



Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we have enjoyed two wonderful poetry recital assemblies performed by Mrs Stone and Mrs Allard's classes. Thank you to all the pupils in 6EA and 6LS for all their hard work and preparation over the past couple of weeks. The children confidently performed their poems and put on a great show.

Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assemblies on Monday where we learned that 2025 is a special jubilee year in the Church. We learned that the theme for this jubilee is: Pilgrims of Hope, and that we are all pilgrims walking together on our journey to heaven. The children were set the special mission to pray more, do more for charity, and go to Mass more so that we can receive special blessings from God during this very important year.



Non-uniform Day - Friday 24th January

On Friday 24th January we are holding a non-uniform day to raise money for The Catholic Hardship Fund which is used to support families in need. The children are invited to wear their own clothes and we are asking for a minimum donation of £1 per pupil. This can be paid on Arbor. Thank you for your support.

Parish Links

Our school serves three parishes: Blessed Sacrament & St Peter's RC Church and Mother of God. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and other notices.

<https://www.westleicesteratholic.org/>

<http://motherofgodeicester.co.uk/>

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



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Ariella, Carissa, Jayden, Amarah, Yosyas
R-HM	Chandni, Isabel, Amaiyah, Lavayer
R-SL	Marley, Jonathan, Hanna, Bartosz, Sindara
1RG/SF	Keenan
1LW/KB	Mia
1ER	Indiana
2KK/RH	Chizaram
2NT	Memphys
2SN	Oliwia J

CTK Juniors

3KR	Owen
3GH	Alex
3HB	Isabelle O
4HD	Evan
4TP	Rohan
4GO	Alice
5SF	Anashe
5TO	Zofia
5AL	Fabian
6SB	Sophia E
6LS	Santiago
6EA	Kas

Lunchtime Awards



I am delighted to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our children this week for excellent behaviour. Well done to all our children who have received the 'Lunchtime Award' this week. Each lunchtime teacher nominates one pupil each week for showing our school values and following our school rules at lunchtime.

CTK Infants

Alexander D (F2AG)	Isabel (F2HM)	Aarya (F2HM)	Adam (F2 AG)	Juan (F2SL)
Grace (1SF/RG)	Jacob (1WB)	Joseph (1RG/SF)	Noah (1ER)	Hanna (1ER)
Kabilan (2NT)	Dhruv (2KK/RH)	Dominic (2SN)	Angelee (2NT)	Alicja G (2SN)

CTK Juniors

Jasmine (3HB)	Blaunaid (3KR)	Neto (4HD)	Phillip (5TO)
Wayne (3HB)	Fiona (3KR)	Maya (4GO)	Oscar (5TO)
Lola (5TO)	Delaney (6SB)	Hannah (6EA)	



Head of School Awards

Junior Site	Johanen (2NT)
Infant Site	Ellissia (6LS)

Congratulations to Johanen and Ellissia who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall.

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Miss Busby's class with 98.7%

2nd Place: Miss Hall's class with 98.0%

3rd Place: Miss Orrill's class with 97.9%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 94.7%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Here is some [advice](#) on whether you should send your child to school when they are ill.

House Captains

Over the last two weeks, we have had our House Assemblies and the children have nominated new House Captains for this term. Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this important responsibility and congratulations to our new elected House Captains.



	Year 2	Year 6
St Francis	Oliver (2NT) Julia (2NT)	Ramayah (6SB) Santiago (6LS)
St John Bosco	Declan (2SN) Praise (2RH/KK)	Hannah (6EA) Bezalel (6EA)
St Bernadette	Oliwia (2RH/KK) Cillian (2SN)	Erin (6LS) Charlie M (6LS)
St Anne	Sophie S (2NT) Kabilan (2NT)	Hector (6LS) Nachi (6SB)

CTK Experience

Missions, Vocations and Futures

From the moment each pupil enters CTK we encourage a sense of aspiration and calling. We know that each child is called to take up a special place in the world and it is our job to ensure that every child has high personal aspirations. We achieve this through giving our children the opportunity to find out about a range of careers from different volunteers from the World of Work throughout their time at CTK.

Flight Attendant visits Year 4!

On Thursday we welcomed Bethan Carter, a Flight Attendant from Tui, to tell the children all about her career. They learned all about the different roles on an aircraft and took part in some role play. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and asked lots of interesting questions.



The CTK Experience continued.....

KS2 Basketball Trip

Sports, Clubs and Activities

We know the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being active. Enabling pupils to find a sport or activity they enjoy makes it more likely they will continue to be active in their adult life. We want to encourage healthy competition for children of all sporting abilities.

Basket Ball Trip

On Tuesday, Mrs Hansrani and Mr T took a group of 16 children to compete in the West Leicester: Inspire Together Basketball competition at MOAT Community College. Both of our teams played very well, with our Yellow team finishing in first place - winning every game - and our White team narrowly missing out on a place in the Leicester City finals by finishing in 3rd place.

Our team won the County Championship last time we took part in this event during 2023-24 but only 2 of that team remain at the school - so this makes our victory this year very impressive and shows the great teamwork and passion for sports our children are developing at Christ The King.

Well done everyone, we look forward to the City final's next month.



This is part of our CTK Experience. The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum. You can read more about this [here](#)



Year 4 MTC Workshop for Parents

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the Year 4 SATs Workshop on Tuesday. We hope you found it informative and useful.

The PowerPoint slides have been shared on Arbor if you were unable to attend and here is some information for parents: [Information for parents: multiplication tables check](#)

Calling all Musicians

This week, Mr Mason led our hymn practice on the Infant Site and shared his musical talent with our youngest children. He played them a short piece of music on his saxophone and taught them some fun facts about the 'Sax'.

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.



Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about **TikTok**. We are aware that many children have access to this app via their phones/tablets. TikTok's age requirement is 13 years old. CTK does not advise the use of TikTok by children.

Thought for the week

"Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love Him."

James 1:12

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead

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
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'
Monday 3rd February	Year 3 trip to King Richard III centre
Wednesday 5th February	*CHANGE OF DATE* Year 5 Space Centre Residential parent information session @ 14:30 Junior Hall
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
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-7:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—7.00pm
Tuesday 11th February	Classics Forum for Parents @ 8:30am Junior Site followed by assembly for the Junior Children. Parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 12th February	Parents' Evening Infants: 3:30pm-5:00pm Juniors: 3.10pm—5.00pm
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term