CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Mt 22: 36-40

Autumn Term 2026 - Friday 23rd October 2026

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding half term, we are delighted to share some of the wonderful learning, enrichment experiences and achievements from across our school. It has been a pleasure to see our children embracing new opportunities, developing their God-given talents and living out our school **Gospel Virtue of Love** through kindness, generosity and care for others.

From the inspiring work of our Chaplaincy groups to sporting achievements, musical opportunities and scientific discoveries, there is so much to celebrate. These experiences reflect our commitment to nurturing the whole child, helping every pupil to grow in faith, knowledge and compassion.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading our latest news and wish all our families a restful and happy half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 2nd November.**

May we continue to carry the love of Christ into all that we do.

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Every blessing,

Simon Lennon

Headteacher

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

I want to love You more than anything else in the world.

Please come to reign in my heart and fill me with Your love and grace.

Empower me to honour You with all my soul, mind and love, and to follow Your ways in all that I do.

Help me to serve others in Your name, showing kindness, compassion and generosity to everyone I meet.

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

Autumn Half Term (School Closed to Children)	Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
Fraser Photography (Individual Portraits only)	Tuesday 3rd November
6G Celebration of the Word (Parents Invited)	Monday 16th November 9:00am (School Hall)
5M Celebration of the Word (Parents Invited)	Monday 30th November 9:00 am (School Hall)
Reception Nativity (Parents Invited)	Thursday 10th December 9.15-10.15am (School Hall)
Year 1 Nativity (Parents Invited)	Friday 11th December 9.15-10.15am (School Hall)
Year 2 Nativity (Parents Invited)	Monday 14th December 9.15-10.15am (School Hall)
Pre-School Nativity (Parents Invited)	Monday 14th December 2.00pm (School Hall)
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 16th December
Advent Service (Parents Invited)	Thursday 17th December 6.00pm (Church)
End of the Autumn Term	Friday 18th December 2026
INSET DAY (School Closed to Children)	Monday 4th January 2027
Spring Term 2027 begins (Children return)	Tuesday 5th January 2027

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our children who have received Headteacher Awards recently across the school:

EYFS and KS1: Alexander RR, Timothy RR, Princess-Sofia RR, Mikolaj RR, Francine RH, Dominic P RH, Serah, Ralph RH, Sienna RH, Oliwia 1R, Ava 1R, Evania 1R, Oladapo 1R, Milou 1L, Stas 1L, Igor 1L, Braidyn 1L, Bianka 1L, Micah 2L, Liliana 2L, Iddris 2L, Greta 2L, Joshua 2L, Ivy 2S, Nathan 2S, Antos 2S, Olivier 2S

KS2: Esther 3G, Lily 3G, Great 3G, Zak 3G, Nico 3B, Joshua P 3B, Heidi 3B, Wyatt 3B, Emily 3B, Essa 4LR, Bunny-Rose 4LR, Joseph M 4LR, Martim 4LR, Rachael 4LR, Lucas 4DS, Harper 4DS, Hollie 4DS, Aben 4DS, Fortune 5C, Niamh 5C, Armstrong 5C, Jennifer 5C, Nikolas 5C, Amelia S 5M, Yusuf 5M, Amelia J 5M, Wiktor 5M, Ekansh 5M, Levi 6G, Zara 6G, Joey 6G, Julia T 6G , Oleg 6S, Nikola 6S, Romeo 6S, Razvan 6S, Freya 6S

GOLDEN APPLES

Special congratulations to the children across the school who have been awarded Golden Apples this half term, in recognition of consistently demonstrating our school Gospel Virtues, living out their faith in Christ's image:

EYFS and KS1: Mary-Ella RH, Emmanuel RR, Nyra 1L, Jude 1R, Gabriel 2L, Seunfunmi 2S

KS2: Freya 3B, Bernice 3G, Daniel 4DS, Blessing 4LR, Judah 5C, Canaan 5M,

Alessandra 6G, Matilda 6S



OUR SCHOOL GOSPEL VIRTUE OF LOVE

As part of our Catholic education curriculum, we have been exploring our school Gospel Virtue of **Love** this half term. We hope you have enjoyed taking part in the Gospel Virtue home learning activities shared at the beginning of term.

We are delighted to share a beautiful piece of work created by Jude in Class RR, who has made a wonderful hanging mobile featuring Bible quotes about love. It is always a joy to see the children sharing their home learning with us, as it shows the time, thought and care they have taken to explore what this important virtue means and how we can live it out in our everyday lives.

We are so proud of the children for embracing our Gospel Virtues and finding meaningful ways to put their faith into action!



SCHOOL NURSE APPOINTMENT SESSION

Please see below information regarding a **parent session with the school nurse** on Wednesday 4th November 2:00 - 3:00pm, which would need to be **booked via appointment only.** The School Nursing Team can provide a variety of information and guidance on the topics below. You are most welcome to book an appointment and hope you find this service beneficial.



RECEPTION SUPERHERO DAY

Our Reception children had a super time celebrating Superhero Day!

The children loved dressing up as their favourite superheroes and showing off their fantastic costumes. We explored what makes someone a superhero, discovering that you don't always need a cape or superpowers to make a difference. Kindness, courage, helping others and caring for our friends are all superpowers we can use every day.

We hope you enjoy the selection of photographs we have shared with you showcasing some of our wonderful little superheroes in action!











INTER-SCHOOL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE FOR PUPILS 2026

We were delighted to welcome pupils and colleagues from **12 schools across the Diocese of Portsmouth and beyond** for our fourth annual Inter-school Social Justice Conference, centred on the theme of peace and inspired by Jesus' words in the Beatitudes:***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"*****(Matthew 5:9).**

Rooted in our Catholic faith, the conference encouraged pupils to explore how peace goes beyond the absence of conflict. True peace calls us to recognise injustice, stand alongside those who are vulnerable, treat others with dignity and take responsibility for building a more just and compassionate world. Inspired by the words of St Teresa of Ávila,***"Christ has no body now but yours",*** pupils were challenged to consider how they can become peacemakers through their own words, choices and actions.

Through engaging discussions and practical workshops, pupils explored Catholic Social Teaching and developed their understanding of **See, Choose, Act**: seeing the needs and injustices around us, choosing a response rooted in the Gospel, and taking meaningful action to bring about positive change. We were particularly grateful to our visiting facilitator, Raymond Friel, and Dr Kerry Ann Macfarlane, who led the practical See-Choose-Act sessions, helping pupils connect their learning with the everyday actions through which peace can be nurtured and justice pursued.

It was a pleasure to welcome Lisa Linscott, Director of Education at BCP and BCP representatives Kerry Smith and Lisa McGaw. Catherine Hobbs, Director of the Diocese, also joined us for this important event. A special thank you goes to our **Oscar Romero Faith in Action Committee** for their contribution, and to all the pupils who participated so enthusiastically. They worked brilliantly together, sharing thoughtful and reflective responses that demonstrated a growing social conscience, a deepening understanding of justice and the practical wisdom needed to become peacemakers in their schools, communities and beyond.

The conference was a powerful reminder that peace begins with each of us: in the way we treat others, the courage we show in challenging injustice and the choices we make to stand up for what is right. By putting our faith into action, our pupils are discovering that they do not have to wait to change the world; they can begin by making a difference in the choices they make every day.

As we reflect on Jesus' call to be peacemakers, we hope our pupils leave Corpus Christi inspired to **See with compassion, Choose with courage and Act for peace**, becoming a generation that brings hope, justice and the love of Christ to the world around them.






Joyfully, united in Jesus' family, we learn to use our special gifts to love, serve and make the world a better place.
'Blessed are the Peacemakers'
Faith in Action
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The Oscar Romero Award
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MUSIC MARK AWARD

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded Music Mark recognition!

This fantastic achievement celebrates our commitment to providing high-quality music education and ensuring that all our children have opportunities to enjoy, explore and develop their musical talents. Music plays an important role in our school life, helping to build confidence, creativity and a love of learning. We are incredibly proud to receive this recognition and look forward to continuing to make music a vibrant and exciting part of our school community.

We would also like to say a very special congratulations to Narayani in Year 6 who composed her own original Christmas Carol for the Bournemouth Schools Music Association Carol Competition. Narayani's winning carol is all about the different ways we celebrate and enjoy the festive season. She composed a tune and even some ukulele chords to accompany her song.

Well done, Narayani! We will look forward to hearing your carol performed on stage at the Pavilion in November!



SCHOOL CHOIR CHRISTMAS SONG

Sharing the Gift of Love Through Music

It certainly felt as though Christmas had come early for our school choir, who recently stepped into the recording studio to be part of something truly special! Our talented young singers have been working hard to learn and record a children's vocal part for an original Christmas song,**'Christmas at Our Place'**, which will soon be released.

Written and composed by Chris White, the song aims to raise money for **Amelia's Rainbow**, a Dorset-based charity supporting children living with serious, chronic, life-limiting or terminal illnesses.

At the heart of the song is a beautiful message about the importance of spending time together, putting aside everyday distractions and making space for the people we love. This message resonates deeply with the Christian meaning of Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's greatest gift of love to the world. As a Catholic school, we are reminded that love is shown not only through words, but also through our time, kindness, compassion and care for others, especially those facing difficult circumstances.

We are incredibly proud of our choir for sharing their musical gifts in support of such a worthy cause. Their participation is a wonderful example of **faith in action**, putting the Gospel values of love, generosity and service into practice and bringing hope to children and families who need it most.

Listen out for our choir! The song will be released on **16th November** and will be available to stream and download on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music and other platforms. All proceeds will go to Amelia's Rainbow.

If you are able to support this wonderful cause, we warmly encourage you to make a donation using the QR code below. Together, we can help share the love, hope and joy of Christmas with others.

What a lovely way for our children to use their God-given talents to make a difference and spread the true spirit of Christmas!



MAYOR OF BOURNEMOUTH VISIT

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Bournemouth, Roberto Rocco, who is also one of our school governors, for a special visit to our school this half term.

The Mayor enjoyed a tour of our school, led by members of our School Council, and spent time with our Key Stage 2 children in the hall, taking part in an engaging question-and-answer session.

The children had the opportunity to learn more about his role as Mayor of Bournemouth, his background and the responsibilities involved in serving the local community. They asked some thoughtful questions and enjoyed finding out how local leaders help to make a difference to the lives of others.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to develop their understanding of local democracy, leadership and community service. We are very grateful to the Mayor for giving up his time to visit us and inspire our young learners!







SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM AWARD

WE ARE PLATINUM AGAIN!!!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises schools for their commitment to developing competition across their school and within the wider community. We are incredibly proud to have been recognised for our continued dedication and success in school sport.

This year, our pupils have demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm and commitment to all aspects of school sport, including participation in local inter-school competitions. We are particularly proud of our young volunteers, leaders and officials, whose hard work and dedication have helped make our sporting events possible.

As part of our application, we were required to meet criteria across four key areas: participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are delighted that the collective efforts of our school community have been recognised and rewarded with this prestigious award.

A special thank you goes to all our parents, pupils and staff for their continued support and commitment in helping us maintain such high standards and making this achievement possible. Well done, everyone!



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Year 6 Football Tournament

The Year 6 Football team finished 3rd in the Bournemouth Schools Football Tournament. Well done to Dominik S, (6S), Samuel P (6G), Thiago U (6S), Levi C, (6G), Iyanuoluwa A (6G), Josh G (6G), Max K (6S), Mitchell N (6G) and Theo C (6G).

Girls Football Tournament

Corpus Christi girls finished as runners up in the Bournemouth Schools Girls Football Tournament. Well done to Maya S, (6S), Lucy O (6S), Michelle O (6S), Elizabeth CA (6G), Samanta B (6S), Leni-Rae McC (6G), Evie B(6S), Chloe H (4DS) and Dania R (4LR). This means for the first time, Corpus Christi Girls have qualified for the Dorset Schools Girls Football Cup which has all the best schools in Dorset.

Cross Country

On Thursday 15th October, over 40 pupils from Corpus Christi participated in the Bournemouth Schools Cross Country event where they all did extremely well. Well done to Heather C (4LR), Chloe C (4LR), Chloe H (4DS), Dania R (4LR), Alex W (4LR), Owen D (4DS), Tumai (4DS), Ralphie C (4LR), Hollie C (4DS), Rupert S (4LR), Aliyah W (4LR), Arianna A (4LR), Roan R (4DS), Nina Ziolko (4DS), Aron U (4DS), Harper Seabourne (4DS), Wiktor S (5M), Ziggy D (5M), Alek S (5C), Niamh T (5C), Darian B-J (5C), Izzy B (5C), Lewis E (5M), Evelyn O (5M), Samuel P (6G), Theo C (6G), Lucy O (6S), Thiago U (6S), Lucia LG (6S), Nima O (6G), Elliot I (6S), Freya S (6S), Oliwia K (6G) and Leni-Rae McC (6G).

Special mention to Heather C and Chloe H who are currently the number 1 and 2 ranked girls in the Year 4 category.







THE SHROUD OF TURIN

Our children recently had the opportunity to visit the exhibition of the Shroud of Turin, learning about its history, origins and significance within the Catholic faith. It was lovely to see Matilda, one of our Faith in Action members, sharing her knowledge with her class and explaining some of the scientific investigations that have taken place over the years.



Later that week, Rosemary and Elizabeth, two more members of our Faith in Action group, played their part in welcoming our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils to the exhibition. They carefully prepared clipboards with pamphlets and pens before taking on the role of tour guides, helping their peers to explore the exhibition and learn more about this fascinating part of our Catholic tradition.

We are incredibly proud of our Faith in Action members for the way they have embraced these opportunities to share their learning, support others and live out their faith through service to our school community.





PRAYING FOR PEACE

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children were given a special opportunity to visit the church and join Father Dennis S.J. in prayer during his 48-hour fast and prayer vigil for peace in the Middle East and the Holy Land.

During this reflective visit, the children lit candles as a sign of hope and spent time in quiet prayer, remembering all those affected by conflict, violence and suffering. It was a meaningful opportunity for them to pause, reflect and bring their prayers for peace, comfort and reconciliation before God.

Through this experience, our children were reminded of the importance of compassion, solidarity and standing alongside our brothers and sisters around the world. They were encouraged to reflect on how, even in small ways, we can all be peacemakers by showing kindness, understanding and love to those around us.

We are proud of our pupils for approaching this moment with such thoughtfulness and reverence, putting their faith into action by joining a wider community in prayer for a more peaceful world.







CORPUS CHRISTI MINI VINNIES

Harvest Mass and Supporting Our Community

As part of our Harvest celebrations, our Mini Vinnies took on the important role of **Food Bank Ambassadors**, encouraging our school community to support our local food bank. At the assembly on 9th October, they invited families to donate essential food items and displayed posters around the school to highlight the items most needed. They also took turns welcoming families at the school gates each morning, proudly holding their posters and collecting donations.

The donations were then presented during our **Harvest Festival School Mass**, alongside bidding prayers led by the children, giving thanks to God for the generosity of our school community and for all those who give willingly to help others. The mission continued on 22nd October, when the local food bank team visited to collect the donations. Our Year 5 Mini Vinnies had the opportunity to learn more about how the food bank operates and how it supports those most in need in our local community.

A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your generous donations!Your kindness has helped us put our faith into action by living out the Gospel values of love, compassion and service.

Samaritan's Shoebox Appeal

Our Mini Vinnies have also been supporting the wider community by helping to display posters promoting the **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal**. This wonderful initiative encourages people to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in need, sharing joy, kindness and a message of hope and love centred on Christ. Through their involvement, our Mini Vinnies continue to show how small acts of generosity can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.





YEAR 1 WOODLAND WALK

As part of our Geography topic, 'Our Local Area', Year 1 enjoyed an exciting walk to explore the different features of our local environment. We walked along the high street, followed the Woodland Walk and even enjoyed a wonderful view of the sea from the clifftop! The children had a fantastic opportunity to observe their surroundings, identify familiar landmarks and discuss the different features they discovered along the way.

Back in the classroom, we put our learning into practice by creating our own **3D maps using junk modelling materials**. The children carefully selected and reused a variety of materials to represent the key features of our local area, bringing their maps to life. This hands-on activity helped us develop our geographical skills while encouraging creativity, teamwork and an appreciation of the place we call home.









YEAR 6 FAIRTHRORNE MANOR RESIDENTIAL

Year 6 had a fantastic time during their recent residential trip to Fairthorne Manor from 7–9th October. Throughout the trip, the children embraced new experiences, stepped out of their comfort zones and demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination. They participated in a range of fun activities including archery, kayaking and pioneering, as well as singing around the campfire in the evening! The children grew in confidence, developed their independence and strengthened their friendships. They returned to school tired, but with plenty of stories to share, wonderful memories and a real sense of achievement! It was a special few days for Year 6 and an experience they will never forget!





















WORLD SPACE WEEK

Our children had an out-of-this-world time celebrating **Space Week**, with exciting science lessons bringing the wonders of the universe right into the classroom! From exploring planets and stars to learning about astronauts, rockets and space exploration, pupils were encouraged to ask questions, investigate and discover. It was fantastic to see their curiosity, imagination and enthusiasm take flight as they explored the fascinating world beyond our planet.





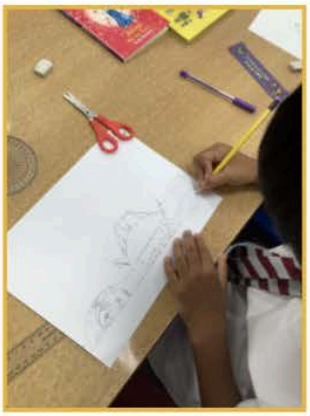














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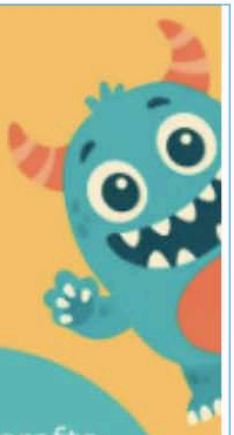
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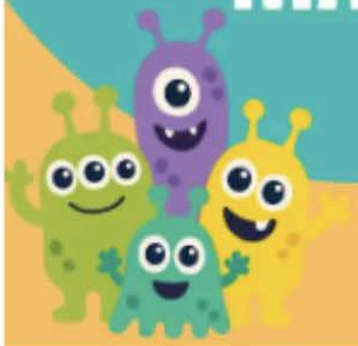
We look forward to hearing from you





JOIN US FOR 'WORRY MONSTER' MAKING





Arts and crafts session for children and families to create a monster that eats your worries

Wednesday 28th October 2026

Joy Cafe, Churchill Gardens, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH1 4ES

1.00pm - 2.30pm

Ages 4 - 14 years and their families

Free to attend



Hosted by Dorset CAMHS Gateway and MHST

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Bags 2 School



Have you had a clear out?

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Bags 2 School will be collecting from our school.
All donations will be weighed & the money raised will come back to the school.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for reuse:
Men's, ladies, children's clothing * Paired Shoes (tied together or elastic band around) * Handbags * Hats * Bags * Scarves. & ties * Jewellery * Lingere * Socks * Belts * Soft Toys * Household linen * Curtains * Towels * Bedsing (bed sheets, pillow cases & duvet covers)

Please place your donations in a plastic bag and leave bags by the school reception by 9am on the Tuesday morning.

We do not accept: Duvets & blankets * carpets, rugs & mats *Pillows & Cushions * Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing * School uniforms with & without logos * Corporate clothing & workwear * textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Dorset Parenting Support Service

Action for Children

"Behaviours that challenge us" Information Session

Free one-off session for parent/carer(s) living in BCP and Dorset with children aged between 5 and 11 years

Join our one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties. Session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist.

Tuesday 2nd June 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Face to Face session, venue in BCP area

Wednesday 1st July 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 22nd September 2026
07:00pm - 09:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 3rd November 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 19th January 2027
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

To book your place, please visit our website: actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset or scan the QR code

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