



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2024-2025 Newsletter 16 (7th-10th January 2025)

Catholic Life and Mission



I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. However, I hope you agree that it is good to be back in a routine and the children back in school.

The children have returned refreshed, smart, happy and ready to learn - thank you. In spite of the snow and ice, school had the most wonderful calmness about it on Tuesday morning. Purposeful learning taking place in every classroom; it is as though we have never been away!

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year! As a school community we send you prayers and blessings and hope that 2025 is a peaceful, happy and healthy year for each and every one of you!



Important events for your diary

Wednesdays

Swimming lessons for classes Year 4 and Year 4/5

Diocesan Singing Programme lessons for classes Year 3 and Year 4 followed by hymn practice for classes Year 1, Year 2 and Year 2/3

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

Tuesday 14th January

Classes Year 5/6 and Year 6 visiting Elland Road to participate in the Leeds United Foundation's PSHE Choices workshops

Class Year 4/5 Cooking lesson

Thursday 16th January

Pilgrimage of the Jubilee logo to Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

Djembe instrument lessons for classes Year 3 and Year 4

Fridays

Artforms whole class music specialist lessons

Saturday 18th January

Spiritual preparation session at the St John Henry Newman Centre for Confirmation candidates

Tuesday 23rd January

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 at Leeds Playhouse to see The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Friday 14th February

3.20pm School closes for half term

Monday 24th February

School reopens



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR



We may have taken down and packed away the Christmas decorations but this Sunday actually marks the end of the Christmas season in the Church. Roman Catholics (and some other Christians) celebrate the end of the liturgical Christmas season with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which falls on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. *Ordinary Time will begin on Monday- the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.*

In the Sunday Gospel, we meet Jesus on the bank of the River Jordan. He has just been baptised by John the Baptist when suddenly the heavens opened and God the Father spoke some amazing words over Jesus.

“You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.”



God the Father speaks these same words over each one of us and loves each of us just as much as He loves Jesus. What a powerful message!

GOD LOVES US.



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Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a jubilee year, a sacred time of renewal, reflection and grace celebrated every twenty five years. The theme of **Jubilee 2025** is **Hope: the hope that comes from knowing we are loved by God, the hope we can bring to those in most need, and the hope we can bring to our common home, the earth.** With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", this jubilee year invites all Catholics to embark on a journey of faith and transformation.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Francis



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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.



As we begin a new year and our journey as 'pilgrims of hope' in this Jubilee Year, let us as beacons of faith bring hope to those in need and to our home- Planet Earth.



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
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 'Virtues to Live By' for the Spring term are **Faith**, Simplicity, Charity and Forgiveness. We are currently focusing on the virtue of **Faith**. **Faith** is to trust. **Faith** helps us grow in friendship with Jesus and his friendship helps us become the best we can be by becoming more like him. Growing in friendship with Jesus means learning to trust him and knowing that he is always with us. **Faith** is always open to new things. A person of faith believes in God and all that God has done. But faith is not simply a belief that something is true, it is a way of living. We are called not only to keep the faith but to live a faithful life filled with hope and love.



Faith

**"For we walk by
faith, not by sight."**

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

Signs we are being Faithful

- ❖ We know that faith is a gift from God.
- ❖ Faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus.
- ❖ We show our faith by living our lives filled with hope and love.
- ❖ Our words and actions show our faith in God's love.



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



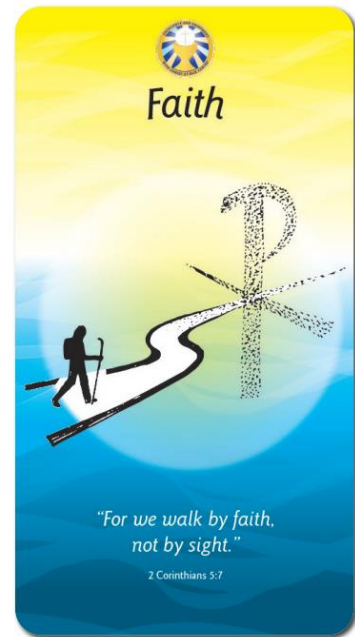
Virtues to Live By



(7th-10th January 2025)

Class	Recipient
Reception	Ebubechukwu
Reception/Year 1	Zachariah
Year 1	Tsolayemi
Year 2	Eli-Gold
Year 2/3	Shyra
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Louie-Leonard
Year 4/5	Smith
Year 5/6	Sonny
Year 6	Tessa

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



Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

~ Saint Augustine



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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (7th-10th January 2025)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Miss Horkan	Maxwell	For his lovely manners.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kirk	Kayson	For working hard independently and not giving up.
Year 1 Miss Laxton	Sonni	For an amazing and positive start to the term.
	Nathan	For always being ready and always trying his hardest in every lesson.
Year 2 Mrs Child	Naeto	For settling into our class and showing how dedicated he is to his learning. We are proud to have him in our class!
	Julen	For settling into class so well and working hard in all areas of his learning. We are glad he joined us!
Year 2/3 Miss Currie	Khadija	For being a kind friend and always a fantastic role model around school.
	Cooper	For having a fantastic first week back and having a mature attitude to learning.
Year 3 Mrs Hossack	Scarlett	For trying her best in all areas of learning.
	Terrence	For working hard and persevering in Maths lessons.
Year 4 Mr Goodall	Damian	For showing an excellent understanding when explaining a written method during morning work.
	Joy	For always being focused and engaged during lessons.
Year 4/5 Miss McBride	Ryan	For a brilliant attitude to learning this week and working hard in all lessons this week! Keep it up!
	Mikel	For a writing a wonderful setting description filled with Year 4 writing objectives. Well done!
Year 5/6 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Joey	For a wonderful attitude to his learning in all subjects this week including his maths, reading, PE and music!
	Bang	For an improved focus when checking her completed work in maths and reading.
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Lauren	For working very hard to be an effective and creative writer.
	Kaosisochukwu	For excellent work in writing and always applying interesting vocabulary to her written pieces.






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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 (7th-10th January 2025)

Class	Recipient
Reception (Miss Horkan)	Anaiah
Reception/Year 1 (Miss Kirk)	Skye
Year 1 (Miss Laxton)	Aurora
Year 2 (Mrs Child)	Sophia
Year 2/3 (Miss Currie)	Anaya
Year 3 (Mrs Hossack)	Atarah
Year 4 (Mr Goodall)	Keith
Year 4/5 (Miss McBride)	Harriet
Year 5/6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Guy)	Faith
Year 6 (Miss Oxley)	George



Staying Positive
The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals

Our focus Skills Builder skill is...Positivity

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.

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.

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

A positive mind finds

opportunity
in everything

Positivity!



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Attendance



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Our school target this year is 97% .	Class	This week	Since 3.9.2024		This week	Since 3.9.2024	
		Reception 1	96.3%	96.6%	Year 3	93.3%	96.9%
Reception/Year 1		95.6%	95.7%	Year 4	93.5%	95.1%	
Year 1		96.7%	95.5%	Year 4/5	94.6%	94.6%	
Year 2		95.7%	95.2%	Year 5/6	98.7%	96.3%	
Year 2/3		96.4%	95.7%	Year 6	95%	97.9%	
This week's whole school attendance					95%		



This week's attendance is **95%** which is disappointingly **below** our school target but slightly better than the week we broke up for Christmas!

Let's hope with the new year we can continue to improve our attendance.

Year 5/6 Mr Doyle and Miss Guy are the only class this week to not only reach our school target but exceed it with **98.7%**.

A huge well done **Year 5/6!**





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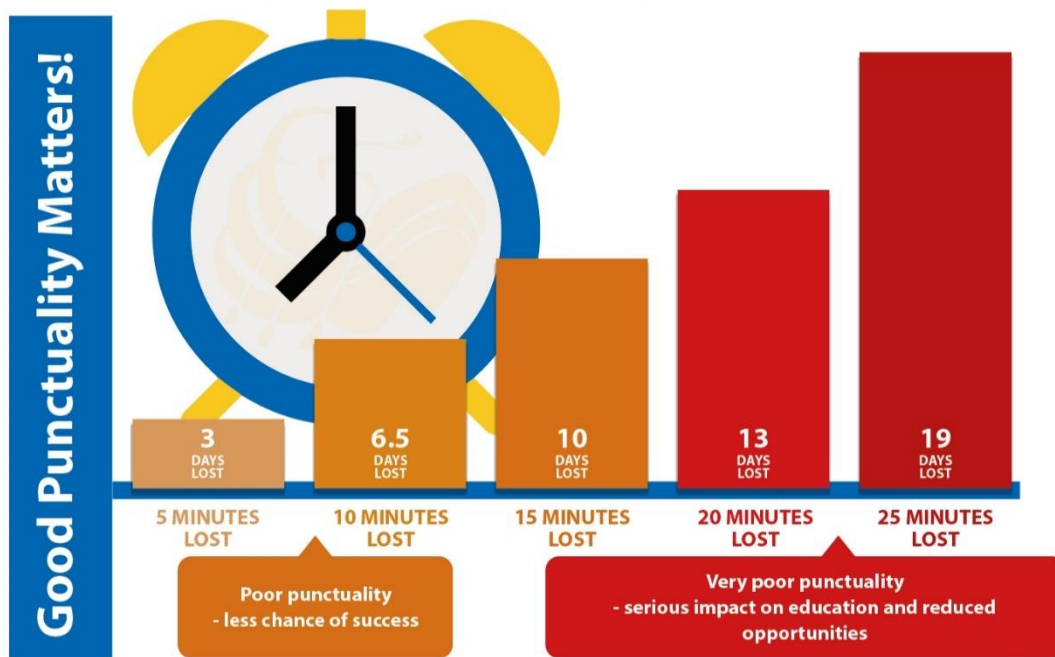
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We are hoping with an improvement in the weather next week that our children who are late arriving will be able to improve their punctuality. We appreciate that this week has been tricky for getting out and about but hopefully, and according to the weather forecast, next week will be better. Gates open at 8.40am promptly and close at 8.55am.

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

**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.



A group of **Year 2/3** children completed role play activities in writing this week. They were looking at different poems and used actions to retell the poems.

What a fantastic group of expressions, both physical and facial!



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BACK CHAT BRASS



On Thursday, **Year 2/3, Year 3 and Year 4** and **Year 4/5, Year 5/6 and Year 6** were visited by a brass band group called Back Chat Brass.

Everyone enjoyed their amazing performance and the musicians complimented the children on their manners as an audience as well as their audience participation.



The group taught the children all about their individual instruments (trumpet, saxophone, sousaphone and drums) and played a variety of different songs showcasing what each instrument could do. The whole sessions was truly fabulous – what a talented set of people!



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This week, **Year 2** and **Year 3** have started their new History topic – **What was school life like in the past?** The children enjoyed looking at old photos of our school dating back to the 1950's. The children used mapwork skills to locate our school on a map and describe the ways it has changed.



The children were very lucky to have a special visitor to our classroom- our very own Mrs Ball! She came to talk to the children about our school because she actually attended our school as a little girl. The children loved hearing about how Mrs Ball had to go to different classrooms for different lessons and she explained that some of her teachers were nuns who lived in the local area. She even told the children that she had to go outside to the toilets; they thought this was hilarious!





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Year 5/6 completed an intra-class dodgeball competition in PE this week.

Congratulations to the green team who came out winners in an incredibly competitive and closely fought tournament.



DODGEBALL





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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

God Bless

From Mrs Walsh
and the team at
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School