



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School reopens on Monday 8th June at 8.40am

2025-2026 Newsletter 33 (18th-22nd May 2026)

Catholic Life and Mission



"Come, Spirit of God, come breathe on us." (John 20: 19-23)

This Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**- the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter and is the very last day of the Easter season. We celebrate Pentecost as being the Church's birthday because this is the day the Holy Spirit came down and filled the Apostles with the gifts they needed to lead the Church and was the day when the mission of the Church really began. Just as the first Apostles boldly proclaimed the message of Jesus at the first Pentecost, we too, as spirit-filled people, are called to be his witnesses today. Pope Francis said, "The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost is an event that continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."



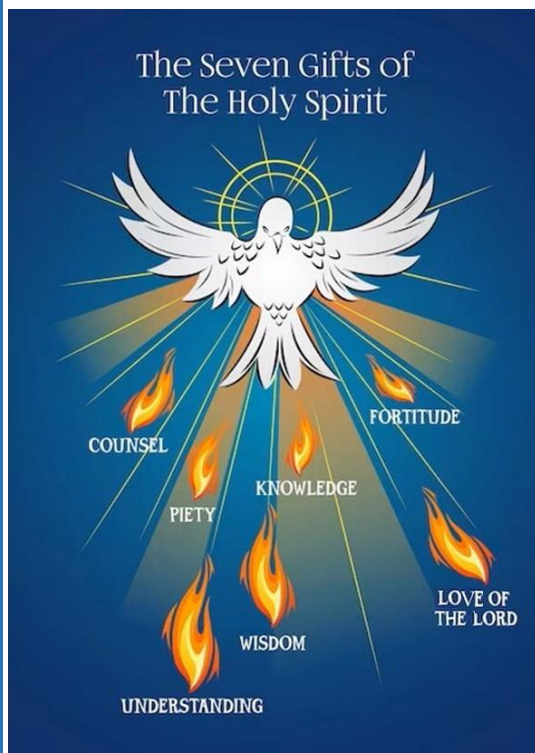
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Mission- our faith in action

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

When we love Jesus, we listen to him and try to live the way he asks us to. We do not have to do it by ourselves though. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, our helper who guides us along the way, helping us when things are difficult.



FAITH IN ACTION
faith *love*

In the week ahead, let our lives be an example to others.

A PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord Jesus Christ,
Send down your Spirit upon me.
When I am uncertain, grant me **wisdom**.
When I am confused, grant me **understanding**.
When I am ignorant, grant me **knowledge**.
When I am wandering, grant me **counsel**.
When I am afraid, grant me **fortitude**.
When I am separated from you, grant me **piety**.
When I am selfish, grant me the **love of the Lord**.
I ask for an outpouring of your Spirit with all of these gifts in your name.
Amen.



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This week, classes **Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4** visited a local Gurdwara (Sikh temple) to enhance their understanding of different faiths. A Gurdwara literally translates to “the doorway to the Guru” or “the residence of the Guru.” They were accompanied by Bal, our site manager, who shared his Sikh faith with them.

The children received a warm welcome and learned about the special artefacts, beliefs and rituals connected to the Sikhi faith. They were also given the special opportunity to see the Guru Granth Sahib which was unveiled especially for our pupils. Then everyone was invited to enjoy a snack in the Langar- the community kitchen of the Gurdwara. The children were praised for their respectful behaviour throughout the visit and Bal was very proud of them.

It was a wonderful and memorable experience for both staff and pupils.





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Look at what has been happening in school



Chopping fruit for our smoothie



This week, the children in **Provision Class** created a smoothie using different soft fruits. The children enjoyed chopping the fruit and adding them to their smoothie. When the smoothie was made, the children all smelt and tried it.



Trying our smoothie





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As part of Other Faiths Week, children in **Years 5, 5/6 and 6** enjoyed a fascinating visit from Fatima who spoke to them about the religion of Islam. The children were introduced to a variety of Islamic artefacts, including a copy of the Qur'an, prayer beads and a model of the Kaaba, which helped bring their learning to life. Fatima explained the Five Pillars of Islam — Shahadah (faith), Salah (prayer), Zakat (charity), Sawm (fasting) and Hajj (pilgrimage) — and shared how these guide Muslims in their everyday lives. The children were particularly interested to learn about the similarities between Islam and other religions, including prayer, charitable giving and pilgrimages to holy places. It was a valuable and engaging experience that deepened the children's understanding and appreciation of different faiths and cultures.



Nadeem from Interfaiths led an assembly for the **whole school** about the religion of Islam. He explained how Muslims greet one another and described how they dress when visiting the mosque.

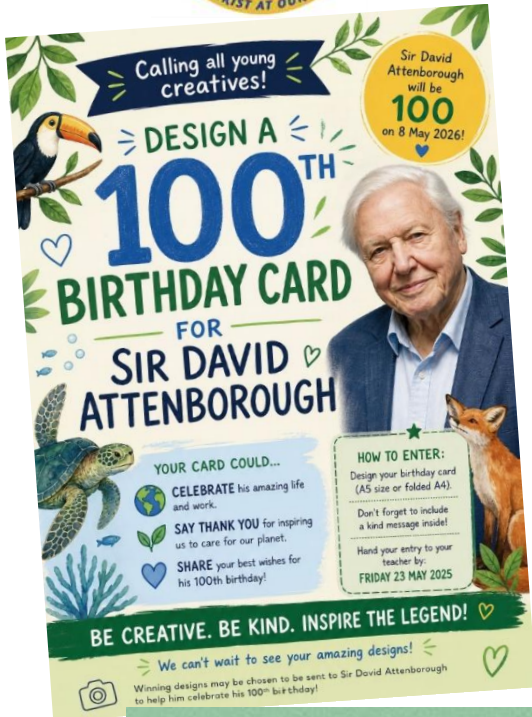
Later, while working with the different key stages, Nadeem spoke about some important Islamic festivals and the special foods traditionally eaten during these celebrations.





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Design a birthday card for Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday

The Laudato Si' group hosted a school competition to design a 100th birthday card for Sir David Attenborough. The Eco-Warriors were so impressed with the number of entries they received and the amazing designs. It was very difficult for them to judge the competition, but they were very impressed with three designs.

Well done to our winners from Year 5, Year 3 and Year 2!



PIC-COLLAGE



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Leeds Book Awards 2026

Throughout the year, the children in Year 5 have enjoyed reading the nominated books for the Leeds Book Awards.

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 children had a fantastic day attending the Leeds Book Awards. The event took place at the Leeds City Museum and was a celebration of literature in the Year of Reading. During the event, they heard from the nominated authors and were able to ask them questions about their experiences writing their books.



In the afternoon, the children took part in the final award ceremony where the winning authors received their awards. They each had the opportunity to speak with an author and have their books signed.

They also had a great time exploring Leeds City Museum.





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You may have noticed our new bike shelter and scooter bays, which have recently been installed at the side of the school. Our pupils were integral to the decision-making process, using the British Value of democracy to cast their votes. The new facilities now allow more children to cycle or scoot to school whilst knowing that their bikes and scooters will be stored safely throughout the day. We look forward to seeing the shelter filled with bikes and scooters!





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Year 6 led an informative assembly to Key Stage 2 about their visit to the University of Leeds. The theme of the visit was *Detective for the Day*. During the experience, the children stepped into the role of detectives as they investigated a mock crime scene. They explored a range of forensic techniques, including dusting for fingerprints and photographing evidence discovered at the scene.

The children spoke eloquently about the research they had completed back at school, as well as the valuable skills they developed while working alongside police officers, forensic investigators, solicitors and barristers.

The professionals who worked with the children during the visit also attended the assembly and spoke to Key Stage 2 pupils about the serious issue of knife crime, reinforcing important messages about safety and making positive choices.





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On Wednesday, pupils in Years **5/6 and 6** welcomed visitors from the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, who delivered an informative and engaging session on dangerous places. Through a combination of video clips, group discussions and question-and-answer activities, the children learned about the serious risks associated with entering abandoned and derelict buildings. The firefighters explained how unstable structures can collapse without warning, leading to potentially life-threatening injuries. The session provided valuable safety advice and encouraged our pupils to make safe and responsible choices.





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Attendance Matters



Everyday matters, every minute counts.

Attendance (18th-22nd May 2026)



Class	This week	Since 02.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	100.0%	96.3%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	100.0%	97.3%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	92.0%	96.6%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	98.1%	97.1%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	96.2%	97.4%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	96.2%	96.6%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	98.0%	97.6%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	98.9%	97.3%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	95.4%	96.2%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Oxley)	94.4%	95.4%
Total figure for attendance	96.9%	96.7%

A massive **well done** to all the children in....

Provision Class and our Reception Class who have both achieved attendance this week! A fantastic achievement and a wonderful example to the rest of school.



We are only just below our school target of 97% which means this target should be achievable after we have all had a nice long two-week break. Congratulations to all!





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PUNCTUALITY
Means being on time...

Secure Learning
An 'I Care' Attitude
Organisational Ability
Respect
Self Discipline

School Starts at

8.55am

The school gates open at **8.40am** so your child can be seated ready to learn at **8.55am**

We need to have a push on punctuality as arriving late is disruptive to others in class and your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine and best wishes for a wonderful holiday!

From Mrs Walsh
and the team at

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School