



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

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Easter Newsletter 2026



Dear Families

Welcome to our March Newsletter.

Although it has only been a short half term in school, it has been very busy! It is lovely to see the children grow and develop. Following our recent Book Look and Parent Meetings/Calls, I'm sure you are very pleased at the progress your child is making.

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 entire staff team work tirelessly throughout the term to provide our children with an outstanding education. I would like to thank them and wish everyone – parents, staff and children - a very 'restful' holiday, where we can all recharge our batteries before the Summer term begins on Tuesday 21st April.

Have a lovely Easter break

Mrs Maxwell and all the staff at Corpus Christi x

Daily School Life

Y5 BIG SING at St Thomas More

On Tuesday 31st March Year 5 got their singing voices ready as they took part in 'The Big Sing' at St Thomas More, alongside other schools in the local area. The children had a brilliant morning where they created melodies and sung in harmony to classics like 'Someone like You', 'Oh When the Saints' and 'Don't Stop Believing'. This was rounded off with a brilliant finale of 'I Just Can't Wait To Be King', the hit song from Disney's 'The Lion King'. It was great to see lots of parents and carers there offering their support.

Well done Year 5 for your brilliant performance!

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Year 6 Residential to Robinwood

The Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood was a truly unforgettable experience. Our children were absolutely fantastic throughout—supporting one another, showing resilience, and confidently conquering their fears. They threw themselves into every activity, including canoeing, archery, zip lining and caving, always demonstrating teamwork and enthusiasm.

We were incredibly proud of the way they represented the school, displaying maturity, determination and a wonderful sense of community.

Thank you to the staff who accompanied them – giving up their own family time for two nights to enable this trip to happen.



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Year 2 Visit to Beamish Museum

Year 2 had an exciting trip to Beamish Museum, where they stepped back in time to experience life in the past. During their visit, the children took part in a workshop all about what Victorian school lessons were like, giving them a hands-on understanding of how children used to learn. They also explored everything Beamish had to offer, including discovering how sweets were made in the past. Also, the children visited the 1940's and 1950's towns seeing how banks, cinemas, bakeries and shops used to operate. The trip brought history to life!



Comic Relief Red Nose Day

On Friday 20th March, Corpus Christi School Council arranged a fundraising event to raise money for the Comic Relief Red Nose Day Appeal. Everyone in school was asked to wear something red in exchange for a 50p donation to go towards the charity.

The school was a blaze of colour and everyone looked happy and bright. There was also an art competition where children were asked to design a red-nosed character. The entries were amazing and there was a winner from every class. The School Council raised a grand total of £79.83 for the charity.



Well done, Corpus Christi!

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Reception Class Stay and Play Session

Last week, Reception Class enjoyed welcoming some of their parents to join them for a stay and play session during continuous provision. The parents were kept very busy with all of the farm activities and all of the children loved having extra visitors to the classroom. More dates for Stay and Play sessions have been arranged for after the Easter holidays so that all parents have the opportunity to come and join their children in class.



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Y4 Dance Festival at the Glasshouse

On Wednesday 25th March, Year 4 took part in the Gateshead schools dance festival at the Glasshouse. After weeks of rehearsal with their fantastic dance instructor, Helen, Year 4 showcased their brilliant dancing and performed their 'Fiesta' dance for the whole audience at the Gateshead schools dance festival. The performance was a mash up of different Spanish songs, and the children worked together as a wonderful team to put on a spectacular show! For most of the children, this was their first time performing in front of such a large audience. They found it really exciting and were very proud of their performance, the whole class let their lights shine and made all of us at Corpus Christi proud.



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Y6 Visit from Father Chris Warren

On Monday 16th March, Father Chris – our parish priest at Corpus Christi Church - came in to talk to Year 6 about how to cope with change and loss and about how our faith can guide and sustain us through these times. He also talked about the Sacrament of the Sick, describing the actions and symbolism used and why people choose to receive it.

Year 6 gained a lot from the discussion which will help to prepare them for their transition to secondary school in September.

Thank you Father Chris.



Lent and Growing in Nursery

Nursery have been learning about Lent as a special time when Christians get ready for Easter. It is a time for being kind, helping others and trying to make good choices. The idea of growing helps the children understand that just like plants grow, we can grow too; by being kinder, sharing and learning new things.

Through simple activities and play the children explored how they can grow in love and kindness every day.

The children drew what love means to them on heart outlines. We had lots of drawings of families, friends and some hearts. There were some lovely suggestions about how our hearts can grow in love, in provision some children demonstrated such acts of kindness in our role play area by doing the washing up, ironing clothes or helping grown ups make the dinner.

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Catholic Life at Corpus Christi

Mini Vinnies Coffee Morning

Our Mini Vinnies would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported their recent Coffee Morning! Their mission, this Lent, was to ensure that every child whose family relies on our local food bank receives a chocolate treat this Easter and the response was truly overwhelming! On the day, we collected an incredible 54 eggs and raised a huge £110 in donations. We were able to use the money that was collected to purchase an additional 60 eggs, bringing our total to 114.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, the Mini Vinnies have met their goal: every single child supported by our food bank will receive an Easter egg this year. We are so proud of our Mini Vinnies for their compassion and hard work in making this happen!



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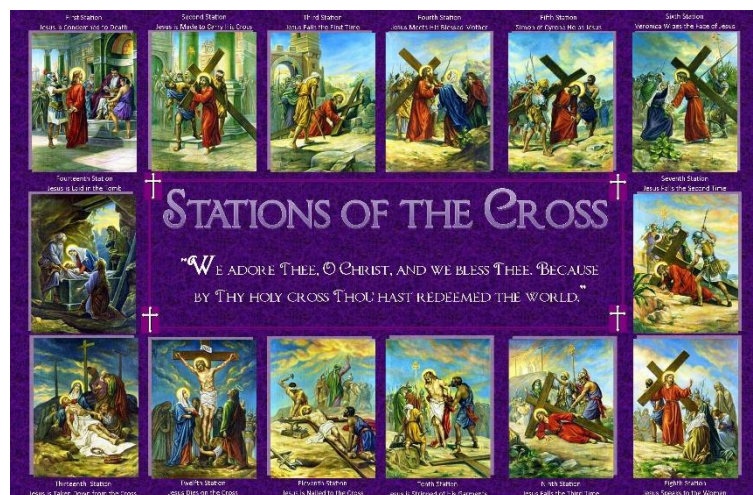
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Stations of The Cross

Throughout Lent in school, we have been reflecting on the importance of the giving of ourselves, and how some people are prepared to give themselves totally for others. On Wednesday 1st April, Year 3 led a Stations of the Cross Collective Worship for Key Stage 2 and their parents, and carers.

The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer used traditionally in Lent. Each of the 14 Stations retells part of Jesus' Passion through images and words. The children read each station and then a short prayer and reflection after each one. Finally, they ended with a mission to share love and friendship and live in the peace of God's love this, Easter.



Lenten Fundraising

During Lent, we try our best to think of others. This year, our children have taken part in a number of activities to raise money and show that we care about people in our local and wider community.

Early Years made and sold Easter cakes, Key Stage 1 led a fantastic Easter Bonnet parade, Year 3 organised the Easter raffle, Year 4 held an Easter Art competition, Year 5 organised 'Guess the Bunny's name' and Year 6 planned, 'The Big Lent Walk'. Altogether, as a school we raised an outstanding amount of money – we will let you know the total after Easter!

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Here are some of our activities...

Big Lent Walk

On 26th March, the whole school came together to join the Big Lent Walk in aid of CAFOD. We walked around Saltwell Park, in solidarity with those children around the world who walk miles each day to access essential clean water.

Even our little Nursery children, completed some laps of the playground to add to our total distance. Thank you for your generous sponsorship.



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Easter Bonnet Parade

One of the highlights of our Lenten fundraising has been our 'Easter Bonnet Parade'. The children made the most wonderful bonnets, decorated with colourful flowers, cute little animals, and lots of little Easter eggs too! The children proudly showcased their creative bonnets, as they paraded through the corridors and into the classes where they showed off their creativity and imagination. A huge well done to everyone who took part and helped raise money during Lent!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Children finish school on Thursday 2nd April for Easter Break and return to school on Tuesday 21st April

April 2026

Wednesday 22nd April	Reception Class @ Whitehouse Farm	All day
Thursday 23rd April	Mass at Corpus Christi Church	Y3/4
Thursday 30th April	Reception Stay and Play Session	Reception Class Parents

May 2026

School closed on Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 7th May	Mass at Corpus Christi Church	Y1/2
Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May	Y6 Test Week	

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Monday 18 th May	Reception Stay and Play Session	Reception Class Parents
Wednesday 20 th May	Y3 Bikeability Learn 2 Ride	
Thursday 21 st May	Mass at Corpus Christi Church	Y5/6
Friday 22 nd May	Fun Run @Saltwell Park	Y3,4,5 and 6.
Children finish school on Friday 22 nd May for half term holiday and return to school on Monday 1 st June.		
June 2026		
Wednesday 3 rd June	Whole School Photographs.	School Hall
Thursday 4 th June	Mass at Corpus Christi Church	Y3/4
Thursday 4 th June	Y5/6 Puberty Talk	
Monday 8 th June	Y6 5 a side Football TeamTournament	Gateshead College.
Monday 8 th June	Celebrating World Faiths Week	Whole School
Monday 15 th June	SPORTS DAY	Whole School Saltwell Park
Monday 15 th June to Wednesday 17 th June	Y5 Residential visit to Emmaus Youth Village	
Thursday 18 th June	Mass at Corpus Christi Church	Y1/2
Friday 19 th June	Y4 Feast of Corpus Christi Assembly	School Hall 9.00 Y4 Parents Welcome.
Friday 26 th June	KS2 Athletics Festival	Gateshead Stadium
July 2026		
Thursday 2 nd July	Mass at Corpus Christi Church	Y5/6
Thursday 2 nd July	Y5 Celebration of Sport	Gateshead Stadium All day
Thursday 2 nd July	Countdown Cricket	Y3/4 Cricket Team Gateshead Fell Cricket Club
Monday 6 th July	Y6 Konflux Theatre – Play in a Day	Y6
Thursday 9 th July	Y4 Samba Drumming Performance	School Hall 10.45 Y4 Families Welcome

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Monday 13 th July	Y1 and Y3 Music Sharing Performance	School hall 2.45 to 3.15 Y1 and Y3 Families Welcome
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (Date and time to be confirmed)	School Hall 2pm Y6 Families Welcome.
Thursday 16 th July	Whole School End of Year Mass (Date and time to be confirmed)	Corpus Christi Church 10am All Welcome
Children finish school on Friday 17 th July at 3.20pm for Summer Holidays.		

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES		
Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	Corpus Christi Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm
Good Friday 3 rd April	St Anne's Corpus Christi St Peter's	All 3.00pm
Holy Saturday 4 th April	St Peter's Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection.	8.00pm
Easter Sunday 5 th April	Corpus Christi Mass St Peter's Mass	9.00am 10.30am

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.

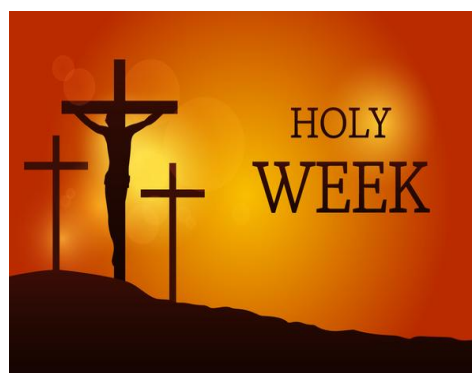
May we follow his example of love and service.

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.

May we follow his example of love and service.



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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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