



Dear Parents/Carers,

The highlight of this week was the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas and the drumming workshop in Year 2!

Our Catholic Mission

The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

This week, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas which brought all of the 23 schools in our Trust together!

This started with an assembly on virtues and vices. The children learned about the 7 Catholic Virtues and how important they are to practise everyday so they can be successful at CTK and in their young Christian lives. Talk to your children and ask them to tell you the 7 Catholic Virtues!



Representatives from all 23 schools, including 9 children from Christ the King, gathered at English Martyrs' in Leicester for Mass. We worked together in our school groups to think about how we can bring hope to others throughout the Jubilee year at home, at school and in our communities. It was a wonderful occasion!



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.westleicestercatholic.org/>

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



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Daniel, Iha, Malachi, Oluwatise, Jaziel
R-HM	Kuba, Daniel, Aarya, Alvaro, Jan
R-SL	Hannah, Parascheva, Ese, Julia, Michael
1RG/SF	Whole Class!
1LW/KB	Chinex
1ER	Serenity
2KK/RH	Yakub
2NT	Ludwik
2SN	Maisey

CTK Juniors

3KR	Adela
3GH	Xavi
3HB	Krzysztof
4HD	Joshua J + Lily
4TP	Finley
4GO	Preston
5SF	David
5TO	Lola
5AL	Holly
6SB	Kaja
6LS	Ellissia
6EA	Joseph

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

Melvin (RAG)	Olivia (RHM)	Norah (RSL)	Cairo (1LW/KB)	Keenan (1RG/SF)
Rosalia (1ER)	Joanna (2KK/RH)	Oliver (2NT)	Mia (2SN)	

CTK Juniors

Tymon (3KR)	Desmond (5SF)	Destiney (5AL)
Poppy (3HB)	Jameson (3KR)	Lacey-Rey (6EA)

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 Orrill's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Nokes' and Miss Odedra's class with 99.3%

3rd Place: Mrs Hainsworth/Mrs Koenig's class with 97.9%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.4%. 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.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is '**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**'. The children will explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions.

To mark the week, we are inviting the **children to wear their own clothes on Friday 7th February** to celebrate our differences and to recognise the individuality of each child.

The week will begin with an assembly on both sites to raise awareness of how we can keep ourselves mentally healthy. We will also be talking to the children about 'trusted adults' - the people they can turn to at times of worry, stress or crisis. We are looking forward to participating in this national project.



The CTK Experience

Aspirations, Missions and Futures Curriculum

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children the opportunity to consider how they can use their God-given talents in their future careers and to raise their aspirations for their own futures.

Last Friday, Year 2 had a special visit from Dr Richard Wardle who is a General Practitioner (GP). He taught the children all about his job and brought some special equipment to show the children such as a stethoscope, blood pressure machine, thermometer and an oxygen monitor. Dr Wardle has been qualified for 10 years. We were very grateful for this visit and the children had a great time learning about this profession.



African drumming in Year 2

On Friday the Year 2 children were visited by Martin who delivered a fantastic African drumming and dance workshop. The children were introduced to a djembe drum. They were then given the opportunity to play the instruments and learn some African dance moves! The children found it very exciting and had great fun. (So did the teachers!) Here are some pictures:





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](#)

Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. Online bookings closed today at 12:00pm. If you did not book an appointment, a time will automatically be issued to you and it will appear on your child's target report which you will receive on Friday 7th February. If you would like to meet with the SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) Lead, Mrs Wheeldon, please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about supporting children to develop emotional literacy. We hope you find it useful.

FREE February half term crafts

Please find a flyer [here](#) with details of FREE February half term crafts activities for children aged 3+. No need to book.

Thought for the week

"Virtue is difficult to attain and we should never try to lead a holy life through our own efforts alone"

St Thomas Aquinas

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead

3rd-Friday - 7th February	Children's Mental Health Week: 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'
Monday 3rd February	Year 6 CAD Workshops
Monday 3rd February	Year 3 trip to King Richard III centre
Wednesday 5th February	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
Lent 2 2025	
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Thursday 27th February	Year 4 Severn Trent Sessions
Friday 28th February	CAFOD Assembly to launch Lenten Charity and Faith in Action
Friday 28th February	Year 5 Residential to Space Centre
Tuesday 4th March	Year 6 Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
Wednesday 5th March	Reception Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies - times to be confirmed. Parents Welcome
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 13th and Friday 14 March	Year 6 Trip to DMU
Friday 14th March	Miss Hall's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome