



# Corpus Christi

Catholic Primary School  
for children aged 4 to 11 years



Joyfully, unique in Jesus' family, we learn to use our special gifts to love, serve and make the world a better place. (School Mission Statement)

# Welcome

***'Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.'*** (1 Corinthians 11:1)

A very warm welcome to Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. We are very proud of our Christ-centred learning community which is formed and led by our Mission Statement. The living out of this Mission Statement challenges each and every one of us on a daily basis, and our aim is to practise what it says. Every human being is created in God's image and likeness, and therefore is valuable and worthy of respect. We strive to provide the best possible quality care and education for children with different gifts and talents.

***'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.'***  
(John 10:10)

Our children make excellent progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, significantly above average when compared to local and national schools. Our curriculum recognises and develops the uniqueness of each child through the provision of broad and balanced learning experiences that are both enriching and challenging. We want every child to experience the very highest quality cultural education and are proud to offer children weekly lessons in Art, Music, Spanish and PE taught by specialist teachers.

Our aim is to nurture the 'whole child'. Developing the children emotionally, spiritually and socially is vital in allowing each individual to flourish and reach their full potential as a child of Christ.

We aim to educate and inform children so that they can take their place in society with an attitude of service and commitment to the common good. We fully recognise that the parents/carers are the first and prime educators and we aim to involve you as much as possible in your child's education.

Every blessing,

**Mr Simon Lennon**  
Headteacher





"They show excellent attitudes to learning and strong understanding of their school's values, which 'help us to realise what to do and how to believe.'"

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# About Corpus Christi

**This is an outstanding school: The mission statement, 'Joyfully, unique in Jesus' family, we learn to use our special gifts to love, serve and make the world a better place', is central to the life of the school. The vision of a faith-filled community striving to live out the values and virtues of the Gospel so all, regardless of starting point or background, can succeed, is inspiring to all in the community.**

*Diocese of Portsmouth S48 Report*

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School is voluntary-aided, providing a Christian education for children aged 4-11.

We are a school of over 400 children, taught in 14 classes. Our Reception and Year 1 classes are in our Early Years Annexe, situated between Corpus Christi Church and the Parish Centre in St. James's Square.

Our grounds and resources are all directed to engaging children in healthy and imaginative learning activities. We have a school library, dedicated music and art classrooms, outdoor learning spaces and access to a wide range of IT equipment.



# Mission Statement

**Joyfully, unique in Jesus' family, we learn to use our special gifts to love, serve and make the world a better place**

Our Mission Statement is very familiar to all our children. It underpins all the decisions made and reflects the ethos by which we live. We recognise that every child in our care is unique with their own special gifts. We have a Catholic approach to our curriculum that is based on our Gospel Virtues. Throughout their time in Corpus Christi we hope that all pupils will learn to use their special gifts to love, serve and make the world a better place.

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

**“We are called to practise universal love that is able to overcome historical prejudices and cultural barriers.” *Pope Francis***

At Corpus Christi School, we are the Body of Christ and welcome all, as our brothers and sisters in God's family. We commit to treat our whole school and the wider community with dignity and respect. We respect the race, culture, religion, gender, disability or social background of every child to ensure they fulfil their potential within a proactive, loving and caring environment. We seek to advance equity by providing accessibility and reasonable adjustments which will empower all members of our community. We advocate for current, successful representation of our diverse identities within our curriculum and school environment.

**We recognise that society is enriched by diversity, and everyone will be welcomed, protected, promoted and valued.**



**"From the moment you step across the threshold you are made to feel very welcome and, as you move around the school, both adults and children are polite, friendly and welcoming."**



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# Governors

The Governors are committed to providing strategic direction and resources to support each member of the school community to draw out the light and diverse gifts of every child and person. The unity of purpose throughout the school provides a dynamic virtue-based culture and curriculum in order that all may flourish, learning about ourselves and one another - pupils and staff alike.

The school will nurture the children's personal development, to equip them with the academic, social and emotional skills to make a successful transition to secondary school. We will endeavour to ensure that your child will have joyful and enriching experiences, beyond the academic excellence offered, in a personalised, child-centred learning environment.



**"Pupils say that they are proud to attend Corpus Christi. They clearly enjoy a range of curriculum subjects and speak highly of the quality of teaching they receive."**



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# Vision Statement

With Christ in our hearts, we aspire to be at the forefront of excellence and the preferred choice school for pupils, parents and staff.

## **Our Vision for Children**

With Christ as our guide, our children will be provided with the opportunity to experience excellence in all aspects of school life.

- a. We will develop the whole child through their spiritual and social formation.
- b. We will provide high quality teaching and learning across all areas.
- c. We will develop the physical and emotional well-being of all our children.

## **Our Vision for Staff**

With Christ as our model, we will support each other to grow spiritually and professionally in our vocations.

- a. We will create opportunities to develop the formation of all our staff and provide a nurturing environment.
- b. We will be leaders in the latest research and pedagogical understanding.
- c. We will recognise the unique gifts that all the staff bring to the school.

## **Our Vision for the Community**

Together with Christ we will engage with our parish and local community to celebrate, witness and serve.

- a. We will increase our presence within the parish community.
- b. We will engage with the local community to serve and improve our local area.
- c. We will strive to make a positive impact on the global environment.

## **Our Vision for the School Premises**

With Christ as our guide, we will continue to provide a safe and stimulating environment to enhance the children's learning experience.

- a. We will continue to change our school site to the highest standards and adapt as necessary to enhance the curriculum and needs of our children.
- b. We will provide a safe and stimulating playground that promotes an active lifestyle.
- c. We will aim to incorporate nature to enhance the playground environment.

*This vision statement has been developed in collaboration with Governors, Staff and Parents.*

# Our Catholic Faith

We recognise RE as our core subject and we adhere to a diocesan-wide curriculum, 'God Matters', which enables the children to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

We recognise that parents are the primary educators of the faith and we work closely with the local parish and community to nurture our children in their faith journey.

We foster an ethos of serving both individuals and society through fundraising, supporting local and worldwide charities, and caring for our planet.

Children and staff have the opportunity to participate in daily collective worship, as a class or as a whole school. We are incredibly fortunate to have the Parish of Corpus Christi next door and we come together for Mass every Wednesday. Once every half term, we join the parish for Sunday Mass, leading the readings and music.

# Our School Gospel Virtues

Our school community worked together to identify the virtues that should be our focus, both in our learning, and in our interactions with one another and the wider community.

We explicitly teach character education through these agreed Gospel Virtues and our Catholic approach to the curriculum.

# The Eucharist

The name of our school, Corpus Christi, means 'The BODY OF CHRIST'. Throughout our curriculum, we seek to develop children's understanding that the Eucharist helps us to know who we are, and shows us what to do, so that we can become Eucharistically Christ-centred.







# Curriculum

**“An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of our Catholic Schools.” *Pope Francis***

At Corpus Christi, we are very proud of the curriculum we provide for our children, and of their high academic achievements. Our curriculum recognises and develops the uniqueness of each child through broad and balanced learning experiences that are both enriching and challenging. We aim to educate and inform children so that they can take their place in society with an attitude of service and commitment to the common good.

Our Curriculum promotes long-term learning that ensures our children have access to ‘the best that has been thought and said’. Equality, diversity and inclusion are embedded throughout the curriculum which reflect and celebrate global influences. Children are also taught to recognise and challenge prejudice and discriminatory behaviours.

As the children build their knowledge, they are challenged to apply what they know in increasingly complex ways. Each term, we work towards answering a curriculum enquiry question. Through a process of see-judge-act, this question links all of the learning and asks the children to make a judgement about the meaning of what they learn (or see), and act and respond in light of this.





## English

When our children leave Corpus Christi, they are familiar with a range of genres and able to perform to and write for a variety of audiences and purposes that go beyond the school community. This begins in Early Years through our Sounds-Write phonics programme which teaches the necessary skills to be competent readers and writers. Corpus Christi is also a 'Talk 4 Writing' school where children use pictures and actions to learn a model text, immersing themselves in the text features. This provides children with a rich and varied language bank which in turn supports the writing process.

## Maths

We believe that all children can succeed in Maths. By building confidence, resilience and a passion for Maths, we show that maths is an exciting adventure that everyone can enjoy, value and master. Children learn Maths through a Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) approach- a highly effective approach to teaching, that develops a deep and sustainable understanding of Maths in children.



# The Arts and Culture

**Passionate about the arts, Corpus Christi has registered for the Artsmark Award. We have specialist teachers for Music, Art, Multimedia and Spanish, ensuring teaching includes expert subject knowledge. We want every child to experience the very highest quality cultural education and develop their creativity. We have a specific Arts Council who meets regularly to discuss ways in which we can further improve our arts and culture provisions.**

## Art

We offer a culturally rich art curriculum, representing artists, craft makers and designers from around the globe. Children are taught how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and diversity of our world.

Our children have the opportunity to develop their skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques. Our art curriculum includes visiting galleries, contributing to school and community arts festivals, and children also have their own work exhibited in our virtual art gallery on the school's website.





## Music

All children have the opportunity to learn and perform a musical instrument, sing and compose. Children perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.

The children engage with a variety of musical performances throughout the school year, increasing their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

## Spanish

**'The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.'** All children in Years 3 to 6 learn Spanish language and culture, taught by our specialist Spanish teacher. We also celebrate all things 'Language and Culture' on a special day once a year, and host a Spanish themed Carnival in the summer term.

The children have the opportunity to apply their Spanish skills across a range of contexts, including writing to children in a Spanish school. Extra-curricular opportunities are available in our after-school clubs for children to further develop their language skills.





# Wellbeing and Sport

**We seek to promote and support the health and wellbeing of all pupils. We recognise that the individual needs of every child, their health and welfare is paramount. We know that children who feel happy and secure are more able to achieve and thrive within school and the wider community. We deeply care about each individual, and recognise the uniqueness of every child.**

Children are given regular learning opportunities to explore their emotions and feelings. This is currently supported through our delivery of the RHSE curriculum, as well as through Trick Box, a whole school programme to support children's skills of emotional self-management.

We are very proud to be the first school in Bournemouth to achieve the Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark.

Our PE curriculum is designed to ensure children have the opportunity to take part in physical activity on a regular basis and become more physically confident and competent. We want children to develop a love and passion for sport and continue this into their later lives. All children have the opportunity to represent the school at sports events.

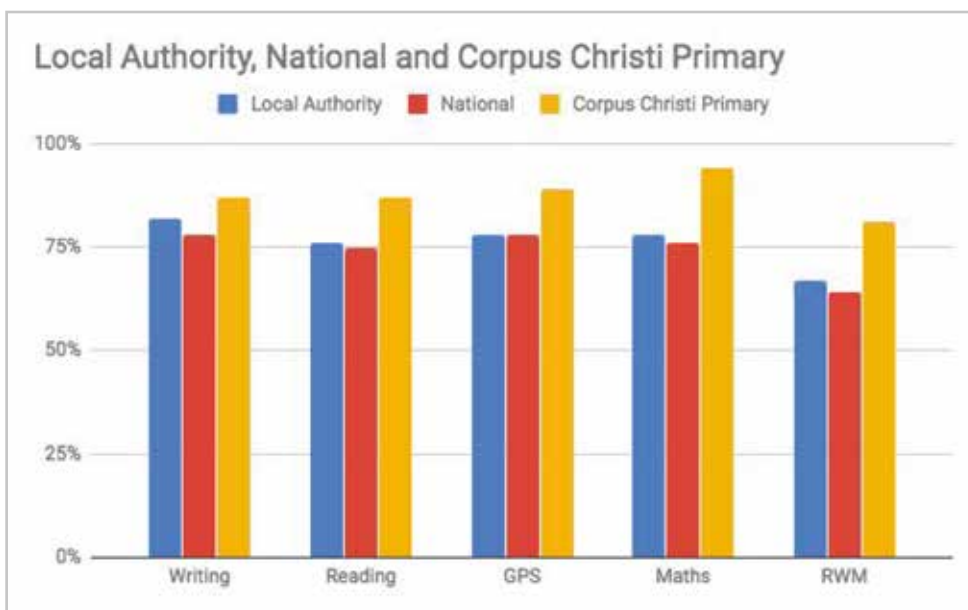
Living on the coast, it is important children are competent swimmers. With the use of a local pool, children take part in swimming lessons in Key Stage 2.



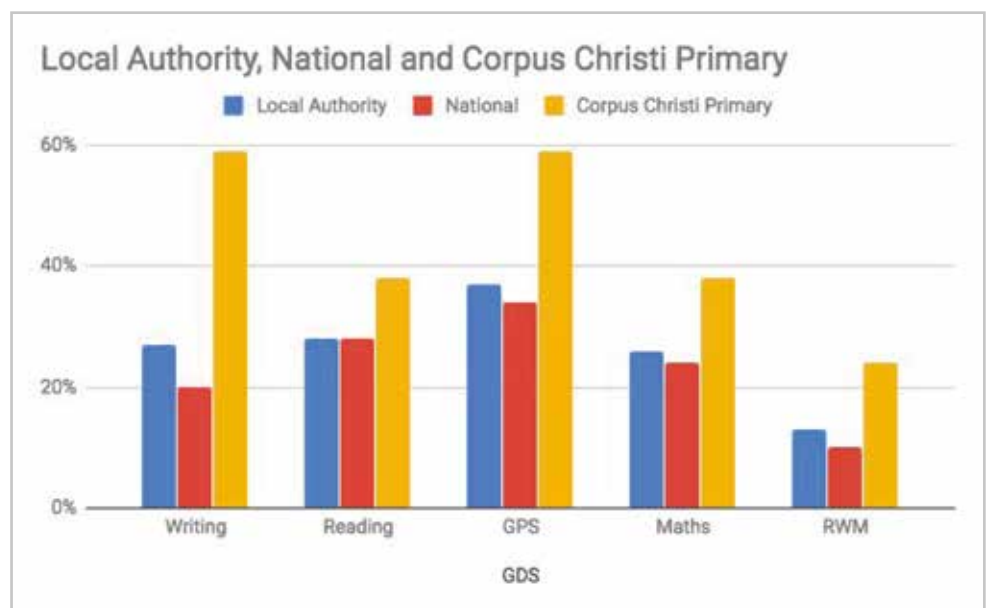


# Key Stage 2 Outcomes

## Attainment Test Results 2018-19



### KS2 - Standard Attainment Test - SATs



**“Leaders and Governors have ensured a strong culture of safeguarding and promoting pupils’ welfare”**

**Ofsted**

\* Latest published data

### KS2 SATs Greater Depth Standard



# Underpinning future learning

# Our Reception Class

The Early Years Foundation Stage is the phase of learning from a child's birth to the end of their Reception Year in school.

If your child is attending a nursery or playgroup, this Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the continuation of their learning. The main aim of this phase is to underpin all future learning.

We work with each unique child, building positive relationships and creating an enabling environment, in which they will **learn and develop**. We regularly monitor and evaluate our work. The curriculum is always under review and our aim is to constantly improve our school for our children and for our community.

"The behaviour of the pupils is outstanding because they are passionate about their learning and work hard to produce their best effort. This is a very significant factor in their successful learning."

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# Parents' comments

"Thank you for creating a space for our children to be themselves, and for being a positive example in their lives."

"To all of you from the bottom of our hearts we say thank you."

"The sense of responsibility, confidence and increased self-esteem you are gifting the children of Corpus Christi is a beautiful thing."



**"The school  
benefits from the support  
of the parish priest and  
the local Catholic community.  
Spiritual development is good  
and moral development  
outstanding."**



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