



2025-2026 Newsletter 8 (20th -24th October 2025)

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 - Thankfulness



**"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)**

As a school, we are very thankful for our first half term. The children have settled back into the routine of school life. At our first school Mass of the academic year, we officially welcomed our Reception pupils and their families into our Corpus Christi Catholic Primary school family and we hope that their journey with us will be filled with wonderful experiences and memories for them and for all our pupils.

Well done and thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm, hard work and beautiful behaviour and the staff for their commitment and dedication this first half term. The holiday is definitely an opportunity for a well-deserved rest!

We return to school on Monday 3rd November for the second half term which will be filled with more amazing learning opportunities and events.

Important dates for your diary

Friday 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

Thursday 6th November

am-KS2 Cross Country event

pm- Adoration

Friday 7th November

RISE Theatre production &
interactive day 'Treasures Within'

10-14th November

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

Monday 10th November



Monday 17th November

School Nursing Team

- Year 6 National Child Measurement Check
- Reception National Child Measurement and vision checks



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our consultations meetings on Wednesday and Thursday this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school to share the children's successes so far this academic year and set new targets. Our continued partnership will ensure that the children continue to learn, progress and reach their potential.

Also thank you to all the staff for preparing so thoroughly for the meetings.



"Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress,
and working together is success."



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Virtues to Live By



Virtues to Live by – Thankfulness

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

20th -24th October 2025

20 th -24 th October 2025		
Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Isaiah	The certificate has a yellow background with a blue sky and sun illustration. The word 'Thankfulness' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it is a quote in a smaller, black, serif font: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." The illustration shows a bright sun with rays, a small house, and some trees.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Zachariah	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Anna	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Naetochukwu	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Alexcia	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Heidi	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Damien	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Pete	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Shaylan	
The children awarded the certificates this week have shown signs that they are living out this virtue in their daily lives in school.		





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



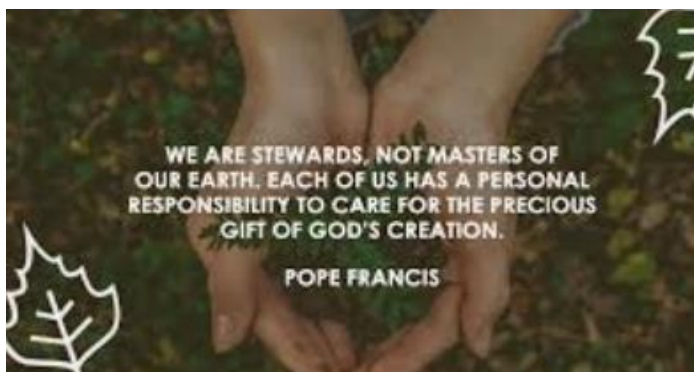
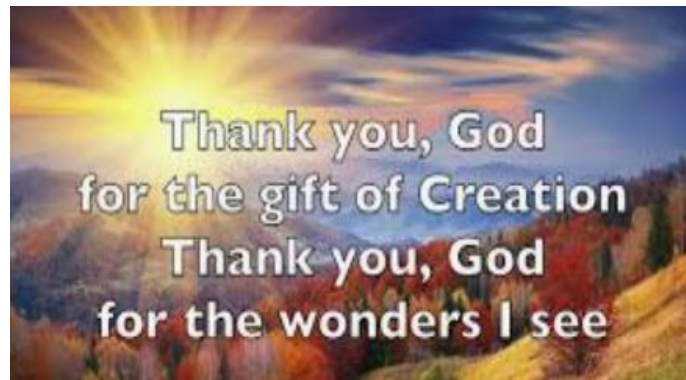
Mission

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

I am grateful for all I have and praise God for all he has given me.

Today we listened to 'The Creation Story' which is the very first story in the Bible. This is found in the very first book of the Bible called Genesis which is in the Old Testament. We thought about being thankful to God for the beautiful world He has made for us and the importance of remembering to take the time to appreciate the awe and wonder in His creation. We also reflected on how we need to look after it and the small changes we can make to help our planet.

Our mission is to always take care of the beautiful world God has created for us.



"All Christians are but God's stewards.

Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, *entrusted* to us for a while to use in *serving* Him."

- John MacArthur



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



During the holiday, let us all to try and do **ONE** thing this to look after our beautiful world, e.g. turning off lights, putting the correct items in the recycling bin, saving water...



6 WAYS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT EVERYDAY!

1. RECYCLE



2. USE A DRINK BOTTLE



3. SWITCH OFF THE LIGHTS



4. TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS



5. SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS



6. PICK UP RUBBISH IF YOU SEE IT AROUND



Clean Up





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



This week, some of our **Year 2** children took part in litter-picking with Mrs Ball helping to care for our school grounds and local environment. The children worked enthusiastically to collect rubbish and make our surroundings cleaner and more beautiful. This activity linked perfectly to our Catholic Social Teaching theme of Stewardship, reminding us that we are called to look after God's creation with love and respect. Well done Year 2, for being great examples of caring stewards!



STEWARDSHIP YEAR 2 LITTER PICKING



Let's Take Care of
Our Earth





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



PIC•COLLAGE

This week the children in classes **Year 3/4**, **Year 4**, **Year 5**, **Year 5/6** and **Year 6** joined the parishioners in Corpus Christi Church to take part in the Rosary before Mass. The children used their rosary beads to recite The Rosary. It was a beautiful start to the day!

Afterwards, I received this lovely message in an email from a parishioner,

"Thank you to your staff and children who joined us in the rosary last Thursday. They were amazing- prayed reverently and sat so quietly - they are a credit to you, your staff and the whole school! It was a privilege to be with them."



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



The Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and
the Relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto



PIC•COLLAGE

Last week the children in **Year 6** went to visit the Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto at Leeds Cathedral.

The statue is a representation of Our Lady of Fatima. It was in Fatima, Portugal that Our Lady appeared to three children Francisco, Jacinta and their cousin Lucia dos Santos in 1917.

The visit to Leeds Cathedral gave the Year 6 children the opportunity to pray to Our Lady through The Rosary and to celebrate Mass with parishioners of the Diocese as well as to offer prayers of intention to be taken back to Fatima.



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



this week **Year 1** welcomed Sister Damien as she joined Sister Chiara when they visited to worship together with us. The children offered prayers to Mary, Our Mother and took time to silently speak to God. Everyone enjoyed singing 'Our God is a good God' and Sister Damien happily followed the children as they demonstrated all the actions.



The Franciscan Sisters also visited **Year 2** and led a joyful session. The Sisters sang beautiful songs with the children, prayed together and shared stories about Mary Our Mother. The children learned how Mary shows us love, kindness and obedience to God and they reflected on how they can follow her example in their own lives. The Sisters were particularly impressed with Year 2's singing during Ave Maria!



KS1 FRANCISCAN
SISTERS VISIT



PIC-COLLAGES



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Over the past couple of weeks, the children in **Reception** have been busy learning and performing poems. They have thoroughly enjoyed adding actions and expression to bring their poems to life!



After practising on their outdoor stage, the children were keen to share their performances with a wider audience – so they invited Year 1 to come and watch. The Year 1 children were very impressed and gave some lovely feedback.

Well done, Reception!

PIC•COLLAGE



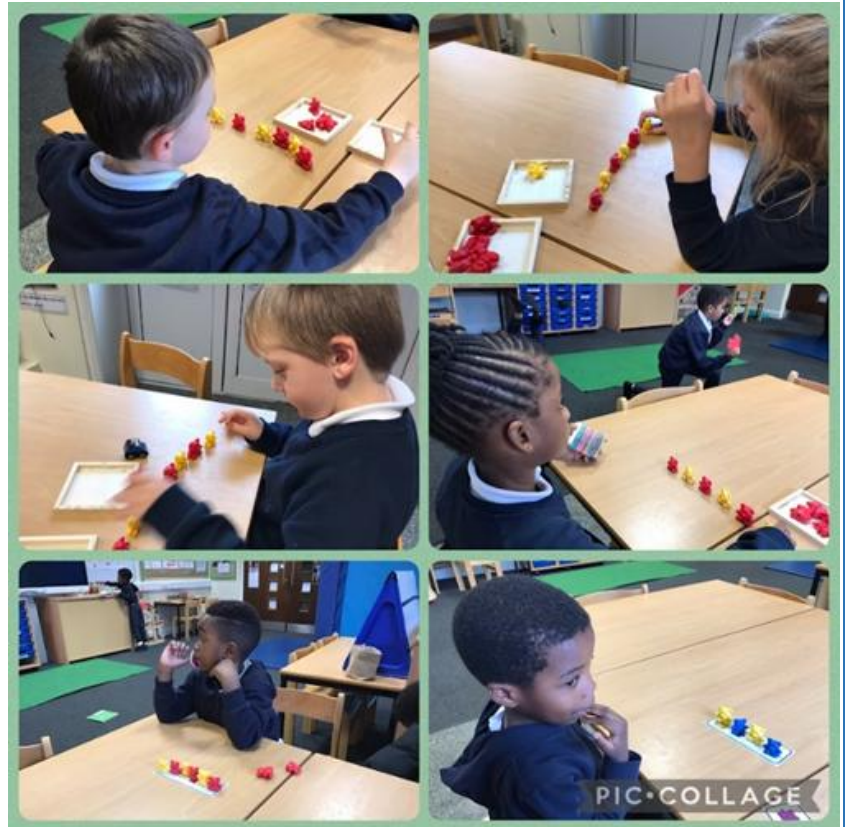
CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



The children in **Provision Class** have enjoyed exploring paint and using carrots as tools to make different marks. They experimented with colour, shape and texture, showing curiosity and creativity throughout the activity.

This activity helped the children to strengthen their **fine motor control** as they gripped and pressed the carrots in different ways. They also developed their **hand-eye coordination** and began to make intentional marks, an important early step in pre-writing skills.



In maths, the children have been creating repeated patterns using two different coloured bears.

When children create repeated patterns using two different coloured bears like this. They are learning about **patterns and sequences** which are an important foundation for mathematical thinking.



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



In Science this half term, the children in **Year 1** have been learning about the human body. Each week, the children have taken part in investigations using one of their five senses. They have been very enthusiastic over the half term and have thoroughly enjoyed using their senses of smell, sight, hearing, touch and taste. Here are some photographs of what they have been doing!





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



To mark the end of the first half term, Mr Wales organised a fun and engaging PE intra competition for **Year 2** to consolidate the fundamental skills the children have been practising over the past few weeks. The events included jumping, hurdles, throwing and relay races. It was fantastic to see the children applying their skills with such enthusiasm and team spirit. Congratulations to the Blue Team, who were the overall winners of the competition.





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



This half term, the children in **Year 2** have enjoyed a fantastic art project with Mrs Robinson, inspired by the work of British artist Bridget Riley. She is known for her striking optical illusion artwork. As part of the project, the children began by researching Bridget Riley's life and artistic style, developing an understanding of how she uses shape, line and contrast to create movement and visual effects. Then they had the opportunity to practise creating their own optical illusion designs, experimenting with patterns and repetition. To complete the project, each child created a final piece using block printing techniques. The results were impressive, well done to all the children for their focus, effort and artistic flair!





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Pok-ta-Pok

An Ancient Maya ball game



This week, Year 3 have been learning all about *pok-ta-pok*, an ancient Mayan ball game. *Pok-ta-pok* was played between two teams using a heavy rubber ball, and the aim was to get the ball to the other side of the court—without using hands or feet! After exploring how the game was played and its importance in Mayan culture, the children had great fun creating and playing their own version of *pok-ta-pok* in the hall, working together in teams and showing fantastic energy and teamwork.



PIC•COLLAGE



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



This week, **Year 3 /4** have been investigating what happened to the Maya Empire. The children worked in teams to uncover clues and evidence to support their own theories. Then they presented their ideas to the class, sharing a range of interesting and thoughtful explanations about the mystery of the Maya civilisation.



PIC•COLLAGE



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



This week, the **Year 4** children enjoyed their first cooking experience of the year – making **fruit and vegetable couscous**!

First, the children had to remember and demonstrate the cutting and chopping skills they learned in Year 3 – using the *claw* and *bridge* methods – to prepare the ingredients for their couscous. They took turns chopping celery, black olives, tomatoes, cucumber, and peppers. Before adding the ingredients, the children sampled each one individually – and surprisingly the olives were a big hit while the celery was one they would give a miss! Once everything was prepared, they mixed all the fruits and vegetables into the couscous and were delighted to taste their colourful creations.





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



On Monday, some of our **Year 5 and Year 6** children were selected to take part in an Indoor athletics event against other local schools at Temple Moor High School. The events were split into field and track events such as javelin, long jump, triple jump and relay races.

**We have our
Winners!!!**



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



The children really enjoyed themselves and came away as winners of the competition! Our school dominated every event and every pupil involved showcased their skill and the hard work they have been putting in.

A big thank you to the parents and carers who were able to support with transport and stayed to cheer on our children and see the school's success.





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Last Monday, some of our **Year 2** children took part in a football competition at Fives alongside teams from lots of other schools. For many, it was their first ever competitive match – and they absolutely loved it! Every child played with a smile on their face and showed fantastic determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship right to the final whistle.





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Attendance (20 th -24 th October 2025)		
Class	This week	Since 2.09.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	94.6%	97.1%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	90.0%	96.8%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	92.4%	96.5%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	94.7%	98.0%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	97.2%	96.8%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	97.2%	97.5%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	94.5%	98.5%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	96.7%	95.4%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	98.9%	98.1%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	95.3%	95.5%
Overall attendance	95.2%	97% 



Need More Effort

Attendance has taken a little bit of a dive this week and is **well below** our target. Hopefully, it will be at or above target after the half term break.

However, we are on target overall for the first half term.

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

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

Every Minute in School Counts





CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (20th – 24th October 2025)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Jovan	For some fantastic repeating patterns. Well done!
	Kabiel	For being such a wonderful friend and showing kindness and love to others.
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Skye	For a positive attitude in all areas of her learning.
	L'Maia	For showing kindness to her friends.
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Nova-Rae	For being helpful during Art this week – always ready to share ideas, tidy up and supporting her peers.
	Natan	For being an enthusiastic learner who always joins in with enthusiasm and gives his best effort in everything he does.
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Una-Rai	For always being a positive role model in class and around school.
	Michael	For excellent work in Maths using written methods for addition and subtraction.
Year 3½ (Mrs Hossack)	Noah G	For showing great focus and determination in Maths lessons.
	Giovanni	For sharing his thoughtful ideas in RE lessons.
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Benita	For settling very well to Year 4 and focusing on her learning in all areas. A lovely addition to our class!
	Kebron	For settling well into Year 4 and working hard to learning listen and learn a new language, well done Kebron!
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Joy	For working hard within lessons and contributing valuable ideas to class discussions. Well done!
	Maya	For always working hard within lessons and demonstrating positive behaviours across the curriculum. Keep it up!
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Louie	For working hard and trying his best in his writing lessons
	Maizie	For some wonderful writing in her writing lessons.
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Amelia	For PE-brilliant tactical awareness in football and great attitude during her swimming lesson.
	Oscar	For having a wonderful attitude to his work, always giving 100% and striving to improve his work,



STARS OF THE WEEK



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



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.



Social and emotional wellbeing



Learning and academic outcomes



Careers and opportunities

Skills Builder Award (20th -24th October 2025)

Class	Recipient	Our focus Skills Builder skill is....
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Diana	 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)	Selena	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Ivory	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Sophia	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Anaya	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Ryan	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Smith	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Lucas	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Lucas	

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



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



Achievements out of school



L'Maia proudly showing off her dance trophy.
Well done L'Maia!

Congratulations to L'Maia – being awarded a
dance trophy is such an amazing achievement!



Her hard work and talent is clearly paying off.



CONGRATULATIONS



Notices



Confirmation Classes

Family Catechesis classes for Confirmation candidates with their parent/adult will begin here in Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School on

3.20pm – 4.30pm Wednesday 5th November 2025

Applications for Starting Secondary School September 2026

Deadline for Year 7 applications for September 2026

Friday 31st October

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.



**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS



your support
is
such a blessing

Have a lovely weekend and holiday!

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