



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

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June Newsletter 2026



Dear Families

Over the last few weeks, our children have been completing 'end of year assessments' across the whole school. Some of these assessments are 'internal' assessments to show progress children have made and identify any gaps that will need to be worked on in the following year group.

Some of these are 'external.' External assessments are statutory and results have to be reported to both parents and the Department of Education. The statutory assessment points are as follows:

- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (Reception)
- The Phonics Screening check (Y1)
- The Multiplication Tables check (Y4)
- KS2 Tests (Y6)

As always, our children have worked very hard for these tests and been extremely well prepared by our very skilful teaching staff. We will inform you of the results as soon as we can. End of Year reports will be sent out on Friday 10th July.

Warmest Wishes

Mrs Maxwell and all the staff at Corpus Christi x

Staffing Changes

Mrs Carse (Teaching Assistant) will retire at the end of the Summer Term. She has supported our children at Corpus Christi for over 9 years. Previously she completed 27 years with the Civil Service. We wish her a happy and well- deserved retirement.

Mrs Simpson (Nursery Teacher) will also leave us at the end of the Summer Term. She will move to another school in our Trust to take up position as their Reception Class Teacher. We thank her for her hard work at Corpus Christi over the last two years and wish her every success in the future.

Miss Morrison (Y4 teacher) will also leave us at the end of the Summer Term. She has secured a position in a school in Newcastle. We thank her for her hard work at Corpus Christi this year and wish her every success in the future.

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We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Taylor will return to us in September. She has completed her secondment at another Trust school.

Mrs Evans will also return from her maternity leave and resume her role as Higher Level Teaching Assistant in our Nursery.

We are extremely pleased to have them both back on our team!

We are also very excited about new staff that we have recently appointed:

- Miss Thompson joins us as our Nursery Teacher from September. She is an experienced teacher who currently works at another Catholic Education Trust in the North East. We have planned in lots of opportunities for her to come into school to meet the children, work with staff and familiarise herself with our routines.
- Miss Doyle joins us a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage One. She is very experienced at supporting children with special needs and has a background in Drama and Theatre.
- Miss Brooks has already been working with us this year and we are pleased to have been able to offer her a permanent contract. Miss Brooks is an experienced Teaching Assistant across all age groups in school.

Teaching Arrangements for September 2026

Class Teachers will be allocated as follows:

Nursery – Miss Thompson

Reception – Mrs Clarke

Year One – Mrs Taylor

Year Two – Mr Hudson

Year Three – Miss Blackie

Year Four – Miss Henderson

Year Five – Miss Hindmarsh

Year Six – Mrs Mason/ Mrs Welch

Miss Dickinson will continue to teach Computing and provide class cover across the school.

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The children will all soon be spending time with their new teachers and in their new classes and will be well prepared for the transition.

Sporting Events at Corpus Christi

This term has been full of exciting sporting opportunities and achievements across the school.

Our Year 4 and 5 girls represented the school brilliantly in a recent football competition, finishing in an impressive 3rd place, while Year 6 also competed in a football tournament and were proudly awarded the Fair Play trophy for their teamwork and sportsmanship.

Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed taking part in a Countdown Cricket Festival, and Year 3 had a fantastic BikeAbility Day, developing their cycling skills and confidence.

KS2 pupils showed great enthusiasm during the fun run at Saltwell Park, and the whole school came together to celebrate a very successful Sports Day, also held at Saltwell Park, filled with energy, determination, and team spirit.

Looking ahead, we are excited for even more sporting opportunities, with Year 5 set to take part in the Celebration of Sport event at Gateshead International Stadium, and Year 4 preparing for their own Countdown Cricket Festival at Gateshead Fell Cricket Club next week.



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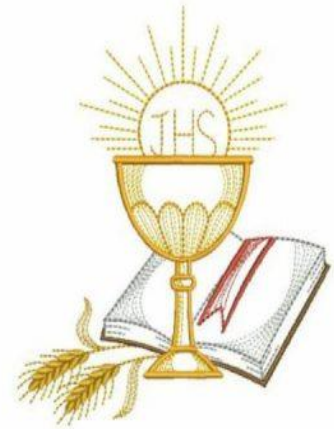
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Catholic Life

Throughout the month of May, several of our Key Stage 2 children marked a beautiful milestone by making their First Holy Communion at both Corpus Christi and St. Peter's Parishes. It was a truly joyful and lovely day for the children and their families as they took this important step in their faith journeys. To celebrate this special occasion, Year 4 led a wonderful assembly centred around the Feast of Corpus Christi and some of the children wore their special Holy Communion clothes as part of the celebrations. We continue to pray for our communicants as they continue on their faith journey. Please pray for our children.



Feast of St Peter and St Paul (29th June)

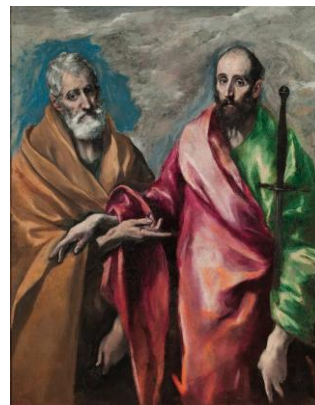
This week the church celebrates the feast day of St Peter and St Paul.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul both had a great love for Jesus and spent their lives sharing his good news with as many people as they could. Both of them were killed because of their faith in Jesus.

Saint Peter was a fisherman when Jesus called him to be a disciple. He was a great friend of Jesus and, although he sometimes made mistakes, became an important leader of the very first Christians.

Saint Paul was originally called Saul. At first, he hated Jesus' followers. He tried to find them so he could have them put in prison or even have them killed. One day he had a vision of the risen Jesus and everything changed. He travelled many thousands of miles to share the message of Jesus. He also wrote many letters that are now a significant part of the Holy Bible.

“Lord, as we celebrate this feast of your two great apostles, may the memory of their deeds and the prayers they offer for us today, be a source of inspiration and help to us: the missionary disciples of today.”



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Corpus Christi Church Website

Corpus Christi Church now has a new website. The web address is www.southgatesheadcatholic.org.uk

This website combines information for the three parishes in our cluster – Corpus Christi, St Annes and St Peters. Our Parish Priest is Father Chris Warren. Contact details can be found on the website. Sunday Mass at Corpus Christi is at 9.00am.

PE Uniform

As you know, we are introducing a whole school uniform for PE. This consists of a black hoodie (available with school logo), plain white t-shirt and black joggers with plain black trainers. **Both the hoodie and joggers must be plain black without any brand names etc.**

These items can be purchased via the following link:

<https://theschooloutfit.co.uk/collections/corpus-christie-catholic-primary-school-gateshead>

It is 12.99 for the hoodie and 8.99 for the joggers.

From September 2026, this PE uniform will be compulsory.

Thank you for your cooperation – I believe this will assist our children to continue to be very smartly presented, even on PE days.

Please note change of time for End of Year Mass It is now on Wednesday 15th July. at 2.15pm

<i>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...</i>		
July 2026		
Wednesday 1st July	'Stay and Play' for new starter Reception Class children.	
Thursday 2nd July	Mass at Corpus Christi Church	Y5/6
Thursday 2nd July	Y5 Celebration of Sport	Gateshead Stadium All day
Thursday 2nd July	Countdown Cricket	Y3/4 Cricket Team Gateshead Fell Cricket Club
Friday 3rd July	Reception Class Sports day	School Playground 9.00 to 10.30am Reception families welcome.
Monday 6th July	Y6 Konflux Theatre – Play in a Day	Y6
Tuesday 7th July	Y6 SATS Results	

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Tuesday 7 th July	Visits for new Nursery children	
Wednesday 8 th July	End of Nursery Celebration Assembly	School Hall Nursery Parents welcome
Thursday 9 th July	Y4 Samba Drumming Performance	School Hall 10.45 Y4 Families Welcome
Friday 10 th July	Rocksteady Concert	School Hall 2.30pm Parents of Rocksteady children.
Monday 13 th July	Y1 and Y3 Music Sharing Performance	School hall 2.45 to 3.15 Y1 and Y3 Families Welcome
Monday 13 th July	Reception Class Visit to Gibside	All day
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly	School Hall 2pm Y6 Families Welcome.
Wednesday 15 th July	Nursery visit to Saltwell Park.	Parents required to attend.
Wednesday 15 th July	Whole School End of Year Mass	Corpus Christi Church 2.15pm All Welcome
Children finish school on Friday 17th July at 3.20pm for Summer Holidays.		
Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.		

A message to our school community from our Chair of Governors – Mrs Julie Robinson

As another school year comes to an end, it's always a good opportunity to stop and reflect on everything that has been accomplished over the past twelve months, and looking back, there is so much for us to celebrate as a school community.

One of the things that makes Corpus Christi so special is the relationships between our children, families, staff and parish. Every day we see the values of our school lived out through acts of kindness, friendship, service and support for one another, and while we rightly celebrate their achievements and successes, it is these qualities that make us especially proud. Whether in the classroom, through sport, music, the arts, or the many other opportunities that have been available to them this year, our children have approached each challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Their accomplishments are a testament to their hard work and positive attitude, and they continue to be excellent ambassadors for our school.

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Behind every successful school is a team of dedicated professionals, and I would like to acknowledge the commitment of all our staff. Their care, expertise and unwavering support help to create an environment where children feel safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best. The time and energy they invest, often beyond what is seen by others, is deeply appreciated.

Finally, thank you to our parents, carers, grandparents and all those who support our pupils behind the scenes. Your partnership with the school is invaluable. From attending celebrations and events, to helping with homework, reading, packed lunches, PE kits and everything in between, your encouragement and support help create the strong community that makes Corpus Christi such a special place.

As we look ahead to September, there is much to be excited about. Before then, however, I hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, with time to rest, recharge and make special memories with family and friends.

Mrs Robinson (Chair of Governors)

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