



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2025-2026 Newsletter 21 (9th – 13th February 2026)

Catholic Life and Mission



Virtues to Live By

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

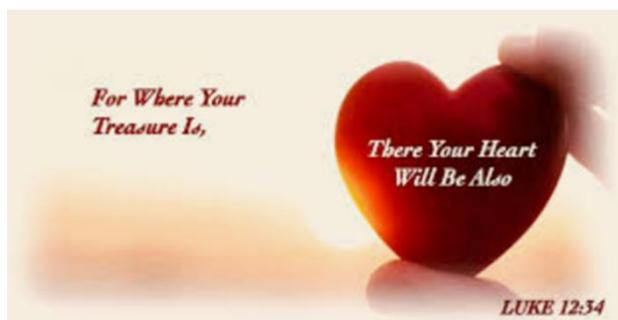
Our 'Virtue to Live by' - Simplicity

Simplicity is humility, modesty, being childlike; it is peace and order. God's goodness is everywhere and it is amazing how often we forget to notice it altogether. When looking for God we need look no further than our own homes, gardens and communities for God is all around us.

Simplicity

Signs we are living the virtue of Simplicity.

- ❖ We know what really matters in life.
- ❖ We give time to think of others, do good and care for our world- God's creation.
- ❖ Living simply helps us put more trust in God



There can be so much we take for granted. It is easy to let the little things pass by without taking the time to express our gratitude for them. This Gospel verse helps us think about God's goodness and the little things in our lives that make such a difference.

Important dates and events for your diary

Mondays and Wednesdays

Coach led PE lessons

Wednesdays

Swimming lessons for classes Year 4 and Year 3/4

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

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

Thursdays

Djembe instrument lessons for classes Year 3 and Year 3/4

Fridays

Artforms whole class music specialist lessons

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday- Lent begins



Monday 23rd February - School reopens

Monday 23rd February –

3.20-4.20 Year 2 SATs booster class after school starts

Tuesday 24th February

Other Faiths - Jewish visitor in to speak to whole school

Tuesday 24th February

3.15-4.15 Year 4 Times Tables club

Wednesday 25th February

3.30- 4.30 First Reconciliation session in school for children and parents who have requested to receive this sacrament

Thursday 26th February

3.20-4.30 Year 1 and Year 2 Art Class after school club

Thursday 2nd April – 1pm school closes for the Easter break



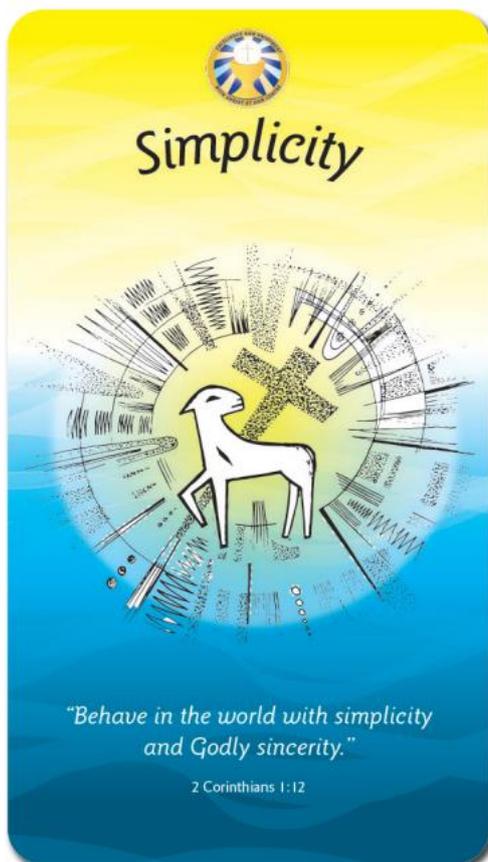
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Mission-Faith

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.



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"Behave in the world with simplicity and Godly sincerity."

(2 Corinthians 1:12)

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FAITH IN ACTION

Our mission in the holiday is to spend our time well by doing every day things with love.

Life is so much brighter when we focus on what truly matters.....

Simplicity means appreciating the little things in life and knowing what really matters.



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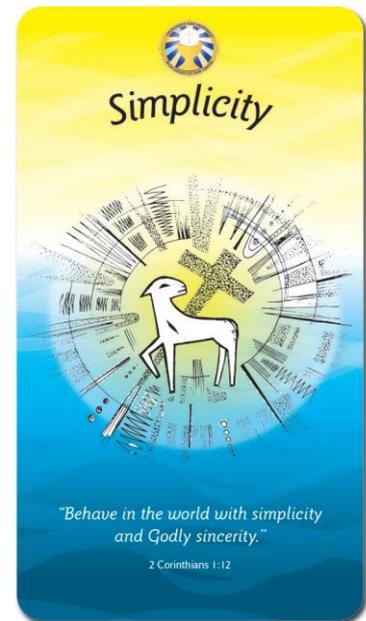


Virtues to Live By

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Class	Recipient
Reception/Provision Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton	Cade
Year 1 Miss Horkan	Mila
Year 2 Mrs Grailey	Reynauld
Year 3 Mr Goodall	Naetochukwu
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack	Oscar
Year 4 Mrs Child	Mireya
Year 5 Miss McBride	Mariama
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Emmanuel
Year 6 Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley	Nancy

Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is **Simplicity**



To be friends with God means to pray with simplicity, like children talking to their parents.

— Pope Francis —

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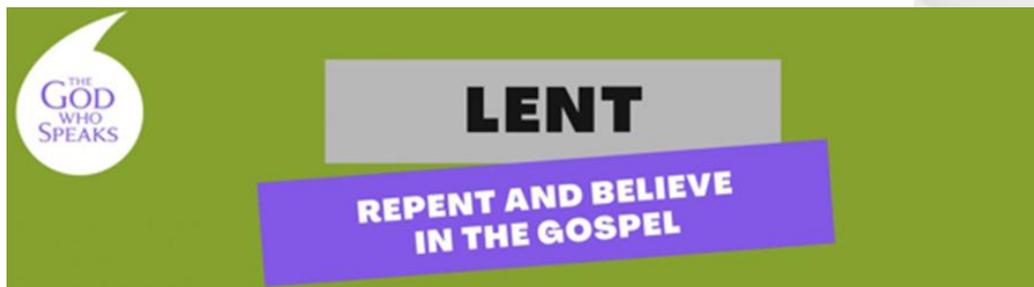


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Ash Wednesday begins the liturgical season of **Lent** and will occur during our mid-term break.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is the period of 40 days that comes before Easter.

It is a time of reflection and spiritual renewal in preparation for Good Friday and Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

40 is a significant number in the Bible:

- In Genesis, rain fell for 40 days and nights in the great flood.
- The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness before entering the promised land.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness before starting his ministry.

During Lent:

- Catholics fast from (give up) meat on Fridays and some meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Almsgiving (giving to the poor) is particularly encouraged.
- The Stations of the Cross are prayed in our churches.





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Some of our **Year 6** children joined others from across the Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. During a meaningful and prayerful service, Bishop Marcus, Bishop of Leeds, anointed each child in the presence of their families, friends and sponsors.

The children conducted themselves with great reverence and respect, making it a truly memorable and special occasion for everyone involved.



Congratulations



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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (9th – 13th February 2026)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	Lucy	For being a fantastic mathematician!
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Harley	For working independently to complete his Maths work
	Elsie	For her lovely manners
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Thea	Thea - for excellent effort when practising the phonics sounds.
	Isaac C	for using his fantastic times table knowledge to answer multiplication and division problems.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Jasmine	For always being a positive role model.
	Joel	For a big improvement in focus and concentration this week.
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Anaya	For trying her best to improve her handwriting.
	Kehinde	For showing lots of enthusiasm and sharing great ideas in History lessons.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Jax	For being resilient and persevering when facing challenges. Well done Jax!
	Luca	For an improved attitude to his learning. Keep it up!
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Keith	For representing the school at a number of sporting events this half term and always modelling resilience and teamwork.
	Nathan	For fantastic work converting fraction-decimal equivalents. Well done!
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Louie- Leonard	For having a positive attitude towards all his learning.
	Milkel	For his wonderful ideas and contributions in his Religious Education lessons.
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	Evie-Lea	For a wonderful art session – working brilliantly and being a role model to all
	Kylarae	For her positivity towards her work and giving her best in all subjects this week.



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 focussed on that week.



Skills Builder Award (9th – 13th February 2026)

Class	Recipient	
Reception & Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	River	 <p>Our focus Skills Builder skill is...Positivity</p> <p>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.</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>
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Ikenna	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Leighton	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Julen	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Vienna	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Jeremiah	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Isobelle	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Pete	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	Parker-Lee	

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





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Attendance

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



GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS
**Every Minute
in School Counts**

Attendance (9th – 13th February 2026)

Class	This week	Since 02.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	95.5%	95.3%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	96.4%	97.1%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	98.8%	96.8%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	100.0%	96.5%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	96.1%	96.9%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	95.4%	96.1%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	98.7%	97.5%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	96.7%	97.0%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	97.1%	95.6%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	94.2%	94.4%
Overall attendance	96.8%	96.3%

100%

Congratulations

**Well
DONE!**

This week's overall attendance is **96.8%** which is just below our school target. Well done to everyone who made it to school each day.

Let's try to get attendance above the school target after the holidays.

100%

A massive well done to **Year 2 Mrs Grailey, with 100% perfect attendance** and also well done to **Year 1- Miss Horkan, Year 4-Mrs Child and Year 5/6-Miss Guy** who have all reached or exceeded the school target!



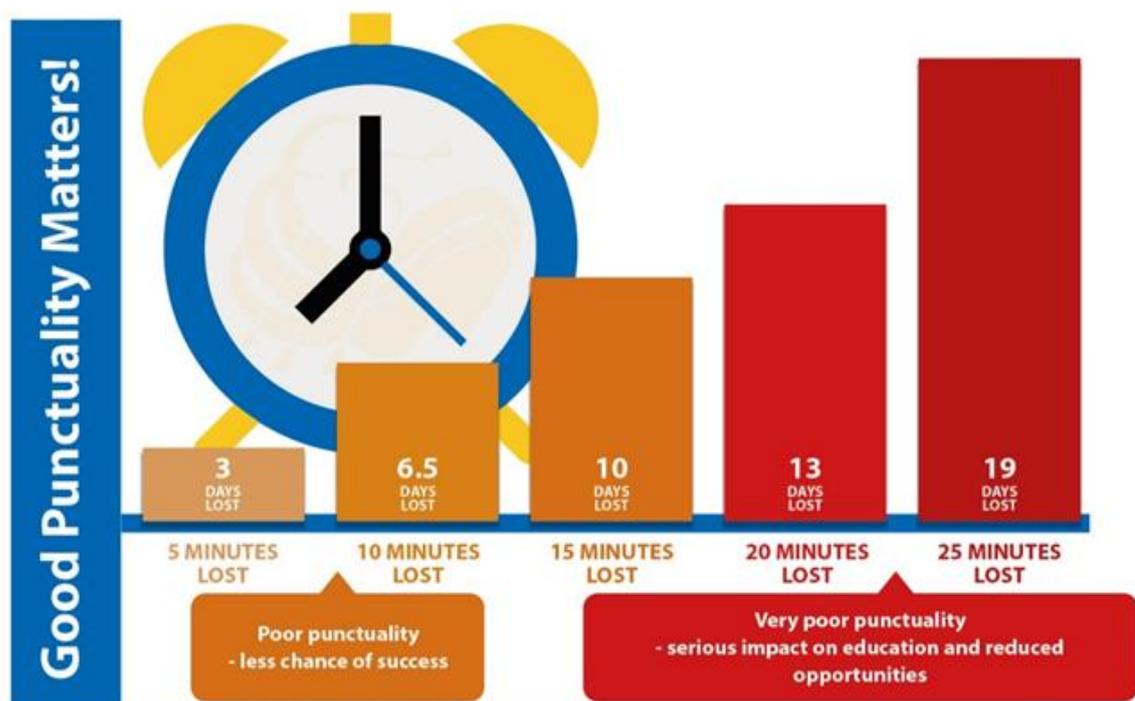
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We are going to be having a big push on punctuality after this half term break. If you struggle to get here on time and you feel there is anything we can do to help you to get your child sat in class and learning by 8.55am – please let us know and we will do our best to help.

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.

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

Gates open at 8.40am promptly-8.50am. Please note children should be in class by 8.55am at the latest.



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Look what has been happening in school.

This half term in **Reception**, the children have been learning about old and new toys, in particular focusing on teddy bears. Miss Kirk brought in some old teddies for the children to explore and compare with newer ones. They noticed that the old bear was very worn and delicate whereas the new teddies were soft and much more squishy.



On Tuesday, the children were invited to bring in their own teddies to create a Teddy Bear Museum in the classroom. Throughout the day, they wrote labels for their teddies and drew pictures of them. At the end of the day, they visited the museum and looked at each other's teddies, talking about which ones they liked and explaining why.

It really was a wonderful day!

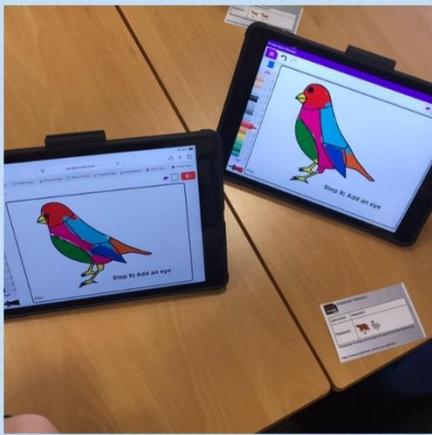




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Year 1 children enjoyed a Computing lesson focusing on algorithms this week. They had to follow precise step-by-step instructions to paint a bird. Once they had finished, they digitally handed their work into Miss Horkan who was then able to show everyone's work on the whiteboard for children to share their successes. Great work, Year 1!

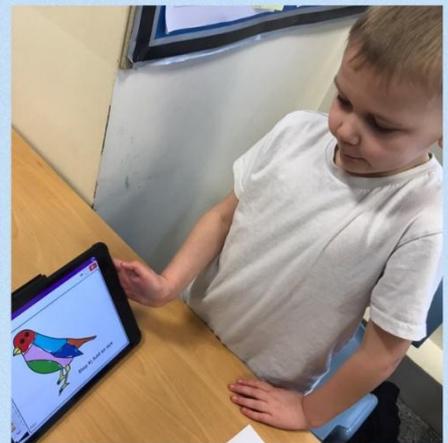


Activity 2: Following Instructions

going to paint it this time, we are going to follow the instructions.

Algorithm

- Step 1) Paint the beak **yellow**
- Step 2) Paint the head **red**
- Step 3) Paint the tummy **dark green**
- Step 4) Paint the wing **dark blue**
- Step 5) Paint the tail **orange**
- Step 6) Paint the legs **yellow**
- Step 7) Paint the middle of the body **pink**
- Step 8) Paint the back **light blue**
- Step 9) Add an eye (instructions at the bottom of page).



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Year 2 also took part in an exciting **BBC Live Lesson** as part of **Internet Safety Week**. The session, delivered by BBC, focused on artificial intelligence (AI) and helped the children learn how to use technology safely and responsibly.

During the lesson, pupils explored how AI works and discussed how it can be used in positive and helpful ways. They also talked about which games are appropriate for their age and why age ratings are important. The children were reminded to always speak to a trusted adult if they ever feel unsure, worried, or confused about something they see online.

It was a fantastic opportunity to build their understanding of online safety and encourage responsible digital behaviour.

Year 2 had a taster session of Glow in the Dark Dodgeball this week. The children had a fantastic time and remembered all the skills they have already learnt 🍌





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This week, pupils in **Year 3** have been learning about the miracles Jesus performed during His time on earth. They re-enacted the moment when Jesus called His first disciples to follow Him. The children reflected on the miracle of the great catch of fish, exploring how the fishing nets became full when the disciples chose to trust and believe in Jesus. Through drama and discussion, pupils thought about the importance of faith and obedience.





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This week the children in **Year 3/4** have learnt about looking after their well-being. They enjoyed a live lesson on the theme of belonging with schools across the country. The children thought about their special place where they feel safe and happy.





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Year 3/4 also enjoyed a basketball lesson with Leeds Basketball. The children learnt a variety of skills such as shield, stance and crossover. Everyone had so much fun and Sam was very impressed with the children's listening and team work skills.



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Recently in Music, the children in **Year 4** have been composing their own melodies. First, they listened to a piece by our half-term composer, **Ludovico Einaudi**. They discussed how the music made them feel and explored its tempo, dynamics and pitch.

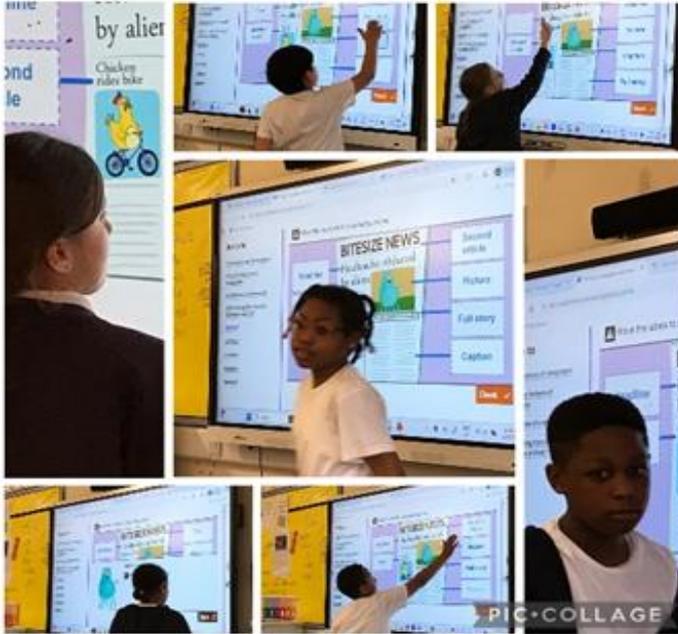
After listening and sharing their ideas, the children used wooden music bars to create their own melodies. They experimented with different notes, thinking carefully about how changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics could affect the mood of their compositions. It was wonderful to see their creativity and confidence grow as they developed their musical ideas.





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Over the past few weeks, **Year 4** have been immersed in writing their own newspaper articles inspired by the book *Leo and the Gorgon's Curse*. As part of their learning, the children explored alternative narratives, reimagining how the main character of Leo rid Athens of its mythical creatures. Instead of using cruelty, the children chose to portray Leo as solving problems through kindness, empathy and understanding – leading to some wonderfully creative and thoughtful outcomes.



To prepare for writing their articles, the children first investigated the key features of a newspaper. Through exciting team games, they took part in a relay challenge where they built their own newspapers, ensuring they included all the important elements such as headlines, subheadings, captions, quotations and images. This hands-on approach helped them to understand how newspapers are structured in a fun and memorable way.



Then they practised crafting powerful headlines, experimenting with techniques such as alliteration, shock and awe, and clever plays on words. The classroom buzzed with creativity as the children competed to write the most eye-catching and engaging titles.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and imagination Year 4 have shown throughout this unit. Their finished newspaper articles showcase not only their growing writing skills, but also their ability to think creatively and compassionately about storytelling.



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Year 5 had a fantastic morning developing their basketball skills with an instructor from Leeds City Basketball. The children developed their dribbling, defending and passing skills. All the children thoroughly enjoyed learning a new sporting skill!



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Year 5 have created artwork inspired by the work of Derek Gores. They have created their own collage pieces based on nature or a self-portrait.



The children thought carefully about using different mediums and textures to create their final collaged artwork. They also studied the life and work of Derek Gores and discussed their opinions on his work.



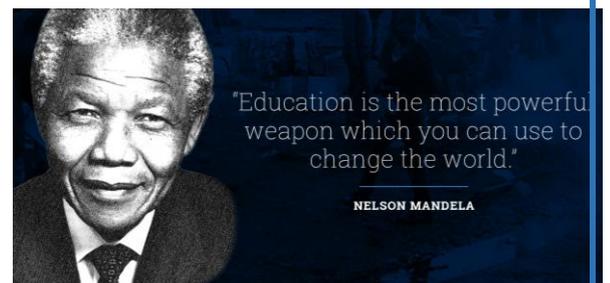
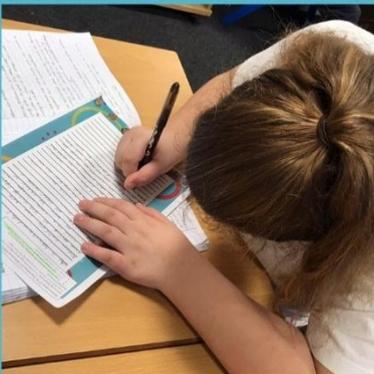
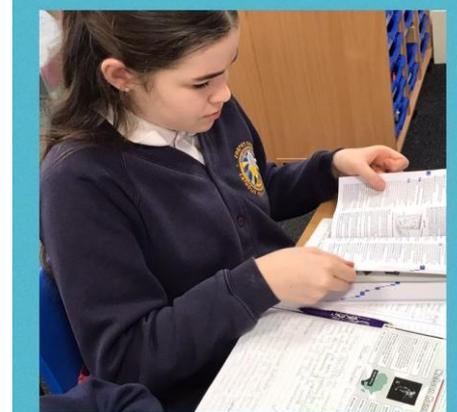
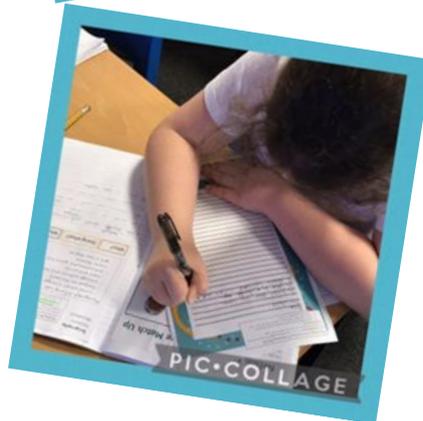


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Year 5/6 and Year 6 have worked incredibly hard in their writing this week. They have been learning about Nelson Mandela and exploring why he is such an important and influential figure in history. The children developed their understanding of his life, the challenges he faced and his achievements.

Using their knowledge, they then wrote detailed biographies about Nelson Mandela, showcasing their research skills and ability to present information clearly and thoughtfully. We are very proud of their effort and the high quality of their work.



NELSON MANDELA



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Year 5/6 enjoyed an exciting *Glow-in-the-Dark* dodgeball session with the specialist coach this week. Using their throwing and catching skills, the children took part in a range of fast-paced and action-packed games.

The session was full of energy, teamwork and laughter. Everyone showed fantastic enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship throughout. Well done, Year 5/6!



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As part of **Children's Mental Health Week**, we were delighted to launch our new Mindfulness Clubs for pupils from Reception through to Year 4.



The children took part in a range of calming and engaging activities, including mindfulness colouring, relaxation techniques, sensory play and team-building games. These sessions provided valuable time for pupils to slow down, reflect and learn simple strategies to help care for their mental wellbeing.

It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic as they explored ways to relax and look after their minds.





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As part of Children's Mental Health Week, **Year 5/6** took part in a live assembly focused on this year's theme, Place2Be. The children explored the idea of identifying their own safe place – whether that be at home with family, with friends, at school, or somewhere else where they feel secure and supported.

During the session, author Kate Hopper spoke about the books she has written, which explore a range of feelings and emotions. The children were encouraged to reflect on their own emotions and the importance of talking about how they feel.

The assembly reinforced the message that everyone has the right to feel safe and that support is always available when needed.





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Sporting News



On Monday, some of our **Year 2** and **Year 3** children were selected to take part in a football tournament at Fives in Seacroft. The team played against three local school teams.

It was a tough evening, as they faced some very strong opposition. Despite this, the children played with great determination and sportsmanship, growing in confidence with each game.

Well done to everyone who took part – we are very proud of you!



What fantastic news – huge congratulations to Lottie!

Lottie and some other pupils were picked out during Northern Ballet's scouting visits to schools last half term and took part in a Northern Ballet workshop last week. Taking part in a Northern Ballet workshop is such an incredible achievement, especially as it was aimed at spotting potential from schools across Leeds. Being picked out during their school visit last half term makes it even more special – what a wonderful recognition of her talent and hard work.

We're so proud of you, Lottie – keep dancing and shining!



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On Tuesday, some of our **Year 5 and 6** pupils were selected to take part in a 3v3 football tournament hosted by **Footech** at Bishop Young Academy. The children were split into two teams and stayed in these teams throughout the tournament.

They were unbelievable! Across the morning, they played an incredible 17 games, winning 14, drawing 2 and losing just 1. Our Yellow Team went on to win the entire tournament, with the Blue Team finishing in an amazing second place.

A special mention goes to Nancy, who was recognised by the tournament hosts as one of the most valuable players of the day.

Well done to everyone involved – we are so proud of you all!



FANTASTIC!





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Congratulations to Mrs Hamzaj who has recently passed with Distinction her Teaching Assistant Level 3 Apprenticeship.

Congratulations Mrs Hamzaj!



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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely half term break and best wishes for the week ahead!

God Bless
from Mrs Walsh
and the team at
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School