



Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Taylor's class based around the theme: funny poems and limericks. Thank you to all the pupils in 2NT for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and a selection of short limericks by Edward Lear. They also sang the song 'Oats and Beans and Barley Grow'. It was lovely to see the children performing and also hearing what they had learned about the poet Edward Lear.

Catholic Life and Mission

St John Henry Newman - A Doctor of the Church

On Sunday, 2nd November, the Catholic Church celebrated a historic moment as Cardinal St John Henry Newman was officially declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIV in Rome. This title, one of the highest honours in the Church, recognizes St John Henry Newman's profound contributions to theology, education, and the understanding of conscience and faith. He has also been named co-patron of Catholic education alongside St Thomas Aquinas, inspiring schools and educators to seek truth and share hope. St John Henry Newman's life reminds us that faith and reason work together and that each person is called to live with purpose and love.

All Souls in November

November is the month of the Holy Souls and we are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends you would like us to pray for during November. *Please join us next Wednesday 12th November for our Remembrance Celebrations of the Word led by the school chaplains. Please see the times in the dates section.*

Parish Links

Thank you to all those parents who joined us for Mass to celebrate All Souls' Day at Mother of God Church on Monday. During Mass, Fr Hans reminded the children to say a prayer for those who have died, to remember and give thanks for the people we love and to live good lives by following the example of Jesus. It was a beautiful opportunity to come together in prayer as a school family. Thank you to Fr Hans and the parishioners of Mother of God for inviting us.

Family Mass for the Feast of Christ The King

There will be a family Mass on *Sunday 23rd November* to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church and will be at 9.30am. More information has been sent to you via Arbor this week. The Mass will be led by our children and we hope to get as many of our children involved as possible. Please complete the online form if you are able to join us. [Christ the King Family Mass 2025 – Fill in form](#)



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 99.4%

2nd Place: Mr Dunn's Class with 98.7%

3rd Place: Mrs Stone's class with 98%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 95.4% 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.

Come to the Book Fair

We have the Scholastics Book Fair visiting from **Thursday 14th November until Thursday 21st November**. Children will be able to visit the book fair during the day. You can visit the Book Fair with your child before or after school to purchase books. You will pay for the book using a QR code and a member of staff will be there to support you purchasing the books electronically. Every book you buy will gain a free book for our school which will be in your child's class or in the school library.



The book fair will be held in the library on the Infant Site and in the hall on the Junior Site.

Living Streets WOW Initiative Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Cate from Living Streets to school this week for an exciting assembly about the **WOW initiative**. WOW is a year-round walk-to-school challenge that encourages children to travel actively, helping them stay healthy, reduce congestion, and care for the environment. Each month, children who walk, wheel, or park and stride to school will earn a special **collectible badge**. There are 11 unique designs to collect throughout the year!

We are thrilled to announce that our school will be starting WOW **next Monday**, so let's get ready to make our journeys to school more active and fun!





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

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| RSL | Adaeze, Ifeoma, Manuel, Jerome P, Jonath |
| RHM | Krzysztof, Alex, Michael, Ikemba, Hannah |
| RAG | Arshnel, Joseph, Oluebube, Joselyn, Elena |
| 1RH | Poppy |
| 1HF | Michaela |
| 1ER | Eve |
| 2SN | Elisa |
| 2NT | Rosalia |
| 2WB | Ellie |

CTK Juniors

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| 3KR | Carlo |
| 3GH | Masimba |
| 3TP | Evelyn |
| 4MH | Ancaiah |
| 4HD | Irine |
| 4GO | James |
| 5TO | Emmanuel |
| 5WG | Andrea |
| 5AL | Charlotte W |
| 6SB | Aeibel |
| 6SF | Aden |
| 6LS | Kabina |

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

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| Infant Site | Tymek (2WB) |
| Junior Site | Callum S (3TP) |

Congratulations to Tymek and Callum who have received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Glassford and Mrs Valente nominate one pupil each week for something marvelous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done!

Personal Development

Anti-Bullying Week - 'Reach Out, Speak Out, Tell a Trusted Adult!'

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and the theme is 'Power for Good'. To mark the start of the week, children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday, 10th November to celebrate our unique children of God.

The week will begin with an Anti-Bullying assembly on both sites, where we will raise awareness of bullying and explore how we can use our *power for good* through our words and actions. This will be followed by daily classroom activities focusing on what makes a good friend and what to do if a child is being bullied or knows someone who is.

Each class will create a Class Pledge against Bullying, and we will also talk about 'trusted adults' - the people children can turn to in times of worry, stress, or crisis. We are excited to take part in this important national initiative and work together to make our school a safe and caring place for everyone.

Forest School Adventures begin in EYFS

This week, our EYFS children started their exciting **Forest School sessions**, giving them the chance to learn and explore in the great outdoors. Forest School offers many benefits, including building confidence, encouraging teamwork and developing a love for nature.

The children were nature detectives, looking for signs of seasonal change and exploring natural habitats. Using the book "*The Something*" as inspiration, the children searched for evidence of wildlife—and even discovered what looked like a home for some hedgehogs!

We can't wait to see what other adventures and discoveries lie ahead!





Early Reading Parent Workshop

Thank you to all parents who joined us for Early Reading Workshop on Thursday. 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](#).

Spelling Workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

We would like to invite all parents of children in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** to a **Spelling Workshop** on **Thursday, 13th November at 9:00am in the Infant Hall**. This session will share useful information and practical techniques you can use at home to support your child with spelling and spelling practice. Each family will receive an **information pack** to take home, and these resources will also be emailed via **Arbor** for your convenience. We look forward to seeing you there!

Maths Workshops for Year 3, 4 5 and 6 parents.

Following feedback from parents, Mrs Glassford and Mrs Russell have arranged two Maths Workshops for parents on the Junior Site

- **Year 5 & 6:** Monday, **24th November** at **1:45pm**
- **Year 3 & 4:** Wednesday, **26th November** at **1:45pm**

These sessions will explain the formal written methods for addition and subtraction taught in school, introduce the mathematical vocabulary we use and explore how we teach multiplication and division. There will also be time for questions.

There is no need to book. We hope you can join us.

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 admissions 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.

Dates for your Diary

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

Online Safety

Bullying can affect many children, both in and out of school but adults can play a crucial role in helping children speak up and support one another. This week's guide is packed with practical strategies to foster confidence, kindness and connection in the face of unkind behavior. Please click [here](#). We hope you find it useful

Wellbeing Top Tip for November.

Breathing techniques can be really helpful for children to manage big feelings and learning this simple finger breathing technique with your child will give them a strategy they can use independently when they start to feel overwhelmed.



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.**

Thought for the Week

"God has created me.. I have my mission" *Cardinal St John Henry Newman—Doctor of the Church*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 2 2025

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| Week Beg 10th November | Anti-Bullying Week: POWER FOR GOOD Remember your ODD SOCKS! |
| Wednesday 12th November | Chaplaincy team Remembrance Celebration of the word - Parents Welcome 9:00 am Infants 2:15pm Junior |
| 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 |
| Thursday 20th November | 2WB Class Poetry Recital—Infant Site @ 9:00am Parents Welcome |
| Thursday 20th November | Year 4 Residential Meeting for parents @ 14:30 in the Junior hall. |
| Friday 21st November | INSET Day - School Closed |
| 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 and Year 6 Maths Parents Workshop @ 1:45pm |
| Wednesday 26th November | Year 3 and Year 4 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 |



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| Saturday 29th November | PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am –2:00pm All Families welcome <i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i> |
| 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 |
| Friday 5th December | EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve Aliens Love Panta Claus |
| 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 |



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| 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 |
| Friday 19th December | Infant Christingle CotW 9:00am—parents welcome Junior Christingle CotW 2:15pm —parents welcome |
| Friday 19th December | End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays |
| Monday 5th January 2026 | School reopens |