

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'When the master of the feast tasted the water it had now become wine.' John 2: 9

Spring Term 2025 - Friday 17th January

NEWS UPDATE

It has been a wonderful start to the new spring term. We are very impressed with how well the children have settled back into their routines and applied themselves to their learning with such enthusiasm. This month, we begin the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is symbolised by the colour green—representing hope and renewal. Ordinary Time is a season where we focus on the ongoing growth of our faith, reflecting on the teachings of Jesus in our everyday life.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to you for your kind and generous donations recently for both local and global charities which we continue to support. We are delighted to announce that you have raised **£249.78** for **Mary's Meals** as a result of the collection at the Advent Service. This will make such a tremendous difference to the lives of children around the world to enable them to have a daily meal at their place of education. As a result of Christmas Jumper Day donations, you have also helped to raise funds to support **Michael's House**, a local homeless charity based in Boscombe, with a donation total of **£126.33**.

We hope that you enjoy the selection of **Key Stage 1 Nativity** photographs we have shared with you in this newsletter.

Wishing all our families a happy weekend.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

You changed plain water into glorious wine.

I ask you to transform me into the person you created me to be.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Melt me, mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

3S Class Liturgy (Parents invited)	Monday 27th January 9:00am (School Hall)
4C Class Liturgy (Parents invited)	Monday 10th February 9:00am (School Hall)
Parent Teacher Consultations (face-to-face)	Tuesday 11th February 3:30 - 6:00pm (School Hall)
Parent Teacher Consultations (virtual)	Thursday 13th February 3:30 - 6:00pm (GoogleMeet)
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)
Easter Holiday (School closed to children)	Monday 7th - Monday 21st April
Summer Term begins	Tuesday 22nd April

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to these children who have received Headteacher Awards this week:

EYFS and KS1: Jochebed RR, Osaigbovo RH, Oskar 1P, Claire 1ER, Szymon 2B, Aniela 2D,

KS2: Chuks 3C, Fortune 3C, Nadia 3S, Nikola 4D, Lucy 4C, Anina 4C, Sebastian 5W, Marcel 5B, Gabriela 6LM, Benji 6LM, Joao 6LM, Sebastian M 6S

SENDiass4BCP

We would like to make you aware of some events in January to support parents and carers. Further information is available here:

<https://sendiass4bcp.org/2024/12/27/whats-on-in-january-2/>

The family drop-in sessions provide an opportunity to ask any questions with regards to education, health and social care matters of children and young people up to the age of 25.

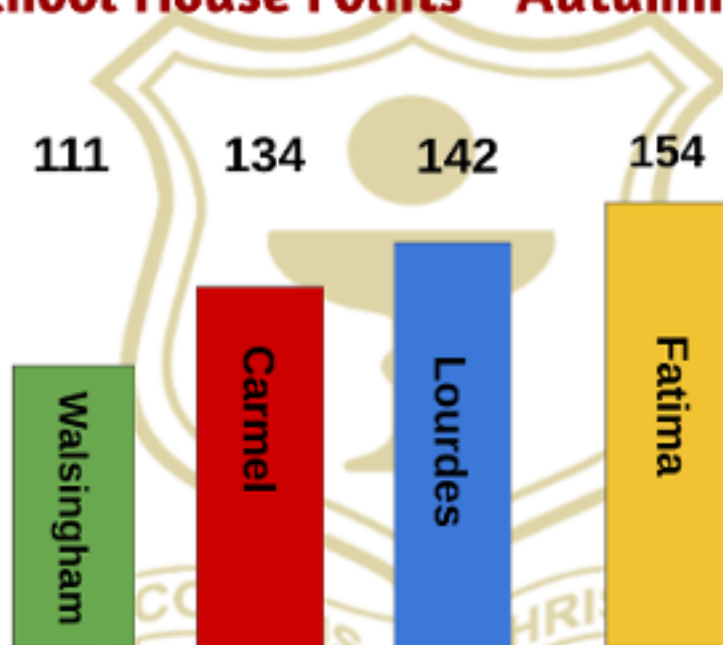


HOUSE TEAM WINNERS

We are very proud of our four House Teams at Corpus Christi. Children are awarded house point tokens in their house colours based on character endeavour, reflecting our school Gospel Virtues through their attitude and behaviour. Special congratulations to all of our children in Fatima House Team who were last term's winners of our house point competition. Last week, Fatima enjoyed celebrating this result with a Mufti Day wearing their house colours with pride! Well done to children in each house for your excellent effort in



Whole School House Points - Autumn Term 2024



YEAR 5 ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

This week, Year 5 children visited the Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre to build on their learning from last term about the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Scandinavia. The trip provided a fantastic hands-on opportunity to engage with real-life examples of the buildings, weaponry, and crafts that would have been familiar to the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

The children participated in a variety of practical activities, including weaving using long hazel branches to bend and interlace around sticks, creating fences similar to those used by early communities. They also used traditional tools to saw and chop dead wood for fire-making, gaining a deeper appreciation for the skills required for survival in these ancient times.

The highlight of the day was warrior training, where the children explored a range of weapons used in Viking battle. Armed with shields, they then practised army drills, immersing themselves in the warrior culture of the Vikings.

For lunch, the children gathered in a large roundhouse, its roof covered in grass, where they enjoyed a fire demonstration using the wood they had chopped earlier in the day.

It was an exciting and enriching day of learning, and the staff at the centre were highly impressed with the children's knowledge and enthusiasm for getting involved in every activity.





CHRIS DANCER - ARTISTIC SHOWCASE

We are pleased to present a selection of exceptional paintings by Chris Dancer, our caretaker. Last year, Mr. Dancer was awarded the prestigious **Dorset Art Prize 2024** in the adult category, standing out among 400 other entries. The exhibition, held at **The Lighthouse** art gallery in Poole, ran for four weeks over the Christmas season.

The striking portrait of Jesus with a red shroud, shown below, was painted by Mr. Dancer nearly 20 years ago and has been a cherished part of Christchurch Priory Church ever since.

Another powerful piece, *Jesus on the Cross*, was created during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Dancer shared, "I painted it to lift my spirits and inspire both myself and others during that difficult time." The artwork took a year to complete, reflecting the deep emotional journey of its creation.

We hope these paintings bring you the same sense of reflection and inspiration that they continue to provide to so many. Special thanks to Mr Dancer for allowing us to share his talented artwork.





KS1 NATIVITY



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](#)



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.

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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 19th 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

