



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are very well and that you enjoyed the half term break.

We have had an exciting first week back in school with our second Inspire workshop with Mrs Valente and Year 2 and Year 6 celebrating Mass with Fr Cahill.

## Catholic Life and Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assemblies this week and revisited our five school rules. We set the highest standards of behaviour at Christ the King for our pupils because we know that pupil behaviour is strongly correlated to educational outcomes. Therefore, we will continue our work on the Behaviour Curriculum this half term by reviewing some of the behaviours and routines that we taught the children at the beginning of the year.

We teach our children the importance of being focused in class. This is captured in our acronym **SLANT**. Please see the poster below.

We also teach them to speak with confidence and articulate their answers and questions in class 'Loud and Proud'. This is captured in our acronym **SHAPE**. We want children to speak loudly and clearly in full sentences so that everyone can hear what they say. It would be wonderful if you could support us by encouraging good SHAPE answers at home too!

This week, we're highlighting Rule #5: *Take care of one another and our things*. Children are encouraged to show kindness and responsibility by helping reunite lost items with their rightful owners. If your child finds something that doesn't belong to them, we are asking them to make an effort to return it because small acts of care make a big difference.



## Year 4 Inspire Workshop - The Rosary

On Thursday morning, Year 4 children and parents took part in their Inspire Workshop based on the Rosary. Mrs Valente led the session with the children showing enthusiasm, reflection and depth of faith.

They explored the origins and history of the Rosary established by St Dominic, looked at the Catholic Catechism around Our Lady, explored the Hail Mary Prayer, interpreted a range of religious art and then made their own key ring Rosary beads to take home with them.



## **All Souls in November**

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November.

## **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: Mrs Russell's Class with 98.1%

3rd Place: Mrs Featherstone's class with 97.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 94.2% due to illness. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

## **Early Reading Parent Workshop**

We would like to invite all our parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to an Early Reading session on *Thursday 6th November @ 9:00am* in the Infant hall. You will find out how we teach our children to read, learn about the national phonics screening check in Year 1 and we will share some helpful advice to support your child to be a confident and fluent reader. We hope that you can join us.

## **Year 6 SATs Information Meeting**

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the Year 6 SATs Workshop on Monday. We hope you found it informative and useful.

The PowerPoint slides have been shared on Arbor if you were unable to attend and can be found [here](#).

## **WOW - Walk Once a Week Challenge**

We are excited to be taking part in the **WOW – Walk Once a Week Challenge**, starting next week. This national initiative, run by Living Streets, encourages children and their families to travel actively to school—by walking, cycling, scooting, using the bus, or parking and striding. Pupils record their daily journeys using the interactive Travel Tracker, and those who travel actively at least once a week will receive a **collectible WOW badge** each month. There are 11 unique badges to collect throughout the school year. We look forward to your support in promoting healthy, sustainable travel.





## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

RSL	Gianna, Neha, Evelyn, and Jerome M
RHM	Lili, Kasie, Joseph. Joshua, Gideon
RAG	Tymon, Gurnoor, Adania, Steve, Ifeonu
1RH	Loyiso
1HF	Isabel T
1ER	Iko
2SN	Serenity
2NT	Elvira
2WB	Alan

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Kendi
3GH	Nayan
3TP	Reya
4MH	Enoch
4HD	Amelia
4GO	Jacob L
5TO	Joshua
5WG	Dhriya
5AL	David
6SB	Andrea
6SF	Phillip
6LS	Elisse

Each week, the teacher selects a pupil for the *Star of the Week* award in recognition of their hard work and pride in the presentation of their work. Well done to our Stars this week!

## Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Chinemerem (2SN)
Junior Site	Gabriela (5AL) and Charlotte S (5AL)

Congratulations to Chinemerem, Gabriela and Charlotte who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

## CTK Experience

### **Notices from Mr T - Table Tennis Triumph at Inspire Together Competition**

On Friday 17th October, Mrs Cranston and Mr. T took a group of 16 children to represent our school at the Leicester City Inspire Together Table Tennis Competition. Throughout the day, our boys and girls demonstrated outstanding resilience and showed noticeable improvement with each match they played.

Their teamwork and sportsmanship were exemplary, with pupils consistently encouraging and supporting one another whenever they were not on the table. Over the past few weeks, the teams have been dedicating their lunchtimes to practice, and it was clear how much they wanted to perform well.

We are incredibly proud of their effort, determination, and the positive spirit they brought to the competition. Well done, Team CTK!



### **Year 6 visit Beaumanor Hall**

The Year 6 pupils attended a wonderful World War 2 experience at Beaumanor Hall this week. They decoded Morse Code messages, took part in an air raid evacuation, made ID badges and learnt about the importance of owning an ID badge. Lastly, they experienced shopping for food items that were common in the 1940s using a Rations Booklet. What a great way to 'kick start' their upcoming history topic.





## **Poppy Appeal**

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year. Poppies and associated items are available from the school offices.

Children can purchase items during break time from the school office.

Please note that NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN, so please bring only the money you intend to donate.



## **Primary School Applications.**

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2026, applications are now open. 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 of Thursday 15th January 2026. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#).

We have our third open day for prospective parents on Wednesday 12th November @ 9:15am. Please share this information with any friends or families who have children due to start school next academic year.

## **Online Safety**

Please click the [link](#) which provides information for parents and carers about Pokémon TCG Pocket which is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS.

## **Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association**

The PA are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November between 11am-2pm and they are organising Christmas parties and discos for our children. If you can support or help with the preparations of either event, then come along to the *next meeting on Tuesday 18th November at 6.00pm on the Infant Site.*

## **Dates for your Diary**

A reminder that CTK will be closed on **Friday 21st November** for staff training.

## **Thought for the Week**

"My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me."

Jn10:27

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Term Dates Advent 2 2025

Tuesday 4th November	School Photos - <b>Junior site</b>
Thursday 6th November	Early Reading Workshop for Reception and KS1 parents @ 9:00am—Infant School Hall. All parents welcome
Friday 7th November	2NT Class Poetry Recital—Infant Site @ 9:00am
Week Beg 10th November	Anti-Bullying Week: POWER FOR GOOD
Wednesday 12th November	<b>Chaplaincy team Remembrance Celebration of the word - Parents Welcome</b> <b>9:00 am Infants 2:15pm Junior</b>
Wednesday 12th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents @ 9:15am Infant Site
Thursday 13th November	Spelling Workshop @9:00am - Infant School Hall. This is aimed at Year 2 parents but will be useful for all Infant parents.
Friday 14th November	2SN Class Poetry Recital—Infant Site @ 9:00am Parents Welcome
Friday 14th Nov - 19th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Infant and Junior Site
Tuesday 18th November	Parents' Association Meeting @18:00 Infant site
Wednesday 19th November	Year 3/4 Maths Parents Workshop @ 1:45pm
Thursday 20th November	2WB Class Poetry Recital—Infant Site @ 9:00am Parents Welcome
Thursday 20th November	<b>Year 4 Residential Meeting for parents @ 14:30 in the Junior hall.</b>
Friday 21st November	<b>INSET Day - School Closed</b>
Sunday 23rd November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass Blessed Sacrament 9:30am-children to attend in school uniform.
Monday 24th November	Year 5/6 Maths Parents Workshop @ 1:45pm
Friday 28th November	Infant Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am
Friday 28th November	5AL Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome





## Term Dates Advent 2 2025 continued...

<b>Saturday 29th November</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am –2:00pm All Families welcome</b> <b><i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i></b>
Wed 3rd and Thurs 4th December	Year 1 & Year 2 trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve: Aliens Love Panta Claus
Monday 1st December	3KR Cornet Performance 13:30-14:00—Junior Site
Monday 1st December	Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am
Tuesday 2nd December	Termly Trophy Assembly
Thursday 4th December	EYFS Inspire Workshop on 'Advent' @9:00am Infant Hall. All parents welcome!
Friday 5th December	Menphys Carol Concert @ 7:15pm
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Monday 8th December	Reception Christmas Carol Concert @ 2:15pm
Tuesday 9th December	Reception Carol Concert @ 9:15am
Monday 8th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 9:15am Parents Welcome
Wednesday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 1:45 pm Parents welcome
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Gift Sale for pupils - £3:00 a gift
Friday 12th December	5TO Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Monday 8th December	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Junior Site @ 9:00am
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 @ 2:00 –3:00pm
Friday 12th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 @ 9:00 –10:00am
Monday 15th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 @ 9:00 - 10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 @ 2:00 –3:00pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 6 @ 9:00 –10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 4 @ 2:00 –3:00pm
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 4 @ 9:00 - 10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 6 @ 2:00 – 3:00pm



## Term Dates Advent 2 2025 continued...

Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December	Junior Pantomime @ De Montfort Hall for Year 3-6
Wednesday 17th December	Infant Christmas Parties - come in party clothes
Thursday 18th December	PTA Junior Christmas Discos Year 3 and Year 4: 5:00-6:00pm Year 5 and Year 6: 6:15-7:15pm
<b>Friday 19th December</b>	<b>Infant Christingle CotW 9:00am—parents welcome</b> <b>Junior Christingle CotW 2:15pm —parents welcome</b>
Friday 19th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	School reopens