore the birthplace of the peace of Christ.

Let us continue to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus Christ at Christmas and may that this season of Advent 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 theme for the **second week of Advent is PEACE**. At the birth of Jesus, the angels proclaimed, "Peace on Earth." Sometimes it can be difficult to believe peace is possible when we listen to the news. However, with God everything is possible and during Advent it is especially important for us all to look for opportunities to share the message of peace at home with our families, in our school and in our communities so that God's peace can spread across the

**In the week ahead,
we ask the children
to be peacemakers
in school, at home
and in their
community.**

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen





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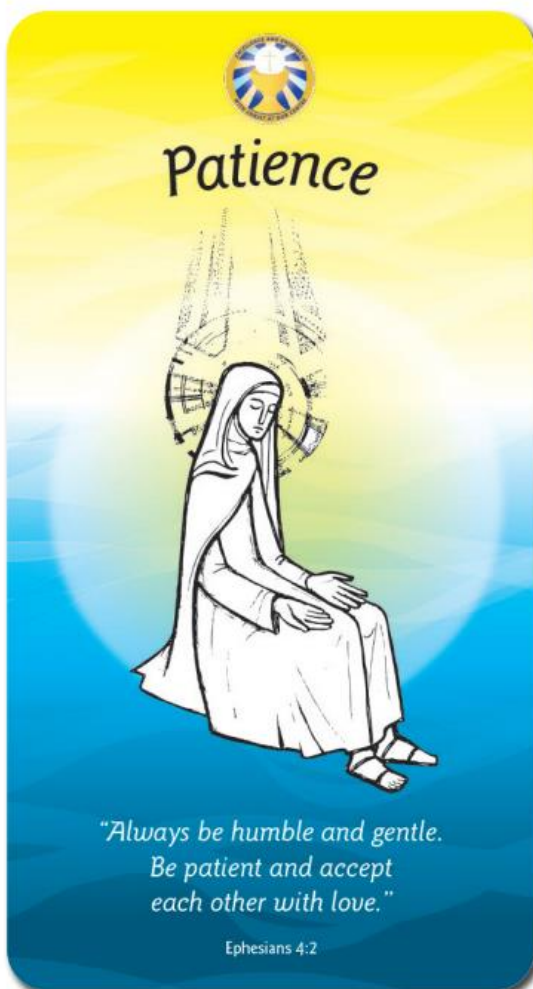


Virtues to Live By

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

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.



We are patient when...

- we can wait
- we use strategies to keep ourselves calm
- we can do something now that will help us in the future
- 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.



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"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 1:9



Virtues to Live By



2nd – 6th December 2024

Class	Recipient
Reception	Chiziterem
Reception/Year 1	Esmae-Grace
Year 1	Arna
Year 2	Gabrielly
Year 2/3	Wendy
Year 3	Giovanna
Year 4	Amber
Year 4/5	Kylarae
Year 5/6	Sampson
Year 6	Oliver

Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is **Patience.**



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

Joyce Meyer



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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' 2nd -6th December 2024



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Miss Horkan	Marniemae	For caring for her friend when she was upset
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kirk	Royal	For being a good role model to others and always following the school rules.
Year 1 Miss Laxton	Nathaniel	For his positive working attitude and including extra detail in his writing this writing.
	Isaac	For working with amazing focus and completing each task with care.
Year 2 Mrs Child	Tavio	For working hard to choose coins in maths and in the tuck shop to make the correct amounts.
	Dalton	For working hard in RE to know that Jesus is God's gift to the world.
Year 2/3 Miss Currie	Aisha	For fantastic effort in Maths lessons,
	Jonatan	For being a kind and considerate friend and always using manners throughout school.
Year 3 Mrs Hossack	Fatima	For working hard in writing to create a persuasive leaflet.
	Heidi	For working hard and persevering in Maths.
Year 4 Mr Goodall	Charlie	For showing confidence and bravery to perform solo during the Year 3 and 4 singing performances.
	Salma	For showing confidence and bravery to perform solo during the Year 3 and 4 singing performances.
Year 4/5 Miss McBride	Lucas	For fantastic work on finding factors, multiples and prime numbers in Maths this week!
	Milania	For a brilliant attitude to learning and always working hard within lessons! Keep it up!
Year 5/6 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Whole Class	For the whole class for their wonderful Advent Collective Worship giving Hope for the season ahead
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Andrew	For his wonderful contributions in writing lessons.
	Lucie	For leading and preparing a well-planned Collective Worship.





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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 (25th-29th November 2024)

Class	Recipient	Our focus Skills Builder skill is....
Reception (Miss Horkan)	Reeva	 <p>Creativity The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas</p> <p>Creativity is the complement to Problem Solving and is about generating innovations or ideas which can then be honed through the problem-solving process.</p> <p>The first few steps focus on the child's confidence in imagining different situations and sharing their ideas.</p> <p>The focus is then on generating ideas - using a clear brief, making improvements to something that already exists and combining concepts.</p> <p>The children then apply creativity in the context of their work and their wider life.</p>
Reception/Year 1 (Miss Kirk)	Selina	
Year 1 (Miss Laxton)	Issacc	
Year 2 (Mrs Child)	Oscar	
Year 2/3 (Miss Currie)	Alexcia	
Year 3 (Mrs Hossack)	Luca	
Year 4 (Mr Goodall)	Skylar	
Year 4/5 (Miss McBride)	Elektra	
Year 5/6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Guy)	Jack	
Year 6 (Miss Oxley)	Jessica O	

These children have all displayed amazing **creativity** skills for this week.





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Attendance



Attendance (25th – 29th November 2024)

Our school target this year is 97% .	Class	This week	Since 3.9.2024		This week	Since 3.9.2024	
		Reception 1	97.5%	97.8%	Year 3	96.3%	97%
Reception/Year 1		87.1%	96.3%	Year 4	95.8%	95.9%	
Year 1		94.3%	96.3%	Year 4/5	92.7%	95.5%	
Year 2		96.4%	95.3%	Year 5/6	92.1%	96.5%	
Year 2/3		94.3%	96.9%	Year 6	100%	98.3%	
This week's whole school attendance					94.7%		



This week's attendance is **94.7%** which is disappointingly **well below** our school target! Improved attendance is needed next week please.



We must congratulate **Year 6** and Miss Oxley who have achieved the highest attendance this week with a fabulous **100%** and are doing really well overall since September.

We must also say well done to **Reception, Year 2 and Year 3**, for being above target this week.



Hopefully next week's attendance will be better for all classes as the Christmas preparations begin!



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What a busy time of year for our **Chaplaincy Team!**

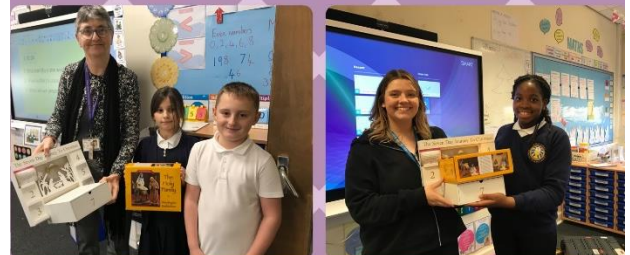
The Season of Advent begins the Church's Liturgical Year and so the Chaplaincy Team asked Canon Pat to bless the wreaths in school.



Next the team delivered the 'Journey To Bethlehem' boxes for each class.



They also had the job of distributing the 'Walk With Me Jubilee Advent Calendar' for everyone to take home. Then they also gave each class a travelling crib to be taken home for families to prepare for the coming of Our Lord.



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This week Year 5/6 planned, delivered and led the whole school in their Collective Worship based on the first week of **Advent** theme 'Hope'. Through scripture, drama and singing the children reminded everyone about being hopeful for the coming of the Saviour – Jesus Christ. Everyone read, acted and sang reverently. Well done and thank you Year 5/6.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

A wonderful start to Advent and week one about hope. A very good belief for the children to have during their lifetime to always have hope and God's guidance.

Parent comment.

A beautiful collective worship with the lovely message about Hope. Really proud of the children.

Parent comment.



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The Franciscan Sisters visited **Year 3** to lead an Advent collective worship. The children looked at the gifts the wise men gave Jesus and reflected on their meaning. Then they thought about a special gift that they can give - love.

In silent prayer they thought about the ways we can show love others.



Love





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Look what else has been happening in school.



Year 2/3 children have really enjoyed playing Spanish Snap! This engaging game helped them match animals to their Spanish names, building both language skills and quick thinking in a playful and interactive way.



A group of children had the opportunity to enjoy an extra cooking session this week where they made delicious fajitas. The children participated enthusiastically, showing great teamwork and culinary skills, and they thoroughly enjoyed tasting their flavoursome creations afterwards!



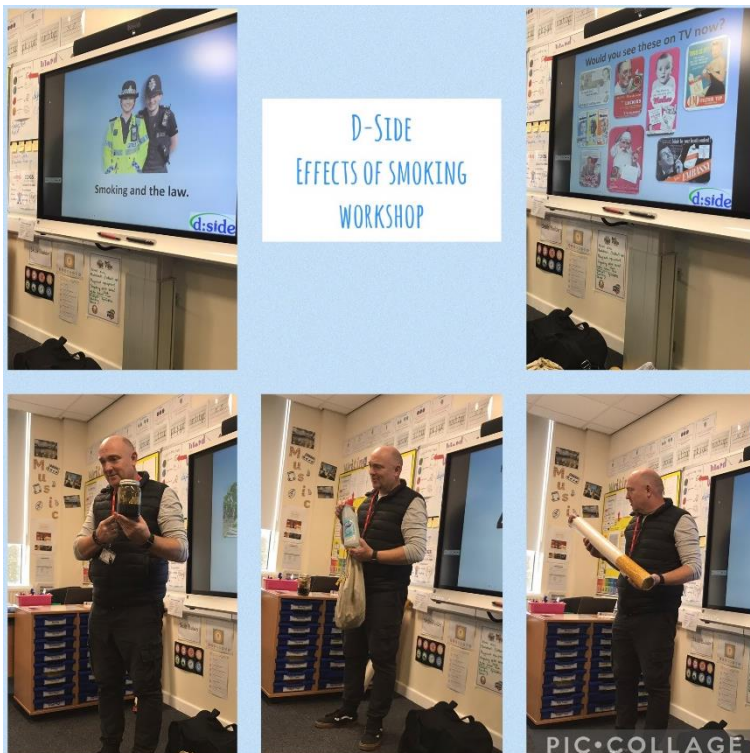


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Dave from D-Side will be visiting different classes in our school over the next few days to talk to all the classes about different topics and all the benefits to living a Healthy Lifestyle.

Through engaging discussions and activities, the children in **Year 2/3** learned valuable tips on staying active, eating well and making positive choices for their wellbeing.



D-side visited **Year 3** to talk about the harmful effects of smoking. The children learnt about the chemicals found in cigarettes and the harm they can do to our body.

The children used role play to think about the ways in the future to avoid any peer pressure to smoke.



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Year 5/6 had a visitor from D-Side to talk about the use of different medicines. The children learnt about how to use medicines safely. The visitor was impressed by how much the children already knew and how sensibly they could talk about medicines. Well done Year 5/6!

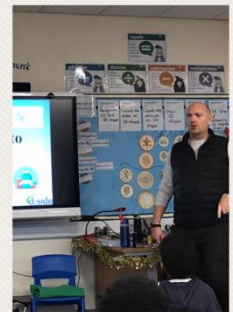
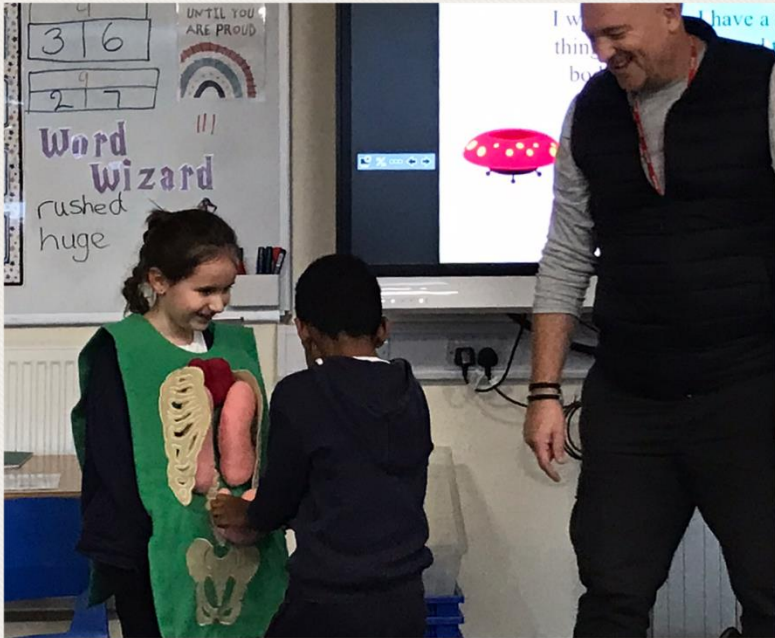


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Dave from D Side came to visit **Year 2** on Thursday. Everyone particularly enjoyed using prior learning to name different parts of the body and think about their digestive system. Dave talked to the children about how they can keep their bodies healthy by choosing to exercise, drink plenty of water, eat healthy food and make sure they get lots of sleep!





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This week, **Year 4/5** worked with our school artist Mrs Robinson to create their own line drawing portraits inspired by the work of **Maurice Denis**. The children studied the life and work of Maurice Denis and thought very carefully about the skills they would use when creating their artwork. They really focused on proportions and shading when creating their final piece of work. The teachers were all very impressed with how creative the children are!





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Years 4/5, Year 5/6 and Year 6 were invited to Corpus Christi Catholic College to watch their Winter Show. It was lovely to see past pupils engaged in different parts of the Winter Showcase from narrating, singing and dancing to playing musical instruments. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to visiting the College again.



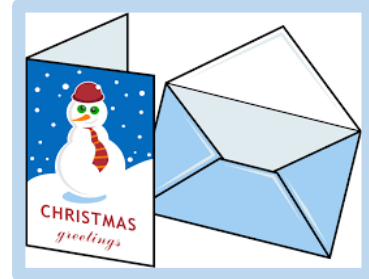
Key Stage 2 enjoyed their pop, chocolate and popcorn whilst watching the film 'Christmas Again'. Thank you to Mrs Kilvington and the School Council for organising the event and getting us all into the Christmas spirit.





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Pupils in *Year 5/6* and *Year 6* have entered a Design a Christmas Card competition arranged by the Leeds Irish Health and Homes. Good luck everyone!



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Important Christmas dates for your diary 2024

Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent- Theme Peace



Thursday 12th December

CAFOD World Gifts fundraiser **50p per child** Christmas jumper, top, hat, headband



Friday 13th December – (date change)

4pm-Choir performance for parents/carers

Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent – Theme JOY



Monday 16th December

10am- Reception and Reception/Year 1's Nativity for parents and carers in the school hall (2 Tickets per child)

2.00pm KS1 Christmas Story for parents in Corpus Christi Church (Classes Year 1- Miss Laxton, Year 2- Mrs Child and Year 2/3- Miss Currie)



Please be on time!



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Tuesday 17th December

am- Jack and the beanstalk Pantomime (Theatre experience in school)

2.00pm KS2 Nativity for parents and carers in Corpus Christi Church (Classes Year 3- Mrs Hossack, Year 4-Mr Goodall, Year 4/5-Miss McBride, Year 5/6- Miss Guy and Mr Doyle, Year 6- Miss Oxley)

Please be on time!

Wednesday, 18th December

Mrs Clay and 10 children attending the Christmas Sing A Long

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Parties-own clothes (Christmas jumpers optional)

Friday 20th December

9.30am Advent Mass - All welcome

1pm-School closes

Saturday 21st December

2pm -The Live Nativity at Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Sunday 22nd December- 4th Sunday of Advent- Theme Love

Wednesday 25th December- Christmas Day



Monday 6th January 2025- SCHOOL REOPENS at 8.40am



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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

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST
RULE IN YOUR HEART

