



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy start to the year but we have been very impressed with how quickly the children have settled - they all look very smart and are very eager to learn. It was especially lovely to welcome our new Reception children full-time this week. We have had some lovely welcomes by the school gate!

Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our weekly Word assemblies on the theme of 'Encounter' The children thought about how they can meet God in their daily life. The children in Year 6 and Year 2 set a mission for the children. Our missions this week:

Junior Mission: To increase our chances of encountering God, try to take two minutes at either Church or home to say a prayer.

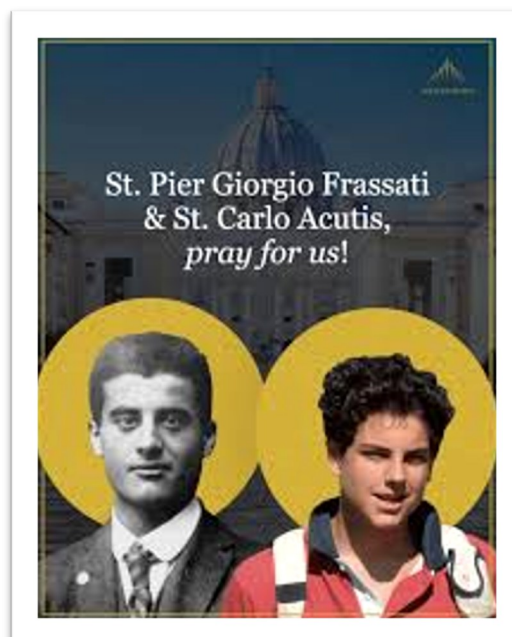
Infant Mission: When we see someone feeling sad or lonely, we will help them. This will help us to Encounter God by loving one another.

St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati

Last weekend, Carlo Acutis was canonised by Pope Leo XIV in St Peter's Square, alongside Pier Giorgio Frassati. Pope Leo reminded us that their lives inspire young people to look towards God and live with holiness, service, and joy.

We also celebrate the news during the summer that Cardinal St John Henry Newman is being named a Doctor of the Church. St Newman formed the Oratory of St Philip Neri in Birmingham in the 19th century and was declared a saint in 2019. The Church will honour his contribution to the Faith by declaring him a Doctor of the Church which is recognition of the beauty and value of his teaching about Our Lord.

Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning about these saints and the wonderful example they give us all.





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

1FH	Isabella
1RH	Kasper
1ER	Layla
2WB	Nevaeh
2NT	Kojo
2SN	Maria



CTK Juniors

3KR	Kaiyah
3GH	Dominik
3TP	Titi
4MH	Kacper
4HD	Adam
4GO	Okechukwu
5AL	Julia
5TO	Filip
5WG	Tillie
6SB	Rachel
6LS	Holly
6SF	Kasper

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!

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you.

Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Stone and Mrs Featherstone's classes with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Nokes, Miss Lawes and Mrs Pickwell's class with 99.7%

3rd Place: Miss Odedra and Mrs Williams/Mrs Gallagher class with 99.4%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 98.1%. Well done, everyone! Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Naming School Uniform

Please can you ensure that all school uniform, P.E kit, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's full name. We know how expensive school uniform can be and every year the lost property box is full of nearly new uniform items that have no names on them. Thank you for your support with this.



Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2026

Online applications for secondary schools are now open. Applications can be made online at [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](http://Starting.secondary.school.leicester.gov.uk) and will need to be submitted by no later than **Friday 31st October 2025**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late and you may miss out on your choice of school. *Please remember that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must also complete the Supplementary Form.*

REMINDER: Welcome Parent Curriculum Meetings

Over the next month, parents will be invited into school for a parent introduction meeting. The purpose of these meetings will be to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Find out what your child will be learning this year
- Find out about the statutory tests they may be taking
- Learn about trips, visits, and extra-curricular learning as part of the CTK Experience
- Find out how you can support your child at home with their learning
- Find out key information about school life at CTK

You will also have the chance to visit your child's classroom. We hope you can join us. Please see the dates and times at the end of the newsletter for your year group.

Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer holidays, we challenged the children to complete the 'Story Garden' six book reading challenge with Leicester Libraries.

Mrs Marshall, Miss Laycock and Mrs Featherstone have been very impressed by how many children completed the challenge. Don't forget to share your child's certificates with us! The city school with the highest percentage of children completing the challenge will win £100 towards books.

Reading is an important aspect of learning and we want all our children to be life-long readers by the time they leave Christ the King. Thank you to our families for supporting your children to complete the challenge.





Online Safety Tip

Please click [here](#) for this week's online safety update on creating family rules for using devices. We hope you find this information useful.

Parent Reading Volunteers Wanted!

We need your help! We are looking for some adult volunteers to come into school to read with our wonderful children. All volunteers will be given guidance and training in school, so if you have never volunteered before - come and give it a try! We know how much both the adults and the children enjoy these sessions. If you are able to volunteer some of your time on a regular basis – even if it is just for one hour a week – please talk to your child's class teacher.

Important Reminder about Parking

We received a complaint this week from a local resident and West Gates Special School regarding dangerous and inconsiderate parking by some parents. As a community, we are called to show love and respect for our neighbours.

We therefore ask that ALL parents respect our neighbours and avoid parking on driveways, double yellow lines, or on the zig-zag lines outside the school. Inconsiderate parking puts our children's safety at risk.

Please be aware that our neighbours have informed the police and the county council, and tickets may be issued if cars are parked illegally. Let's all work together to keep every member of our school community safe.

Thought for the Week

*"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".
St Carlo Acutis*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 1 2025

Monday 15th September	Music tuition begins for 3KR (10 week lessons of Cornets)
Tuesday 16th September	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety Education Session Year 1 @9:00
Tuesday 16th September	3GH and 3TP Bradgate Park Trip
Wednesday 17th September	3KR Bradgate Park Trip
Wednesday 17th September	Fr John Cahill Songs of Praise Y3 and Y4
Wednesday 17th September	Year 2 Classes Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall @ 9:00am
Wednesday 17th –19th September	Year 6 residential trip to The Briars Children attending to arrive in school @ 8:00am for an 8:45am departure on Wednesday 17th September. Children arriving back in school @ 3:00pm on Friday 19th September.
Monday 22nd September	Year 5 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm
Monday 22nd September	4GO New Walk Museum Trip
Tuesday 23rd September	Year 3 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm
Wednesday 24th September	Year 1 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Infant Hall @ 9:00am
Friday 26th September	4MH New Walk Museum Trip
Tuesday 30th September	4HD New Walk Museum Trip
Friday 26th September	National Teaching Assistant Day—let's thank them for all that they do!
Friday 26th September	6SB Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:20pm
Friday 26th September	Infant and Junior CTK Retreat Morning
Monday 29th September	Year 4 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm
Tuesday 30th September	Year 6 Parent Curriculum Meeting—Junior Hall @ 2:30pm
Tuesday 30th September	New Reception Open Day (academic year 2026-27) —Infant Site 9:15-10am
Wednesday 1st October	5TO and 5AL trip Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 1st October	Reception Parent Curriculum Meeting - Infant Site @ 9:00am
Thursday 2nd October	Inspire Workshops for Year 5 Parents on theme of Creation @ 9:00am Junior Site
Thursday 2nd October	Y2 Beaumanor Hall Trip—Victorians



Term Dates Advent 1 2025 continued...

Friday 3rd October	6SF Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:20pm
Friday 3rd October	5WG trip to Botanical Gardens
Week beginning 6th October	Our History Week - more details to follow
Monday 6th October	Junior Chaplains Retreat Day at St. Patrick's School
Wednesday 8th October	Inspire Workshops for Year 4 Parents on theme of Rosary @9:00am Junior Site
Thursday 9th October	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety Education Session for Year 5 @ 8:45
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10th October	6LS Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall 2:20pm
Friday 10th October	Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—7:00pm
Wednesday 15th October	Parents' Evening 3:20pm—5:00pm
Thursday 16th October	Harvest Celebration of the Word — Parents Welcome Infants 9:00 Juniors 14:15
Thursday 16th October	All Harvest donations for Braunstone Foodshare to be donated by today, please
Friday 17th October	School finishes for the October Half Term <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Week beginning 20th Oct	School closed for half term
Monday 27th October	School reopens for Advent 2 term
Week beginning 27th Oct	Catholic Social Teaching Week at CTK
Monday 27th October	Year 6 & Year 2 Joint Mass with Fr John—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents Welcome