



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2025-2026 Newsletter 6 (6th -10th October 2025)

Catholic Life and Mission

For the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the virtue of **Thankfulness**.



The word **thankfulness** describes the **feeling** of being **happy** or **grateful** because of the good things that have happened to you, and acknowledging the people who made those good things happen. In the Bible, **thankfulness** is recognizing who God is and what he has done for us.

Thankfulness

On Friday, in our whole school Celebration of The Word, we listened to the parable of The Ten Lepers. This story, which Jesus told, reminds us about the importance of saying thank you. Saying 'thank-you' is very easy to do but also very easy to forget. We must remember we have lots to be thankful for every day but sometimes we forget to say those two little words in response to someone doing something kind for us or to say thank you to God for our families and friends.



Important dates for your diary

Friday 10th October

CAFOD Family Fast Day- donations to the parish foodbank.

Tuesday 14th October

Year 5 cooking

Wednesday 15th October

Flu immunisations
Parental choice completed online

Friday 18th October

2pm - Harvest Service in Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Parents and carers welcome

Tuesday 21st October

Year 4 cooking

Wednesday 22nd October

3.45-6.25pm
Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd October

4.00-6.50pm
Parent Consultations

Friday 24th October

3.20pm School closes

Monday 31st October

Deadline for Year 7 applications for September 2026

Monday 3rd November

8.40am School reopens

Wednesday 5th November

3.20-4.30pm-Confirmation classes begin

Monday 17th November

School Nursing Team
Year 6 National Child Measurement Check
Reception National Child Measurement and vision Checks



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Mission- Thankfulness

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

In the week ahead, the children's mission is to always remember to say 'Thank you'. Please encourage your child at home.

Thank You

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say '**Thank you**'?"

~ William A. Ward

Thankfulness

Signs we are being **Thankful**:

- ❖ We remember to say thank you to others.
- ❖ We say thank you to God.
- ❖ We take time to appreciate the awe and wonder in God's creation.
- ❖ We show God we are thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation.
- ❖ We are thankful for all the gifts in each one of us and around us.
- ❖ We count our blessings every day and remember to praise God for them.
- ❖ We know that all we have is a gift from God.



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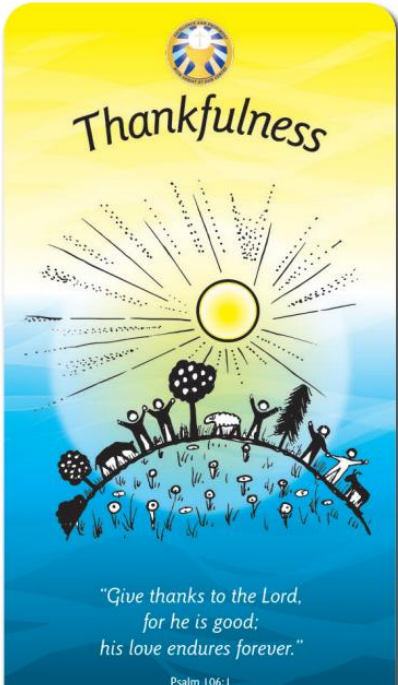
Virtues to Live By

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

Virtues to Live by – Thankfulness

Certificates are given in recognition of living out the virtue of **Thankfulness**.

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Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to 
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Samir	
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Naomi	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Isabella	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Tavio	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Connie	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Violet	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Hannah	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Haylo	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Kylarae	

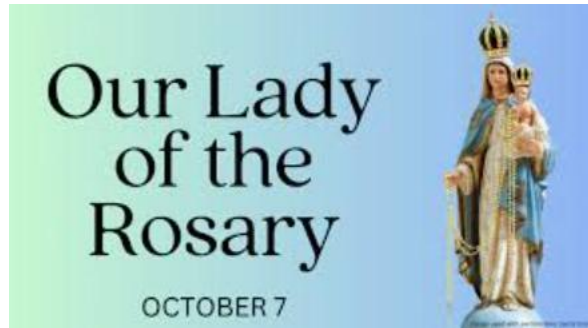
The children awarded the certificates this week have shown signs that they are living out this virtue in their daily lives in school.

THANK YOU!



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On Tuesday, our Year 2 children led the school in a beautiful and heartfelt Celebration of the Word, focusing on Mary our Mother and the importance of the Rosary. With reverence, joy, and confidence, they reminded us that October is the month of the Rosary—a special time to reflect, pray, and grow closer to Jesus through Mary. As part of our devotion, the whole school community has been invited to take part in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge throughout October. Together, in prayer and spirit, we are aiming to complete the entire Rosary, uniting our hearts in faith and love.





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Mary,
do not walk in front of me
because I may not follow you.

Mary,
do not walk behind me!
because I may not turn around.

Mary,
please walk beside me and be my friend.

Our Lady, Queen of the most holy Rosary
pray for us.

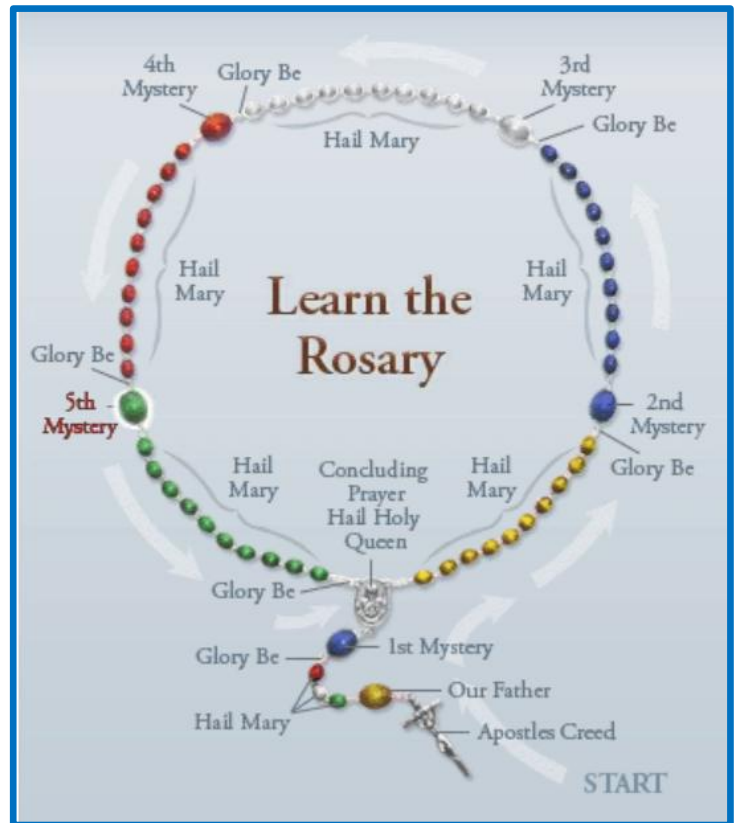
Amen.



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To mark the start of our Rosary Challenge, Upper Key Stage 2 children visited church to say the Rosary together with parishioners. They reflected on the stories from the Glorious Mysteries and then enjoyed some quiet and reflective time to speak with God. The children were complimented on their participation and their excellent behaviour by the attending parishioners.





MISSION

ROSARY CHALLENGE

RECORD SHEET

The Rosary Challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary, each weekday in October.



JOYFUL MYSTERIES

☐ THE ANNUNCIATION
 ☐ THE VISITATION
 ☐ THE NATIVITY
 ☐ THE PRESENTATION
 ☐ FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

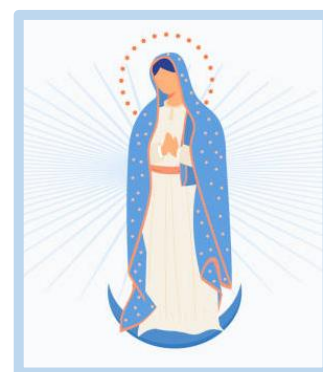
☐ BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN
 ☐ WEDDING AT CANA
 ☐ PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM
 ☐ THE TRANSFIGURATION
 ☐ INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

☐ AGONY IN THE GARDEN
 ☐ SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR
 ☐ CROWNING WITH THORNS
 ☐ CARRYING OF THE CROSS
 ☐ THE CRUCIFIXION

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

☐ THE RESURRECTION
 ☐ THE ASCENSION
 ☐ DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 ☐ ASSUMPTION OF MARY
 ☐ CROWNING OF MARY





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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Our attendance target is

Every pupil, on time, every day.



Attendance (6th -10th October 2025)

Class	This week	Since 2.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	98.5%	98.6%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	97.8%	93.3%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	97.1%	95.8%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	98.2%	99.0%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	97.5%	95.2%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	96.2%	99.0%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	99.2%	99.2%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	97.8%	97.7%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	94.6%	96.5%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	95.3%	98.1%
Overall attendance	97.3%	97.6%

Last week's attendance was **97.3%** which is **just above** our target. Thank you to all parents for getting children into school – they will reap the rewards of good attendance!

Please remember to make a concerted effort to ensure your child is **in school** and **on time every day.**





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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (6th -10th October 2025)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Kendrick	For working hard to write his name.
	Mathias	For his excellent repeating patterns work in maths.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Nevaeh	For her enthusiastic reading in Guided Reading lessons.
	Evie Mae	For her wonderful effort in all her work this week.
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Whole Class	For excellently presenting a Celebration of the Word to the whole school and visitors all about Mary Our Mother and the Rosary.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Nora	For always being a positive role model in class and around school.
	Lilly	For contributing to class discussions and always being first to follow instructions.
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Oma	For being a sensible, hardworking and kind member of the class.
	Adomas	For fantastic effort in writing lessons when learning about similes and metaphors.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Blake	For working very hard to improve his reading fluency and word recognition.
	Selome	For being a supportive friend and a good role model for others.
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Harper-Rose	For fantastic, descriptive writing linked to World War 1. Keep it up!
	Aseda	For always making valuable contributions to lessons and for a fantastic descriptive write this week. Well done!
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Bakary	For working hard and persevering in his PE lessons.
	Emmanuel	For always trying his best and working hard in his RE lessons.
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Jenson	A wonderful couple of weeks showing a great attitude to his work and helping others around school
	Kayla	A wonderful presentation about her own heritage to an audience outside of the school. You were amazing!





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Essential Skills



Each 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 (6th -10th October 2025)

Class	Recipient	Our focus Skills Builder skill is....
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Bodie-Lee	 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. 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. 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.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Olivier	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Levayah	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Jesse	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Gloria	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Finley	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Bella	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Ella	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Nancy	

These children have all displayed amazing speaking skills for this week.



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Look at what else has been happening in school this week!

This week children in **Reception Class** have been learning about sorting and comparing in Maths. They have been sorting lots of objects such as natural resources, shapes and colourful chickpeas. Outside the children made towers and compared them using language such as smaller/bigger and shorter/taller.



They ordered pots in the mud kitchen from the smallest to the biggest and sorted different sized balls into tubs by comparing them. Some children could explain why there were more small balls in the tub than big balls. Well done children!

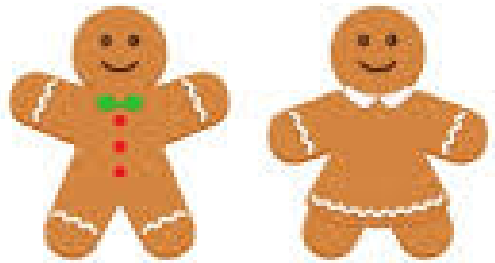


Sorting and
Matching



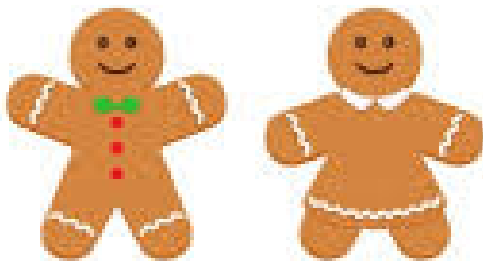
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This week, the children have been learning how to follow instructions by exploring the steps involved in making a Gingerbread Man. They then applied what they learnt by baking and decorating their very own 'Gingerbread Man'.

Then just like the fox in the story, they ate their Gingerbread Man which was delicious!





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Year 1 and Year 2 warmly welcomed a visitor, Loretta Schauer, into school this week. Loretta is an author and illustrator and she was excited to read one of her stories to the children. Loretta then showed the children how she develops the characters through illustration and invited them to join in as she drew some characters. The children enjoyed the experience of meeting an author and illustrating a story with her. Some children bought one of Loretta's books which she then kindly signed.





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The children in **Year 2**, along with Mrs Ball, have been busy planting bulbs and flowers around the school grounds to make our environment a brighter and more welcoming place for everyone. Through this beautiful act of care, the children are living out the Catholic Social Teaching value of *Stewardship*, our class principle, by showing great responsibility for God's creation. Their dedication and love for the environment are a wonderful example to us all and a reminder to be thankful for the wonderful world God has created for us.

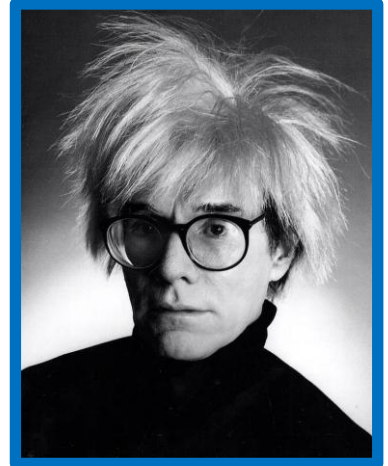




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This week, **Year 3** had their art day with Mrs Robinson. They were looking at the artist Andy Warhol- his life, what inspired him and his most famous pieces of art. After studying his work they used a printing technique to create their own pieces of pop art.



In **Year 3** this week, the children have been learning how to use a formal written method to add two digits together. The children used practical resources to ensure their understanding of what happens during the addition was secure.





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A Visit from Dr Diane – Exploring the Ancient Maya

Year 3, Year 3/4, and Year 4 were thrilled to welcome Maya archaeologist Dr Diane for a fascinating journey into the world of the ancient Maya civilisation. The day began with a special assembly where Dr Diane introduced the children to a range of authentic Maya artefacts, giving them a hands-on insight into daily life in ancient times.

The children were immersed in a journey through the rainforest to explore the Maya way of life and the challenges of living in such an environment. They particularly enjoyed learning about the fascinating animals that call the rainforest home.

Throughout the day, pupils discovered what makes the Maya so intriguing – from their impressive pyramids and complex number system to their remarkable discovery of chocolate!

It was a truly engaging and educational experience which brought history to life for our young learners.



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Year 4





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Year 5 - World War 1 History Work

This half term in History, the children in **Year 5** are learning all about World War One. To begin the topic, the children created their own timelines of significant events which took place during this time period and discussed the impact and importance of them. The children worked in groups and were confident discussing and sharing their ideas. Well done, Year 5!



1914-1918



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Last week in cooking, our **Year 5/6** pupils made delicious butterfly buns!

They carefully followed the recipe, using weighing scales to measure out the ingredients precisely before mixing everything together in a bowl. Once they achieved the perfect consistency, the mixture was poured into individual bun cases and baked in the oven.

It was a great opportunity for the children to practise their measuring and baking skills with a delicious sweet treat at the end!



When the buns had cooled, the tops were sliced off and cut in half to create the butterfly wings. The children then added a dollop of buttercream – which they had prepared themselves – to the top of each bun before carefully placing the wings on top.

The final results were very tasty and well received – a fun and rewarding baking experience for everyone involved!





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Year 5/6 and Year 6 Meet Author and Illustrator Martin Impey

Children in Year 5/6 and Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to meet renowned children's author and illustrator, Martin Impey. Known for his moving books about the First World War, Martin spoke to the children about his work and his latest project—writing about the Second World War.

He shared valuable insights into the writing process, highlighting the importance of research the topic, editing, and redrafting. Martin also encouraged the children to believe in themselves, saying, ***"Everyone has a talent and should be allowed to follow their dreams."***

The children were captivated by his talk and asked thoughtful questions, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity. It was an inspiring visit that left a lasting impression on the children as future writers and artists.



YEAR 5 6 and YEAR 6 AUTHOR VISIT - MARTIN IMPEY

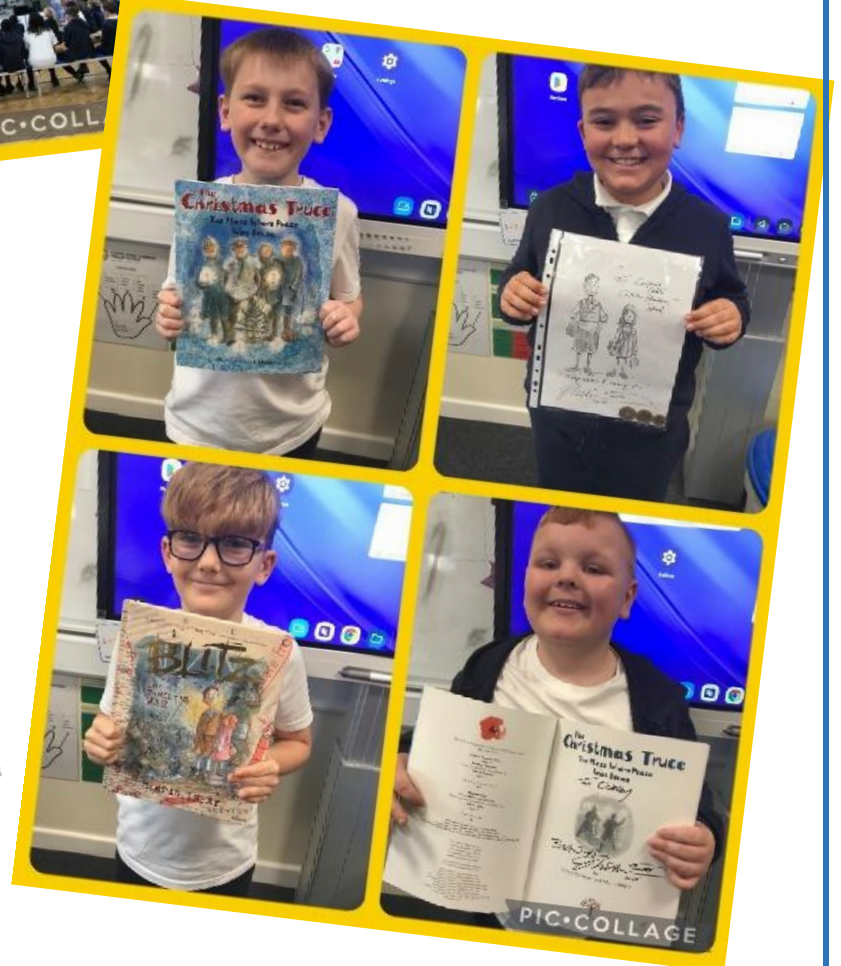
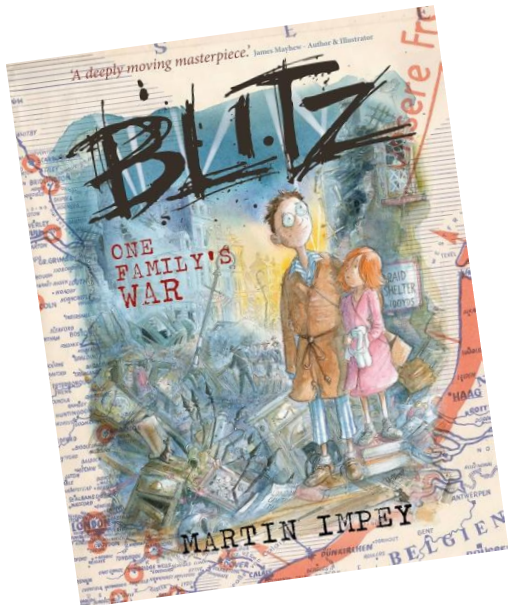
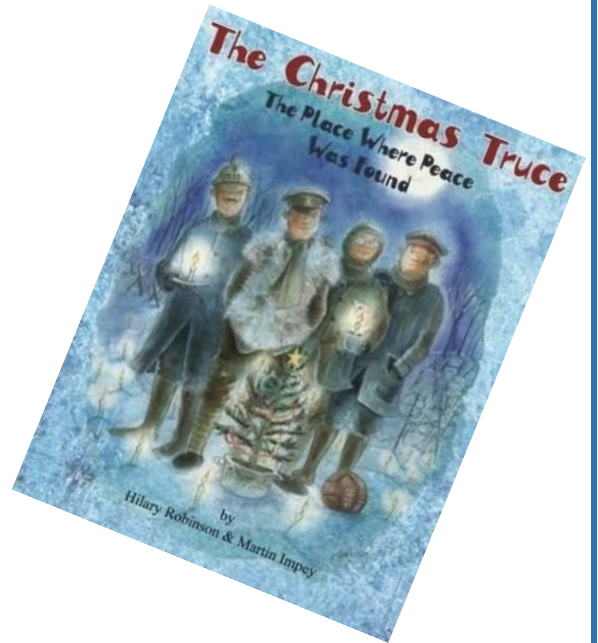


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Last Monday, some of our KS2 pupils took part in a cross-country competition against local schools at Temple Moor High School. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with the transport to the venue. The children really impressed with Devante, Joy and Joshua all finishing in second place in their event. Everyone managed to complete the course and had a great afternoon. Well done!



Last Thursday, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a friendly football match against Temple Learning Academy's Year 6 team.

Despite a challenging start in the first game, the boys showed great resilience and team spirit, continuing to support and motivate each other throughout the rest of the matches. It was fantastic to see their determination, positive attitude, and sportsmanship on display!

This week some of our Year 3 pupils took part in a football competition at Fives. They played against lots of other schools from across Leeds and really grew in confidence as the games went on with some of the boys playing their first ever tournament game against other schools. Well done!





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This week, pupils from **Years 1–6** have been appointed as their class Wellbeing Ambassadors. They will begin their important work supporting their peers in learning a range of mindful and grounding activities to promote wellbeing across the school.

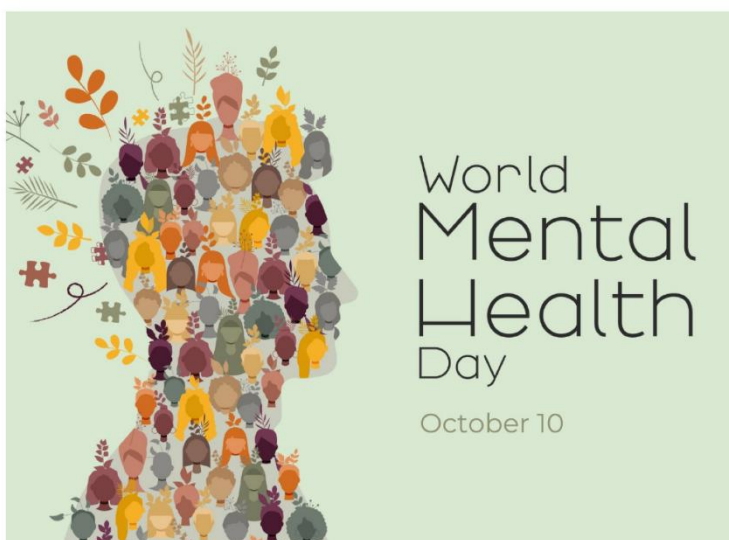
On Thursday, the ambassadors met with the Leeds MindMate Support Team, who delivered training on the five areas of wellbeing. The pupils will share what they have learnt in a special 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' assembly next week.

As Friday 10th October marks *World Mental Health Day*, we encourage everyone to take some time to support their own wellbeing—whether that's through breathing exercises, going for a mindful walk, talking to someone, or listening to your favourite music.

Take a moment to do something that makes you feel good!



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Support Team



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Notices



Confirmation Meetings

This week letters have gone out to parents of Year 6 children who are registered to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **at 7pm on 11th February 2026 in Corpus Christi Church.**

Classes for children with their parent/adult will begin here in Corpus Christi on

3.20pm – 4.30pm Wednesday 5th November 2025

Information for parents/carers regarding flu immunisations

For all parents who have signed up for their child to receive the flu vaccination - this will be on Wednesday 15th October in school.

School Aged Immunisation Service

0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service

Woodhouse Health Centre

Cambridge Road, LEEDS

LS6 2SF

Email: schoolimmsteam@nhs.net

Tel: 0113 84 33101



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Advance Notice

Parent Consultations will take place on

- Wednesday 22nd October 2025 from 3.45pm – 6.25pm
and
- Thursday 23rd October 2025 from 4.00pm-6.50pm.

It is a wonderful opportunity to see how well your child is doing and to find out how you can support your child at home!

Parent/carers will need to make bookings online using the link sent by text to your phone. We will be issuing this next week. Please note appointments are for ten minutes, allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Applications for Starting Secondary School September 2026

Is your child due to
start secondary
school in
2026?



You can apply online until
Friday 31 October 2025 for a
Year 7 place in **September 2026**

🔍 www.leeds.gov.uk/apply



Please make sure you have received an email confirming your application has been successfully received. Please also save a copy of or take a photo of the confirmation email.



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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