

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. He was speaking about the temple of his body.'

John 2: 19, 21

Autumn Term 2025 - Friday 7th November 2025

NEWS UPDATE

As we return for **Autumn Term 2**, we reflect with gratitude on a busy and fruitful first half of the term, filled with hard work, growth and many wonderful learning experiences. We are delighted to welcome the children back, refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. This half term is always a special one in our school community, as we look ahead with joy and anticipation to the season of Advent and the celebration of Christmas. It is a time for reflection, preparation and growing together in faith.

Thank you for taking the time to attend our recent **Parent/Carer Consultations** - your ongoing support and engagement play a vital role in your child's learning journey, and we truly value your partnership. We also thank you for your participation in our recent **Parent/Carer Survey**. Your feedback is highly valued and we look forward to sharing the outcomes with you when they have been collated.

We are very proud to have recently hosted a **Social Justice Conference for Pupils** which involved 17 primary schools across the south of England with over 120 pupil representatives. Further information and photographs are included in this newsletter.

We are deeply grateful for your kind donations as part of our school **Harvest Festival Mass**, which were collected by the **Boscombe Food Bank**. Your generosity has made a real difference to those in need within our local community and reminds us of the Gospel call to love our neighbour and to care for those most in need.

Recently, some of our Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to visit the **Shroud of Turin Exhibition** at the Sacred Heart Church in Bournemouth—a meaningful and reflective experience. More details about this visit are included in the newsletter.

Wishing all our families a peaceful weekend filled with rest and God's blessings.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

I pray that in the temple of my body,
the temple of the Holy Spirit,
I may glorify You as you have
redeemed me.

Show me anything in my life that is not
honouring to You.

And lead me to life everlasting.

Amen

PARISH NEWS

The Corpus Christi Parish Newsletter can be accessed here:
<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/PACKET FOODS** always appreciated. Thank you for your generosity which makes a difference to those in need in our community.

DIARY DATES

6L Class Celebration of the Word (Parents invited)	Monday 17th November 9:00am (School Hall)
BSMA Concert (School Choir)	Tuesday 25th November 7:00pm start (Bournemouth Pavilion)
Open Afternoon - Pre-School to Year 6 (Parents)	Friday 28th November 2:15-3:00pm
6S Class Celebration of the Word (Parents invited)	Monday 1st December 9:00am (School Hall)
EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play - Classes RH 1L 2L	Thursday 11th December 9.20-10.20am (School Hall)
EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play - Classes RR, 1P, 2D	Friday 12th December 9:20-10:20am (School Hall)
Pre-School Nativity Play	Tuesday 16th December 2:00pm (School Hall)
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17th December
Advent Service (Parents invited)	Thursday 18th December 6:00-7:00pm (Church)
End of Autumn Term 2025	Friday 19th December
Spring Term 2025 (All children return to school)	Tuesday 6th January 2026

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Special congratulations to all of the children who have received Headteacher Awards recently - a wonderful achievement in recognition of their commitment to living out our school gospel virtues. They are all inspiring examples of faith in action.

EYFS and KS1: Nathan H RR, Ben RR, Tomi RH, Seth RH, Antos 1P, Elise 1P, Olivier 1P, Christopher 1P, Emma 1L, Esther 1L, Gabriel 1L, Eddie 1L, Ethan 2D, Wyatt 2D, Melissa 2D, Aharon 2D, Flynn 2L, Dominik 2L, Anmiya 2L, Joshua 2L

KS2: Emilie 3C, Heather 3C, Gabriel 3C, Chloe 3GX, Azreal 3GX, Xander 3GX, Alex 3GX, Luana 4G, Niamh 4G, Elsie 4G, Amelia S 4G, Mikhael 4D, Lydia 4D, Eilis 4D, Xian 4D, Chuks 4D, Razvan 5C, Nima 5C, Harvey 5C, Julia T 5C, Narayani 5C, Hannah 5B, Quin 5B, Zara 5B, Naeto 6S, Andrea 6S, Noah 6S, Mia 6S, Leon 6L, Rafael 6L, Emilia 6L, Francesco 6L

GOLDEN APPLES

This term, our **Golden Apples** were awarded to children who have truly lived out our school Gospel Virtues, setting a shining example to others through their faith in action. Special congratulations to:

EYFS and KS1: Kiki RR, Ostap RH, Agatha 1P, Chizaram 1L, Gracious 2D, Fiadh 2L

KS2: Chloe Caplan 3C, Lily Stafford 3GX, Sonia 4G, Canaan 4D, Maya 5C, Michelle 5B, Michael 6S, Leon 6L



SHROUD OF TURIN

Faith in Action Committee Visits Shroud of Turin Exhibition

Recently, our Year 6 Faith in Action Committee visited the life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin at Sacred Heart Church, Bournemouth.

The Shroud is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, bearing the image of His crucified body. The children explored how **faith, history, science, and Scripture** all help us reflect more deeply on the mystery of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

They learned that the Shroud is the **most studied religious artifact in history**, yet scientists still cannot explain how the image was formed. Dr Paolo Di Lazzaro, a lead researcher, said: *"A forger would have needed a miracle to create this image."*

This powerful experience invited the children to grow in faith, wonder, and appreciation for the suffering, death, and resurrection of **Our Lord Jesus**.



SPORT UPDATES

From last year's competitions to this term's achievements, it has been an incredible year of sporting success for Corpus Christi!

Athletics & Cross Country:

- **Alannah C** ranked 3rd (Year 6 girls) and finished an impressive **7th out of 236 runners** at the Dorset Cross Country event.
- **Alicja M** ranked 2nd (Year 5 girls) and won **bronze** in the Bournemouth Schools *Quad Kids* event (over 240 participants).
- **Joseph B** ranked 3rd (Year 5 boys), and **Theo C** topped the charts as **Year 4 boys' champion**.
- With **five Year 5 boys** finishing in the top 10, Corpus Christi became **Bournemouth Schools Cross Country Champions**.
- Our **Year 5 girls** finished as **runners-up** to Talbot Heath.
- Female participation in cross country increased by **37%** this year – an amazing step forward!

Town Sports & Rugby:

- **Matei J** won **gold in long jump** at the BCP Summer Olympics.
- Our **girls' tag rugby team** reached the **semi-finals** at the Oakmeadians RFC tournament – an incredible effort for a team new to the sport!
- Both **Year 3 & 4 Rippa Rugby** squads were **unbeaten champions**, while the **Year 5 & 6 team** won the **Rippa Rugby Shield**, competing against schools from several counties.

Swimming:

Last year, our **Year 6 team** won numerous medals and **clinched overall victory** ahead of long-time champions St Katharine's.

SEND Sport:

Our pupils with SEND shone at a **table cricket tournament**, finishing **3rd overall** and enjoying every moment of the day.

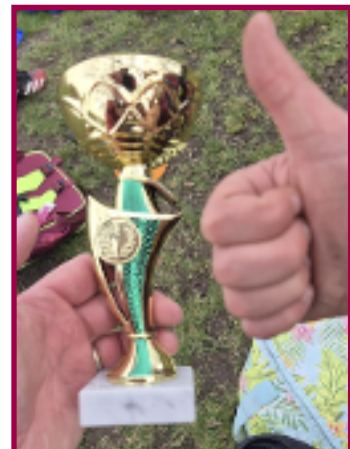
Football:

- We now have **two girls' football teams** thanks to a big rise in female participation! The girls reached the **quarter-finals** of the **Dorset League** and came **7th** in the Bournemouth Tournament.
- The **Year 6 boys** finished **3rd** in their tournament, and the newly formed **Year 5 boys** team were **Bournemouth Schools Champions** – a fantastic achievement!

We are extremely proud of the effort and achievements of all of our pupils who represent our school in different areas of sport.

Finally, a huge thank you to both Mr Clarke and Mr Francis, whose passion and hard work behind the scenes – from logistics to tactics – help make all this fantastic success possible.





HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD BANK

Harvest Festival Generosity – Supporting Boscombe Food Bank

We had a truly heartwarming response to our Harvest Festival food donations this year. The generous contributions from our school community were brought into church, where we came together during our Wednesday school Mass to give thanks for all of God's goodness to us.

Most of the donations were collected by volunteers from the Boscombe Food Bank, while three of our oldest Mini Vinnies, from Year 5, personally delivered the remaining items. They were warmly welcomed by Niamh, the Community Engagement Coordinator, who gave them a special tour of the Food Bank warehouse. The children saw firsthand how the donations are weighed, sorted, and prepared for distribution by volunteers.

We are incredibly proud that our Mini Vinnies have now signed up to support the Food Bank as part of the School Ambassador Scheme. The Boscombe Food Bank supports over 13,000 people each year, with 1 in 4 being children, making this partnership all the more meaningful.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make a real difference in our local community.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE FOR PUPILS

Inspiring Agents of Change: Social Justice Conference 2025

On Friday 26th September, Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School proudly hosted its third annual Social Justice Conference for Pupils, welcoming 120 Year 6 pupils from 17 schools across the south of England. With over 50 senior leaders, headteachers and special guests attending, the day brought together Catholic, Christian and community schools in a shared mission of faith and action.

Organised by Mr Lennon and Dr Macfarlane, the conference aimed to inspire pupils as young missionary disciples, rooted in the values of Catholic Social Teaching. This year's theme, aligned with the Jubilee Year of Hope, was *"Building the Kingdom of God."*

Facilitated by Raymond Friel OBE (Caritas Social Action Network) and Mugeni Sumba (Oscar Romero Award), pupils took part in discussion groups, school self-evaluation, and the See-Choose-Act method to reflect on their calling to lead lives of justice and service. Each school presented a unique 'Jubilee Pledge'—a practical commitment to promote social action in their school and community.

Mr Lennon reflected: "This conference is about igniting young hearts with the fire of the Gospel—so that they become peacemakers, truth-tellers, and builders of God's Kingdom."

Dr Macfarlane added: "We are proud to provide a platform for pupil voice and interschool collaboration. Our children are truly inspiring agents of change."

In recognition of its leadership in faith-based social action, Corpus Christi recently received the Oscar Romero Award – Innovator Level and the School of Sanctuary Award.

The event was a powerful celebration of hope, leadership, and Gospel witness—showing what is possible when schools work together to form a generation committed to justice and love.



CATHOLIC CHARACTER EDUCATION

Our School Gospel Virtue for Autumn Term 2 – Humility

This term, as part of our Catholic Character Education, we are focusing on the Gospel virtue of **humility**. Humility means recognising that our talents and achievements are gifts from God and using them to serve others with kindness and love: “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

The children will learn what humility looks like in everyday life and explore role models such as Jesus, Mary and the saints, who showed true humility through their actions. As we enter the **season of Advent**, we are encouraged to prepare our hearts for Jesus with the same humble spirit – ready to love, serve and make room for God in our lives.

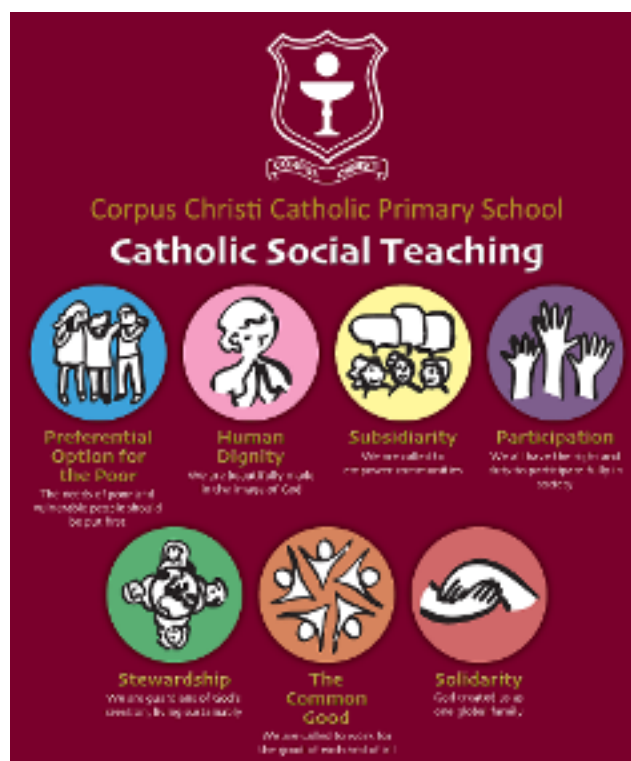
We hope you will engage in our **Gospel Virtue Home Learning** which will be shared on Google Classroom for your child.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

At Corpus Christi, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is at the heart of our mission for social justice. Rooted in the belief that every person is made in God’s image, we aim to nurture compassionate, responsible young people who live out the Gospel in daily life.

All aspects of school life are enriched by the seven principles of CST which guide us in our mission: **Human Dignity, the Common Good, Solidarity, Subsidiarity, Stewardship, Participation and the Preferential Option for the Poor**. These principles are woven through our curriculum and reflected in our school **Gospel virtues**, helping children connect faith with action. Through CST, our pupils learn to live their faith through love, justice, and hope.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This term, our Food Technology lessons have been bursting with creativity, flavour, and fun! The children have loved exploring new ingredients, learning about healthy eating, and getting hands-on in the kitchen.

- **Year 1** had a fantastic time tasting a variety of fruits and blending their own **fruit smoothies**– a refreshing way to learn about flavours and textures!
- **Year 3** learned all about the different **food groups** while designing their own healthy **wraps**, combining tasty and nutritious ingredients in exciting ways.
- **Year 6** took things to the next level by creating delicious **vegetable tarts**, while also deepening their understanding of **nutrition** and the benefits of the ingredients they used.

The children have not only developed their cooking skills but also gained a greater appreciation for healthy eating and making smart food choices.



SUPERHERO DAY

Our Reception children enjoyed an inspiring Superhero Day, arriving dressed not only as their favourite comic book characters but also as real-life heroes, including nurses, police officers, firefighters, and other community role models. The day was filled with imaginative activities that encouraged creativity, built confidence, and highlighted the importance of kindness, courage and helping others - both in fiction and in real life. A wonderful celebration of heroism in all its forms!



ARTS BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

Year 4 Shine at the Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival

Earlier this term, Year 4 had the exciting opportunity to take part in the **Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival**. The experience began with a special assembly introducing the festival, sparking the children's creativity and enthusiasm.

Inspired by the theme, the children produced **incredible portraits**, each bursting with imagination and individuality. From **children riding dragons** to **vibrant rainbow landscapes**, their artwork showcased a wonderful range of ideas and artistic flair.

We were thrilled to see their fantastic creations **proudly displayed at Bournemouth Library**—a moment of real pride for everyone involved. Well done Year 4!



YEAR 4 MEXICO DAY

On Friday 24th October, Year 4 enjoyed their Mexico Day! This was a culmination of their learning this half term where they have discovered what life in Mexico is like. They spent the day making traditional Mexican mirrors, playing Loteria (Mexican bingo), tasting traditional Mexican food including avocado, tortillas, nachos, agua fresca and fruit salads and finished the day by learning a traditional Mexican dance involving a sombrero and usually done during Cinco de Mayo. Overall, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a great way to wrap up their learning for the half term! Thank you to Sally from Tesco who donated some of the food for the event and to Mrs Gray and Mr Doran for organising the events.

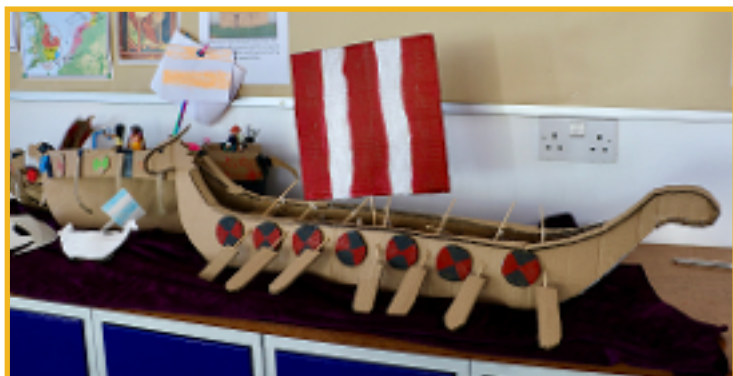


YEAR 5 SAXON SUTTON HOO

Year 5 has been invaded by Vikings!

Year 5 have been learning all about the **Saxon Sutton Hoo** treasure and the arrival of the Vikings in Dorset in 789 AD. Both peoples were known for their expert metalwork and woodwork so it seemed like a good time to try some crafts ourselves. We researched various different designs available online and then drafted and wrote our own instructions for making historical models in English lessons.

As you can see in the photographs we have shared, the children had great fun making Saxon helmets and Viking dragon ships.



HELPING HEDGEHOGS

Helping Hedgehogs – One Box at a Time!

Every time we receive a big delivery of paper at school, we save the cardboard boxes for a very special cause – **New Milton Hedgehog Rescue**. These boxes go on to become cosy homes for sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs as they recover and prepare for life back in the wild.

The team at New Milton Hedgehog Rescue recently shared some photos of hedgehogs making themselves comfortable in the boxes we've donated. The first few pictures feature **Aster**, a hedgehog who's been staying in the "Hogspital" (yes – that's what they call it!). Aster sleeps in one of *our* boxes and is almost ready to be released back into the wild – she just needs to gain a little more weight first.

The final photo shows a group of tiny **orphaned hoglets**. When young hedgehogs are found without their mothers, they must be hand-reared – a time-consuming and delicate job that takes a lot of love and care.

About New Milton Hedgehog Rescue

Founded in 2010, New Milton Hedgehog Rescue works hard to care for and rehabilitate hedgehogs from across the region. Each year, they rescue and care for over **400 hedgehogs**, and this year, the numbers are expected to be even higher.

How We Can All Help Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are a vital part of our local ecosystem, but sadly their numbers are in decline. Here are a few simple ways we can all help:

- **Leave a wild corner in your garden**– Hedgehogs love leaves, logs and undisturbed areas to nest.
- **Check before you strim or mow**– Hedgehogs often hide in long grass.
- **Create a hedgehog highway**– A small hole in your garden fence (13cm x 13cm) can help them roam safely in search of food.
- **Put out fresh water and meaty cat food**– This can be a lifeline, especially in dry weather.
- **Avoid using slug pellets and pesticides**– These are harmful to hedgehogs and their food sources.

We are proud to support such a wonderful local rescue – and even prouder that our boxes are helping hedgehogs get back on their paws!



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Friday 10th October our school took part in **Hello Yellow** as part of **World Mental Health Day** to raise awareness and funds for **Young Minds**, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. Pupils and staff wore a yellow item and had time during the day for discussion and activities about mental health.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We took this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health.

We also want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)



