



Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning, we were treated to a delightful poetry recital assembly by Miss Nokes' class, exploring the theme of funny story poems. A huge thank you to all the pupils in Year 2 for their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed *The Owl and the Pussycat* and *Daddy Fell in the Pond*. They also sang the song 'Our School'. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and hear what they had learned about the poet Edward Lear.

Catholic Life and Mission

Remembrance Celebration of the Word

On Wednesday we marked Remembrance Day. A huge thank you to our school Chaplains who planned and delivered our celebration of the word with confidence and reverence. We learned about Armistice Day and how important it is to remember the past. We prayed for those who lost their lives and held a two-minute silence.



All Souls in November

Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November and we will pray for them. Please remember the faithful departed in your prayers this November and pray for all of the families of our CTK community.

Parish Links - The CTK Family Mass

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. 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](#)

Advent Fundraiser - Toys on the Table

During Advent, we will be supporting the charity 'Toys on the Table'. We invite you to support our Advent project by bringing in **one new toy or gift** for boy or girl between the ages of 8-13. A letter will be sent out to you today with more information. We have been asked **not to wrap** the toys because they will be used to create a present parcel containing up to 5 gifts.

Please bring in any donations by **Monday 8th December**.



Attendance

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

- 1st place: Mr Dunn's class with 99.4%
- 2nd Place: Mrs Hainsworth's Class with 99.3%
- 3rd Place: Miss Orrill's class with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.2%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

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.

Spelling Parent Workshop

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the Spelling session 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](#)

WOW Initiative

Our WOW walk-to-school challenge started this week and it has been fantastic to see so many children taking part! Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to walk, wheel, or use the park-and-stride option whenever possible. Every active journey helps keep them healthy, reduces congestion, and cares for the environment.

Let's keep up the great work and aim for even more active journeys this year!





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

RSL	Isabel, Marwah, Jayden, Shevonne, Angelica
RHM	Phoenix, Kamsy, Daniel, Joanelle, Saoirse
RAG	Xzaieden, Jewel, Amarii, Rose, Ifeonu, Niyal
1RH	Sophia
1HF	Aadav
1ER	Scarlett
2SN	Tudor
2NT	Antonio
2WB	Charlie

CTK Juniors

3KR	Reyan
3GH	Abel
3TP	Constance
4MH	Lucie
4HD	Alexandra
4GO	Marley
5TO	Michelee
5WG	Cuba
5AL	Skye
6SB	Davis
6SF	Gabby S
6LS	Fabian

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	Jared (1ER)
Junior Site	Johanna (3KR)

Congratulations to Jared and Johanna 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!

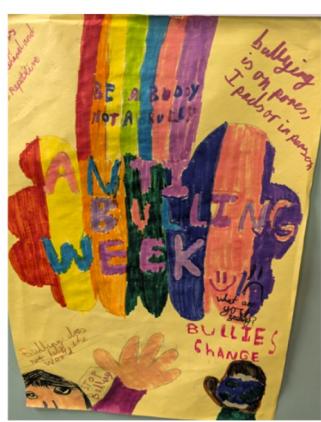
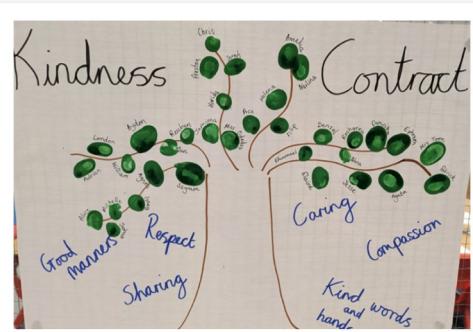
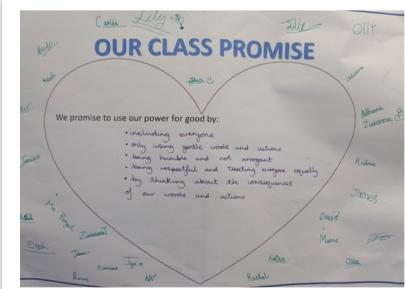


Personal Development

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

This week, we marked Anti-Bullying Week with a special assembly and activities focused on the theme, "Power of Good". On Monday, pupils wore odd socks to celebrate how God has made us brothers and sisters - unique and special. Throughout the week, children designed posters to share positive messages and reflected on how they can use their power for good. Every class created a "Class Promise," signed by all pupils, which is now proudly displayed outside their classroom as a reminder of our commitment to kindness and respect.

Meet our Anti Bullying Ambassadors!





Personal Development

Rocksteady Assembly

This week, Rocksteady brought the excitement of rock and roll to our school with a fantastic assembly! Pupils were treated to live performances featuring electric and bass guitars, drums, and keyboards. They sang along to some great tunes, and a few even had the chance to try out the instruments themselves. It was an inspiring experience that sparked lots of musical enthusiasm across the school!



Year 5 Aspirations Visit

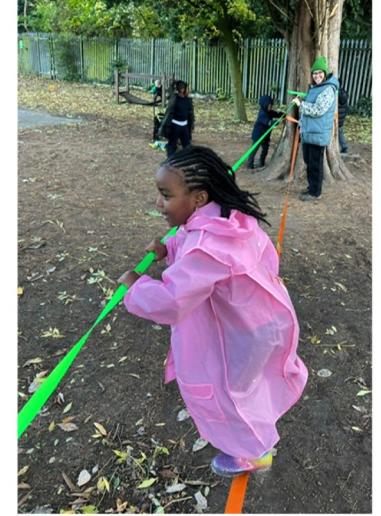
Our children had a wonderful opportunity this week to hear from Paul Wright, a renowned contemporary British painter whose work is exhibited in homes and galleries around the world. Paul shared his journey into painting, speaking about how passion and perseverance have shaped his career. The children asked some fantastic questions, and Paul answered them thoughtfully. If our pupils go on to study Art at GCSE or A Level, they will encounter Paul as one of their artists and they'll be able to say, "We met him in Year 5 at CTK!"





Year 1 Forest School

Year 1RH have had a fantastic time taking part in Forest School this term! The children have explored the wonders of nature by learning about different animal habitats, planting seeds and identifying a variety of trees. They have also enjoyed the challenge of balancing on a slackline and developed their artistic skills through observational drawings and sketches of beautiful autumn leaves. It has been a wonderful opportunity for them to connect with the outdoors and deepen their understanding of the natural world.

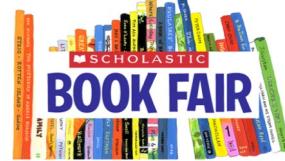


We are delighted that this enriching Forest School experience will be offered to all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 throughout this academic year.



Come to the Book Fair

The Scholastics Book Fair arrived yesterday. It will be held in the library on the Infant Site and in the hall on the Junior Site. A reminder that it will be here until next **Wednesday 19th November** and it will be open before and after school on both sites. Please come and buy a book. Every book you buy will gain a free book for our school which will be put in your child's class or in the school library. Thank you for your continued support.



Online Safety

Please click the following [link](#) which provides information for Parents and Carers about AI – Generated Videos. AI-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and very easy to share. Understanding these dangers is important for families who want to protect their children in a fast-evolving digital world. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

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 Junior Site**.

Advent Coffee Morning at Christ the King

Wednesday 26th November from 8.45am—Infant Site

Would you like to meet other parents for coffee and biscuits? You will also have opportunity to meet the Family Inclusion Team (FIT) to find out more about our role in school and learn how we can support you and your child with their educational, social and emotional wellbeing. Please follow the [link](#) for more information.

Christmas Jumper Appeal

The PTA is kindly asking for donations of Christmas jumpers or festive T-shirts for our upcoming Christmas Fair. Please bring any donations to school by **Thursday, 20th November**. At the Christmas Fair, you'll have the chance to pick up a Christmas jumper for just £1 - great way to recycle and spread festive cheer!



Dates for your Diary

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

Thought for the Week

“I am a Soldier of Christ”

St Martin of Tours

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 2 2025

Thursday 13th Nov - 20th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Infant and Junior Site
Tuesday 18th November	Parents' Association Meeting @18:00 Infant site. All Welcome
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
Saturday 29th November	PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am –2:00pm All Families welcome If you are able to help please contact the school office.
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 Celebrations will be led by the Chaplains.	Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00 Year 5 and 6 Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 14:15 Year 3 and 4 Parents welcome.
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



Term Dates Advent 2 2025 continued...

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
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 14:15 - limited space for parents
Friday 19th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	School reopens