



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

## Catholic Life and Mission

2025-2026 Newsletter 25 (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026)



### Virtues to Live By

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

#### Our 'Virtue to Live By'



As we continue together on our pilgrimage through Lent, we will be concentrating on our new virtue of **Forgiveness**. Lent is a time to reflect on saying sorry as one way of making amends and to then make the necessary changes in our daily lives.



### 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.

#### Important dates and events for your diary

##### Curriculum enhancement

##### **Mondays and Wednesdays**

Coach led PE lessons

##### **Monday**

3.15-4.20pm Year 2 SATs Booster Session after school

3.15-4.15pm Key Stage 2 Glow in the Dark Dodgeball after school club

##### **Tuesday**

3.15-4.20pm Year 2-Athletics with ACE Clubs  
3.15-4.15pm Year 4 Times Table group after school club

3.15-4.10pm Year 6 Reading Club

##### **Wednesdays**

Year 3/4 and Year 4 Swimming lessons  
Year 3 and Year 3/4 - Diocesan Singing Programme lessons followed by hymn practice for all classes

Year 5/6 and Year 6 - Melodica whole class instrument lessons

3.15-4.20pm Year 5- 5/6- 6 Cricket after school with Mr Wales

##### **Thursdays**

Catholic Care support

Speech and Language support

Year 3 and Year 3/4 - Djembe instrument lessons

3.15-4.30pm Year 4 Art after school club

##### **Fridays**

Artforms whole class music specialist lessons  
3.15-4.30pm Choir after school club with Mrs Cossavella

##### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Other Faiths- Judaism workshops**

##### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Sacrament of Reconciliation for candidates in Corpus Christi Church

##### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Ensemble day**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – school closes at 1.00pm for the Easter break**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**School reopens at 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.**

## FORGIVENESS

is...

**F**orgetting the hurt

**O**pening the heart

**R**econciliation

**G**enerously given and received

**I**nviting someone back into your friendship group

**V**aluing the truth

**E**nding an argument

**N**ot holding a grudge

**E**ducating others on how to forgive

**S**aying sorry

**S**tarting again

The Lord never tires  
of forgiving, it is we  
who tire of asking for  
forgiveness.

Pope Francis



**In the week ahead, let us make sure that we remember to forgive others and also ourselves when we make a wrong choice.**

FORGIVENESS &  
RECONCILIATION



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## Virtues to Live By

(16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is <b>Forgiveness</b> 
<b>Reception/Provision</b> Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton	<b>Felicity</b>	
<b>Year 1</b> Miss Horkan	<b>Harper</b>	
<b>Year 2</b> Mrs Grailey	<b>Evie</b>	
<b>Year 3</b> Mr Goodall	<b>Sofia</b>	
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Hossack	<b>Ronnie-May</b>	
<b>Year 4</b> Mrs Child	<b>Terrance</b>	
<b>Year 5</b> Miss McBride	<b>Salma</b>	
<b>Year 5/6</b> Miss Guy	<b>Lucas</b>	
<b>Year 6</b> Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley	<b>Alfie WM</b>	

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.



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**Year 2** proudly led our school in a joyful Celebration of the Word to mark Saint Patrick's Day. Through thoughtful prayers, readings and reflections, the children helped us all to remember the special message of the day: to live with kindness, faith and courage, just as Saint Patrick did. They shared how even small acts of love and friendship can make a big difference in our world. Thank you Year 2 for leading such a meaningful and uplifting celebration.

**Saint Patrick's Day** is celebrated every year on March 17, marking the feast day of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. This day is observed by Catholics and other Christians worldwide, especially in Ireland, where it is both a religious and cultural celebration. St. Patrick was a Catholic bishop and missionary. His work in Ireland was instrumental in spreading Catholicism, which remains the dominant faith in Ireland today.



### The Shamrock and the Holy Trinity

One of the most famous stories about Saint Patrick is his use of the shamrock to explain the doctrine of the Holy Trinity—one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This simple yet profound explanation helped people understand the Christian faith. Today, the shamrock is a well-known symbol associated with Saint Patrick and Ireland.



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## Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	Hunter	For his improved communication and team work with his friends.
	Zion	For his excellent work in phonics and for applying himself to all areas of the curriculum.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Esmæe Grace	For her love of reading!
	Maxwell	For counting in twos, fives and tens in Maths lessons.
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Kingsley	For showing excellent problem-solving skills when exploring capacity and volume.
	Leveyah	For trying hard every day and showing quiet determination.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Una-Rai	For writing a fantastic informative text on blue whales.
	Marvellous	For being actively engaged in lessons and sharing ideas.
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Damilare	For fantastic effort in Maths lessons.
	Noah D	For showing lots of enthusiasm in Geography lessons.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Blake	For working hard in phonics and improving in his spelling scores this week. Well done Blake, we are very proud of you!
	Kebron	For working very hard in all areas of his learning especially reading and spelling getting full marks in his test. Well done Kebron!
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	The Whole Class	For a fantastic Whole School Celebration of the Word to celebrate St Joseph's Day!
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Oakley	For being a wonderful scientist in his lessons.
	Bakary	For trying his best in his writing lessons and improving his handwriting
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	All of Year 6	For being super detectives at Leeds University and gathering enough evidence to bring a case to court – both behaviour and attitudes to learning were exemplary and were complimented.

These star pupils have made us so proud this week.  
Well done everyone!



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## Essential Skills



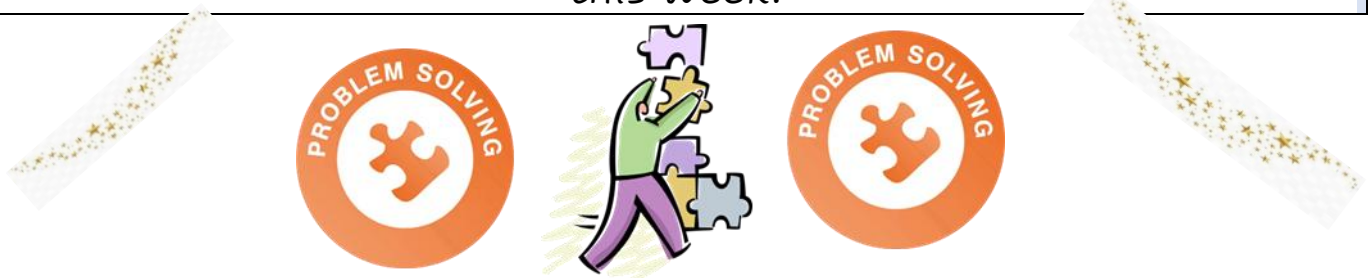
Every week we award a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class who has displayed the skills focused on that week.



### Skills Builder Award (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

Class	Recipient	
Reception & Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	<b>Kalab</b>	<p>Our focus Skills Builder skill is <b>Problem Solving</b> <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>
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	<b>Gianna</b>	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	<b>Arna</b>	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	<b>Teddy-Cooper</b>	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	<b>Aisha</b>	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	<b>Selome</b>	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	<b>Harriet</b>	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	<b>Mikel</b>	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	<b>Oscar</b>	

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





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## Attendance



### Attendance (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

Class	This week	Since 02.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	98.1%	95.7%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	98.4%	97.2%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	97.9%	96.7%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	97.4%	96.8%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	99.2%	97.2%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	98.1%	96.4%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	96.8%	97.8%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	95.8%	97.1%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	95.4%	95.9%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	94.0%	94.8%
<b>Total figure for attendance</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>96.5%</b>

This week's attendance is **97.1%** which is again above school target. Well done to everyone who made it to school each day.

Fantastic attendance– keep it up!

A massive well done to **Year 3 Mr Goodall** who top our attendance for this week. Everyone has put in a great effort which is fantastic!

Thank you to all the parents and carers for keeping in touch when children are ill and also for all your efforts to get children in and on time. We do appreciate it.



Amazing school



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The table below is how school attendance is calculated.

## Corpus Christi Primary School Attendance Calculator

Your child's Attendance Percentage	Numbers of days learning your child would miss in one school year	Number of weeks missed in one year	The amount of learning your child would miss over a 5 year school career
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0
97%	6 days	1.2 week	½ term
95%	9 days	1.8 weeks	¾ term
93%	13 days	2.6 weeks	Over 1 term
90% Classed as Persistent Absentee	19 days	3.8 weeks	1 ½ terms
85%	28 days	5.6 weeks	Over 2 ½ terms
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	1 whole year

100%	<b>Full attendance – no absences!</b>
97%	6 days off is the most you can have and still be at our school target
95%	9 days off in a year would leave you at 95% at the end of the year.
93%	93% Attendance needs work to improve.
90% and below	<b>You are classed as a 'Persistent Absentee' and need medical proof to be absent from school. All absences will be closely monitored.</b>



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## PUNCTUALITY **MATTERS**

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

**5 MINUTES**

late each day

= **3** days off  
in total



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

Gates open at 8.40am promptly.

Please note children should be in class by  
8.55am at the latest



Be In **SCHOOL**

Be On **TIME**

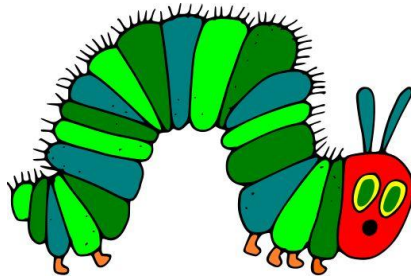


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Look what has been happening in school.

In **Reception**, the children have been learning all about growing and animals. They explored how plants grow and each child planted their own sunflower seed in a small pot. Some children also helped to plant seeds in the outdoor area, and everyone is excitedly waiting to see them grow.



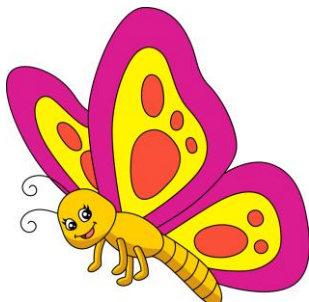
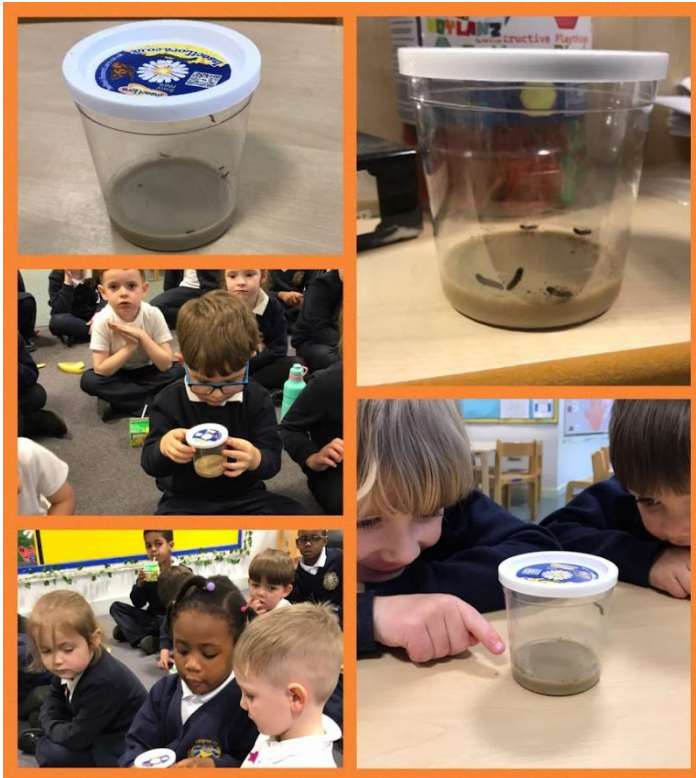
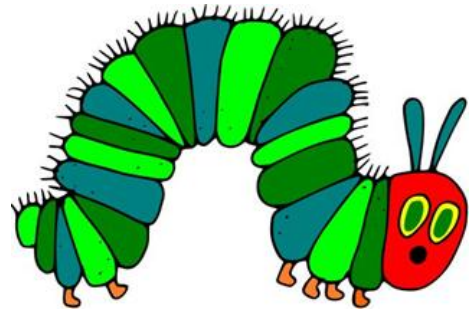
Last week, **Reception** also welcomed five tiny caterpillars into the classroom and have been enjoying the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. It has been wonderful to watch the caterpillars grow, and the children are eagerly anticipating their transformation into beautiful butterflies.





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**Year 2** had an unforgettable experience taking part in an exciting virtual reality workshop. Using VR headsets, the children explored space, observing planets, visiting space stations and even witnessing the historic moment Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. This immersive experience sparked great curiosity and wonder, with pupils fully engaged throughout. David, who led the workshop, was extremely impressed with Year 2's enthusiasm and excellent concentration. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring learning to life in a truly memorable way.





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## Year 3/4 VR Workshop

### North America

Year 3/4 enjoyed an amazing VR workshop to learn more about North America. The children explored the countries found in North America and identified some of the famous landmarks. This was such a fantastic way to explore the continent and the children were fascinated by the experience!





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**Year 5 and 6** took part in a road safety workshop. During the session, pupils explored the benefits of sustainable and active travel, discussing how these choices can lead to safer roads, improved air quality, a healthier environment and better overall wellbeing. They also revisited the Green Cross Code, reminding themselves of the key steps to stay safe when crossing the road: *think, stop, look, and listen*.





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**Years 5/6 and Year 6** recently enjoyed an exciting visit from a retired police officer, who provided a fascinating insight into how the criminal justice system operates in the UK. Pupils had the opportunity to investigate a fictional crime scene, take swabs, and even learn how to safely arrest someone acting suspiciously.



The day was filled with hands-on activities that brought learning to life, and all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It offered a valuable glimpse into the important work carried out by police officers and helped deepen their understanding of the justice system.





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Detective  
For A Day  
Y6



During the visit, the children took on the role of real detectives. They investigated a mock crime scene, gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses and suspects, and analysing CCTV footage to piece together what had happened.

Year 6:  
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University for an  
experience,  
knife champions.



After carefully reviewing all the information, the pupils presented their findings to one of the country's leading barristers. Impressively, the barrister agreed that there was enough evidence to proceed with a prosecution.



It was a fantastic hands-on experience that developed the children's critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills. Brilliant detective work, Year 6!



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During World Book Week, Veritas Education, a supply agency hosted their much-loved Potato Competition, and the results were truly outstanding! The creativity and dedication shown by families across Corpus Christi made it incredibly difficult for the judges to choose the winners.

After much deliberation, the Veritas judges selected three fantastic creations:

- **Elmer the Elephant** from Reception
- **Alice in Wonderland** from Year 2
- **Monsters Inc** from Year 5/6

Congratulations to these three talented children and their families for their brilliant designs! Each winner has been awarded a Waterstones voucher as a well-deserved prize.

Well done to everyone who took part—your imagination and effort made this event so special!





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Some of our Lenten Fundraising Activities taking place in school - thank you for your support!



Y5/6 Guess the Bunny's Name!

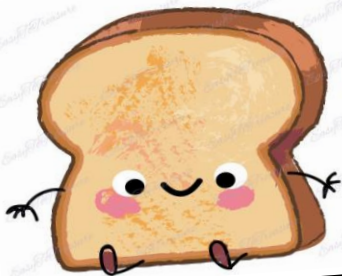


50p a go!

Year 5/6 guessing the bunny's name.



Year 2 and Mrs Grailey are doing Guess how many Easter Eggs in the basket.



Year 3 and Mr Goodall are doing breakfast toast next week each day for 50p a day.

Reception Bingo for children in school.



Year 6 are selling Chocolate Crispy Buns.



Year 4 are doing Pin the Tail on the Bunny.



Year 1 are doing Bicuits and Juice for Key Stage



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**Raffle tickets on sale in school.  
Lots of Easter Egg prizes kindly  
donated by school staff and  
also Leeds Irish Centre.**

**Prizes to be won in every class.**





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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