



Corpus Christi

Catholic Primary School

for children aged 2 to 11 years



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behaviour of pupils
is outstanding because
they are passionate about
their learning.”**

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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 proud to be a Christ-centred learning community, guided and inspired by our Mission Statement, which shapes every aspect of school life. It is not just something we say – it is something we strive to live each day.

We believe that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and is therefore unique, valuable, and deserving of dignity and respect. Our commitment is to provide the highest standards of care and education for every child, nurturing their individual gifts and talents in a safe, supportive and loving environment.

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

At Corpus Christi, children thrive academically and spiritually. Our pupils make outstanding progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, achieving results that are significantly above both local and national averages. But we believe education is about much more than data.

Our broad and balanced curriculum is carefully designed to celebrate the uniqueness of every child. We provide rich, stimulating learning experiences that are both challenging and joyful, ensuring children grow in confidence and curiosity. We are especially proud to offer high-quality cultural education, with weekly specialist lessons in Art, Music, Spanish and PE.

Our mission is to nurture the whole child – academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually – so that each individual can flourish and fulfil their God-given potential. We seek to instil in our pupils a strong sense of moral purpose and compassion, preparing them to take their place in society with an attitude of service, responsibility and commitment to the common good.

We also recognise that parents and carers are the first and most important educators in a child's life. We are committed to working in partnership with you throughout your child's journey, fostering strong, trusting relationships built on mutual respect and shared faith. We look forward to welcoming you to our school family. Together, let us grow in faith, love and learning.

Every blessing
Mr Simon Lennon
Headteacher

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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

At Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, our mission shapes all we do. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, we aim to nurture each child as a unique and precious member of God’s family. Every child is supported to grow academically, spiritually, and personally – so they can use their God-given gifts to love, to serve and to make a difference in the world.

We are a voluntary-aided Catholic school, offering a high-quality Christian education for children aged 2 to 11 years. With over 400 pupils on roll, our school community is welcoming, diverse and united in faith.

A School with Strong Foundations

Our school includes a thriving Pre-School for children aged 2–4, located within the grounds of our main site. This offers a gentle and inspiring introduction to school life in a nurturing, play-based environment.

Our Reception and Year 1 classes are based in our dedicated Early Years Annexe, situated between Corpus Christi Church and the Parish Centre in St. James’ Square. This close connection with the church strengthens the spiritual life of our children from the very beginning.

A Rich and Inspiring Learning Environment

We are proud of our learning spaces, which are designed to support the whole child – academically, creatively, socially and spiritually. Our facilities help us deliver an engaging and broad curriculum rooted in Gospel values.

Our school includes:

- A peaceful chapel, providing a sacred space for prayer, reflection and worship
- A well-equipped library pod, encouraging a love of reading
- Dedicated music and art classrooms that foster creativity
- Carefully designed outdoor learning spaces that promote exploration and well-being
- Access to a wide range of IT resources, supporting digital confidence and purposeful learning

At Corpus Christi, children learn in a vibrant, safe and supportive environment where they are inspired to aim high, deepen their faith through the teachings of Christ and grow into compassionate young people committed to justice, service and loving their neighbour.



Mission Statement

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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 which is based on our School 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, we live out our faith as the Body of Christ, welcoming all as brothers and sisters in God's family. We are proud to be recognised as a School of Sanctuary, committed to fostering a culture of welcome, safety and belonging for every child and family.

We treat everyone in our school and wider community with dignity, respect, and kindness. We celebrate and honour the rich diversity of race, culture, religion, gender, ability, and background among our pupils and staff. We strive to create a learning environment where all children can flourish and achieve their full potential.

We actively work to advance equity by ensuring accessibility and making reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of all members of our community. Our curriculum and school environment intentionally reflect and celebrate diverse identities and experiences, helping every child feel valued and represented.

We believe that diversity enriches society and our school community. Here at Corpus Christi, every person is welcomed, protected, promoted and treasured as part of God's loving family.

“The school celebrates pupils' individuality and identity.”



Our School Virtues



"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 dedicated to providing strong, strategic leadership and ensuring that the resources of the school are used effectively to nurture the unique gifts and talents of every child and member of our community. United in purpose, they support a dynamic, virtue-based culture and curriculum rooted in our Catholic faith, where all pupils and staff are encouraged to grow and flourish together.

Our Governors are committed to fostering each child's personal development, equipping them with the academic, social, and emotional skills needed for a confident and successful transition to secondary school. Beyond academic excellence, they strive to ensure that every child enjoys joyful and enriching experiences within a personalised, child-centred learning environment – where faith, love and respect are at the heart of all we do.

"Pupils take pride in their uniform and the school environment. This helps make the school a lovely, friendly place to learn and make friends."





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 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 believe that Christ is at the centre of all our educational endeavours, guiding and inspiring every aspect of school life at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School.

Religious Education is our core subject, and we follow the diocesan curriculum, 'God Matters', which supports our children in developing a profound and lasting understanding of the Catholic faith. Through this curriculum, we nurture not only knowledge but also a living relationship with Christ.

We wholeheartedly recognise that parents are the primary educators of faith. We are committed to working closely with families, the local parish, and the wider community to support and nurture each child on their unique faith journey.

Our school community lives out the Gospel values through a strong ethos of service and compassion. We encourage children to care for others and the world around them through fundraising efforts, supporting local and global charities, and promoting environmental stewardship.

A distinctive and treasured feature of our school is the St Raphaela Mary Chapel, located on our school site. This beautiful, sacred space provides a quiet sanctuary for prayer, worship, and reflection—a constant reminder of God's presence among us. It is here that pupils and staff can deepen their spiritual lives and experience moments of peace and reverence throughout the day.

Daily collective worship is an integral part of our school life, with opportunities for prayer and reflection either within the classroom or as a whole school community. We are also blessed to have a close relationship with the Parish of Corpus Christi, which is conveniently situated next door. Every Wednesday, our school community comes together to celebrate Mass, strengthening our shared faith. Additionally, once every half term, we join the parish congregation for Sunday Mass, where our pupils lead readings and music, actively participating in the life of the Church.

At Corpus Christi, faith, learning, and community are inseparable. We are dedicated to nurturing the spiritual growth of every child so that they may live as joyful, compassionate followers of Christ in today's world.

Catholic Character Education

At Corpus Christi, we are committed to the formation of the whole child in the light of the Gospel. As a school community, we have identified key Gospel Virtues that guide our learning, behaviour, and relationships. Our ten school Gospel virtues are: Faith, Integrity, Justice, Forgiveness, Compassion, Love, Courage, Humility, Self-Control and Stewardship.

Through a Catholic approach to the curriculum, we explicitly teach these virtues, helping children to grow in wisdom and become critical thinkers. Rooted in Christ, our Catholic character education nurtures pupils to become faithful, responsible and loving members of both the Church and the wider world.

The Eucharist

The name of our school, *Corpus Christi* – Latin for The Body of Christ – is at the very heart of our Catholic identity. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life, and it shapes everything we do. Through our curriculum, prayer life and community, we nurture in each child a growing understanding that the celebration of the Eucharist is a profound encounter with Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

In the Eucharist, we come to know who we are: members of the Body of Christ, called to live in communion with God and one another. It teaches us how to love selflessly, serve generously and live in unity and peace. At Corpus Christi School, we strive to form children who are Eucharistically Christ-centred – rooted in faith, inspired by the Gospel and sent out to live as Christ's hands, feet, and heart in the world.



“Pupils quickly develop their confidence in using phonics and enjoy reading a great deal. They use these skills to help them spell ambitious words.”



Curriculum

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

At Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, we are proud to offer a rich, engaging curriculum that not only leads to high academic achievement but also nurtures the whole child – spiritually, morally, socially, and emotionally.

Rooted in Gospel values, our curriculum celebrates the uniqueness and God-given dignity of each child. We provide broad, balanced, and meaningful learning experiences that are both enriching and challenging, helping children grow into confident, compassionate individuals ready to serve others and contribute to the common good.

We base our curriculum on the latest educational research, ensuring that children benefit from the most effective teaching approaches and the richest content – giving them access to the most important ideas, knowledge and skills to help them thrive.

We place a strong emphasis on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, reflecting the rich variety of global cultures and encouraging respect for all. Children are empowered to recognise and challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination, developing a strong moral compass in light of Catholic Social Teaching.

Each half term, pupils explore a Curriculum Enquiry Question which brings together learning across subjects and allows them to think critically, reflect meaningfully, and act purposefully. Through our See–Choose–Act approach, children are encouraged to:

- See: Observe and reflect on what they are learning and the world around them
- Choose: Discern and evaluate what is right and just
- Act: Respond with informed and compassionate action in the light of the gospel

In this way, learning at Corpus Christi extends beyond academic achievement, nurturing children to become Christ-centred individuals who seek to live out their faith through a lifelong commitment to truth, justice, love and service.



English

When children leave Corpus Christi, they do so as confident communicators, familiar with a wide range of genres and able to write for a variety of audiences and purposes—both within and beyond the school community. This journey begins in the Early Years with our high-quality Sounds-Write phonics programme, which equips children with the essential skills to become fluent, competent readers and writers. As a Talk for Writing school, we use actions, pictures, and model texts to immerse children in language-rich experiences. This approach helps them internalise key text structures and vocabulary, giving them a strong foundation and creative confidence in their own writing.

Maths

We believe that every child can enjoy and succeed in maths. From the earliest years, our Number Sense programme lays strong foundations in arithmetic, with a special focus on building fluency and confidence in multiplication. By nurturing confidence, resilience and a genuine enjoyment of the subject, we help children see maths as an exciting journey that everyone can value and master. Our teaching follows the highly effective Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) approach, which supports deep, lasting understanding by allowing children to explore concepts in a hands-on and meaningful way.

Science

At our Catholic school, Science is a joyful way for children to explore and appreciate God's creation. Through hands-on investigations, pupils learn to ask questions, carry out experiments and discover how the world works.

We encourage curiosity and wonder, helping children to develop important enquiry skills such as observing, predicting, testing and drawing conclusions. Whether exploring nature, materials, or forces, children are inspired to think like scientists – with care, respect and responsibility for God's world.

Rooted in our Catholic values, Science teaches children to be good stewards of creation and to see the beauty and purpose in all that surrounds us.



The Arts and Culture

At Corpus Christi, we are passionate about the arts and proud to have achieved the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award. We are committed to providing every child with access to high-quality cultural education that inspires creativity, expression and a lifelong love of the arts. Specialist teachers in Music, Art, PE and Spanish ensure that children benefit from expert subject knowledge and inspiring lessons. Our student-led Arts Council meets regularly to help shape and enhance our arts and cultural provision across the school, ensuring the arts remain at the heart of our curriculum.

Art

At Corpus Christi, we offer a culturally rich and inclusive art curriculum that celebrates artists, designers and craft makers from around the world. Children learn how art and design reflect and shape our history, and how they continue to influence culture, creativity and diversity in our world today.

Through engaging, hands-on experiences, pupils develop their skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and a variety of other artistic techniques. Our curriculum is enriched with opportunities to visit galleries, take part in school and community arts festivals and showcase their talents. Children's artwork is proudly exhibited in our virtual art gallery on the school website, celebrating their creativity and achievements.



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Music

All children have the opportunity to learn and perform a musical instrument, sing and compose, helping to develop their creativity and musicianship from an early age.

Our music curriculum enables pupils to perform, listen to, review and evaluate music from a wide range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions -including the works of great composers and influential musicians from around the world.

We also have a thriving school choir, giving children the chance to develop their vocal skills, perform at events and experience the joy of singing together as part of a group. Throughout the year, children take part in a variety of musical performances, both in school and in the wider community. These experiences build self-confidence, foster collaboration and give every child a sense of joy and achievement through music.



Spanish

At Corpus Christi, all children in Years 3 to 6 benefit from weekly Spanish lessons delivered by our specialist language teacher. Through a vibrant and engaging curriculum, pupils develop their language skills while gaining a deeper understanding of Spanish culture and traditions.

Our commitment to promoting global awareness and multicultural understanding is central to our teaching. By learning a modern foreign language, children not only broaden their communication skills but also develop respect, curiosity and appreciation for other cultures.



Wellbeing and Sport

Corpus Christi is proud to hold the School Games Mark Platinum Award, reflecting our commitment to excellence in Physical Education. We prioritise the health, wellbeing, and individuality of every child, understanding that happy, secure pupils are best placed to thrive both in school and beyond.



Our wellbeing provision includes regular opportunities for children to explore and manage their emotions through the RHSE curriculum and the Zones of Regulation programme, which supports emotional self-management across the school.

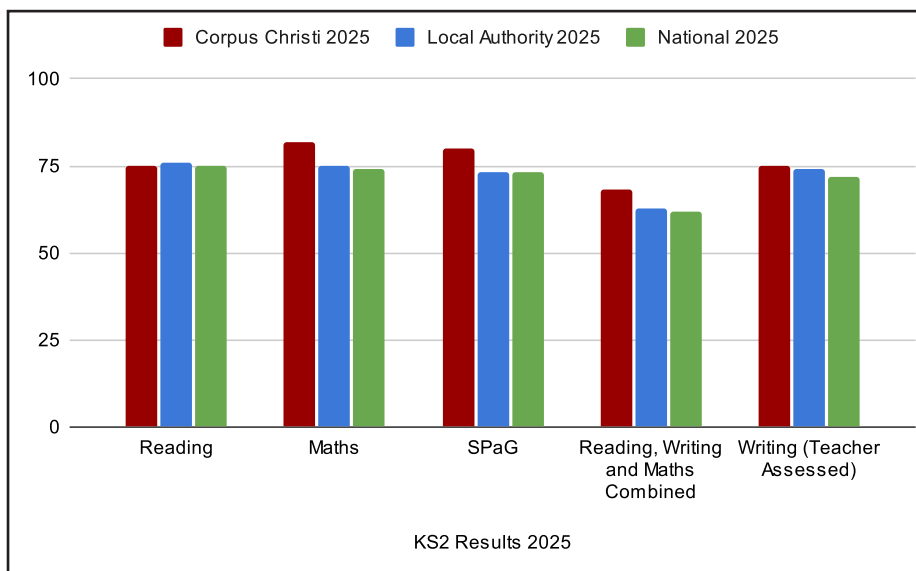
Our PE curriculum encourages regular physical activity, helping children build confidence, competence, and a lifelong love of sport. Every child has the chance to represent the school in sports events, fostering teamwork and pride.

As a coastal school, we also ensure all Key Stage 2 pupils develop vital swimming skills through lessons at a local pool, promoting water safety and confidence.

“The primary sports funding is used well to provide specialist coaches who inspire pupils to get fit and stay healthy.”

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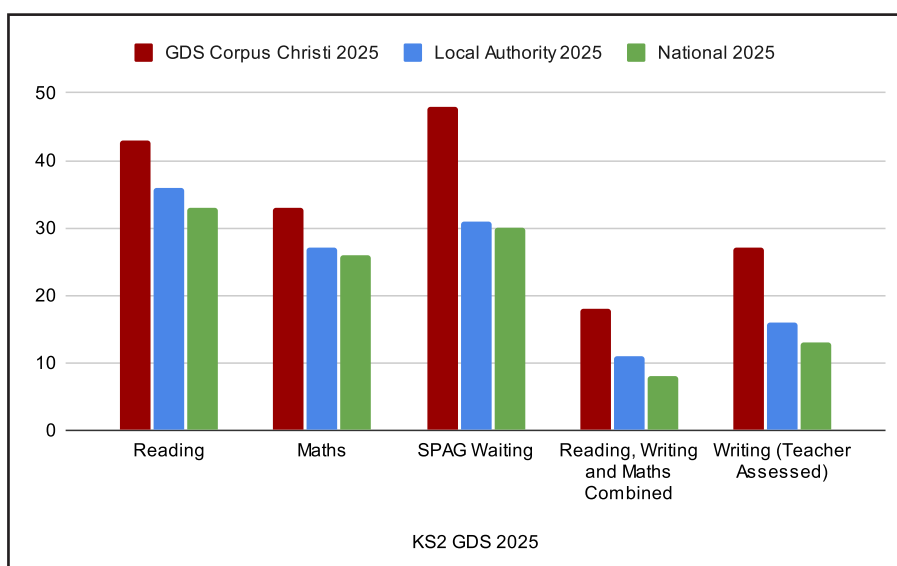
Key Stage 2 Outcomes



KS2 SATs Expected Standard 2025

“Pupils make good progress across the school, particularly in reading and mathematics. They reach standards which are above average. Pupils reach standards above average.”

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KS2 SATs Greater Depth Standard 2025

* Latest published data



“Children have access to a well-organised outdoor area and lots of resources to stimulate their learning.”

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Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) covers learning from birth up to the end of Reception Year, laying the vital foundations for all future education.

Our Corpus Christi Pre-School welcomes children aged 2 to 5 into a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment where their educational journey begins. We focus on each child’s unique needs, building positive relationships and creating a rich, enabling setting that encourages exploration, creativity, and emotional growth, guided by our school Mission Statement.



“Corpus Christi’s strong community fosters a true sense of belonging. Children thrive through learning that is both meaningful and purposeful”

Parent



“They face the future with considerable confidence.”

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“Pupils make tremendous progress from their starting points. The outcomes achieved by Year 6 pupils in the national tests reflect this.”

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“Children are eager to come to school, because their learning is fun.”



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