

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE DREAM, TOGETHER WE LEARN.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

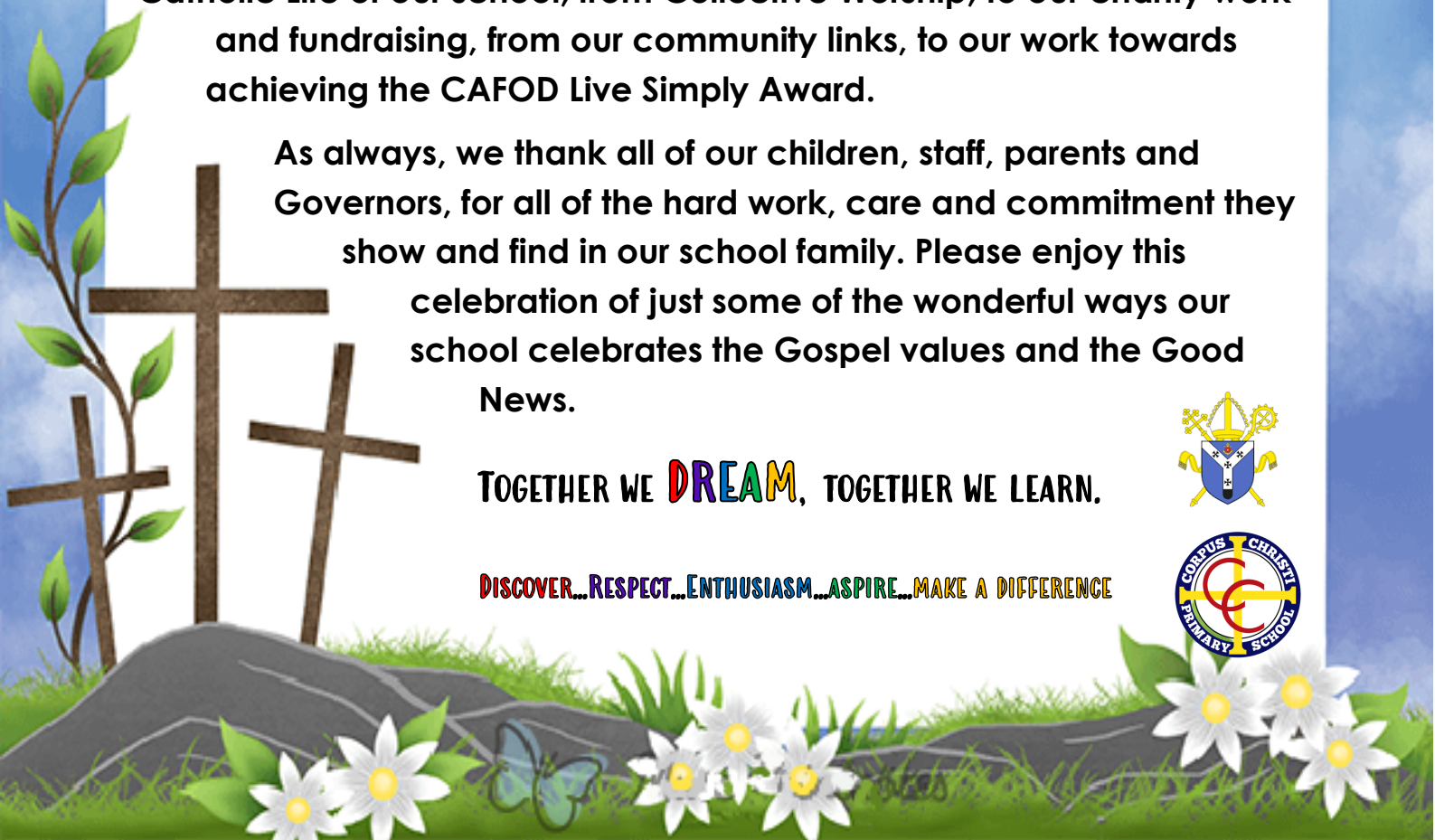
There are lots of changes and new beginnings at this time of year, and in school we have been working on changes in the way we teach Religious Education. This year, there is a new Religious Education Directory, 'To Know You More Clearly', which is being phased into Catholic Schools across the country. Here in the Liverpool Archdiocese, Catholic schools are being invited to use the new curriculum, starting with our Early Years classes and Year 1. Year 2 are going to be starting the new approach after the Easter holidays. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will continue their Come and See lessons until they move onto the new directory.

This newsletter will bring you information about our RE lessons, both Come and See and To Know You More Clearly, as well as news on the Catholic Life of our school, from Collective Worship, to our charity work and fundraising, from our community links, to our work towards achieving the CAFOD Live Simply Award.

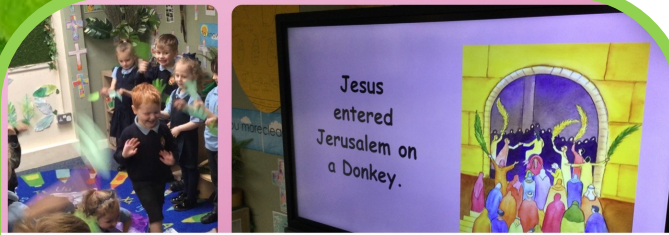
As always, we thank all of our children, staff, parents and Governors, for all of the hard work, care and commitment they show and find in our school family. Please enjoy this celebration of just some of the wonderful ways our school celebrates the Gospel values and the Good News.

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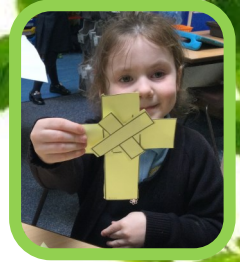
DISCOVER...RESPECT...ENTHUSIASM...ASPIRE...MAKE A DIFFERENCE



EYFS



The children recreated the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem.



This half term Reception children have been looking at Branch 4 'Desert to Garden' in 'To know you more clearly'. We have been discovering what happened to Jesus during his time the desert.

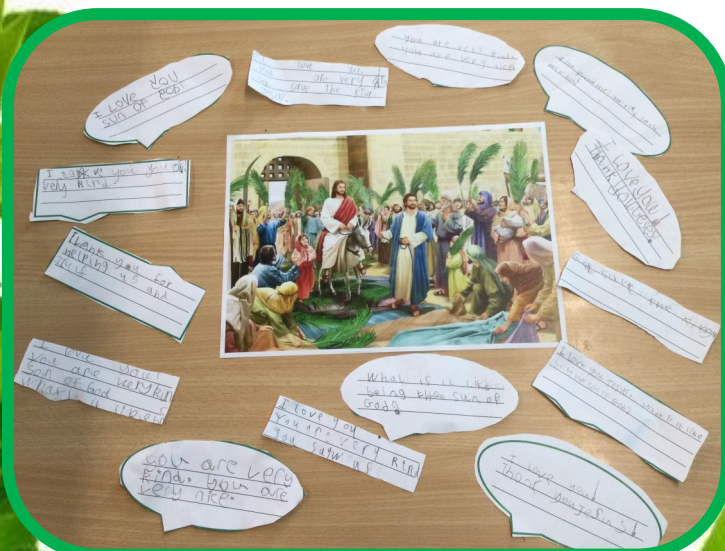
We spoke in detail about Palm Sunday and the events that took place, even recreating it in class. We made palm leaves and waved them at 'Jesus' and his 'donkey' as they entered Jerusalem. We have decorated crosses as a symbol of Jesus and have added them to our class display. To end the topic we have been looking at the events of Holy Week.

YEAR 1

In their new 'To Know you More Clearly' work, Year 1 have been learning about the stories of Jesus teaching in the temple. We thought about what it made us wonder. We had lots of ideas:

'I wonder why people wanted to kill Jesus.' *'I wonder if Jesus loved the temple.'* *'I wonder why they wanted to listen to Jesus.'* *'I wonder what Jesus said.'*

Year 1 also read the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. We talked about how all of the people might have reacted and what they might have said to each other and to Jesus.



YEAR 2



In Come and See, we have been discussing different ways of giving and receiving thanks at school, at home and in the community, through special cards. We re-enacted the events of Palm Sunday, showing how people would have reacted to Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey.

When learning about Lent, we made promises, put them together into a paper chain and sang songs of praise. You can see some of our pictures above, showing "Heaven and Earth in all God's glory".

We also enjoyed reading the Eucharistic Prayer this half term and talking about our favourite phrases of thanksgiving. We wrote our own prayers, giving thanks and praise for all of God's gifts.

YEAR 3



Our Come and See this half term has all been about preparing for Lent and the gifts we give and receive at this time of year.

We learnt about people in our community who have to face dangers and risks to give to us, fire officers, roofers, electricians, police officers, all who offer a service even though it could cause them harm. We thought about what that meant for us, and how we can give to our friends, family and wider community, through kindness, forgiveness and love, just as Jesus taught. We wrote these gifts on presents and decorated them for our loved ones.

We have also listened to the Beatitudes, a set of gifts from God, about ways He will bless our lives. If we are peacemakers, He will grant us peace, if we help those who are sad, we will be smiled upon by God. We wrote prayers, asking God for help to follow the Beatitudes and welcome his gifts, that we can then share with others.



Write an additional verse to the hymn

Laugh with each other laugh with
each other laugh with each other and
celebrate. Laugh with each other laugh
with each other laugh with each
other and celebrate.

YEAR 4



Write an additional verse to the hymn

Pray together pray together pray together and celebrate
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During this half term, Year 4 have been thinking about Giving and Receiving. We have been wondering what it's like to be part of a community, in particular our church community. We have been thinking about what happens when we gather as a community and how we share our joys and sorrows at Mass. We practised the Introductory Rite as a class to see what the start of the Sunday Eucharist looks like and had a go at writing our own verses to a celebratory gathering hymn!

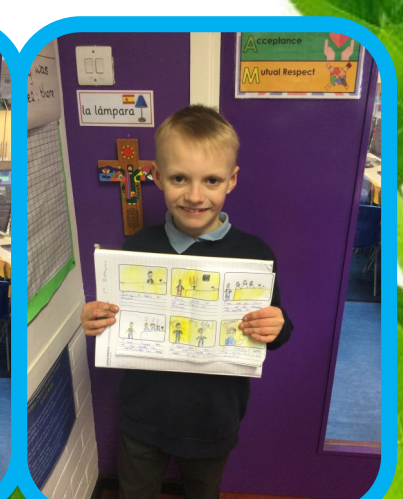
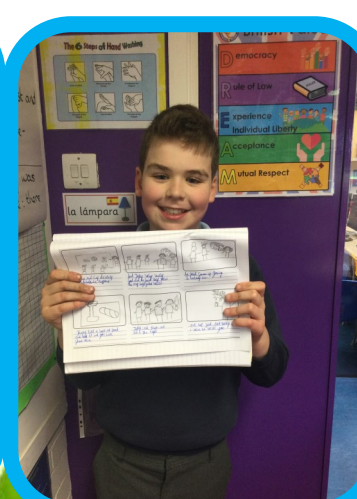
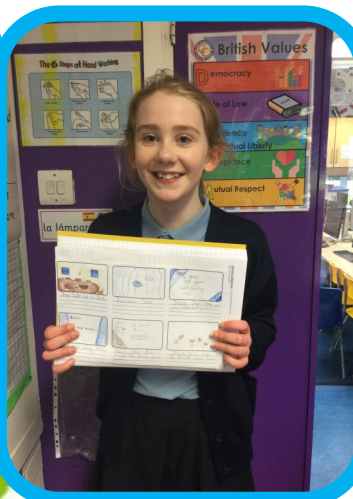
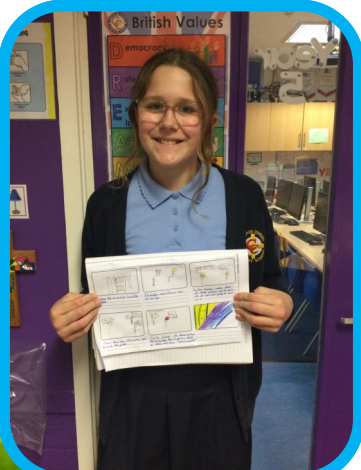
YEAR 5

In 'Come and See' this half term Year 5 have been looking at the topic 'Memorial Sacrifice'.

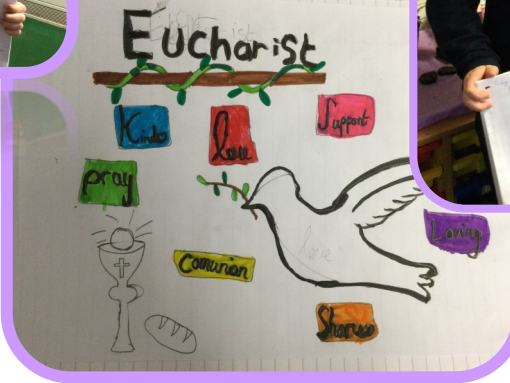
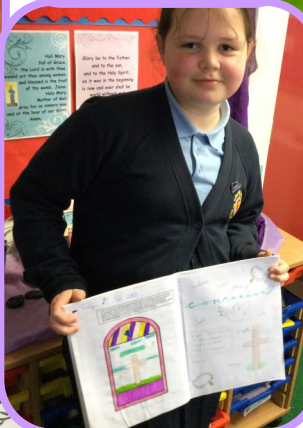
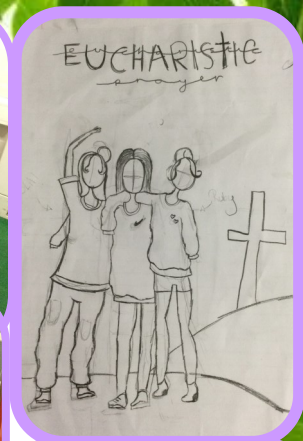
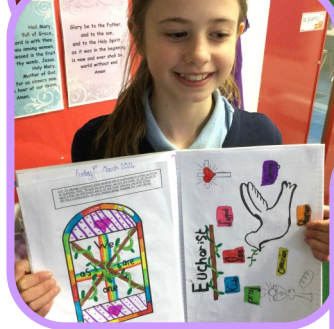
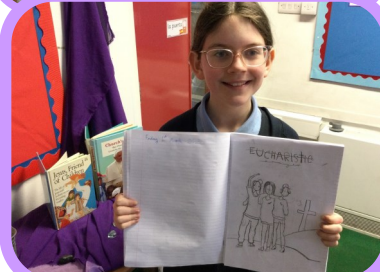
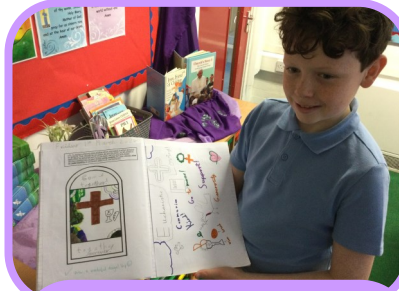
During Lent and in the run up to Easter, we have been learning about the stories of Passover and the Last Supper. We have been making links between both stories and thinking of ways we keep the Holy Spirit alive.

We have also thought about how we remember the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper each week in church, and why sharing communion as a church family, just as Jesus did with his disciples, is an important part of our Christian journey.

The images show some of the children's lovely work, retelling the story of the Last Supper.

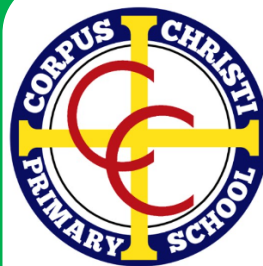


YEAR 6



In Year 6 this half term, we have been learning about the Eucharist and unity. We had to design a stained glass window which expressed that **'though we are many, we are one body'** or **'all joined to each other as different parts of one body'** and are **one with Jesus**. We had to share our designs with the rest of the class and give reasons for our picture choices, showing an understanding of different aspects of the Eucharist.

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD



Corpus Christi

THE BIG LENT WALK: SCHOOLS

Raised
£137

Target
£200

Distance travelled
1,509 km

Target
1,500 km

As part of our Live Simply Award, we have been completing our Sponsored Walk to raise money for CAFOD. On Friday, we completed it! You can still send in your sponsor money on SchoolMoney or using the Just Giving Page.

Our World Book Day Book Swap, to help us live more sustainably, was a big success, thank you to all who took part.

Our Easter Egg Drive for TearDrops helped us to send more than 120 eggs to the foodbank, helping our local community.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Week started on Palm Sunday (Sunday 24th March) and there are lots of opportunities to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Tide as a Parish Family over the next fortnight.

Below are the mass times for Palm Sunday, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Liturgies at Corpus Christi and Birchley St Mary's, Billinge.

Holy Thursday Thursday 28th March	Corpus Christi —6:00pm St Mary's —8:00pm
Good Friday Friday 29th March	Corpus Christi —2:00pm St Mary's —4:00pm
Holy Saturday Saturday 30th March	St Mary's —8:00pm—one vigil for both parishes
Easter Sunday Sunday 31st March	St Mary's 8:00am and 11:00am Corpus Christi 9:30am