



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We wish you a happy and healthy 2025! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends.

We are very pleased to welcome back all of our children for the Lent Term.



OFSTED Inspection 2024

This week, we were delighted to receive the official report and result from the OFSTED Inspection which took place in late November. Christ the King has been judged as 'Outstanding' in all areas. The full report has been sent to you via Arbor this week and can be found [here](#) on our website. The whole CTK Team will continue to do the very best for your children and we really appreciate your ongoing support.

As always, we have a busy and exciting term ahead for the children.

Our Catholic Mission

We started our term with an assembly on The Epiphany. The children listened to the magnificent story of when the three wise men from the East arrived in Bethlehem to visit baby Jesus. We discussed what their special gifts reveal to us about who Jesus is. In a beautiful time of prayer, we helped the children visit baby Jesus in their hearts and think about what gifts they can offer Jesus this term.

Faith into Action

Mrs Allard's Class made an Advent promise to raise money for Action Homeless during Advent. They held a cake sale on the last day of term and raised an incredible £300 for their charity. Surina (6SB), Kaja (6SB) and Emily(6LS) also joined 6EA for the sale, selling some wonderful homemade badges, bookmarks and bracelets. We are very proud of all the children for putting their faith into action, and very grateful to the parents and carers for supporting with the donations and crafting materials. Thank you!

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope

Hope is the central message of the Jubilee Year 2025 which formally began formally began at the end of December in our diocese and in every Catholic diocese throughout the world. Throughout this Jubilee Year, 2025 Pope Francis is encouraging us to be Pilgrims of Hope, putting our Christian faith into action in our relationships with those around us who are experiencing hardship: the sick, the elderly, people with disabilities, the poor, the homeless, those in prison and migrants and refugees. He invites us to give special encouragement to the young because as he says, "They are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world."





Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.9%**. Well done everyone! Our school target is to have attendance above 97% and we will continue to monitor it closely this term.

Here is the current attendance for each class:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
F2 SL	92.3%	3KR	97.9%
F2 HM	94.4%	3HB	97.1%
F2 AG	98.1%	3GH	96.4%
1ER	95.6%	4HD	96.1%
1RG/SF	98.1%	4GO	96.5%
1WB	95%	4TP	96.2%
2SN	95.4%	5TO	97.5%
2KK/RH	96%	5SF	98.1%
2NT	96.2%	5AL	95.4%
		6SB	96.9%
		6LS	96.2%
		6EA	98.1%

Thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time ready for the day ahead. The children's learning begins as soon as they arrive at school.

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please can you ensure that children are in school every day on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Every day counts!

Please DO NOT book holidays in term time as this has a detrimental effect on your child's education. Children miss out on essential work, they find it hard to catch up and it can also affect their friendships. School policy is that family holidays will not be authorised and parents could be fined by the Local Authority. School is closed for 13 weeks during the year when family holidays can be taken.



CTK Experience - Extra Curriculum Clubs Programme

We try to offer our children a wide range of diverse extra-curricular activities at Christ the King. They provide our children with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents, learn new skills and develop their confidence. The extracurricular clubs are being arranged for this term. Some will run during lunchtime and others will be after school. Many clubs are free and some are £2.50 per session to cover costs.

The clubs will include: Indoor multi-sports, KS1 board games, Spanish, KS1 Christian Meditation and KS2 Rosary club, Comic Club, Chess and Draughts Club, Mathletes and Homework club. Please look out on Arbor for more details.

Curriculum Booklets

At Christ the King we like to keep our parents informed about what the children are learning about in school. We aim to do this by:

- Welcome Curriculum Meetings at the start of the year
- Weekly Homework
- Parent Workshops
- Parent Evenings
- Parent Curriculum Booklets

In response to parental feedback, the teachers will be sending out half termly curriculum booklets. The purpose of these booklets is to give you an overview of what your child will be learning about in all the subjects they will taught during the half term. You will receive a copy of the booklet by the end of the first week of every half term.

We hope you find the booklets a useful tool to support your children at home with their learning.

CTK are now on Instagram

We are excited to announce that we have created a school Instagram account so we can share all of the amazing learning experiences we provide for our children at CTK with you at home! Please follow us: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy \(@ctkleicester\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

You can also follow us on Twitter: [Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy \(@CTKLeicester\) / X](#)

Welcome Miss Odedra!

As we begin a new term, we welcome a new member of staff to the Christ the King team. We know you will make Miss Odedra feel most welcome.



Miss Odedra
Year 5 Teacher



REMINDER..Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025 do not forget to apply before the closing date which is **midnight on Wednesday 15th January 2025**. If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school **and** complete the Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#)

Christmas Rainbow Reader Competition

Please remember to bring in your Christmas Reading Calendars. Every child who returns a completed calendar next week will be awarded 20 house points and be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win £15 worth of books! Miss Laycock and Mrs Marshall will be holding the prize draw next week to select the winners.

Online Safety

Free Online Safety Virtual Workshop – This NSPCC Keeping Children Safe Online workshop provides parents and carers with information on how to support their child in their online world. See link above for more details.

Join the School Lottery at CTK

The CTK Parents' Association set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school wins a weekly prize and all players have the chance to win £25,000. It's only a £1 a week and the more people who take part, the higher the prizes will be. Please click the link if you are interested in taking part: <http://bit.ly/ctk-pta>

Calling all Musicians

Do you play a musical instrument? We are looking for musicians to introduce their instrument to the children and play a short piece of music in our Wednesday morning singing assemblies. If you think you would be able to help by sharing your talent on either the infants or the juniors, please contact the office who will put you in touch with Mr Mason, our music coordinator. Thank you in advance for helping us to expand the experiences we can provide to our children.

Thought for the week

"It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."

Mother Teresa

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Important Dates for the Term ahead...

Tuesday 14th January	Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Parents Workshop @14:30 – Junior hall
Tuesday 14th January	Year 2 Trip to Mandir
Thursday 16th January	Year 4 Residential parent information session @14:30 Junior Hall
Friday 17th January	6LS Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am—Junior Site Parents welcome
Friday 17th January	6EA Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:15—Junior Site Parents welcome
Thursday 23rd-Friday 24th January	Year 4 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall
Thursday 23rd January	Year 6 SATS Parent Information Session 2:30pm—3:00pm—Junior Site
Friday 24th January	Miss Rawling's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am— Infant Site Parents welcome
Friday 24th January	NON-UNIFORM DAY— wear blue! Suggested donations of £1 via Arbor. To raise money for the Catholic Hardship Fund to support families in need.
Tuesday 28th January	Trust Feast Day—St Thomas Aquinas Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 chaplains to represent CTK at the Trust Mass—livestreamed back to schools
Thursday 30th January	African Drumming Workshop Year 2
Friday 31st January	Mrs Griffin/Mrs Francis Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am— Infant Site Parents welcome
Week beginning Monday 3rd February	National Children's Mental Health Week Theme: 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'
Wednesday 29th January	Year 5 Space Centre Residential parent information session @ 14:30 Junior Hall
Monday 3rd February	Year 3 trip to King Richard III centre
Friday 7th February	Mrs Wooldridge/Mrs Bayliss Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00am—Infant Site Parents welcome
Friday 7th February	Monitoring Reports sent to parent ahead of Parents' Evening



Important Dates for the Term ahead continued...

Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-7:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—7.00pm
Wednesday 12th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-5:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term