



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2024-2025 Newsletter 26 (24th-28th March 2025)

Catholic Life and Mission



4th Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

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This Sunday marks the midpoint of Lent and is known as **Laetare Sunday**. Laetare means to **rejoice**. The day takes its name from the opening words of Sunday's Mass, 'Laetare, Jerusalem'- 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. The priest wears **rose** vestments which signify joy. Although we are still during a time of penance and fasting, midway through Lent the Church reminds us that we have reason to be happy because the time of Jesus' resurrection is near!

Laetare Sunday provides us with **encouragement** as we journey towards the end of Lent. It is a small break in this penitential season which reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.

Important events for your diary

Tuesday 1st April

A select group to do cooking with Classroom Kitchen as a reward

Wednesday 2nd April

Children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Corpus Christi Church at 5.30pm

Thursday 3rd April

Year 4 visit Skelton Grange Environment Centre

Easter Disco

Children to wear own clothes with sensible footwear.

Thursday 10th April

2.15pm

Year 4 Easter Production
All welcome

Friday 11th April 9.30

End of term Mass

Friday 11th April

**School Closes
at 1pm**

Tuesday 22nd April

**School gates open
8.40am**



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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 4th Sunday of Lent encourages us to continue to pray, fast and give to grow closer to God and serve others through acts of kindness, dedicated prayer time and making small sacrifices. Fasting helps us focus on God, while giving to others shares God's love with the needy. All Catholics, young and old, can participate in these practices to deepen their faith and compassion.

In the week ahead, let us trust in God's love and continue with hope and joy our Lenten journey of praying, fasting and giving to the needy.

“
If we live the faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes the chance to spread the joy of being a Christian.
”

-Pope Francis-



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Sunday is also **Mother's Day**. Mothering Sunday always falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent- Laetare Sunday.

On Mother's Day, we celebrate and thank all mothers, both near and far, both in this world and the next, for all that they do for us.



We hope all our hard-working mums, grandmas and caregivers have a very happy and well-deserved special day. We hope every single one of you enjoy a day of being pampered and spoiled. And for those whose mums are with God that special memories of all their love and care comfort you.





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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

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Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is Forgiveness
Reception	Jovan	
Reception/Year 1	Ava-Mae	
Year 1	Sonni	
Year 2	Harper	
Year 2/3	Kehinde	
Year 3	Nene	
Year 4	Connor	
Year 4/5	Teddie	
Year 5/6	Temidayo	
Year 6	Kaosisochukwu	



Signs we are living the virtue of **Forgiveness**

- ❖ We accept God's forgiveness.
- ❖ We show our love for God by forgiving others and ourselves.
- ❖ We always give others the opportunity for a new start.
- ❖ We let go of our hurt feelings and give ourselves a new start.



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The feast of the Anunciation of our Lord was celebrated on Tuesday 25th March. **Reception** and **Reception/Year 1** delivered a wonderful Collective Worship honouring Mary, Our Mother. They shared the Gospel Reading detailing the Angel Gabriel delivering the special message from God that she would have a baby named Jesus. When Jesus died, he said to his mother, "Mary, you are the Mother of the world now." The children shared the special qualities of Mary. Then they spoke fondly about their own Mums who would be celebrating Mother's Day this weekend with a beautiful musical presentation thanking their Mums for everything they do which added to the reverent atmosphere and even prompted tears of joy from many parents and staff.

Mary, Our Mother – we strive to follow your faith in God and show love and care to everyone.



It was very well organised and very inclusive. Thank you.

Thank you for such lovely parent comments.



What a beautiful worship. Good job for waterproof mascara!!



Amazing Collective Worship, so touching and emotional. The children were excellent. So proud of the school, staff and students.

Such a beautiful Collective Worship. Thank you so much for reminding our children that parents love them no matter what and they are always their rock.



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Our Wondewrful Starss of the Week (24th – 28th March)

Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Miss Horkan	Lexi	For her progress in reading.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kirk	Kalab	For his lovely singing of Old MacDonald had a farm.
Year 1 Miss Laxton	Reggie	For such a positive attitude towards everything he has done this week.
	Tsolayemi	For her amazing attitude to all she does. She always tries her best and is kind to others.
Year 2 Mrs Child	Sofia	For trying her best in Maths when learning how to tell the time.
	Joel	For trying hard in Maths when learning the time.
Year 2/3 Miss Currie	Vienna	For being an 'always' child. Always ready to learn, always tries her best.
	Ronnie-May	For making positive choices in class and also around school.
Year 3 Mrs Hossack	Terrence	For working hard in all areas of learning.
	Bella	For always trying her best and being an excellent role model.
Year 4 Mr Goodall	Bella	For demonstrating excellent recall with her times tables.
	Damian	For arriving every day with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn.
Year 4/5 Miss McBride	Daniel	For creating some wonderful and reflective pieces of creative RE work. Well done!
	Heidi	For increased focus within lessons and taking pride in the presentation of her work. Well done!
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Kayla	For always trying her best in her writing lessons.
	Mia	For being a perfect role model in school and also when out on trips.
Year 6 Mr Doyle	Andrew	For making positive contributions to discussions in the classroom and to his peers on the playground and the football pitch.
	Kayla	For improving her willingness to check her calculations and improve her attainment in maths.



This week these star pupils have made us so proud.

Well done everyone!





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Essential Skills



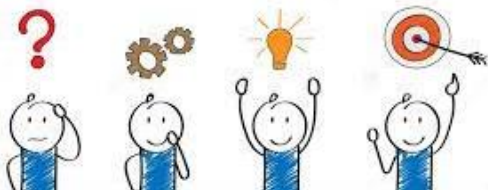
Each week we award a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class who has displayed the skills focussed on that week.



Skills Builder Award (24-28th March)

Class	Recipient	
Reception (Miss Horkan)	Mila	<p>Our focus Skills Builder skill is....Problem Solving <i>The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge</i></p>  <p>This skill focuses on how to solve problems, recognising that while part of Problem Solving is technical know-how and experience, there are also transferable tools that individuals can develop and use.</p> <p>The first steps focus on being able to follow instructions to complete tasks, seeking help and extra information if needed. The next stage focuses on being able to explore problems by creating and assessing different potential solutions. This includes more complex problems, without a simple technical solution.</p>
Reception/Year 1 (Miss Kirk)	Nevaeh	
Year 1 (Miss Laxton)	Aurora	
Year 2 (Mrs Child)	Oscar	
Year 2/3 (Miss Currie)	Ivy	
Year 3 (Mrs Hossack)	Scarlett C	
Year 4 (Mr Goodall)	Charlie	
Year 4/5 (Miss McBride)	Lara	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Sampson	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Yaelle	

These children have all displayed amazing **problem solving** skills this week.

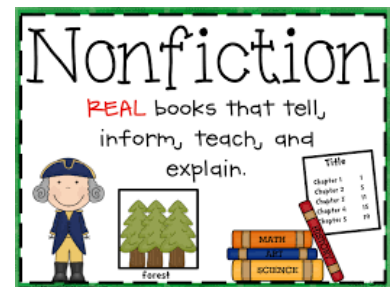




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In Writing, the children in **Year 1** were surprised when a bag arrived in the classroom with lots of different items. They looked at the items in the bag and tried to work out who each item belonged to. The children wrote predictions about who they thought the main character of the new story is. They were very excited to read the story. The children then learnt that they would be writing a non-fiction text about Space.



In the next lesson, the children looked at non-fiction texts and picked out the key features they would find. They will use this information when they write their own non-fiction text.



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As the Spring season is upon us, children in **Year 3** have been enjoying the sunshine and watching the spring bulbs blossom. This inspired them to do their bit to help keep the grounds clean and attractive by taking part in litter picking. Thank you Year 3, for your stewardship and looking



Stewardship

We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.

Caring for
God's gifts



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THANK YOU



Canon Pat said a special thank you in the Parish Bulletin last week in thanksgiving to our pupils and their parents and families for their generous donation of £70.00 and all the biscuits from our participation in the parish's Family Fast Day.



Showing we care



Solidarity

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God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.

Sharing fairly



Distributive Justice

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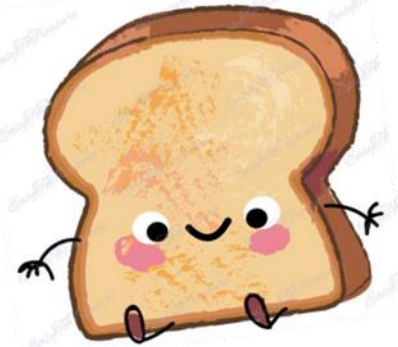
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Everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.



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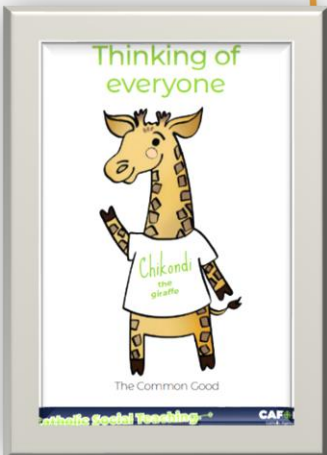


This week, **Year 4** and **Year 4/5** have been selling toast to the whole school as part of our Lenten fundraising. They have raised an amazing £133!

Thank you so much to everyone who bought toast. This money will be donated to the Good Shepherd Appeal.



Common Good
We are called to work for the good of each and of all.





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Year 6 were invited by the School of Education at Leeds University to take part in an event named 'Degree in a Day'. It was aimed at fostering aspirations among young people. Year 6 explored the vast and inspiring academic campus environment. They also gathered in the Roger Stevens building for their very first university lecture!





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Practical activities linked to Easter were the afternoon sessions for the Year 6 children which allowed them to express themselves artistically. At the end of the day, they graduated participating in a special ceremony where they received their 'Degree in a Day' certificate.





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The children participated in a tour of the campus, experienced a lecture, had a creative activity session and finally graduated in style. It may be less than 10 years before these children experience university life for real!





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After a brilliant day at The University of Leeds, **the Chaplaincy Team** and **Mini-Vinnies** asked the university students if the leftover food could be donated towards the food pantry that our local Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal run for the community. They very generously said yes and the Sisters were very grateful to receive the donation.

Thank you to the University and to our Year 6s for thinking of others!



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Thinking of
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We are very proud of our football team who went across to play St Anthony's in a cup match last Friday after school. The players showed tremendous teamwork and encouragement to each other but were narrowly beaten in the second half. Well done team and as we say.... we never lose, we only learn!



Easter Egg Raffle
4 prizes per class
Tickets 50p on sale
from Monday 31st
March.



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Attendance

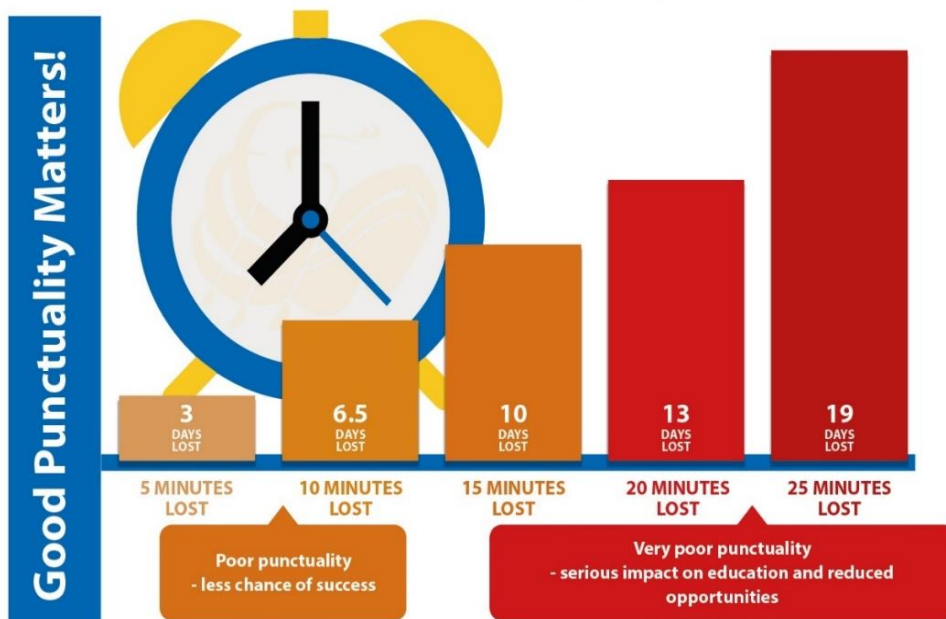
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!
Our attendance target is 97%
 Every pupil, on time, every day.

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS
Every Minute in School Counts

Attendance (24th-28th March 2025)

Our school target this year is 97%	Class	This week	Since 3.9.2024		This week	Since 3.9.2024
		Reception 1	98.8%	97%	Year 3	98.7%
Reception/Yr 1		100%	96.5%	Year 4	94.2%	96%
Year 1		99.3%	96.3%	Year 4/5	95.3%	95.3%
Year 2		96.6%	95.4%	Year 5/6	87.1%	96.5%
Year 2/3		96.4%	96.3%	Year 6	98.7%	98.2%
This week's whole school attendance					96.3%	

Good time keeping at Corpus Christi Primary means being in school...ON TIME...And ready to learn. Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am!



Please make punctuality a priority!

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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Medical and dental appointments

Please book **routine medical and dental appointments** out of school hours or during school holidays in order not to disrupt your child's education.

Most routine medical appointments are relatively short so your child should be in school before and/or after their appointment where possible. A whole day off is rarely needed.

We must have proof of your child's appointment to cover the absence from school.

Where it is unavoidable to book out of school hours, please send a copy or a photo of the appointment to the school office via email admin@corpusprimaryleeds.org at least three days before the appointment date.

Alternatively, you must call into the school at least three days before the appointment date and give in or show text information to school staff of the appointment.

Please also inform school the time you will need to collect your child.

On the day before the appointment, please send a Class Dojo or Tapestry message to your child's class teacher with the time your child is to be collected so that the teacher knows what time to send them to the school office.

If arrangements change or the collection is delayed, please contact the school office so that your child can remain in class and not lose valuable learning time.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Opportunity to join Leeds Cathedral Boys Choir

The **Cathedral Senior Boys Choir** has a limited number of places available from the summer term for boys in **Y5 and Y6**. It's an amazing free musical opportunity and a wonderful way to contribute to the life of the Church. The choir rehearses and sings for Mass at the cathedral every Monday and Wednesday (4.30-6pm) and every other Sunday morning during term time. Free singing lessons are available as well as the opportunity to have piano and accordion lessons.

To find out more and to arrange an informal audition at the cathedral, please contact Tom Leech (Director of the Schools Singing Programme) at office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk / 0113 244 8634





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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend
and best wishes for the week ahead!

From Mrs Walsh
and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

