

# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'*

*Luke 3:4*

Autumn Term 2024 - Friday 13th December 2024

## NEWS UPDATE

It has been a wonderful Autumn Term with much to celebrate across the school. Children's learning across the curriculum has been enriched with a range of trips, visitors and experience days this term.

As you are aware, our school was inspected by **Ofsted** last week and we are very pleased with the outcomes. As always, the children were truly a credit to the school in sharing our mission as a Christ-centered learning community. A full report will be made available to you when it is published.

**Forerunner** sends out reminders to book lunches, particularly after school holidays, to help you. Please remember to book lunches by **midnight Monday 30th December** for the children's first week back.

Thank you for your donations for the sale of poppy merchandise in November. We are delighted to announce that we have raised **£317.38** for the **Royal British Legion**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continued support with your child's learning. We are blessed to have such a supportive learning community. Wishing all our families a happy and holy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th January 2025**.



## PRAYER

Lord,

In this Advent time,

prepare me to receive Jesus into my  
heart and into my family.

Take away any obstacles and distractions  
that are filling me up and make space for  
Jesus instead.

I know you can make my crooked roads  
straight and lead me directly to Jesus.

Amen

## PARISH NEWS

**FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS** are Friday mornings 10.30-11.30am and at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Gifts may be dropped off in the church porch. **TINNED FOODS** always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity which makes a difference to the lives of those in need in our community.

## DIARY DATES

KS2 Advent Service (Church)	Thursday 19th December 6:00pm
End of Term	Friday 20th December
Start of Spring Term 2025 (School open to children)	Monday 6th January 2025
3S Class Liturgy (Parents invited)	Monday 27th January 9:00am (School Hall)
4C Class Liturgy (Parents invited)	Monday 3rd February 9:00am (School Hall)
INSET DAY (School Closed to children)	Friday 14th February
Spring Half Term (School closed to children)	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
6S Class Liturgy (Parents invited)	Monday 10th March 9:00am (School Hall)
5B Class Liturgy (Parents invited)	Monday 24th March 9:00am (School Hall)
Spring Half Term (School Closed to children)	Monday 7th - Monday 21st April
Summer term begins	Tuesday 22nd April

## Headteacher Awards

Since our last newsletter, we have many wonderful **Headteacher Awards** to share with you. Special congratulations to these children for their endeavour and achievements during the Autumn term:

### EYFS and KS1:

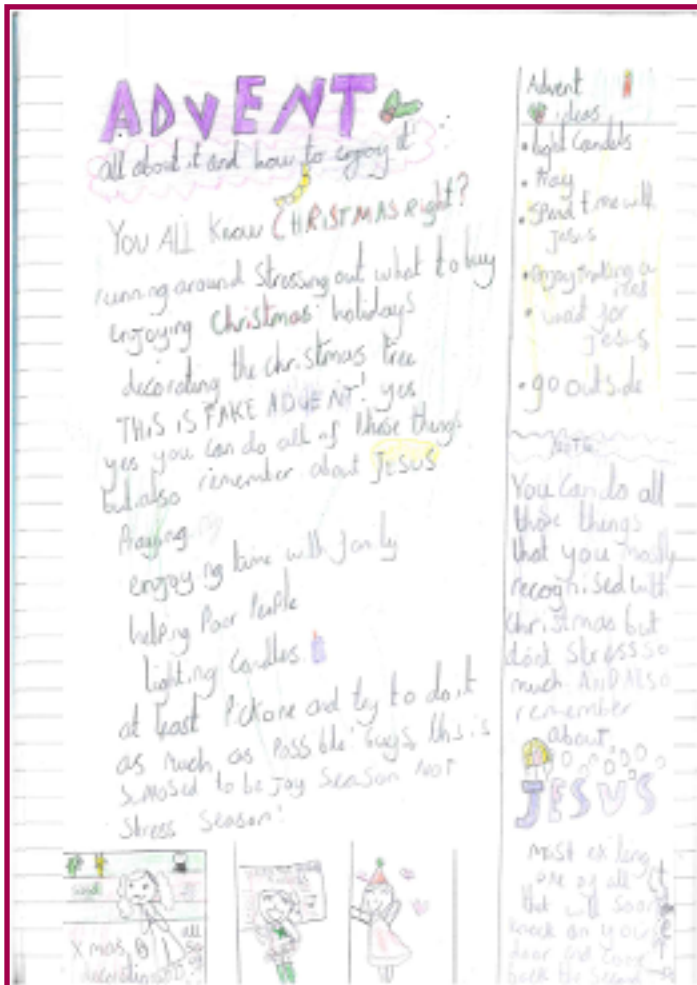
Matthew RR, Anthony RR, Tehillah RR, Olaf RR, Annvika RR, Agatha RH, Greta RH, Emrys RH, Liliana RH, Dylan RH, Jaroslav 1R, Dominik 1R, Carter 1R, Joshua 1R. Great 1ER, Alicja 1ER, Bobby 1ER, Bernice 1ER, Cody 1ER, Martim 2B, Antek 2B, Harper 2B, Franek 2B, Matthew 2B, Aida 2D, Xander 2D, Lily 2D, Elvin 2D, Hector 2D, Willow 2D

### KS2:

Lucas 3C, Luana 3C, Pietro 3C, Canaan 3C, Armstrong 3C, Zoe 3C, Chimyelum 3S, Nadia Z 3S, Lydia 3S, Gabbie 3S, Mia 3S, Marcel 3S, Evelyn 3S, Ale 4D, Oleg 4D, Alexa 4D, Iyanu 4D, Elliot 4D, Cassi 4C, Luena 4C, Levi 4C, Stephanie 4C, Theo 4C, Henrik 5W, Esra 5W, Neveah 5W, Honey 5W, Francesca 5W, Natalia 5W, Arhan 5B, Bella 5B, Alina 5B, Francesco 5B, Isabella 5B, Chimzurum 6LM, Favour 6LM, Kuba Z 6LM, Frankie 6LM, Yousef 6LM, Kosi 6LM, Amelia 6LM, Kevin 6LM, Benji 6LM, Leo 6S, Chloe 6S, Inara 6S, Oskar 6S, Max 6S, Elisha 6S, Illia 6S, Kehali 6S

## YEAR 4 ADVENT POSTERS

Thank you to Year 4 who have been reflecting on the true meaning of Advent as part of their preparation during this busy festive season. They have enjoyed creating posters to remind us of what Advent means to them and were keen to share some of their family traditions with you. Here are a few of the posters the children created as part of an Advent Poster Competition. How do you prepare during Advent?



## HOT MEALS

### Hot meals - Forerunner Reminders

Forerunner sends out reminders to book lunches, particularly after school holidays, to help you. You will only receive these messages if you have ticked to receive the news and notifications button. Please remember to book lunches by **midnight Monday 30th December** for the children's first week back, Monday 6th January 2025.

### Christmas Lunch

A reminder that if you have booked a Christmas lunch, this will take place on **Wednesday 18th December**.





# THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Year 2 have been learning all about The Great Fire of London as part of their History topic this term. The children made houses in October half term in the style of 1600's London houses. They then all placed them on the playground packed tightly together to replicate how the real London houses were in 1666. They then all watched from the other side of the playground as Mr Dancer and Mr Villain set the houses on fire. They watched their model houses be burnt down in some windy conditions, just like during The Great Fire of London. After the fire had been put out, all that was left was ashes.



## YEAR 6 SPONSORED BEACH WALK

As part of Year 6's curriculum learning on migration, the children were visited by the Red Cross who shared their work with refugees around the world. They learnt about the push factors driving people from their home countries, and how the Red Cross works to help these people.

Inspired by the **Catholic Social Teaching principle of human dignity**, we recognise that every person, regardless of their circumstances, deserves respect, compassion, and the right to a life of safety and hope. We wanted to help the Red Cross and stand in **solidarity** with the millions of refugees who have been displaced. We decided to hold a fundraiser and walked a collective **216 miles** to Boscombe Pier, raising money and awareness for the Red Cross and refugees. In total, we raised over £40 in donations which will help the Red Cross provide hygiene packs, food and phone credit for the refugees they support.





# EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

**SHOUT:** Shout is the UK's first and only free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging service for anyone who is struggling to cope. Text 'SHOUT' to 85258

**YOUNG MINDS:** The UK's leading charity fighting for a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)

**CONNECTION 24/7:** 24/7 helpline open to all ages. If you require urgent mental health support call 0800 652 0190 or NHS 111 and you will be signposted to the right service for the support you need.

The Bournemouth Retreat is open from 4.30-11.30pm every day and Dorchester's Retreat is open from 4.30-11.30pm Saturday-Wednesday for face-to-face drop-ins.

Community Front Rooms in Bridport, Wareham, Shaftesbury and Weymouth are open Thursday-Sunday from 2.15-9.45pm. All offer face-to-face and virtual drop-ins.

**CHILDLINE:** Call 0800 1111 [Childline | Childline](#) Childline is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

Counsellors will listen and support you with anything you'd like to talk about. You can call for free on 0800 1111 or speak online using [the 1-2-1 chats](#). If you're deaf, you can also use BSL via an interpreter. You can also [send a message](#) after signing up for a private Childline account. They will answer your message within a day.

**PARENTALK: (ACTION for CHILDREN )** Down-to-earth parenting advice you can trust. Find answers to parenting questions in our advice articles. Or talk to a parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. It's all free, and no topic is too big, small, or embarrassing. [Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)



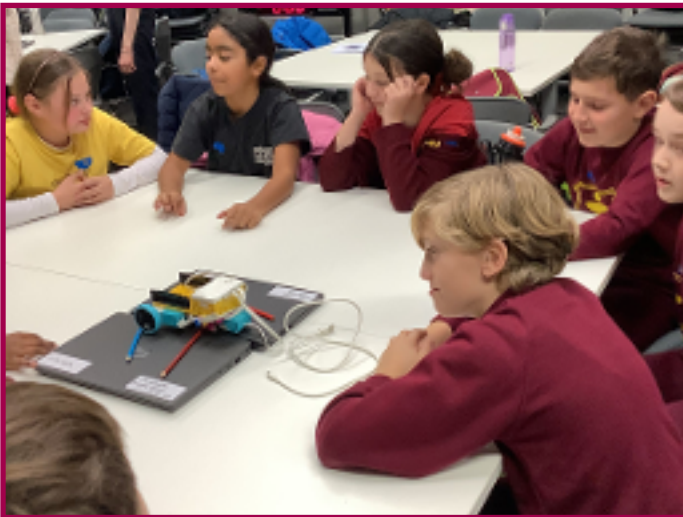
# JPMORGAN STEM

Recently, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the exciting opportunity to participate in a STEM learning day at JPMorgan. The day was packed with engaging activities such as 'Agile Cards', 'Tallest Tower', and 'Robocode'. Each task was designed to incorporate key STEM elements. For instance, pupils explored the agile methodology (commonly used in tech teams when designing web pages), applied engineering skills to construct the tallest tower, and discovered the essential ingredients for successful coding during their battle game challenge.

A major focus of the day was teamwork, a vital skill for JPMorgan employees. All the activities encouraged collaboration, and the competitive edge of prizes for successful teams added an extra layer of excitement. After each task, the pupils reflected on what went well and considered areas for improvement—important life skills that will benefit them far beyond the classroom.

The day also included a fascinating tour of the JPMorgan site. Pupils were impressed by the company's efforts to support local communities, including their on-site beehive that produces honey for local businesses. They also had the chance to meet young apprentices who are balancing their studies at Bournemouth University with their roles at JPMorgan. It was an inspiring glimpse into potential future career paths.

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who braved the cold and icy morning to help walk our pupils to the site. Your support was greatly appreciated!





## Bishop of Portsmouth

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31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Simon,

Thank you very much for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 with the wonderful news that the school has been awarded the Oscar Romero Innovator Level Award. This is a fantastic achievement!

I wanted to thank you personally too, for your witness to our Catholic faith and leadership in encouraging others to work for social justice. You must be delighted and I hope this award will encourage more to join in with the schools' mission to promote Catholic Social Teaching. As Oscar Romero wisely said about the pursuit of peace:

"That is the hope that inspires Christians. We know that every effort to better society, especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us"

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to all those children, parents, governors, staff and parish community who have contributed to this award. Enjoy the celebrations.

With my prayers and best wishes for all that you do.

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Bishop of Portsmouth



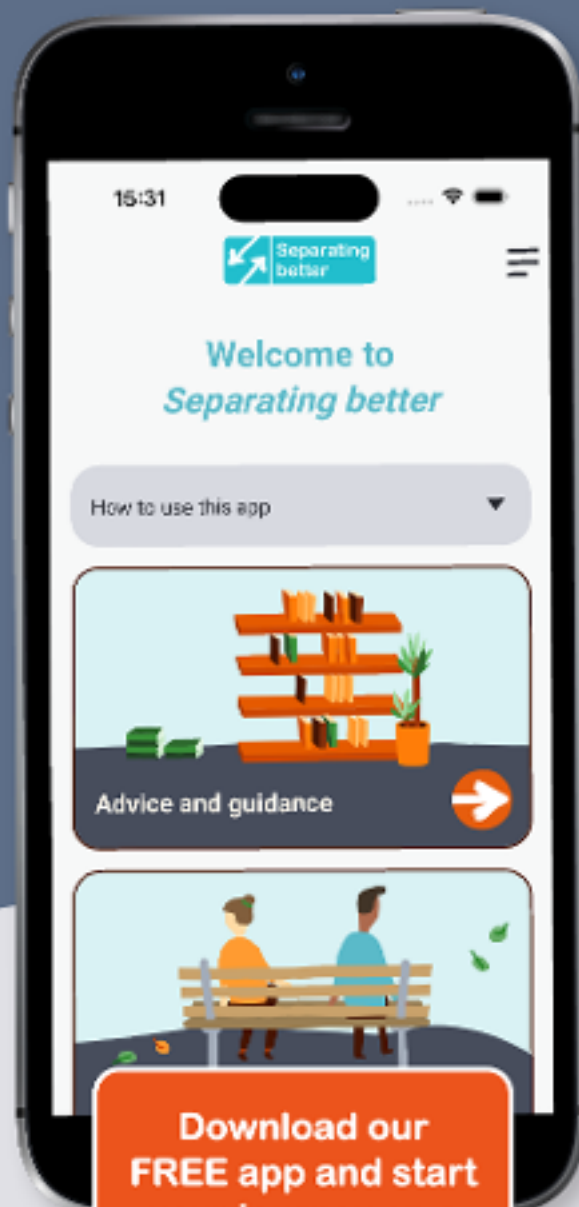


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# Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.

FOR  
ALL  
PARENTS



## Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

FOR  
NEW  
PARENTS



## Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

FOR  
SEPARATING  
PARENTS



## Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to communicate better to minimise the impact this can have on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.



To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all **FREE** to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a

username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting:  
[www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents)

Find out further information about the healthy relationships programme offered by BCP Council Family Hubs:

[www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/healthyrelationships](http://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/healthyrelationships)

e [relationships@bcpCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:relationships@bcpCouncil.gov.uk)







## Support for Inter-Parental Communication

FREE support  
available  
for one or  
both parents

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- Do you argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?

If so, then the SIPCo project could help.

Whether you are with your partner or have separated, are an LGBTQ+ parent, a parent in an extended family, or any other group, we are looking for parents and carers who live in Dorset, BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole) and Bristol who:

- have a **child aged 8-14**
- are **getting into conflict** with a partner or ex-partner
- are **willing to try something new** to help reduce their conflict.

You will be allocated either relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or online support. A local practitioner will help you access the online support resources, which can be used at your own pace.

The project is trying to compare the two types of support, so parents will be provided with one or the other. We expect both kinds of support to be helpful for families.

In the relationship therapy sessions (which will take place online), a therapist will help you and your partner/ex to communicate better, while the online resources are programmes that you will work through at your own pace with the support of a locally trained professional.

If you are interested, please get in touch using the details below.

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# Domestic abuse support for male survivors

If you're hurt, controlled or abused by  
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# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS ARE CHANGING

## First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

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## Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, payable within 28 days.

2

## Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrates' Court. If convicted, sanctions can include a fine of up to £2,500 and a prison sentence of up to 3 months, and you will have a criminal record.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

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Changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

### National Threshold:

All schools in England must consider a Penalty Notice when a pupil has 10 unauthorised absences in a 10 school-week rolling period. For example, a 5-day holiday would meet this threshold.





# Child Safety Online:

## A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media

Social networking is hugely popular. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles.

But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.

### Why children use social media



### Understand the risks children may need to deal with

#### What they could see or do:

- Seeing or sharing of violent, sexual and pornographic content
- Inaccurate or false information and extreme views
- Promotion of harmful behaviours including self-harm, anorexia and suicide
- Over-sharing of personal information
- Actively or unintentionally getting involved in bullying or hurtful behaviour

#### Who they might meet:

- People who might bully, intimidate or frighten
- People posing behind fake profiles for:
  - Mischief-making
  - Sexual grooming and stalking
  - Blackmail and extortion
  - Identity theft and hacking

#### How this could affect them

- Fear of missing out leading to excessive use or exaggeration
- Getting upset by things they have seen and being uncertain about what to do
- Engaging, or being pressured into engaging in more risky behaviour either by accident or by design
- Developing unrealistic, and perhaps depressing ideals of body image and gender
- Becoming subject to peer pressure or interactions that are intense or too difficult to handle
- Creating an online reputation that may create problems for them in the future