



Catholic Life and Mission

2025-2026 Newsletter 4 (22nd-26th September 2025)



Our 'Virtue to Live By'- Respect and Courtesy

As part of our character education programme, we focus on twelve virtues throughout the academic year. These are

Autumn	Spring	Summer
-Respect and Courtesy -Thankfulness -Hope -Patience	-Faith -Simplicity -Love and Charity -Forgiveness	- Resilience and Perseverance -Kindness - Honesty - Service

The virtues chosen are common across cultures and faiths but are sourced from the Christian traditions.

This week in our whole school Collective Worship, we listened to Jesus telling us to show love for one another in our daily lives.



By the love we have for one another, everyone will know that we are followers of Jesus. The parable of The Good Samaritan reminds us that anyone and everyone is our neighbour no matter what, and so we should have love and kindness in our hearts for everyone that we meet.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates for your diary

Monday 29th September

KS2 Cross Country competition

Friday 3rd October

**Training Day
School closed to pupils**

Wednesday 8th October

5.00pm Confirmation meeting in Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Thursday 9th October

Maya Workshop for classes Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4

Friday 17th October

Harvest Service
2pm Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Parent and carers welcome

Wednesday 22nd October

Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd October

Parent Consultations

Friday 24th October

3:15pm School closes for half-term

Monday 3rd November

8:40am School reopens



Mission

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

Our whole school Celebration of the Word led by Mrs Walsh on Friday was based on the new commandment Jesus gave to the disciples.



John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have **loved** you, so you
must **love** one another. By this
everyone will know that
you are my disciples,
if you **love** one another."

In the week ahead, the children's mission is to keep Jesus' new commandment by showing love for one another in our words and actions.



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This week we celebrated our first Mass of the school year said by Canon Pat. We were blessed to be joined by the parishioners and a governor Mr Taylor. It was also a beautiful 'Welcome Mass' for our new children in **Reception Class** and their families. In our school, we believe that all children are a unique gift from God and we are excited to help our new children grow in love, faith and joy as they join our school family.

Our **Year 5/6** class prepared this Mass. They read with confidence in loud and clear voices. Thank you, Year 5/6!

All the children sang beautifully and prayed with reverence. Well done everyone!





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October is the month of the Holy Rosary

During October, the Holy Rosary will be said **each day** in one of the churches in our parish for approximately 20 minutes.

Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our parish and their own intentions.

Mondays 11.25am at St Theresa's church
Tuesdays 8.55am at Corpus Christi church
Wednesdays 8.55am at St Gregory's church
Thursdays 9.25am at Corpus Christi church
Fridays 8.55am at St Gregory's church
Saturdays 11.25am at St Theresa's church
Sunday 5.25pm at St Theresa's church

There will be a box in each of the parish churches and slips of paper for you to write any prayer requests.

Please pop into church to complete a prayer request slip e.g. prayer for those who are ill or a special intention.

These petitions will be offered each day during the times of prayer.





Virtues to Live by – Respect and Courtesy

Certificates are given in recognition of pupils living out the virtues of 'Respect and Courtesy'.

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Class	Recipient	Our focus virtue for is
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Olivia	
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Evie-Mae	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Arna	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Teddy-Cooper	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Aisha	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Selome	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Milania	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Sophia	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Daniel A	
The children awarded the certificates this week have shown signs that they are living out this virtue in their daily lives in school.		





Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (22nd-26th September 2025)



Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk and Miss Laxton)	Imogen	For being a wonderful role model.
	Felicity	For always following instructions and doing her best.
Year 1 Miss Horkan	Chiziterem	For always listening well and following our school rules.
	Ariya	For working independently and trying her best.
Year 2 Mrs Grailey	Aurora	For excellent effort in Guided Reading.
	Leighton	For working hard when completing independent tasks.
Year 3 Mr Goodall	Grace	For showing kindness when supporting her peers in class.
	Eli-Gold	For sharing ideas and contributing to class discussions.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack	Ronnie-May	For showing perseverance and resilience in learning times tables facts.
	Kunashe	For showing great focus and concentration in all lessons.
Year 4 Mrs Child	Alana	For applying her learning to her writing to produce a wonderful setting description.
	Nene	For his hard work and persistence in our times table challenge this week.
Year 5 Miss McBride	Amber	For working hard within English lessons and using parenthesis within her writing. Well done!
	Zachariah	For having an enthusiastic approach to lessons and contributing to class discussions – keep it up!
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Whole Class	For reverently leading the Welcome Mass for our whole school.
Year 6 Mr Doyle	Joshua I	For being brilliant in the athletics track lesson, especially the sprint events.
	Sampson	For being wonderful in the athletics track lesson, especially the relay events.





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Skills Builder
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Essential Skills




Hello!



Our fantastic Skills Builders for this week!

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Class	Skills Builder Awards	<p>This skill is all about how to communicate effectively with others, being mindful of whether they are talking to adults, friends or peers or other adults and also in different places.</p> <p>Initially this skill focuses on being able to speak clearly – firstly with well known individuals and small groups and then with those who are not known.</p> <p>The next stage is about being an effective speaker by making points logically, by thinking about what listeners already know and using appropriate language, tone and gesture.</p> 
Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk and Miss Laxton)	Carter	
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Marniemae	
Year 2 (Mrs Graily)	Evie	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Dalton	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Shyra	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Ava	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Chidiebube	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Lexi	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Bang	

These children have all displayed amazing 'Speaking' skills this week.

Can we play
together please?



Of course, thank you
for asking.

Please and thank you are always appreciated in conversation.



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Attendance

There are 190 days in a school year





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Attendance (22nd-26th September 2025)

Class	This week	Since 2.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	96.9%	98.3%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	97.9%	98.6%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	98.0%	98.1%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	96.8%	97.7%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	99.2%	97.9%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	97.7%	94.9%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	98.2%	99.0%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	97.5%	98.4%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	96.1%	94.0%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	94.9%	94.0%
Overall attendance	97.3%	97.9%

This week's attendance is **97.3%** which is just above our school target.

This is a brilliant achievement - well done everyone!

A huge well done to all parents and carers who get the children into school and on time.





Look at what has been happening in school this week!



This week, in our **Provision Class** the children have been learning the Gingerbread Man story. We have made paintings using Gingerbread Man stamps, molded gingerbread cloud dough and used playdough to make gingerbread men with different sized cutters.



We have also been practicing saying the phonemes (sounds) for the graphemes (letters written down): 's, a, t, p, l, n'. We have worked hard to sort the pictures onto the correct grapheme according to the initial sound of the word.





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During their time outside, the children in **Reception** have loved running around, making obstacle courses, building and especially playing in the mud kitchen. They have had a wonderful time making mud pies and scooping and mixing. It is lovely to see the children having so much fun while they are learning.





Outdoor Maths

Year 1 enjoyed participating in Maths outside this week. They used chalk to practise number formation as they worked independently in the playground. There was lots of counting and laughter along the way! At lunchtime, the children revisited their work and proudly showed the lunchtime staff their numbers. Well done, Year1!





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This week in PE, **Year 2** continued developing their fundamental movement skills with a focus on *changing pace*. Mr Wales introduced the idea of using “five gears,” with Gear 1 representing slow walking and Gear 5 being full sprinting. The children enjoyed exploring the different speeds and showed great effort in applying them during races. They worked well both individually and as part of a team, showing excellent cooperation and enthusiasm.





I Have a Dream – Poetry Competition

The children in **Year 5** are entering a national poetry competition. The children have created their own poems based on the theme of 'dreams'. The Year 5 children have created some fantastic poems and worked hard to include a range of poetic technique, including: similes, rhyme, personification and repetition. We look forward to hearing back from the competition and wish all the children luck with their entries.





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Year 6 have been refining their athletic skills by focusing on running. They worked on sprinting and how to gain an advantage by improving their starting position before moving onto relays and passing on the baton whilst moving. Well done Year 6! 🏃 🏃 🏃



Year 6 Athletics



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Notices



Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Does your child qualify for free school meals?

Children **may be eligible** for free school meals if their parents or carers receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400

If you get Working Tax Credit your child will not qualify for free school meals.

Even though children have the universal free school meal offer for Reception Year 1 and Year 2, **this does not offer free milk**, please apply for this benefit.

The school receives money from central Government to support a variety of school initiatives that would be of benefit to your child. If you have any questions, please read the information on <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals> and speak to Mrs Midgley in the school office.

Free School Meals also means free carton of milk each day!



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PE Kit Days



Reception Miss Kirk	Monday	Friday
Provision Miss Laxton	Wednesday	
Year 1 Miss Horkan	Monday	Friday
Year 2 Mrs Grailey	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3 Mr Goodall	Monday	Friday
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack	Monday	Friday
Year 4 Mrs Child	Tuesday	Wednesday (Swimming)
Year 5 Miss McBride	Wednesday (Swimming)	Thursday
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6 Mr Doyle	Tuesday	Wednesday





Please label your
child's items.



As always, we kindly ask that **all clothing** is clearly labelled with your child's name — especially jumpers, cardigans, tracksuit tops, jackets and coats. These items are often removed during the day and can easily get mixed up, so labels really help us return them to the right owner.



Starting Secondary School

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015
The application process for the parents of Year 6 pupils to apply on time started on 1st September 2025 and closes on 31st October 2025. All applications received after this date **will not be considered** until after the national offer date of 2nd March 2026.



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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