



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2024-2025 Newsletter 17 (13-17th January 2025)

Catholic Life and Mission



This year marks a significant moment in the life of the global Catholic community as we celebrate the special Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis. A Jubilee is a time of spiritual renewal, reflection and mercy and offers an opportunity to deepen our faith and commitment to serving others. Throughout this sacred year, we will focus on living out the values of hope, compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation.

As a school, we are excited to join in marking this important occasion with a series of collective worships, prayer services and acts of hope to share the Jubilee's themes with others and God's creation. Together, we look forward to making this year a memorable and meaningful pilgrimage of growth, gratitude and grace.

Important events for your diary

Tuesday 21st January

Class Year 5/6 Cooking lesson

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

Thursday 23rd January

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

Djembe instrument lessons for classes Year 3 and Year 4

Fridays

Artforms whole class music specialist lessons

Tuesday 28th January 2025

Classes Year 2/3 and Year 3 at the Armley Mills Victorian Schoolroom

Wednesday 29th January 2025

Class Year 2 at the Armley Mills Victorian Schoolroom

Wednesday 5th February

7.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation for candidates in Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Friday 14th February

3.20pm School closes for half term

Monday 24th February

School reopens



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The Jubilee Logo explained



Four Figures

The four figures represent the 'four corners of the earth' and all humanity. They are embracing each other, showing solidarity and support for each other. They and we are a united people. The figure at the front is clinging to the cross.

A Ship

The people make up the body of the ship. This shows that together we are the Church. We are journeying together led by the cross of Christ.



The Mast

The mast is the cross. It bends to cover the people and is leaning into them. The cross is not straight but bends in to meet us. The cross gives us the reassurance of hope and reminds us that we can be certain of God's presence with us always.



Waters under the boat

The waters are choppy. This acknowledges that our pilgrimage of life will not always be calm. The tidal waves bring us to many different highs and lows but God is always with us throughout all the events in our lives.



The Anchor

The anchor is a symbol of hope. When we trust in God, He will hold us steady in the midst of the waves.

The name 'Hope anchor' is given to the spare anchor used on all boats for emergencies and to keep the boat steady during storms.





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A member of staff from Corpus Christi Catholic College presented the Jubilee Logo canvas to our Chaplaincy Team as it travels on its pilgrimage around the 93 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Leeds.



Then our Chaplaincy Team led the whole school in a beautiful liturgy to welcome the Jubilee Logo Canvas to our school. We added our school logo to the canvas as a record of its pilgrimage to the school.





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Finally, some members of our Chaplaincy Team travelled to St Patrick's Primary School to hand over the Jubilee Logo canvas for the next part of its journey.





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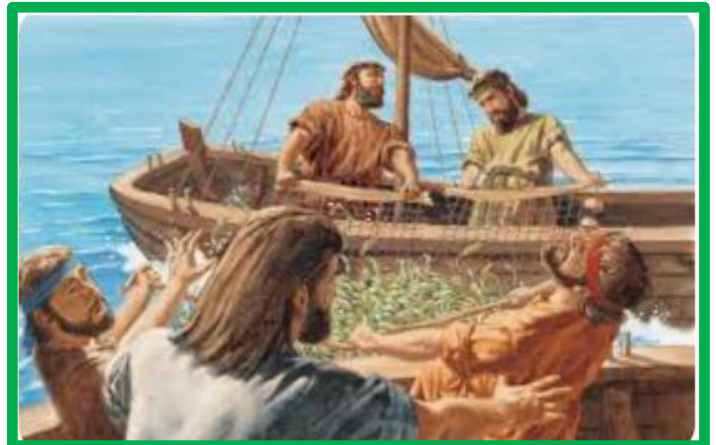
Mission- our faith in action

Each week we send the children out with a 'mission' to actively live out their faith in their everyday lives.

In our whole school collective worship, we listened to the Gospel from St Luke (Luke 5:1-11).

We heard that even though the fishermen had caught no fish that night, they showed trust and faith in Jesus when He told them to go back out in their boats. One of the fishermen named Simon replied, "We have worked through the night without catching anything. But

because you say so, I will let down the nets." Then they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to tear. When they brought their boats ashore, they left everything and followed Him.



In the week ahead, let us follow the words of St Teresa of Calcutta.



Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord.

— Mother Teresa —

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We also reflected on how blessed we are to always have God to turn to and rely on especially when we experience difficulties and challenges.





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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.

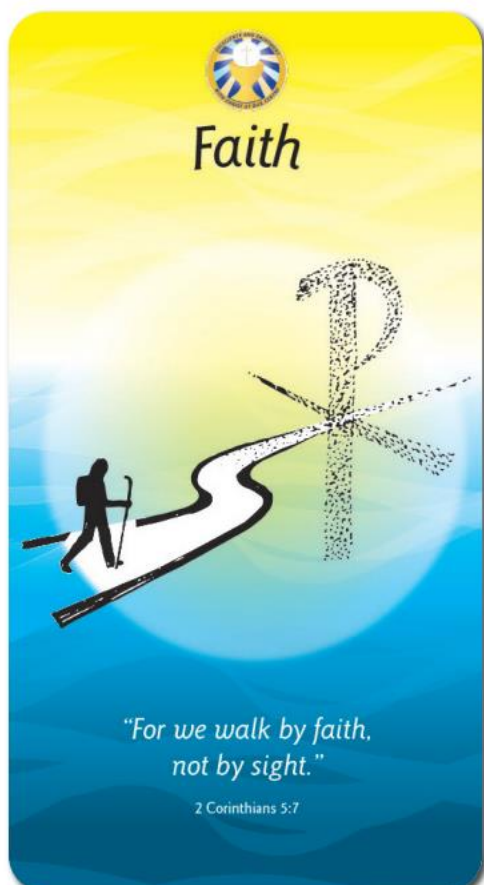
Faith

"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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Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is Faith.
Reception	Olivier	
Reception/Year 1	Logan	
Year 1	Evie	
Year 2	Una-Rai	
Year 2/3	Kehinde	
Year 3	Finley	
Year 4	Joy	
Year 4/5	Nancy	
Year 5/6	Archie	
Year 6	Amy	

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' (13th-17th January 2025)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Miss Horkan	Frankie	For his enthusiasm during story time.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kirk	Nataniel	For his improved effort in writing and listening to advice given.
Year 1 Miss Laxton	Emmie	For a fantastic attitude towards her learning and showing greater independence.
	Lois	For making a huge improvement in phonics and showing real perseverance
Year 2 Mrs Child	Jarron	For persevering with his reading skills to apply them to his written assessments. Well done Jarron!
	Anwr	For his hard work in his assessment and his listening skills in PE. We are very proud of you Anwr!
Year 2/3 Miss Currie	Oscar	For excellent focus and effort in Maths lessons.
	Janaï	For fantastic effort and improvement in Guided Reading.
Year 3 Mrs Hossack	Dilane	For working hard and improving her reading skills.
	Jeshua	For working hard to improve his reading comprehension skills.
Year 4 Mr Goodall	Amber	For a wonderful attitude to learning in all subjects this week.
	Connor	For a big improvement in focus and concentration during lessons.
Year 4/5 Miss McBride	Nathan	For an exceptional descriptive write. Well done!
	Elektra	For a brilliant focus and working hard within lessons all week. Well done – keep it up!
Year 5/6 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Joe	For having a great attitude and showing great initiative to help further his learning throughout the week.
	Temidayo	For a wonderful RE lesson discussing our spiritual and our physical needs.
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Luana	For always showing fantastic behaviour for learning.
	Julia	For her insightful answers in reading lessons.






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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 (13th-17th January 2025)

Class	Recipient	Our focus Skills Builder skill is....Positivity
Reception (Miss Horkan)	Ikenna	 <h3>Staying Positive</h3> <p><i>The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals</i></p> <p>This skill is all about individuals being equipped to manage their emotions effectively and being able to remain motivated, and ultimately to motivate others, even when facing setbacks.</p> <p>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.</p>
Reception/Year 1 (Miss Kirk)	L'Maia	
Year 1 (Miss Laxton)	Isabella	
Year 2 (Mrs Child)	Broden	
Year 2/3 (Miss Currie)	Noah	
Year 3 (Mrs Hossack)	Blake	
Year 4 (Mr Goodall)	Logan	
Year 4/5 (Miss McBride)	Heidi	
Year 5/6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Guy)	Shaylan	
Year 6 (Miss Oxley)	Harvey	

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	94.1%	96.6%	Year 3	98%	96.9%
Reception/Year 1		98.2%	95.9%	Year 4	99.4%	95.3%	
Year 1		100%	95.8%	Year 4/5	98.7%	94.8%	
Year 2		97.6%	95.4%	Year 5/6	97.9%	96.4%	
Year 2/3		92.2%	95.5%	Year 6	96%	97.8%	
This week's whole school attendance					97.4%		



This week's attendance is **97.4%** which is **above** our school target and a great improvement on last week! Well done everyone. Let's hope with the new year we can continue to keep up and improve our attendance.



Year 1 and Miss Laxton are the only class this week to reach **100%** so a massive CONGRATULATIONS to them. Well done **Year 1!**



We also had some high scores in most of the other classes which is great news.



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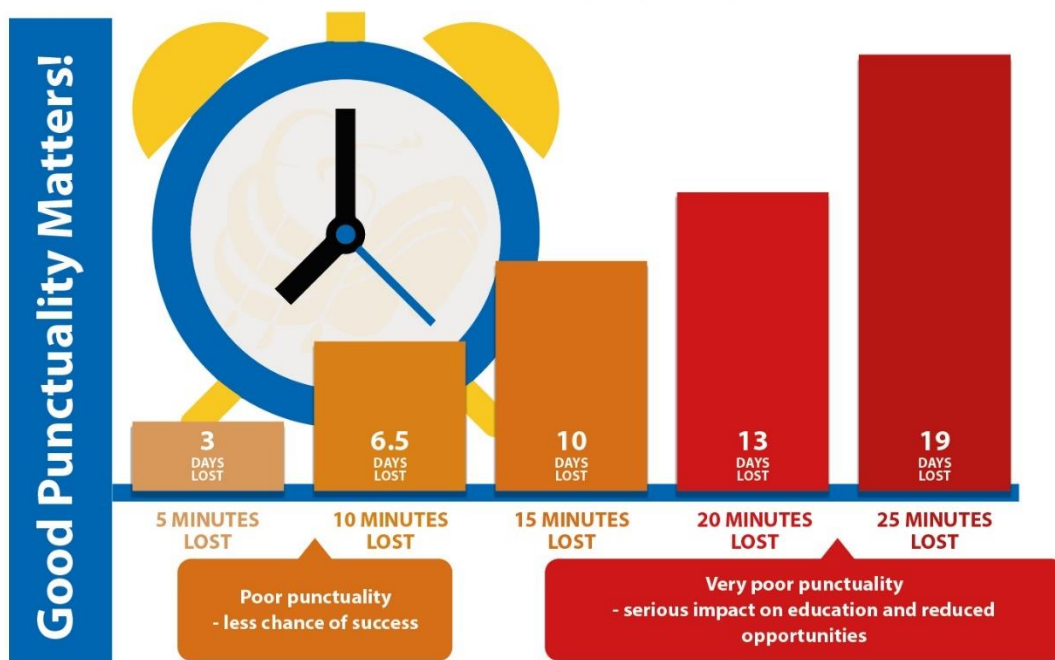
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Punctuality

Gates open at 8.40am promptly and close at 8.55am. Please be on time to give your child the best chance of success. Also, children do not like walking into a class which has already started, it can make them feel uncomfortable.

Good time keeping at Corpus Christi Primary means being in school...ON TIME...And ready to learn!

96.6
95.9
95.8
95.4
95.5
96.9
95.3
94.8
96.4
97.8
84.1
95.8



DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 15 minutes late each day, you will have missed 2 full weeks of learning in one year.



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Look what has been happening in school.

This week school had a visit from professional musicians Caroline and Del who teach music and enjoy sharing their musical enthusiasm with children.

They play the harp, piano, violin, viola, flute, piccolo, clarinet, recorder and saxophone. They visited different classes and here are their photos.



Reception and Reception/Year 1 enjoyed their live music workshop with Cresta this week. They enjoyed listening to the musicians as they played a variety of instruments - violin, clarinet, saxophone, harp and piano. The children joined in singing and dancing and playing instruments too. It was a lovely experience for all involved and our visitors were impressed with such great audience participation.





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The children in **Year 1** listened to different pieces of music and learnt the names of the instruments that were played during each piece. Then they enjoyed making a soundscape. A soundscape is created by using different instruments to represent the sounds of various environments. For example, making a soundscape of the forest with the sounds such as a woodpecker or rustling leaves. To do this the children used their voices, a plastic bag with pieces of paper in, a guiro and coconut shells.



This week, **Year 4/5** enjoyed a cooking lesson where the children learnt all about Mediterranean food. The class discussed what food is eaten in the Mediterranean and why. They also discussed the health benefits of eating certain types of food. Year 4/5 then made their own vegetarian paella. The children were very happy with the results and enjoyed eating their creation.



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d:side

Dave from d:side visited our school this week.

Year 1 discussed internet safety and how to stay safe on the internet using the three rules which can be seen on the photographs.

1. Always ask your parent or teacher first.
2. Only talk to people you know.
3. Stick to places that are just write for you.

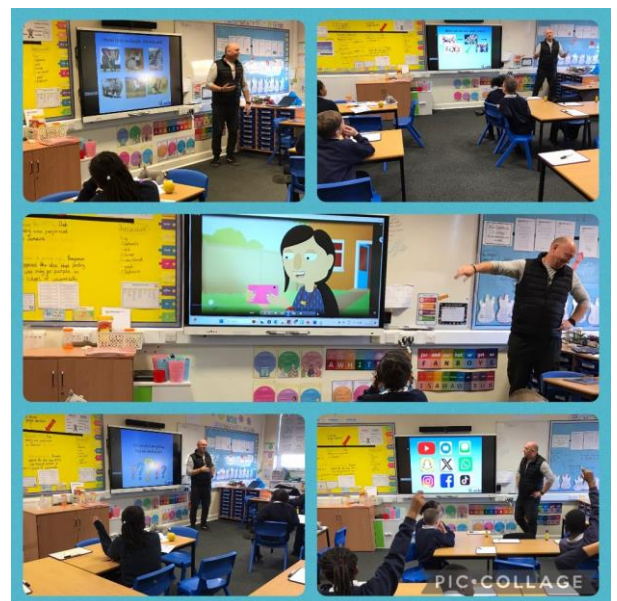


Dave explained to **Year 2** about visiting safe websites and apps online. Together they discussed how to keep safe online by making sensible choices when visiting websites and playing games on the internet

Internet Safety



Dave also visited **Year 4/5** this week to talk to pupils about internet safety. Year 4/5 discussed the positive and negative aspects of the internet. They explored different apps and shared sensible choices when using the internet.





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Pupils in **Year 6 and Year 5/6** were delighted to visit Elland Road this week, home to the Leeds United football team. All pupils took part in a Choices workshop which allowed everyone to consider choices they would make linked to social media, peer pressure and consent. After working alongside Leeds United staff in the media suite they were then given a tour of the stadium. Our pupils had the chance to sit in the players dressing room, take questions in the press conference suite, walk pitch side and even sit in the dug out!

What a memorable experience! Hopefully the children will always remember to apply these in their everyday lives.





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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
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