



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Catholic Life and Mission

2025-2026 Newsletter 26 (23rd – 27th March 2026)



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week which is the most sacred week in the Church's year. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, a very large crowd gathered to welcome him. Some of them spread their cloaks on the road for Jesus to ride on, while others cut branches from the palm trees and spread them on the road. That day, the people greeted Jesus as a King. Today, Jesus wants to be our King - and He will be if we will allow Him to come into our hearts. Let us lay down our cloak to greet Jesus our King as He comes to us in love.

**Lord,
Come into our lives and create in us a new heart. May we excitedly welcome you just like those people who awaited your arrival in Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday. Thank you for being here with us.
Amen.**



Important Easter Dates

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday



Monday 30th March

Take Over Day

Tuesday 31st March

10.00am - Holy Week Mass

Corpus Christi Church

Led by Year 5/6

Wednesday 1st April

2.00pm - The Easter Play

Led by Years 3, 3/4 and 4

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday



Easter Bonnet and Easter Garden Competition and Easter Raffle

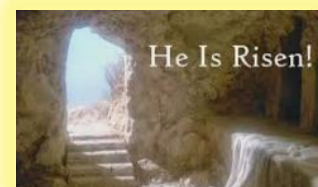
Friday 3rd April

Good Friday



Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday





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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 Friday's Celebration of The Word, Mrs Walsh shared the Parable of the Prodigal Son. This parable reminds us that God is always ready to forgive and welcome back anyone who is willing to ask for forgiveness, no matter what mistakes they have made.



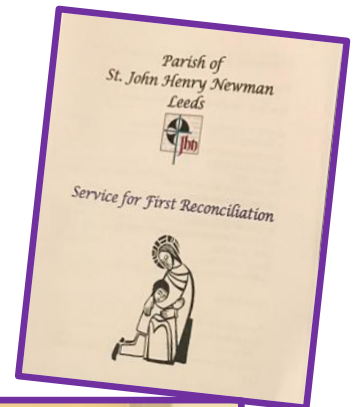
In the week ahead, let us have the strength and courage to forgive others if they hurt us in what they do and say.

FORGIVENESS &
RECONCILIATION



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Oh my God,
Because You are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned
against you,
And by the help of Your Grace,
I will not sin again.



On Wednesday evening, six of our children attended a special service to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They listened attentively to the story of Zacchaeus and took time to reflect on their actions and choices. Each child then received the sacrament for the first time.

They were presented with a certificate and a Mass book to mark this important occasion. Congratulations to everyone involved!







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Year 6
Celebration of The Word
Thursday 26th March 2026



Your mission this week...

As we enter the most important week of the year for the Church, let us welcome Jesus into our hearts by welcoming all into our lives.

On Thursday morning, **Year 6** set the scene for the most important week of the year in the Church calendar. Palm Sunday marks the day when the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with open hearts, not yet knowing what would unfold in the days ahead. Through their reflection, Year 6 reminded us that we too are called to open our hearts to Jesus by welcoming others with kindness and compassion.



Very lovely singing and I could hear it from the back. It was a lovely message from this worship.

Parent Comment





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Virtues to Live By

(23rd – 27th March 2026)

Class	Recipient
Reception/Provision Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton	Carter
Year 1 Miss Horkan	Skye
Year 2 Mrs Grailey	Nova-Rae
Year 3 Mr Goodall	Dalton
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack	Archibold
Year 4 Mrs Child	Jax
Year 5 Miss McBride	Joy
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Emmanuel
Year 6 Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley	Elektra

Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is
Forgiveness



Forgiveness means...

Letting go of anger toward someone who has hurt you and to think, feel or act with kindness toward that person.

Forgiveness is not being weak-it takes strength and courage to forgive.





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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (23rd – 27th March 2026)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	Dolcie-May	For always trying her best in everything she does.
	Olivia	For her excellent reading.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Marniemae	For always showing kindness to others.
	L'Maia	For showing great pride in her writing work.
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Ademide	For always trying her best, even when work feels challenging.
	Tapiwa	For being a fantastic role-model through his behaviour.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Lottie	For being an integral part of our Lenten fundraiser this week.
	Una-Rae	For being an integral part of our Lenten fundraiser this week.
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Jonatan	For being a wonderful role model in Year 3/4.
	Oma	For excellent effort in all lessons.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Alana	For her wonderful reading, using her comprehension skills as well as using expression to make her reading more exciting.
	Edward	For working hard to share his comprehension skills in reading and expressing what he knows about different texts in written form.
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Krishna	For a fantastic setting description based on the book 'The Arrival'. Well done!
	Bella	For a fantastic arithmetic score! Well done!
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Haylo	For trying her best in her History lessons.
	Lexi	For working hard in her Writing lessons.
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	The Whole Class	For a wonderful Celebration of The Word this week that set the scene for the greatest week in the Church's year.



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 (23rd – 27th March 2026)

Class	Recipient	
Reception & Provision (Miss Kirk/Miss Laxton)	Matilda	<p>Our focus Skills Builder skill is Problem Solving The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge</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)	Harley	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Isaac C	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Joel	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Adomas	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Jeshua	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Lara	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Ella	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	Amelia	

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





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Attendance



Attendance (23rd – 27th March 2026)

Class	This week	Since 02.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	98.5%	95.8%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	95.2%	97.1%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	96.2%	96.7%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	100%	96.9%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	97.7%	97.2%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	96.9%	96.4%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	100%	97.8%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	100%	97.2%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	100%	96.1%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	94.9%	94.8%
Total figure for attendance	97.9%	96.6%

100%


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This week's attendance is **97.9%** which is well above school target. Four classes with **100%** attendance is amazing
Well done to everyone who made it to school each day.
Fantastic attendance – keep it up!

Congratulations

A special well done to **Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 5/6**  who are all in the **100%** superstar group for attendance this week. **Well done to the two other classes who are above target and the two that are almost there.** Everyone has put in a great effort which is fantastic!

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



Amazing school family!



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



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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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This week in Maths lessons, **Year 1** enjoyed using balance scales to weigh different items. They used the language 'heavier' and 'lighter' as they compared the mass of the objects. The children then used unifix cubes to measure the mass and to make the scales balance.



PIC•COLLAGE



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Year 2 have been busy exploring the vibrant and imaginative work of artist Yayoi Kusama in their recent art lessons. The children began by researching her life and discovering what makes her artwork so unique.



They recognised key features of her style, including the use of bold dots, links to nature and creative collage techniques. Inspired by this, the pupils produced their own fantastic pieces, experimenting with patterns, colour and texture.





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Year 5/6 enjoyed using VR to explore the ancient world of the Mayans.

Year 5/6 experienced a rich and immersive introduction to the Maya civilisation using Virtual Reality headsets with our Prime VR visitor. They took a virtual trip to Chichén Itzá, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven New Wonders of the World. Their prior knowledge of the Egyptian pyramids helped them to appreciate the impressive stepped structures, including the Temple of Kukulcan, the Temple of the Warriors, and El Caracol, and to understand why these buildings were so important for religion and ceremonial life.



Learning about astronomy was especially exciting—the Maya were an incredibly advanced civilisation, using the stars and planets to create detailed calendars and to guide farming and religious rituals.

The sports games were a highlight too. The Maya ball game was not just played for entertainment; it held deep cultural and, at times, religious significance, sparking curiosity and thoughtful discussion among the children.



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Hot off the press news!

On Friday afternoon, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils played their first-round match of The Bishop's Cup away at Christ the King, securing an impressive 10-1 victory.

Well done to the team, not only for the fantastic score but also for their excellent sportsmanship.





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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 will be in every class. 50p a ticket



New term - New uniform?

Don't forget, there's still time to save 15%* on your MyClothing order this week.

Just use code **SPRING15** at checkout.

Get prepared for the term ahead!

(*Offer excludes bundles, events hoodies, and clearance items)

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Some of our Lenten Fundraising Activities -
thank you for your support



Y5/6 Guess the Bunny's Name!



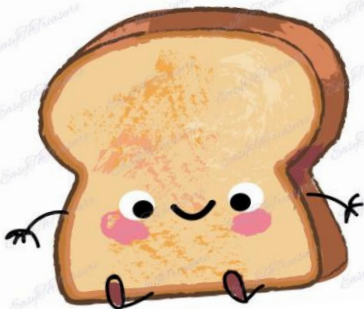
50p a go!



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 4 are doing Pin the Tail on the Bunny.



Year 6 are selling Chocolate Crispy Buns.



Year 1 are doing Biccuits and Juice for Key Stage One



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Take Over Day – Monday 30th March

What job or career would you like to have when you are older?

Come to school on 30th March wearing the outfit of your chosen role.





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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