



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

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## **February Newsletter 2025**

Dear Families

We will be holding a 'Book Look' on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. This is for children in Year 1 to Year 6. Please drop into school anytime between 3.30 and 5pm to look at your children's work. We will follow this up with Parent Phone Calls in the first week after half term. Class Teachers will contact you to arrange a time. Early Years teachers will be in touch with Reception and Nursery parents, to arrange a 'face to face' meeting after half term.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am usually available at the school gate every morning. Otherwise please email or telephone to arrange an appointment.

Warmest Wishes

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

### **Daily School Life**

#### **Y6 Tests /Y6 Residential**

On Tuesday 4th March at 9am, (School Hall) Mrs Mason will be hosting two information sessions in one. One session will focus on details for the upcoming KS2 SAT Tests and the other will be focussed on the upcoming Y6 Residential to Robinwood Activity Centre in April.

It would be brilliant if Y6 parents could join us to hear the information, and it is a great opportunity to ask any questions you have regarding either the SAT Tests or the residential.

#### **World Book Day – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

To celebrate World Book Day, Bishop Wilkinson Trust have organised an online feast of storytelling and insight into the Literary World, to inspire our children. They have put together an exciting online programme which includes well known authors and illustrators such as Mitch Johnson and Nick Sharrat. Authors are both live and pre-recorded and there will be opportunities for children to ask questions about their work. This will be a fantastic day for our children.

Please note – we will **not** be asking children to 'dress up' on this day.

### **Safety and Wellbeing**

#### **Online Safety**

This free online safety guide looks at ways that trusted adults can encourage open conversations with children and young people about their digital lives. It outlines useful tips such as being as honest as possible, discussing how misleading the online world can be and creating a 'family agreement'. To find out more, click this link: <https://bit.ly/ccpgdigitallives>

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## Children's Mental Health

Following the Coronavirus pandemic, studies now point to increased levels of distress and anxiety amongst children. Many children and young people will experience behavioural or emotional problems at some stage. For some, these will resolve with time, while others will need professional support. As parents and carers, there are ways we can support our children to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. Encouraging and guiding a child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills we can teach from a young age. As a school we work hard to ensure our children are supported with their mental health. Currently, we have 'The Children's Society' working in our school, on a weekly basis, supporting groups and individual children with strategies to manage their feelings and worries. We also have an identified Pastoral Lead – Mrs Taylor, who works hard to support children, on an individual level, but also through developing our Personal Development curriculum designed to address the needs of children in our school.

Gateshead Children and Young People's Service are holding 'drop in' sessions across Gateshead. This is to provide parents with advice and guidance around topics such as low mood, sleep issues, phobias, behaviour, confidence, anger and stress. They have a session running at Gateshead Central Library on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Find out more from their website: [www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk)

## NHS Pharmacy First Scheme

Local GP Surgeries have launched a 'Pharmacy First Scheme'. This means that children with sore throats, earache, impetigo or insect bites, can attend the pharmacy, no appointment required, and be seen in a clinical setting by an experienced Pharmacist, Richard. The pharmacy is located at Well Pharmacy - 14 Beaconsfield Road, Low Fell. NE9 5EU. Tel no. 0191 4875927

If the ill child meets the NHS requirements, as above, then antibiotics can be prescribed. Otherwise, they can be given something to help with their symptoms, free of charge, through the Minor Ailment service.

## Catholic Life

### 2025 is a Jubilee Year.

It is a year to celebrate God's love even more than usual and share that love with others. It is a year to show mercy and forgiveness. It is a time to renew our relationship with God, with one another and with the whole of creation. It is a year of justice, freedom and celebration. This is a special party year celebrating God's love. Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope," and invites us to be people of hope.

There will be a different theme for each month during the Jubilee year and a different class will lead a Celebration of the Word to explore each theme. Parents of children in the host class will be invited to join in the Celebration of the Word. Dates and times will be shared on Class Dojo.

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## **Blessed Carlo Acutis**

Blessed Carlo Acutis is scheduled to be the first millennial saint as he will be canonised in April 2025. Because of his devotion to the Eucharist, his youthfulness and his life in the 21st century, he was chosen to be the patron of our Trust. We are delighted that a relic of Blessed Carlo will visit our Trust between 26-30 March 2025 and there will be an opportunity for some children to attend Mass in the presence of the relic.

There will also be a Holy Mass, at Cardinal Hume School, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. This is an open invitation to all people in our Diocese and beyond. It is a ticketed event and if you would like to attend, please book a ticket from [www.carloacutis.bwcet.com](http://www.carloacutis.bwcet.com).

## **Our Curriculum – Music**

We have worked hard on increasing provision for all children at Corpus Christi to a high-quality music education. This includes increasing access to instrument tuition throughout school.

In our Music lessons this half term, each class will be developing their skills in the following areas:

*Early Years – Using music to explore topics of Everyone and Our World*

*Year 1 – Exploring Sounds*

*Year 2 – Instrument tuition: Glockenspiel*

*Year 3 – Instrument tuition: Recorder*

*Year 4 – Musical structures*

*Year 5 – Instrument tuition: Ukulele*

*Year 6 – Melody and Harmony in Music*

Our school choir have been involved with a project for the MOBO Awards this month, learning and recording a song by, Brit Award Nominees, The Ezra Collective. This recording will be edited and broadcast live at the awards ceremony on February 18th at Newcastle Arena. We have also been invited to sing at The Glasshouse on the evening of Tuesday 25th March for Gateshead Music Service's Spring Sing event in March, rehearsals will begin after half term for the event. Details of how parents can purchase tickets for this event will be sent out via Dojo when school have any information.

Excitingly, the materials for the Year 6 end of term play, Oliver with a Twist, have arrived in school and auditions for this will happen after half term. At the other end of the school, our EYFS children will take part in a 6-week programme with the music service next term to expand on their musical skills. This is a brand-new project from Gateshead Music Service, which we are thrilled about taking part in.

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## Any other updates...

### The Children's Book project

We are happy to announce that we are officially a donation point for The Children's Book Project. The programme is designed to help find new homes for the thousands of pre-loved books with families across the UK. Find out more about the project using the link on Class Dojo.

Our school has been added to the national map of settings that would like to receive books for their community. Local families can click on our school icon to register and then bring the books to the office during school hours. Please share the project with those you know via word of mouth or social media.

Please remember, we can only accept good quality books. All of these will be used in our school library (non-fiction), in our class libraries or as rewards for excellent reading throughout the year. The scheme relies on you spreading the word to help us get as many donations as we can.

Thank you in advance for your support of this collaboration!

### 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.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...</b>		
<b>February 2025</b>		
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5 Storytelling Project at Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y1 to Y6 Book Look 3.30 to 5.00pm</b>	<b>Y1 to Y6 parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y3 to visit Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5/6 attend Mass at Corpus Christi Church.</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>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y6 SAT/Residential Information Meeting</b>	<b>Y6 parents. School Hall</b>
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		<b>9.00am.</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>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Family Learning begins 9-10.30 for 5 weeks.</b>	<b>Y1/2 parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y2 to Gateshead Library</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>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>World Poetry Day</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Spring Sing @ The Glasshouse</b>	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Reception Class to visit Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Maths Day</b>	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Dance Festival – Y4</b>	<b>6.30pm at The Glasshouse.</b>
<b>April 2025</b>		
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Breakfast with a Book</b>	<b>9-9.30</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>
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Residential to Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre.</b>	
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Y1 to Gateshead Library</b>	
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays</b>		
<b>Children return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.</b>		
<b>May 2025</b>		
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Y4 Samba Drumming Project</b>	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y3 'That History Bloke' Ancient Greeks.</b>	
<b>w/c Monday May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 KS2 National Curriculum Tests</b>	
<b>June 2025</b>		
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Photographer in school.</b>	
<b>w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Money Week in school.</b>	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Feast of Corpus Christi Whole School attend Mass.</b>	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Cultural Diversity Day</b>	
<b>Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>SPORTS DAY Y1 to Y6 Saltwell Park</b>	<b>All families welcome</b>
<b>July 2025</b>		

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Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	BWCET Celebration of Sport for Y5	Gateshead Athletics Stadium
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 and Y3 Music Sharing Performance. 2.45pm	Parents Welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term.	

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