

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree'. Matthew 13:31-32

Summer Term 2026 - Wednesday 15th July 2026

NEWS UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have celebrated many achievements and created lasting memories for our children.

This morning, we gathered as a school family to celebrate our **Year 6 Leavers' Mass**. It was a beautiful and prayerful occasion as we gave thanks for their time at our school and asked for God's blessing and guidance as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic **£4,229.42**, which will be used to further enrich the children's learning and experiences in school.

As we prepare for the new academic year, I would like to remind families that our **mobile phone policy** remains in place in line with the latest national guidance. The policy is available on our school website. Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us keep our children safe.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a restful, happy and blessed summer. May God keep you safe, watch over you, and bring you back to us refreshed for the new school year.

Every blessing,

Simon Lennon

Headteacher

PRAYER

Loving Lord,

I look at the seed of faith inside me,
and I know You can do great things with
my small offerings.

I offer You my quiet prayers,
my small acts of kindness,
and my tiny steps of obedience today
so that Your Kingdom grows, in
accordance with Your will.

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 the church porch. **TINNED & packet FOODS** always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DIARY DATES

Last day of Summer Term 2026	Friday 17th July
STAFF INSET (School Closed to Children)	Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July
STAFF INSET (School Closed to Children)	Tuesday 1st September
Autumn Term 2026 Begins (Children return to school)	Wednesday 2nd September
STAFF INSET (School Closed to Children)	Friday 2nd October
Half-term Break (School Closed to Children)	Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026
Christmas Holiday (School Closed to Children)	Monday 21st December - Sunday 3rd January 2027
STAFF INSET (School Closed to Children)	Monday 4th January 2027
Spring Term 2027 Begins (Children return to school)	Tuesday 5th January 2027

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to the children who have received Headteacher Awards recently. You should be very proud of your achievements:

EYFS and KS1: Jude RR, Erina RH, Iddris 1P, King 1L, Melissa 2D

KS2: David 3C, Tumai 3C, Zara 3G, Emily 4D, Mikhael 4D, Zoe 4G, Gabbie 4G, Daniel 4G, Gabriel 5B, Matei 6L, Joseph B 6L, Kacper 6S, Zoe 6S, Caroline 6S, Emilia 6S

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Walsingham House – Summer Term Winners!

Congratulations to Walsingham House, our Summer Term House Point winners, recognised for consistently living out our school Gospel Virtues throughout the term.

To celebrate their fantastic achievement, a reminder that all children in Walsingham House are invited to wear **one green item** (such as a T-shirt, socks or hair accessory) with their PE kit or school uniform on **Thursday 16th July**.

Well done to children in each of the four houses, and especially to everyone in Walsingham House for their excellent effort and teamwork!



YEAR 6 RETREAT

Another special milestone marking the end of the school year was our Year 6 Retreat Day on Monday 13th July. The children stepped away from their usual timetable to spend time reflecting on the past year, celebrating all they have achieved, and looking ahead to the exciting opportunities that await them.

As part of the day, every Year 6 child was presented with their own Miraculous Medal and rosary, a lasting reminder of God's love, guidance and protection as they continue their journey through life.

The retreat began with talks exploring the significance of the Miraculous Medal and the Rosary, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. The children then embarked on a walking pilgrimage to Boscombe Overcliff before returning to Our Lady's Grotto beside Corpus Christi Church. Along the route, they paused to pray together, completing the five decades of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

The retreat was a meaningful and reflective day, providing a fitting opportunity for the children to prepare spiritually as they approach the next stage of their education.



PAPER CLIP DESIGN CHALLENGE

As part of our KS2 Dyslexia Awareness Assembly, led by Mrs Walker, Specialist Teacher for Literacy-Related Difficulties, the children took part in a fun "Think Outside the Box" paperclip challenge.

The children were encouraged to invent a new use for an ordinary paperclip, showing that great ideas can come from the simplest of objects. The challenge celebrated creativity and reminded everyone that we all think and learn differently—and that these differences are something to celebrate.

Congratulations to our winners, whose competition entries are displayed below:

1st Place: Amelia J. (Year 6)

2nd Place: Joseph K. (Year 3)

3rd Place: Julia T. (Year 4)

The assembly also highlighted Sir James Dyson, who has spoken about his dyslexia. His innovative thinking led to the invention of the bagless vacuum cleaner, showing that thinking differently can be a real strength.



PRE-SCHOOL SPORTS ACTIVITIES DAY

Ready, Set, Go!

Our wonderful Pre-School children had a fantastic time taking part in a variety of fun running races this term. From sprint races to exciting themed challenges, everyone showed great enthusiasm, determination, and plenty of smiles. The children cheered each other on, practised taking turns, and celebrated each other's achievements, making it a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, coordination and teamwork. It was lovely to see every child giving their best and enjoying being active outdoors! We hope you enjoy the selection of photographs we have shared with you.

We would like to thank Mrs Carden and the Pre-School team for their love and dedication to the children in their care - we are very proud of our Corpus Christi Pre-School!



SPORTS DAYS 2026

Over the past couple of weeks, all of our have enjoyed taking part in our annual Sports Days. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, determination and teamwork on display throughout each event.

During the Corpus Christi Pre-School and Key Stage 1 Sports Days, the children participated in a variety of skill-based activities, alongside exciting sprint races. The day concluded with the ever-popular Parents vs Teachers tug of war, which provided a fun and memorable finish for everyone involved.

At the Key Stage 2 Sports Day, children competed in three compulsory events: the howler throw, standing long jump and sprint. They also had the opportunity to take part in an optional 400-metre long-distance race. Throughout the day, pupils earned valuable points for their house by participating in a range of activities, including archery, class tug of war, obstacle courses and many other exciting challenges.

A huge congratulations to all of our pupils for demonstrating excellent effort, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the events. Thank you to our staff, parents and volunteers for their encouragement and support, which helped make this year's Sports Days such a fantastic success.

A very special thanks to both Mr Clark, our PE Lead, and Mr Francis, for their fantastic commitment to promoting such high quality PE provision across the school this year. We hope you enjoy the selection of photographs we have shared with you.



SPORTS DAYS 2026



OSCAR ROMERO FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE

The **Faith in Action Award**, promoted by the Portsmouth Catholic Diocese, encourages young people from Year 6 to Year 13 to live out their faith by serving others and helping to build the Kingdom of God.

This year, our nine Faith in Action Committee members have shown outstanding commitment to putting their faith into action. Special thanks to: **Esther 6S, Ameaya 6S, Jiwon 6S, Alina 6S, Emilia J 6S, Alicja 6S, Henrik 6S, Yvonne 6L, Ava 6S**. Throughout the year they have:

- Served as altar servers at our weekly school Masses.
- Prepared and participated in Sunday parish Masses by leading the readings, bidding prayers and offertory.
- Assisted at the Oscar Romero Conference, welcoming pupils from 18 local primary schools for a day focused on Catholic Social Teaching and social justice.
- Visited the Turin Shroud Exhibition, reflecting on its significance for our faith.
- Learned about the life and witness of St Carlo Acutis, visiting his exhibition and venerating his relics at Bournemouth Oratory and at school, inspiring them to pursue holiness in their own lives.
- Led the Advent Service, sharing the Nativity story with parents and the wider school community as an act of evangelisation.

As a committee, the children chose to support **Mary's Meals**, delivering a whole-school assembly and organising a successful cake sale. As it costs just **£19.15** to feed a child for an entire school year, we are delighted that they have raised an incredible **£1,659.13**—enough to provide daily school meals for nearly **90 children**.

To complete the award, each pupil wrote a personal reflection to Bishop Philip, sharing how they had grown in faith through their service to God and others. We are delighted that every member of the committee has successfully achieved the **Faith in Action PIN Award**.

We are immensely proud of all they have accomplished this year. As they move on to secondary school, we pray they will continue to live out their faith with courage, compassion and a strong sense of mission, serving others as Christ calls us to do.



THE WIZARD OF OZ

Year 6 have done a fantastic performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'!

They entertained children and parents alike by welcoming them down the yellow brick road with their fantastic acting, energetic songs and overall enthusiasm to perform. Every child was able to have a role and be on stage, and the children should be so proud of themselves for working together and pulling off such a brilliant show. It was definitely a fitting end to their time at Corpus Christi, and something many of us won't forget!

A big thank you to Mrs Quinn, Mrs Cherret, and parent helpers Millie and Magda, for creating such amazing props. Also huge thanks to Mrs Dos Santos for her outstanding musical direction for all the singing numbers, and of course to Mrs Lawton and Miss Smyth, for all their hard work in orchestrating this wonderful production.

Above all, our heartfelt thanks go to the children, whose dedication and hard work made the show an incredible success.



MORE OZ SHOW PHOTOS



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PARENT/CARER Summer newsletter



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides early intervention and prevention support for children and young people experiencing challenges such as low mood or anxiety. We work closely with schools, families, and communities to promote emotional wellbeing and ensure young people get help as early as possible.

🎧 Listen to our Meet the Team podcasts – hear directly from us about the services we offer and how we can support you and the young people in your care.



ALL EPISODES -
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Support over the summer

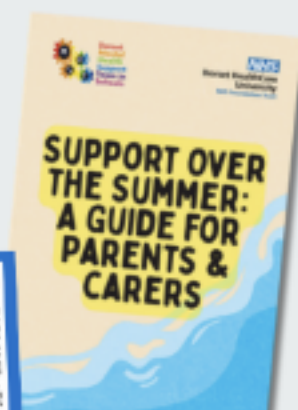
We know the summer holidays can bring both fun and challenges for families, especially when balancing work, childcare and family life. Following feedback from local families at our Supporters Forum, the MHST has created a Summer Support Leaflet packed with practical tips, activity ideas, and links to local and national support services. Whether you're looking for wellbeing advice, parenting support or useful resources, this leaflet includes recommendations from local families to help you feel more supported over the summer.

Free Parent/Carer pre-recorded webinars

The MHST has a range of free pre-recorded webinars available for parents, carers and supporters of children and young people.

Topics include sleep, emotional regulation, school attendance, autism, parenting support and transition to secondary school. Access your chosen webinar by completing the online form here:

[Webinar access form: bit.ly/4wAOCxo](https://bit.ly/4wAOCxo)



<https://bit.ly/4fgyZEm>

Free resources:

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Transitions

year. The change of routine and the inevitable losses and separations bring back old feelings of abandonment and threat. It's a challenging time for everyone – children and adults alike!

Here are some of our favourite transition top tips for parents/carers and for teachers:



- It's useful for adults to emotionally prepare themselves for the 'transition storm' that is about to begin. Put your seatbelt on and hold tight! The child needs you to be grounded.
- Remind yourself that the child's behaviour is a sign of their inside pain, and they need you to see through the behaviour to help them feel safe, secure and loved.
- Digging down past behaviours to the inside pain, can be hard and tiring work. Take good care of yourself and reach out to your support network for extra help.
- Remind yourself that punishments, withdrawal, consequences and shaming will make the transition harder for everyone.

- Help the child to see the storm coming too. Say "the end of the school year can be a tricky, I'm here to help you through it"
- Help the child name the feelings that they have no words for. Try "I wonder if your 'moving up day' feels pretty scary right now?" or "When things are different like this, I wonder if it makes you worry about being left behind?"
- Help make connections between their behaviour and their feelings, try "When you run away like that it makes me wonder if you don't know where to be to feel safe? You are safe right here".



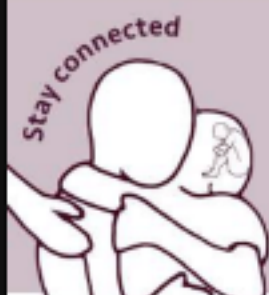
Tell the child the things they need to hear, don't wait for them to ask you because they don't know what they need! **Tell them:**



- How much you care
- That you are not going anywhere
- That they are in your mind even when not in your class/not at home
- That they are safe and protected
- That they will not be taken away
- Tell them what is going to happen that day if the routine is different – use pictures and 'steps' to prepare them.
- Remind them throughout the day what is going to happen and when
- Keep to as much of the usual routine as you can

Children feel fear in their body. Help the child's body to calm by:

- Doing short bursts of physical activity (star jumps, wall push ups, walking, running) frequently
- Playfully ask them to breathe deeply in the mornings and evenings – e.g. blow bubbles, blow away the feelings
- Do body calming activities with them
- Use sensitive touch to let them know you are there. Touch can be a great calmer.



Use 'transitional objects' to let them know that you are connected, even when apart. How about:

- As a parent, draw a little heart on your hand and the same heart on your child's hand as they go off to school.
- Give your child a special stone, or photo to hold on to at school that reminds them of you
- Teachers – give the child a 'transition card' – a piece of paper with a special message that they look after until you see them again.
- Let the child use their special teddies whenever they need to

Remind the child (and yourself) that the Transition Storm will come, and it will go. You will stick it out together, and soon it will be over.



Families of Faith

✠ July ✠

Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus,
Thank You for coming to Mary and Martha's home.
Martha worked hard to get everything ready, and Mary sat and listened to You.

Please help me to be like both of them - to work and help others when it's needed, but also to stop and listen to You with my heart.
Amen.

Dear Jesus,
Please help me to be like Pier Giorgio - to smile even when things are hard, to help others with love, and to always put You first in my life.
Amen.

Saints to Inspire

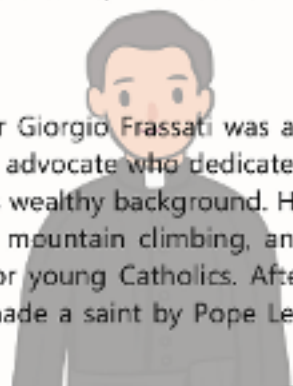


29 July - Saints Martha, Mary of Bethany, and Lazarus

Saints Martha, Mary of Bethany, and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. Martha is known for her active service and hospitality. Mary is celebrated for her devotion and for anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. Lazarus is famous for being raised from the dead by Jesus. Together, they are recognised for their love for Jesus, and their feast day is celebrated on July 29.

4 July - Pier Giorgio Frassati

"Jesus is with me, I have nothing to fear". Pier Giorgio Frassati was an Italian Catholic youth activist and social justice advocate who dedicated his life to helping the poor and sick despite his wealthy background. He was known for his joyful personality, love of mountain climbing, and strong faith, and he is considered a model for young Catholics. After dying from polio at age 24 in 1925, he was made a saint by Pope Leo XIV in September 2025.



Good News from the Gospel



6th July - Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus invites everyone who feels tired or has worries to come to him for rest. He teaches us that being gentle and humble brings peace. *When do I need to rest in Jesus' love?*

12th July - Matthew 13:1-23

God's Word is like a seed; when we hear it with open hearts, it can grow and bear lots of good fruit in our lives. *How can I make my heart good soil for God's Word?*

19th July - Matthew 13:24-43

The Kingdom of God might start small or hidden, but it grows into something amazing - we are invited to be part of it. *How can I help goodness grow in the world?*

26th July - Matthew 13:44-52

The Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure worth giving everything for; when we truly find it, we joyfully accept and live in it. *What treasures do I want to find in my life with God?*

Family Faith in Action

- Invite a friend to dinner
- Make the tart of St Martha
- Spend time with your brothers and sisters
- Exercise
- Pray a walking rosary
- Call a family member to say they love them
- Make a rice crispie chocolate mountain using Fairtrade chocolate



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Jump Back Up July 2026



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground

7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy

1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry

8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today

2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"

9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture

3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it

10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them

4 Find something to look forward to today

11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation

5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'

13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

14 Get outside and move to help clear your head

15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step

16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts

17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today

18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself

21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life

22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down

23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead

26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath

27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)

28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem

29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right

30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support

31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human



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LIBRARIES STORY DOOR TRAIL

24 local schools have each created a story door, and there will be one hidden in every BCP library. How many will you be able to find?



25 MAY - 28 SEPTEMBER