

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash each other's feet.'

John 13: 14

Spring Term 2025 - Thursday 3rd April 2025

NEWS UPDATE

As we approach Easter, we reflect on what has been a busy and meaningful term, filled with activity and growth. Easter is a special time for our school community—a time to pause for prayer and reflection, as we remember the love and sacrifice of Jesus. May this season bring peace and joy to all our families, as we continue to grow in faith and gratitude together.

We are very proud to announce that **Mrs Macfarlane has achieved her PhD from St. Mary's University, Twickenham.** Dr. Macfarlane has spent the last four years studying for her PhD, with her thesis titled: ***'To what extent, and in what ways, does Catholic character education contribute to the formation of pupils in primary schools in England?'*** Our school has greatly benefitted from Dr. Macfarlane's research as we offer a bespoke, explicit Catholic character education curriculum based on our school Gospel virtues. Congratulations to Mrs Macfarlane.

Thank you for your support at our school **book fair**. We are delighted to have raised **over £800** which has resulted in a commission of £300 worth of books for the school library and class reading areas. Thank you to Miss Whiting for organising both World Book Day and the book fair.

We pray that this Easter brings peace, joy, and abundant blessings to all our families. May you experience the love and hope of Christ's resurrection.

We look forward to welcoming our families back to school on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025.**

PRAYER

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as
Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my
servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travellers
on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile
and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you, In the night
time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace
you long to hear.

Amen

PARISH NEWS

The Corpus Christi Parish Newsletter
can be accessed here:
[https://corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/
newsletter/](https://corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/newsletter/)

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
generosity which makes a difference to
those in need in our community.

DIARY DATES

Year 3 Stations of the Cross (Parents invited)	Thursday 3rd April 9:00am (School Hall)
Year 4 Easter Story (Parents invited)	Thursday 3rd April 2:00pm (Church)
Easter Holiday (School closed to children)	Monday 7th - Monday 21st April
Summer Term begins	Tuesday 22nd April
Year 4 Trip - Winchester Science Centre	Thursday 1st May
May Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 5th May
Year 6 Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs)	Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May
Half Term Break	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
Open Afternoon for all classes (Parents invited)	Friday 13th June 2.15pm

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

EYFS and KS1:

Esther RR, Ziann RR, Travis RR, Pelumi RR, Victor RH, Chizaram RH, Lara RH, Raphael RH, Flynn 1P, Eleazar 1P, Adam 1P, Emily 1P, Wyatt 1ER, Samara 1ER, Khrystyna 1ER, Luna 1ER, Heather 2B, Lucas 2B, Jon-Xyrus 2B, Matthew 2B, Solange 2B, Willow 2D, Alex 2D, Rupert 2D, Alejandro 2D

KS2:

Sonny 3C, Ziggy 3C, Jeswin 3C, Ethan 3S, Layla 3S, Apolo 3S, Bernard 3S, Xian 3S, Eilis 3S, Ava 4D, Harvey 4D, Christian 4C, Freya 4C, Razvan 4C, Dominika 5W, Bruno 5W, Mikey 5W, Naeto 5B, Jiwon 5B, Nikos 5B, Hugo 6LM, Andrew 6LM, Lourenco 6LM, Charlie 6LM, Daniel 6LM, Hannah 6S, Mason 6S, Olaf 6S, Filip 6S, Teigan 3S, Theo 3S, Ava 4D, Fife 5W, Mia 5W, Mia 5B, Isabella 6LM, Natan 6S

FORERUNNER 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 14th April** for the children's hot lunches from Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

SENDIASS4BCP

<https://sendiass4bcp.org/2025/02/27/whats-on-in-march-2/>

The **NHS School Nursing Team** are offering non-medical parent drop in sessions which will be held termly. They are to support parents with common childhood concerns such as toileting, nighttime wetting, sleep, nutrition, growth concerns and also signposting to other services. Their first drop in session at Corpus Christi will be on **Thursday 24th April** from 9am to 11am. If you would like any help or advice on any of the above, please make use of this service by popping into the school office on the 24th. Take a look at our latest What's On post by clicking this link:

<https://sendiass4bcp.org/2025/03/27/whats-on-in-april-2/>

School Nursing Team
0-19 CYP PLUS
Health Service

Parent drop-in

Your school nursing team can provide non-judgemental and confidential support and advice about:

- Healthy lifestyle advice
- Emotional health and well-being support
- Bedwetting and toileting
- Nutrition and growth
- Sleep advice
- Signposting to various services
- Parenting advice
- Behaviour support

Your next drop-in will be on:



You can contact us via

- School nursing admin hub on 01929 557 558
- Parentline advice 5-19 texting service on 07812268331
- Website at www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing

Follow us on social media:

-  [DorsetHealthCare School Nursing](#)
-  [dorsethealthcare_schoolnursing](#)

We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information if you ask us to do so or if we have the authority to do so. We would never pass on your information to anyone else without your permission.

The Blessing of the Easter Baskets

One of the most cherished and enduring Polish traditions on Holy Saturday is the blessing of Easter baskets. This year, we are happy to announce that Father John has kindly agreed to hold the blessing at Corpus Christi Church on **Saturday, April 19th, 2025 at 11:00 AM**.



YEAR 2 CHICKS

As part of Year 2's study of **Life Cycles and Animal Growth**, the students observed baby chicks hatching from eggs. The chicks arrived as eggs after half term and were incubated for 23 days. After this period, the hatching process began, which took up to 8 hours. Once hatched, the chicks developed fluffy feathers and started learning to drink and eat. Four days after hatching, the chicks became much more active, jumping, running, and even attempting to fly. This was an engaging and enjoyable learning experience for the children, who had the opportunity to observe the life cycle of the chick firsthand. It was both memorable and fun, providing them with a unique and hands-on understanding of animal growth.



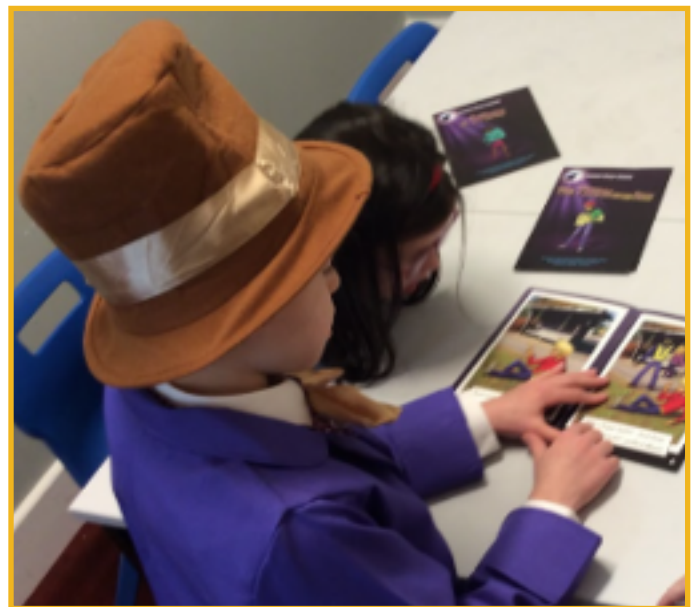
WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday, 6th March, we celebrated **World Book Day**, with this year's theme being '*Read Your Way*,' which encouraged everyone to read in the way that inspires them the most! Throughout the day, we embraced various forms of reading, including poetry, performance, script-writing, songs, news headlines, debates, and, of course, the enchanting world of fiction.

A highlight of the day was our **Book Buddies** sessions, where children of different ages came together to share stories and enjoy reading with one another. In the afternoon, we held a school parade, where students proudly showcased their outfits. The children also enjoyed reading time with their teachers, sparking a love for literature. We hope that this experience inspires the next generation of authors and illustrators!

Following World Book Day, we were thrilled to host the **Scholastic Book Fair**, where parents had the opportunity to purchase books right in the heart of the school. Scholastic rewards schools based on the amount of books sold at their Book Fairs, providing us with credits to spend on books for the school. We are delighted to share that Corpus Christi raised just under £800, and thanks to this success, Scholastic has generously awarded us £300 to spend on new books for the school!

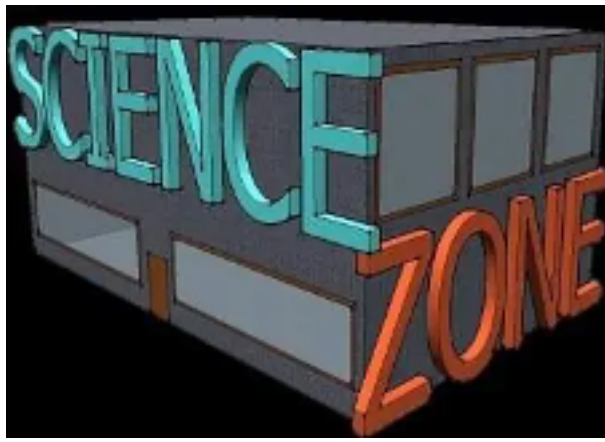
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. Your participation truly makes a difference in enriching our school's collection of books!



SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week has been an exciting time at Corpus Christi, filled with hands on learning and exploration! A highlight was the incredible **Space Dome visit**, where Year 3 pupils discovered the wonders of rocks, soils and fossils, while Year 5 embarked on a journey through Space and beyond. The immersive experience inside the dome made them feel like true astronauts!

As part of **British Science Week**, many pupils have been busy creating fantastic posters for the national competition, showcasing how Science and Technology help us adapt to our changing climate. The top five entries will soon be sent off for judging - good luck to our young scientists! Alongside these activities, classrooms have been buzzing with extra Science experiments, sparking curiosity and excitement in every year group. What a fantastic celebration of Science! Special thanks to our Science Lead, Mrs Walker, for organising these events and activities for the children.



YEAR 5 AUTHOR VISIT

This week, we were delighted to welcome award-winning author **Rab Ferguson** to our school. He led an exciting workshop where the children had the opportunity to create their own alien characters, as well as learn about the incredible work of Young Carers and why they are true heroes.

Year 5 was the lucky year group to meet with Rab and take part in this engaging session, which included listening to his captivating stories and using them as inspiration to develop our own unique characters.

It was a fantastic experience, and we feel incredibly fortunate that MyTime Young Carers organised such a memorable visit for us. Thank you to everyone involved in making this event so special!



SPORTS NEWS

Football

The Girls Football went through to the last 16 of the Girls Dorset Football and beat Lockyer Middle School 3-0 however they lost in the quarter final to a strong Oakdale team 4-0. Well done to Favour (6LM), Alannah (6LM), Gabriela (6LM), Isabelle-Rose (6SH), Amelka (6LM), Dominika (5W), Isabella (6LM), Alicja (5B), Inara (6SH) and Evie (4D). In the BCP football leagues, Year 5 finished 3rd, Year 6 finished 5th and the girls finished in 3rd place. Congratulations to all the football teams!

Netball

Corpus Christi took part in the BEE Skills Netball festival where they were put through their paces by players and coaches from Christchurch Netball Club by participating in various Netball exercises and activities. Well done to Esther (5B), Ameaya (5B), Alina (5B), Megan (5B), Darcy (5W), Mia (5W), Yvonne (5B) and Mia (5B)

Rugby

On Thursday 13th March, 21 children represented Corpus Christi in the Dorset and Hampshire Schools Rippa Rugby Festival. The squad was split into 2 teams where both teams played a total of 12 games, won 11 and drew 1. Massive well done to Theo (4C), Josh (4C), Dominik (4C), Evie (4D), Thiago (4D), Max (4D), Niamh (3CO), Elizabeth (4C), Henrique (4D), Zoe (4C), Quin (4C), Mitchell (4D), Iyanuoluwa (4D), Samanta (4C), Maya (4D), Lewis (3SO), Chimyelum (3SO) Michelle (4C), Marcel (3SO) and David (3SO).

Table Cricket

On Tuesday 11th March, 9 pupils represented Corpus Christi in the Lord's Taverners table cricket competition where they competed against various schools across Dorset in which they came 3rd. Well done to Liam (6LM), Michael (5B), Evania (4C), Hanna (6SH), Kevin (6LM), Helena (6SH), Julia (5W), Henrik (5W) and Olaf (6SH).



Corpus Christi School Parent Teacher Association



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Please come along and find out what our PTA has done for the school and the children this year.

School Library by School Hall
Tuesday 29th April at 2pm



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Evening Dodgeball Clubs

Corpus Christi Primary School Dodgeball Club

An action packed hour of fun & games every Monday evening



DODGEBALL CLUBS

Dodgeball Club at Corpus Christi Primary School

Every Monday Evening

5:00-6:00pm

£5 per session

Scan the QR code
to register or head to
our website



Our Dodgeball club is something which is enjoyed by all, a fast moving, high involvement game which the children just cant get enough of.

All session are game based where the children will be using their throwing skills to try to eliminate the opposing team, where agility, awareness are at the forefront went dodging incoming balls and bravery in taking a catch offers high team rewards.

Who will be Corpus Christi's top dodger?

For more details please contact Ally on 07725135473

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A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

*Written in
collaboration with Missio.*





Understanding your child's sensory needs



This free workshop will be delivered by the BCP Schools OT Sensory Outreach Team.

The aim is to empower parents to understand their child's sensory needs, and have supportive strategies they can try at home.

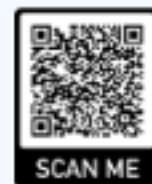
The workshops will be held on the following:

Wednesday 19th March 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 26th 4.15pm-5.45pm
Manorside Academy Evering Ave, Poole BH12 4JG



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Friday 25th April 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 30th April 5pm-7pm
Muscliffe Primary school, Broadway Ln,
Bournemouth BH8 0AB



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Tuesday 3rd June 1pm-3pm,
Wednesday 4th June 6pm-8pm
St Katharine's C Of E School, Rolls Dr,
Southbourne, Bournemouth BH6 4NA



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To request more information please e-mail:
schools.otsensoryoutreachteam@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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