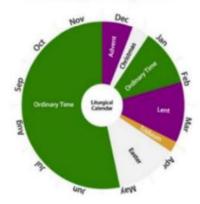


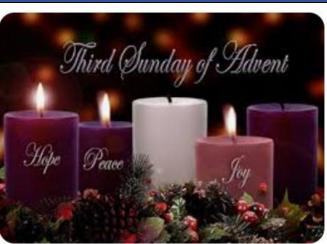
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### 2024-2025 Newsletter 14 (9th-13<sup>th</sup> December 2024)

### Catholic Life and Mission

Liturgical year





### Third Sunday of Advent.

Week 1- Hope

<u>Week 2- Peace</u>

### Week 3- Joy (the rose coloured candle)

Week 4- Love

### Christmas Day- Jesus (white candle)

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas and is a time of **joyful** preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth as our Saviour. The third Sunday of Advent is also known as **Gaudete Sunday** which stands for **joy**. **Gaudete** is a Latin word which translates to "rejoice" in English. We are halfway to Christmas and that is something to celebrate so the scripture readings for **Gaudete Sunday** reflect that joy and recall the "jubilee" spirit that Jesus brought with him when he became one of us. Therefore, the candle that is lit is coloured rose to show the change from penance and preparation to **joy that Jesus is almost here**!

Lord, fill our hearts with joy, hope and peace as we prepare for Jesus' coming. Help us to rejoice in Your presence and trust in Your care. Guide us to share Your love with others. 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.



Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." -Luke 1:46-47

We ask the children to fill the week ahead with JOY and share it with everyone around them so that each one of us can get ready to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas! The theme for the **third week of Advent is JOY**. Joy means the feeling of extreme happiness, especially related to the getting, or expectation of something good. Joy is a wonderful feeling.

On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday" meaning rejoice, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the "Shepherd's Candle" and its colour is rose, the liturgical colour for joy.

> Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy is living to serve. -Pope Francis



## Virtues to Live By

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

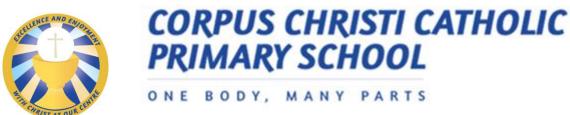
Our final 'Virtues to Live By' for the Autumn term is **Patience.** 

During this season of Advent, we continue to focus on the virtue of **Patience** as we wait patiently for Jesus' arrival on Christmas Day as the true meaning of Christmas.



### 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.



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

## 🚰 Virtues to Live By



"Patience is not the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting." - Joyce Mayer



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This week, the children in **Year 4/5** prepared and led a beautiful whole school worship all about the second week of Advent. The children reflected on the importance of spreading peace and kindness during this special time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. They spoke about the second week of Advent and the theme of **PEACE** and how everyone should find a way to make peace with those around them.

















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Here are **Year 4** on Christmas Jumper day voting for how to spend the donations for CAFOD collected on the day from the children's donations.











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### Catholic Care Christmas Craft Morning

This morning, we were delighted to host the Catholic Care Christmas Craft Morning which brought many parents and carers into school to enjoy festive crafting activities with their children. The event was a fantastic opportunity to create special memories and showcase the creativity of both children and adults. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Catholic Care who generously gave up their time to deliver such a joyful and meaningful experience for all involved.













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### Mass Times over the Christmas Period

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between	11 am to 12 noon on Saturday 7th - 14th - 21st December, able as per the bulletin.
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Carol Ser	vice at St Therena's Church Sunday 15th Decomber 3.00pm
Christma	is Eve Masses Tuesday 24th
4.30pm	St Theresa's
5.00pm	Corpus Christi
5,30pm	St Gregory's
	Carols at St Therena's
11.30pm	St Theresa's (Mass starts at 11.30pm)
Christma	s Day Masses Wednesday 25th
8.15am	St Theresa's
9:00am	St Gregory's
10.15am	St Theresa's
10.30am	Corpus Christi
NO EVE?	NING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
Boxing D	ay Feast of St Stephen Thursday 26th December
10.00am	See bulletin for venue
27th Dece	mber Friday
10.00am	
28th Dece	mber Saturday
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Mass time	s as Normal
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### Knowing, Loving and Serving Christ



## We have received a card from the Parish with the following message.

### Message from Canon Pat

Dear Headteacher, staff, families and children.

On behalf of St John Henry Newman Parish, I write to **THANK YOU** very much for the tremendous donations of food you collected at your recent Harvest Festival.

This food has gone to the Parish Food facilities.

Our food facility is open twice each week for those who do not have much money to buy food. It helps parishioners to care for their children.

Thank you again

Lots of love and prayers to you all.

Canon Pat







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### Attendance

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!** Our **attendance target** is Every pupil, on time, every day.

Attendance (9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024)							
Our school target this	Class	This week	Since 3.9.2024		This week	Since 3.9.2024	
year is <b>97%.</b>	Reception 1	98.8%	97.7%	Year 3	98.7%	97.2%	
ACHIEVE TOMORROW	Reception/Year 1	74.1%	94.6%	Year 4	95.5%	95.9%	
	Year 1	86%	95.6%	Year 4/5	94.7%	95.4%	
	Year 2	95.2%	95.3%	Year 5/6	96.4%	96.5%	
	Year 2/3	84.3%	96%	Year 6	97.3%	98.2%	
	This week's whole school attendance 92.1%						



We must congratulate Reception Miss Horkan, Year 3 Mrs Hossack and Miss O'Hara and Year 6 Miss Oxley who have all achieved the highest attendance this week and are doing well overall since the beginning of term in September.



However, this week's attendance is a disappointingly low **92.1%** which is **well below** our school target! Hopefully next week's attendance will improve for our final week of the term.



Unfortunately, some of our pupils have caught the chickenpox virus... we wish them all a speedy recovery and hope they are feeling better soon.



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Tickets £1

Tickets can be purchased in class or at drop off/pick up Monday to Thursday next week.

The raffle will be drawn after Mass on

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.







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### Look at what else has been happening in school.



In PE this week the children in **Reception and** Reception/Year 1 took part in 'Elf training'. They had to complete different obstacle courses to collect as many 'presents' as they possibly could. The children worked well in their teams and really enjoyed using all of the skills they've learnt in PE this term. They would all make wonderful elves! Well done everyone!





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Our Christmas dinner pictures begin with a very excited **Reception and Reception/Year 1** classes who thoroughly

thoroughly enjoyed their lunch and the music, fun and singing during their lunch break.







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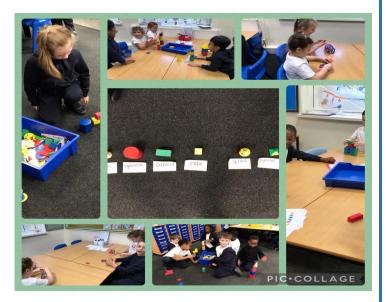
Christmas dinner fun in Year 1.







In maths, **Year 1** have enjoyed finding out about 3D shapes and looking at their properties. They used them to build towers thinking about which shape would be the best to use. In Science, **Year 1** have been thinking about 'Our Pets' and looked at the different animal groups. This week, the children worked with a partner to create their own pet and thought about how they would keep it happy and healthy.





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On Thursday **Year 2** partcipated in Christmas Jumper Day. The children all wore jumpers and the staff joined them for a tasty Christmas diner with festive songs and lots of fun!





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Year 2/3 giving us a wonderful display of Christmas Jumpers and enjoying the music and fun during their Christmas Lunch Day.









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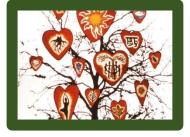


Year 3 enjoyed dressing up in their Christmas clothes for their Christmas dinner and having festive fun at lunchtime.









Year 3 enjoyed tree dressing this week. Tree dressing is celebrated in different cultures all over the world. It is a tradition that brings people closer to trees and highlights the important role they play in our lives. The children created their own decorations to dress the tree then added colourful ribbons.





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Year 4 with a wonderful display of Christmas attire and having a great time at their Christmas Dinner.











Year 4/5 festively dressed and enjoying their

delicious Christmas Dinner.







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Year 5/6 looking all festive in their Christmas jumpers.





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Wow! What great photos of Year 6 – all getting excited for Christmas and enjoying their scrumptious Christmas Lunch.











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This week in **Year 2** the children were very pleased to have been selected for a special cooking session for their improved attendance. The children joined Miss Gilby from Classroom Kitchen to make festive cupcakes. The children mixed all the ingredients together and then while the cupcakes were baking, they made the decorations. First, they covered their cupcakes with buttercream icing and then made either Santa or elf legs as a topper. The legs were moulded from fondant icing and red liquorice stick. The children loved tucking into them with their milk in the afternoon.





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### Improved Attendance

**Year 4** worked with Classroom Kitchen as a reward for achieving the most improved attendance in school. As a reward, the class made Christmas themed cupcakes. They worked in groups to create a cake mixture, icing and then used fondant to create feet to stick out of their snow white icing.

















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Important Christmas dates for your diary 2024

<u>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3rd Sunday of Advent – Theme JOY</u> <u>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</u>

**10.00am-** Reception and Reception/Year 1's Nativity for parents and carers in the school hall (2 Tickets per child)

**<u>2.00pm</u>**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!

### <u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</u>

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

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

<u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</u> Christmas Parties-own clothes (Christmas jumpers optional)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Advent Mass - All welcome

1.00pm-School closes

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

<u>2.00pm</u> – The Live Nativity at Corpus Christi Catholic Church

<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</u>- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent- Theme Love

Wednesday 25th December- Christmas Day



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025- SCHOOL REOPENS



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### **Uniform Online**



My Clothing have been in touch and have a 10% discount off all orders placed by parents before the end of term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Please follow this link https://myclothing.co m/

or log onto their website to order using the discount code of UNIFORM10



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- 4 Check out using any of our secure payment

That's it, you'll receive an email, followed by another email from the courier when yo order is dispatched (within seven days). r when your





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Rated excellent by parents:





### MyClothing size guide

GIRLS								
AGE	HEIGHT	CHEST	WAIST					
3-4	104cm / 41"	55cm / 21.5"	54.5cm / 21"					
4-5	110cm / 43.5*	58cm / 23"	55cm / 21.5*					
5-6	116cm / 45.5"	60.5cm / 24*	56cm / 22"					
6-7	122cm / 48"	63cm / 25"	57cm / 22.5"					
7-8	128cm / 50.5"	65cm / 25.5*	58cm / 23"					
9-10	140cm / 55"	71.5cm / 28"	62cm / 24.5"					
11-12	152cm / 60*	78cm / 31"	65.5cm / 26"					

BOYS						
AGE	HEIGHT	CHEST	WAIST			
3-4	104cm / 41"	55cm / 21.5"	54.5cm / 21"			
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## Safety The state of a #WakeUpWednesday 12 Smartphone Online Safety

### FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device. Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

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#### ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it. \*\*\*\*\*

#### 2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

#### ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK 3

When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information vithout you realising

#### ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW 4

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses

#### ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

#### BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember its always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

#### LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

### THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

#### MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidently do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

#### ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE



Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something ou don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

#### DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

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12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep itwhere others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.



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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

