



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

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## HAPPY *New Year*

Dear Families

Happy new year and welcome to our first newsletter of 2025. We hope everyone had a restful and peaceful holiday. The children have returned to school in good spirits and settled well into their work and play.

We have 8 new children in our Nursery for our January intake. We welcome their families to our community of Corpus Christi. The children have settled in beautifully and we are thrilled to have them.

You will have received a 'Spring Term Curriculum Overview' from your class teacher which will tell you all the areas of learning for this term. We are planning another Parent Book Look for the end of this half term and parents' meetings for after half term to update you on your child's progress.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warmest Wishes

*Mrs Maxwell and all the staff at Corpus Christi x*

### Catholic Life

#### Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Traditionally, in the catholic church, there is a Jubilee year every 25 years. It is intended that the faithful see a Jubilee year as an opportunity to go on pilgrimage, to ask for forgiveness and to forgive others. The 2025 Jubilee is centred on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it:

*"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."*

In school, the launch of the Jubilee year is 24th January. Each month, we will be exploring different aspects of hope and pilgrimage. We look forward to sharing our reflections with you.



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## **Safety and Wellbeing**

### **Birthday Party Bags**

We can no longer accept party bags or large cakes into school to be distributed amongst children to celebrate birthdays. We have no control over the contents of the bags or the safety and suitability of the items in the bags and can therefore not be held responsible for these.

We are happy to accept a mini chocolate bar or bag of jelly sweets that can be given out at home time and parents can check the suitability themselves.

We ask for your cooperation with this matter.

### **Online Safety**

On our monthly newsletters, we will be sharing information about how to keep our children safe online. This month, we will be looking at the popular video-sharing social media app 'TikTok'. What is it? What are the dangers and how can parents & carers ensure children use the app safely? For more information, click this link: <https://bit.ly/ccpgtiktok>

## **Sport and PE**

We have worked hard on increasing active opportunities for all our children at Corpus Christi during, and after school. In our curriculum PE this half term, each class will be developing their skills in the following areas:

Early Years – Gymnastics

Year 1 – Gymnastics and target games

Year 2 – Gymnastics and target games

Year 3 – Athletics and dance

Year 4 – Athletics and dance

Year 5 – Athletics and swimming

Year 6 – Athletics

Alongside our progressive curriculum, we are offering a range of active afterschool clubs. This term our focus is Tag Rugby, Ball Skills, Athletics and Karate. We are looking forward to inviting children along to these clubs and starting them up next week.

Finally, we also have some upcoming sporting events to compete at as a school. Next Friday, Mrs Evans will lead some children from KS2 in a Netball competition at Gateshead International Stadium. The children attending this event have worked very hard on their

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netball skills with Mrs Evans over the Autumn term and we wish them all the best of luck next Friday.

Year 4 will be attending Gateshead's 'Dance Festival 2025' at the Glasshouse (formerly the Sage) on the evening of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The class had their first dance lesson today and lessons will take place every Friday during school developing a dance routine which the children will perform at the festival. Parents will be invited to buy tickets for this event and watch over 500 children perform on stage including our very own Corpus Christi Year 4 class. More information about the dance festival will be shared by Mr Hudson on Class Dojo story.

## Daily School Life

### PE Kit

It has been wonderful to see so many children now in their correct PE Kit. As a reminder, they should be wearing **black trainers, blue or black joggers or shorts and a plain white t-shirt** under their school jumper or cardigan. It is not acceptable to wear white or coloured trainers or leggings instead of joggers. If you need help with purchasing these items, please let us know.

## Any other updates...

### Paying for Lunches and Clubs

All parents have an Arbor account where they can book and pay for lunches, after school clubs and breakfast club. When bookings are made they **MUST** be paid for at the same time. Parents are not allowed to operate a 'deficit' account with payments in arrears.

These payments are monitored weekly by the finance team at Bishop Wilkinson Trust. If your account is in deficit with money owed, you will no longer be allowed to use the after school or breakfast clubs and will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child. If you need advice or support with this, please contact our Family Support Worker – Jan Gurkin.

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<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...</b>		
<b>January 2025</b>		
<b>Children return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y4/5 That History Bloke Workshops – Roman Life</b>	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y3 National Archives Workshop – Ancient Egypt</b>	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y4 Dance</b>	<b>For 4 weeks.</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y5 to visit Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Netball Competition</b>	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y6 Japanese Art Workshop</b>	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Launch of Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope.</b>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y5 Bikeability Sessions</b>	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y3 linking Project Workshop and Assembly.</b>	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Y6 to visit Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>February 2025</b>		
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5 Storytelling Project at Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y3 to visit Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5/6 Respectful Relationships Workshops.</b>	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Holiday</b>		
<b>Children return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>		
<b>March 2025</b>		
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y1,Y2,Y3 Art Showcase in School Hall. 3.30pm</b>	<b>Y1,Y2 and Y3 parents welcome.</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4,Y5,Y6 Art Showcase in School Hall. 3.30pm</b>	<b>Y4,Y5 and Y6 parents welcome.</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Reception Class to visit Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>April 2025</b>		
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Music Sharing Performance Y5 and Y2 2.45pm</b>	<b>Y2 and Y5 parents welcome</b>

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