

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'

Matthew 17:5

Spring Term 2026- Friday 27th February 2026

NEWS UPDATE

As we begin Spring Term 2, we are looking forward to the learning experiences and achievement across the school taking place in the weeks ahead. We thank our families for their ongoing partnership and support.

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we begin a special journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter. During these 40 days, we remember the time Jesus spent in the desert and reflect on how we can grow closer to God in our daily lives.

At school, our students will be learning about the meaning of Lent and finding simple, meaningful ways to live it out through acts of kindness, moments of quiet prayer, and helping those in need. We invite all families to join us on this journey. Whether it's setting aside time for family prayer, supporting a charitable cause, or making small sacrifices together, Lent is a beautiful opportunity to strengthen our faith and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

May this Lenten season be a time of grace and renewal for our whole school community.

In preparation for our upcoming Book Week celebrations next week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed a range of inspiring literary workshop activities across the school this week, delivered by **AS Creatives**.

Please may we remind you that, in line with school policy, children are not permitted to bring **smartphones** into school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Wishing all our families a happy weekend.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Let me be attentive to your voice.

As I seek to hear You today for instruction, correction and guidance,

help me to confirm Your voice

through Your Word.

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 & Sunday Masses. Gifts may be dropped off in church porch. **TINNED & packet FOODS** always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DIARY DATES

School/Parish Mass (4D Parents Invited)	Wednesday 4th March (Church) 9:00am
4G Celebration of the Word (Parents Invited)	Monday 9th March (School Hall) 9:00am
School/Parish Mass (4G Parents Invited)	Wednesday 11th March (Church) 9:00am
Year 3 Stations of the Cross	Tuesday 24th March (Hall) 9:00am
Year 4 Easter Production	Thursday 26th March (Church) 2:00pm
Easter Holidays (School closed to children)	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Summer Term begins	Monday 13th April 2026

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Special congratulations to all of the children who received Headteacher Awards recently in recognition of their commitment to living out our school gospel virtues:

EYFS and KS1: Stas RR, Nyra RR, Tymon RR, Bianka RR, Tianna RH, Kieran RH, Noah L RH, Zion RH, Jake 1P, Agatha 1P, Jochebed 1P, Zuri 1L, Lucas 1L, Osayuki 1L, Olaf 1L, Robyn 2L, Leonor 2L, Great 2L, Emily S 2D, Bernice 2D, Leona 2D, Lily 2D

KS2: Seth 3G, Solange 3G, Emily 3G, Lucas 3G, Matthew 3C, Willow 3C, Chloe C 3C, Hollie 3C, Yelum 4D, Canaan 4D, Logan 4D, Fortune 4D, Nadia Z 4G, Armstrong 4G, Amelia S 4G, Sonny 4G

Matilda 5C, Alessandra 5C, Marcel O 5C, David 5C, Aron 5C, Iyanu 5B, Sammy 5B, Temi 5B, Uchechi 5B, Yvonne 6L, Nikos 6S, Natalia 6L, Esther 6S, Vrishank 6S, Alina 6S

PARENT GOVERNOR NEWS

The Clerk to the Governors would like to inform you of the result of our election for parent governors.

Elected: Manuela Lazzari and David Tobi.

We would like to thank all those who put their name forward and took the time to complete candidate statements, and those of you who voted. Details of the number of votes cast can be obtained on request from the Clerk to Governors.

If you would like to be considered in another capacity as one of our governors at a later date, please contact the Clerk to Governors.

Alternatively, do consider looking for vacancies in other schools in the area. For further support with this, register your interest with Governors for Schools. The service is free, and they help to partner volunteers with local schools who are recruiting for new governors:

www.governorsforschools.org.uk

SPORTS UPDATE

Corpus Christi has proudly participated in a wide range of external sporting events this half term. We are incredibly proud of the children's continued development in Physical Education, as well as their dedication, commitment and outstanding sportsmanship while representing our school.

A special thank you to all the children who took part in these events, and to Mr Clarke and Mr Francis for their dedication in training the children and organising these opportunities.

Netball

The netball team finished 2nd in their group coupled with some emphatic performances against St Katharine's and Stourfield. Well done to Mia N, Kacper M, Alicja M, Ellie H, Elizabeth K, Jiwon H, Vrishank P, Matei J and Oliver S.

Football

The Year 5 and 6 football team and the girls' football team all finished 2nd in their group which is the highest ever finish from all of the football teams in the last three years. The girls team drew to St Luke's and lost to Park School. Well done to Alicja M, Dominika O, Elizabeth K, Ellie H, Elizabeth CA, Evie B, Leni-Rae M, Maya S, Chloe H. The Year 6 boys won their penultimate match 2-1 against Stourfield with goals from Max M and Levi C. Well done to Joseph B, Max M, Tomasz S, Kacper M, Amadou J, Marcel G, Levi C and Oliver S. The Year 5 boys finished 2nd in their group by winning against St Katharine's 3-2 but losing to Stourfield 3-1. Well done to Dominik S, Max M, Theo C, Iyanu A, Mitchell N, Levi C, Josh G, Sammy P, and Thiago U.

Indoor Athletics

Corpus Christi lost in the Indoor Athletics semi-final by 6 points to St Peters, nevertheless the children performed extremely well. Well done to Niamh T, Noah T, Max M, Evie B, Lucy O, Alicja M, Elizabeth K, Dominika O, Megan O'S, Darcy O'S, Joseph B, Kacper M, Matei J, Theo C, Marcel G and Oliver S.

Tag Rugby

Year 3 and 4 represented the school in Dorset and Hampshire Rippa Rugby Festival where they won 5 out of their 7 matches. Well done to Franek M, Chimyelum AC, Darian BJ, Wiktor S, Marcel H, David M, Niamh T, Tumai C, Lewis E and Sonny L.

Table Cricket

A selected group of pupils represented the school in the East Dorset Table Cricket Tournament where they finished in 4th place. Well done to Enrique L, Evania B, Nima O, Lucia LG, Julia W, Rupert S, Freya S, Matthew CDS, Quin M, Michael B and Gabi B.

Dance

The school had the opportunity to select a group of pupils to represent our school in the first ever Bournemouth Primary Dance festival where the children excelled. Well done to Solange E, Kate G, Aliyah W, Chloe C, Chloe H, Luana DS, Evelyn O, Niamh T, Heather C and Izzy B.

YOUNG GAMERS AND GAMBLERS EDUCATION TRUST

The **Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust (YGAM)** is a UK-based charity dedicated to preventing gaming and gambling-related harm among children and young people.

YGAM provides fully funded, evidence-based and accredited education programmes, along with high-quality resources and training for teachers, youth workers and parents. Their work helps adults to better understand the risks associated with gaming and gambling, recognise the signs of potential harm, and support young people in developing healthy habits and strong digital resilience.

Parents and carers can access helpful advice, practical guidance and free online workshops through YGAM's Family Hub:

<https://ygam.org/family-hub/>

GOSPEL VIRTUE OF SELF-CONTROL

This half term, as part of our Character Education programme, we are focusing on the virtue of **Self-Control** across the school.

Self-control is the strength to pause, think and choose what is right, even when it can feel difficult. As Catholics, we understand self-control as one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23). It helps us to follow Jesus' example by showing patience, kindness and forgiveness in our words and actions.

Throughout the term, the children will be learning that self-control means managing our thoughts, feelings and behaviour in a way that honours God and respects others. Whether it is taking turns, listening carefully, staying calm when we feel upset, or making good choices in the playground and classroom, self-control helps us to grow in holiness and become the very best version of ourselves.



YEAR 2 DUCKLINGS

As part of Year 2's Science learning about *Life Cycles and Animal Growth*, we were very excited to observe ducklings hatch from eggs in our classroom. The eggs arrived carefully packaged and were placed in a special incubator, where they were kept warm and gently turned for 23 days to help the ducklings develop safely inside.

During this time, the children learned about what happens inside an egg and how a chick grows and changes before hatching. We talked about the importance of warmth, care and patience, and the children enjoyed making predictions about when the ducklings might appear.

After 23 days, we began to notice tiny cracks in the shells – a very exciting moment! The hatching process took up to 48 hours, as the ducklings worked hard to break free using their egg tooth. The children showed great patience and curiosity as they observed this amazing process.

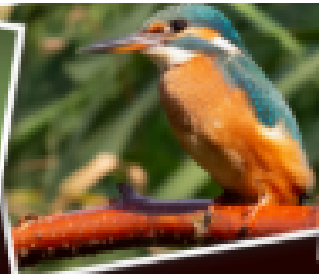
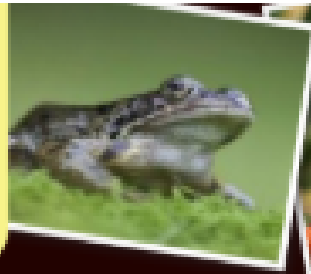
Once hatched, the ducklings were wet and tired, but they quickly dried out and developed their soft, fluffy feathers. Over the next few days, we watched them grow stronger. The children observed how they learned to stand, walk, drink water and peck at food. We discussed how all animals, including humans, grow and change over time.

This hands-on experience helped the children to understand the life cycle of a duck from egg to duckling and gave them a real appreciation for how living things grow and develop. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our Science learning to life!



CHOG

Recording, Promoting & Restoring
Nature of the Christchurch Harbour Area



Young CHOG Pebbles on the Beach Walk Hengistbury Head

Saturday 21st February 10:00am

- > Meet 10.00am at Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre (BH6 4EW) Walk duration approx 2 hours
- > Connect with nature on a 2 mile walk along the Hengistbury shore-looking at pebbles and wildlife
- > Warm/waterproof clothing, plus towel in case sea conditions allow dipping our feet at the edge of the sea

Young CHOG Stanpit Marsh Night Walk

Friday 20th March 6:30pm

- > Meet 6.30pm at Stanpit car park (BH23 3ND-free parking). Walk duration approx 2 hours
- > Young CHOG out on night ops. around Stanpit Marsh
- > Bring warm/waterproof clothing and a head torch.

Young CHOG Spring Wake Up Day

Tuesday 7th April 10:00am

- > Meet 10.00am at Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre (finish 2.00pm)
- > Getting our young members (and parents) out and about connecting with nature
- > Bring warm/waterproof clothing-plus packed lunch

Young CHOG Nightjar Walk St Catherines Hill

Friday 29th May 7:15pm

- > Meet 7.15pm Marsh Lane car park (off Fairmile Road) BH23 2NH
- > The Nightjar is one of the most evocative of our Summer birds and once seen and heard never forgotten and mainly seen at dusk
- > Expect a lavish finish (10.15 expected-you know your children and whether this is too late)
- > Warm/waterproof clothing, plus binoculars, torch and midge repellent

Please Contact David Tainton / Valerie Kelly to reserve your free place

Email: dt1969@hotmail.co.uk | valerie.harry@live.co.uk

Families of Faith

† February †

Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for this new day,
For our family, our friends, and all
the love around us.
Thank you for the saints we
remember this month,
Who teach us to pray, be brave,
and care for others.
Help us to be kind, share our gifts,
And shine your light wherever we
go.
Amen

Saints to Inspire



14 February - St Cyril

St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius helped teach the Slavic people about God and made the first Slavic alphabet called Glagolitic. They also translated the Bible so people could read it in their own language. Today, St. Cyril is remembered for helping people learn to read and for creating the Cyrillic alphabet.



10 February - St Scholastica

St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, devoted her life to God and led a community of women. She is remembered for her deep faith and prayer, including a famous story where God sent a storm so she could spend more time with her brother.

Good News from the Gospel



Family Faith in Action

The feast of **Candlemas** is celebrated on the **2nd of February**. This day celebrates when Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus in the temple (*Luke 2:22-40*). Here are some ideas to do at home:

- Children could decorate candles with symbols of light (stars, suns, hearts).
- Light candles and talk about Jesus as "the Light of the World."
- Say a simple prayer: "Jesus, help us to bring your light to others."

Week 1 - Matthew 5:1-12

We listen to the Beatitudes. How can you be a peacemaker?
How can you promote peace at home or at school?

Week 2 - Matthew 5:13-16

We think about how salt brings out the best things. What good deeds can you do today? How can you bring light to the world?

Week 3 - Matthew 5: 17-37

Teaches us about following laws and commandments. What would you like to say sorry for? How can you show you are sorry?

Week 4 - Matthew 4: 1-11

We have begun Lent and hear about Jesus being tempted in the desert. What are you giving up for Lent?

National Inventors' Day 11th February

Research an inventor. Find out more about what they created



National Random Acts of Kindness Day 17th February

Offer words of encouragement or make a donation to a local cause

National Love Your Pet Day 20th February

Our relationship with our pets are part of our call to Stewardship. Genesis 1:25

