



# Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

*'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'... MATTHEW 5*



**April Newsletter 2025**

Dear Families

We have had a fantastic spring term in school. It is lovely to see the children grow and develop and I am always thrilled to see the great progress they are making as the year moves on.

Thank you for all your ongoing and never-ending support – helping with your children's learning at home, attending events, accompanying us with trips, responding to our requests, parking considerately and encouraging your children to follow our rules and 'let their lights shine'!



Our staff team work tirelessly throughout the term to provide our children with an outstanding education. We are particularly grateful for your kind words and positive feedback. This means a lot to us. However, if there are any issues that you are concerned about, please do not hesitate to contact me – I am always willing to listen and will do my best to help.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Warmest Wishes

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

## Daily School Life

Year 6 have just returned from their three-day residential at Robinwood activity centre in Alston.

They had a jam-packed couple of days filled with laughs, thrills and fun!! They really did make the most of the three days taking part in a range of activities including trapeze, giant swing, ziplining, caving, archery, canoeing and quest challenge.

Luckily the weather was amazing and the sun shone the whole time!

Year 6 were absolutely fantastic and they made us very proud with their brilliant behaviour and impeccable manners.

Well done to Year 6 and also the staff who accompanied them - you have all earned a well-deserved rest.

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## Catholic Life

During Lent, we try our best to think of others. This year, our children have taken part in a number of activities to show that they care about people in our local and wider community. Firstly, we took part in the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD where we showed solidarity with our global neighbours. We have also collected lots of tinned foods and Easter eggs for two local food banks. This week, we have taken part in different fun activities such as an egg decorating competition, an Easter Bonnet parade and a chocolate raffle. Thank you to everybody who has sent in donations or money; we will let you know how much we have raised when we have the final total.

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## Our Curriculum – Writing

At Corpus Christi, we have an ambitious writing curriculum. We aim to ignite the love of language and literature through exposure to a range of carefully chosen texts.

In Early Years and KS1, the children are encouraged to be 'independent writers' and use their phonetic knowledge to help them sound out words. They are taught how to orally rehearse a sentence before writing it. They begin to read it back and check that it makes sense. The teaching of grammar is carefully woven into writing lessons so the children can begin to make their writing more exciting with a variety of adjectives, adverbs, nouns and verbs.

As children move into Key Stage 2, they begin to plan, craft and edit their writing. They choose the most appropriate vocabulary to engage and entertain their audience, as well as experimenting with varying sentence lengths and types. We encourage the children to carefully 'craft' their sentences. Word choice is very important, and we endeavour for children at Corpus Christi to write with a creative flair.

This term, as a school, we have had a whole school focus on improving our handwriting. We follow the Penpals scheme and have worked hard to improve our S factors in our handwriting. Children are taught correct letter formation in Reception (what is referred to as shape in our s factors) they build upon this by developing and controlling the size, space and shaping as they move through Year 1. In Year 2 the children are introduced to some diagonal and horizontal joins and begin to use some basic joins in their writing. As they

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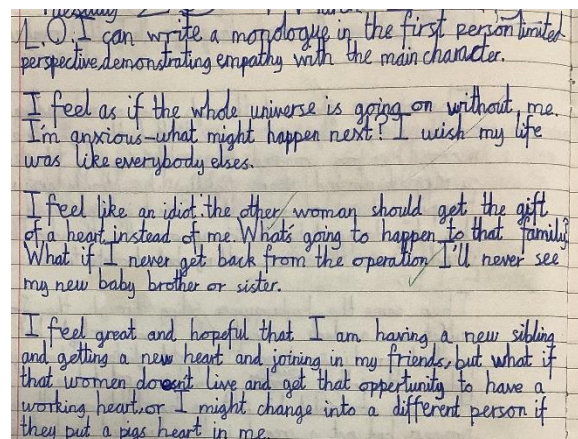
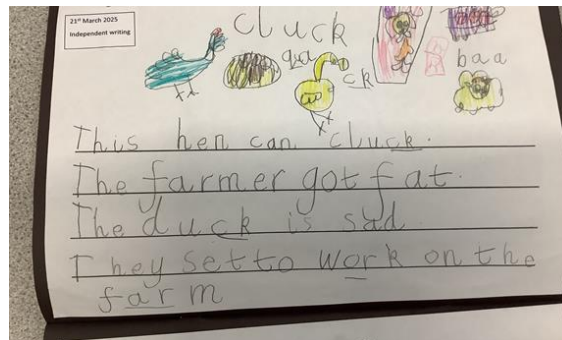
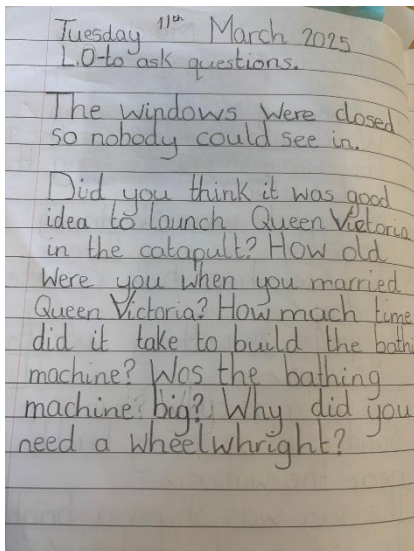
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move through Year 3 and 4, the children work hard to learn most of the joins, in the hope that as they move into upper Key Stage 2, these joins become naturally embedded and all children are fluent with a joined-up script.

If you would like more information about our English curriculum or our Handwriting scheme, please visit the English curriculum section on our website or speak to Mrs Clarke.



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## Any other updates...

It is lovely to have parents in school to join in with events, watch performances or observe activities. However, we have noticed recently that there can be a lot of latecomers. This is disruptive to the event. Start times are shared repeatedly on ClassDojo, newsletters etc. From next term, we would kindly ask that parents arrive five minutes before the set start time. Once a performance or assembly has started, we will not be allowing any entry to the event.

We are also concerned about the use of mobile phones during school events. This is a safeguarding matter. Phones must be put away whilst parents are on school premises. If you need to take a call during a school event, you will need to leave the premises.

We welcome your support with both these matters.

<b><i>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...</i></b>		
<b>April 2025</b>		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day		
Children return to school on Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April.		
<b>May 2025</b>		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y4 Samba Drumming Project begins for six weeks.	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y6 to Theatre Royal – Pig Heart Boy	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday	Children off school.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 to the Customs House – 'Pirates Love Underpants'	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 'That History Bloke' Ancient Greeks.	
w/c Monday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 KS2 National Curriculum Tests	
w/c May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Week	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y5/6 AI Teachable Machines Workshop	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	KS2 Fun Run in Saltwell Park	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole School Buddhism Assembly	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Spring Half Term Holiday. Children return to school on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June.		
<b>June 2025</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Photographer in school.	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of Corpus Christi Whole School attend Mass.	
Monday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>SPORTS DAY Y1 to Y6 Saltwell Park</b>	<b>All families welcome</b>

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Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Primary festival day at the Youth Village.	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Sports Day	Early Years Families welcome.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Shipley Art Gallery Linking Project.	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Jubilee Day – Pilgrims of Hope	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Athletics Festival.	
<b>July 2025</b>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	BWCET Celebration of Sport for Y5	Gateshead Athletics Stadium
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Play in a Day	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Samba Drumming Performance	Y4 Families welcome.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Play	Y6 Families welcome.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 and Y3 Music Sharing Performance. 2.45	Y1/Y3 Families welcome
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Whole School Mass	All welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term.	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July INSET Day. Children not in school.		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August. Summer Holidays		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September INSET Day. Children not in school		
Children return to school on Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September		

Some prayers for Holy Week:

*We remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a humble donkey.*

*May we follow his example of love and service.*

*We reflect on Jesus washing his disciple's feet.*

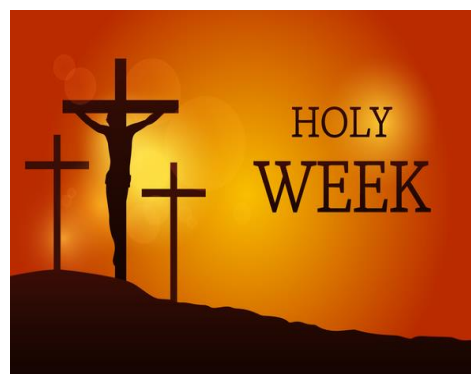
*May we follow his example of love and service.*

*We think of Jesus on the cross, forgiving others.*

*May we follow his example of love and service.*

*We rejoice in Jesus risen from the dead.*

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*Risen Christ,*

*We give thanks for the new life you have given us.*

*Show us how to be loving and forgiving,*

*To live in hope and make a change,*

*So that all people may live in peace,*

*free from poverty.*

*Amen.*

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