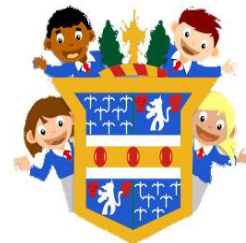


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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

Week ending Friday 6th February

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

As we complete the penultimate week of term 3, January has flown by, I realise there has been so much to celebrate. From a fantastic trip to Stonehenge, with another to Hampton Court fast approaching, wonderful class assemblies, a beautiful Reception celebration with families and your great generosity for our mufti day for glue sticks...we are exceptionally proud and very grateful.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our school attendance to be 96% and **this week our whole school attendance has been 92%**. If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the School Office Team and we will be happy to discuss this matter further with you. From children having difficulty sleeping to medical concerns, please contact us and we can support your family or signpost you to the best people. **Please remember to inform the School Office if your child is not attending school and give a specific reason for their absence, (please do not say 'unwell' or 'sick') this will need to be done for each day your child/ren is absent for our records. Our School Office is open daily from 8.45am – 3.15pm**

The Department for Education published revised guidance, which came into effect from August 2024. We have attached the guidance to this newsletter and the letter previously sent out to families from Wiltshire LA, which advises of all of the changes and penalties which you could incur. We would ask you to be fully aware of these changes when requesting time away from school or holidays



SAFER INTERNET DAY – On Tuesday 10th February, our school will join thousands of others across the country in celebrating Safer Internet Day. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will be taking part in thoughtful and practical lessons all about staying safe online, whereas Key Stage 2 will focus on this year's theme; the exciting and fast-growing world of Artificial Intelligence. To help our children understand how AI can be used safely and responsibly, pupils in Key Stage 2 will enjoy a workshop led by Mr Chapman. They will explore how AI tools can help us find information and create content, as well as discuss the wider implications of using these technologies safely and responsibly in our everyday lives. To support this further, Key Stage 2 will also have a visit from PC Shaun Redmond, who will speak to the children on Friday morning about online safety and making sensible choices when using the internet. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children stay safe, confident, and curious digital citizens.

Mrs Minty – Computing Subject Leader

CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classroom is fully accessible to all families with children in Years 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry is available for our Reception families. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum updates for your child/ren's class. This information includes:

- A curriculum update for the term
- Termly curriculum newsletter
- Weekly Home Learning
- * PE days for your child/ren
- * Termly key vocabulary
- * Notices e.g. school trip details, changes to normal timetable

YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY – It was a joy to end last week with the Year 5 assembly on their learning about the Vikings. They shared with us information about their lives, travel and faith, through some very catchy songs and great choreography! With the support of Ms Wilkinson and Mrs Valentine, they planned and created a beautiful piece of learning, which was greatly appreciated by all watching. Well done Year 5!

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

CANDLEMAS – We celebrated Candlemas on Monday as a whole school. Candlemas remembers when Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the Temple. On this day, we remember that Jesus is the Light of the world, shown by the lighting candles. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and we want to share His light, by being kind and loving to others in our school, family and community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 – A message from Father Michael... *The children's first lesson is on Saturday 31st January at 4pm in St Mary's church hall, in St Mary's Place, behind the church. We look forward to seeing you. Would parents please give a copy of their child's baptismal certificate to the office. Please remember our fifteen candidates for Holy Communion in your prayers, that they may be faithful disciples of the Lord.*

ENRICHMENT

CORSHAM YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE – I met with Aaron and Luke, who represent our school on Corsham Youth Council, to hear of all of the local developments. The main areas they have been discussing have been the plans for the new skatepark and the Year of Reading. The new skatepark has been discussed as a project which could greatly add to the life of the children of Corsham and the boys had a chance to see the designs for the proposed new skatepark, and then share their opinions on the plans, and how the project might change Springfield Rec as a result. The boys discussed the Year of Reading and what schools have planned to encourage children and adults to actively participate. We have already released our 'Reading Bingo Cards', but please look out for further activities to take part in and support. I would like to thank Aaron and Luke for representing our school and taking the role so seriously.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

NEW HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT REMINDER – You should have received a Parentmail with our new Home/School Agreement attached. Please can you read and explain this to your child and then print, sign and return to school. This agreement is important in explaining how we work together, in the best interests of our children. We acknowledge our responsibility as a school, to support parents/carers in their task of nurturing their child(ren) towards being the best they can be, within a caring Catholic community. We ask parents as the primary educators of their children, to work with us to support their child's learning at school and for our children to recognise the different and unique talents which God has given them and their responsibility to use them wisely.



Home School Agreement

REMINDER 'IT MUST BE LOVE', A SONG FOR OUR FRIEND MR NEWSTEAD – A reminder of the details for the recording our school song 'It Must Be Love', for our friend Mr. Newstead, on Saturday 14th February. We can't wait for our children to be part of this special experience! Here are the details for the day:

Arrival: 9:45am

Recording starts: 10:00am

Finish time: 1:00pm

We're incredibly lucky to be working with a world-renowned recording studio, Real World Studios, who have kindly donated their time and expertise. Because of this, we'll need to be flexible, patient, and ready to follow the direction of the professional recording team – it's all part of the magic! Please note that there are some lovely local walks for parents to enjoy while they wait, if the weather is kind, but otherwise there is an indoor space that the studios have kindly allowed us to use. We know the children will have a fantastic time, and we're so excited to create something special together, in memory of our friend Mr. Newstead.

Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 9th Feb.	Celebration of the Word – school only <i>Yellow Mental Health Day – wear as much yellow as you can or your favourite mufti to feel your best!</i>
Tues. 10th Feb.	<i>Safer Internet Day (more details to follow)</i> Multi Sports Club Years 3-6 - 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wed. 11th Feb.	<i>Year 6 Trip to Hampton Court – school uniform and comfortable shoes to be worn</i> <i>Ash Wednesday Service for Reception – Year 5</i>
Thurs. 12th Feb.	Multi Sports Club Years 1-2 - 3.15 – 4.15pm
Fri. 13th Feb.	Year 4 Class Assembly – Year 4 families welcome Last Day of Term 3

INSET DAYS FOR 2025-26

Mon. 1st September 2025

Mon. 5th January 2025

Mon. 1st June 2026

Tues. 2nd June 2026

Wed. 3rd June 2026

Future Dates....

Sat. 14th February – Real World Recording Day for Mr Newstead (more details to follow)

Fri. 27th February – Year 3 Class Assembly – Year 3 families welcome

Mon. 2nd – Wed. 4th March – Year 5 Kilve Court Residential

Fri. 6th March – Year 1 Class Assembly – Year 1 families welcome

Mon 9th and Tues 10th March - Reception Parents Evening

Thurs. 12th March – Whole School Tennis Enrichment Day PE uniform to be worn

Fri. 13th March - Year 2 Class Assembly – Year 2 families welcome

Tues. 17th March – Saint Patrick's Feast Day at school (details to follow)

Fri. 20th March - Reception Class Assembly – Reception families welcome

Year 1 – 6 Reports sent out to parents

Mon. 23rd – 25th March – Year 6 Grittleton Residential

Jennie Courtney
Headteacher



CORSHAM COMMUNITY Awards

Corsham Town Council Community Awards 2026

Awards Criteria and Nomination Form

Corsham Town Council would like to reward individuals or groups within the town and parish for their outstanding work and extraordinary achievements. Corsham Town Council's Community Awards scheme has been set up to thank people for their dedication to, and enthusiasm for, making Corsham a better place to live, work and visit. We would like to recognise and promote these committed individuals and groups within the community and celebrate their fantastic efforts.

Community Awards/2026

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM AT The Pound

FILM: SAVAGES (PG)
MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY, 11AM
ADULT: £8.50, UNDER 16S: £6, UNDER 2S: FREE

WORKSHOP: JUNK MODEL CARNIVAL FLOAT
TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY, 10AM - 11AM
£5 PER CHILD

WORKSHOP: CREATION STATION: FISHY FUN
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY, 10AM - 11AM
£3 PER CHILD

THEATRE: PLAYTIME! ENCHANTED FOREST
THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY, 10AM & 11.30AM
ADULT: £6 CHILD: £6 UNDER 1S: FREE

THEATRE: TALES FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE
SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 11AM & 2PM
£10, UNDER 2S: FREE

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Please tell us about your nominee(s) and explain why they should win a Community Award. (You can write as much or as little as you want. Continue on a separate sheet if you need to. You can also send your nomination as an email if you would prefer, rather than using this form, but please still include the contact information required for you and your nominee(s).)

Awards Criteria

There are no set categories, but think about an individual, or a group, who has, for example:

- o Made a positive contribution to the parish of Corsham, with voluntary work, or helping a youth group, or caring for the elderly, or improving people's wellbeing;
- o Made a real difference to their school or community;
- o Achieved an outstanding level within their chosen sport, or set up a sports club, or helped with coaching;
- o Been inspirational when it comes to the Arts (music, theatre, writing, dance, etc);
- o Made a real difference to the environment in which we live.

Young people can be nominated for an award – there is no age restriction.

Nominees do not have to be residents of Corsham, but their achievement/contribution must, in some way, benefit the parish of Corsham.

We may need to contact you and/or the nominee for further information.

Anyone can put forward a nomination, except the members of the Awards Panel.

Self-nominations will not be accepted. Town Councillors and Town Council staff are not eligible for nomination.

Anyone who has received a Community or Chairman's Award in the previous five years (2021-2025) is NOT eligible to win again (see attached list), but those who won before 2021, or have been nominated in any year but did not win, can be nominated again.

Nominations will be acknowledged, and all nominees – whether the winner of an award or not – will be notified of their nomination once the Awards Panel has made their selection.

Nominations must be received by the closing date of Friday 13 March 2026.

A minimum of three Community Awards (for individuals or groups) will be given in 2026.

Winners will receive a framed certificate. The awards will be presented at a special 'Corsham Celebrates' event at the Town Hall on 23 April 2026.

Photographs will be taken at the presentation and may be used in publicity and on the Town Council website.

Please provide YOUR name and contact details as the person making this nomination for a Community Award

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Please provide contact details for the PERSON OR GROUP YOU ARE NOMINATING for a Community Award. (Please check, using the attached list, that your nominee has NOT won a Community Award in the past five years (2021-2025).)

Name:

Age (for under-18s only):

Address:

Email (if known):

Telephone:

Community Awards/2026