



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to see so many of our children 'Meeting and Greeting' each other around school in the mornings and the afternoons. We set the highest standards of behaviour at Christ the King and this includes teaching our children how to be kind, polite and charming to one another, the staff and visitors to the school. Thank you for all your support with this.

Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children have been learning about the virtue of Patience—waiting and trusting in God at work in our lives. The children have learned that patience helps us to remember that God has a plan, even when things don't happen right away. The children in Year 6 and Year 2 set a mission for the children. Our missions this week:

Infant Mission: Try to listen carefully and wait your turn...be patient! (this could be with friends, in class and at home!)

Junior Mission: When waiting (for lunch, for playtime, for a turn in a game), try to wait calmly and kindly, remembering God teaches us patience

We invite you to talk about patience at home and look for everyday moments to practice this important virtue as a family.

Parish Links

Over the past two weeks, we were delighted to welcome Fr. John Cahill to the Junior Site to lead hymn practice with Key Stage 2. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how singing during Mass helps us to pray with reverence and joy. Fr. John reminded them that by joining our voices together, we show our love for God and praise Him as one parish family. The children sang beautifully and are now excited to share what they have learned in our upcoming school Masses.

Religious Education at CTK

We are excited to share that as of now, our school will begin teaching the new Religious Education Directory, known as the RED. This marks an important and exciting new chapter in how we teach Religious Education. The RED has its own specially designed model curriculum, made up of six branches. Each half-term, we will explore one of these branches in class. Each one focuses on a core theme, helping children to grow in their understanding of key aspects of the Catholic faith — including Revelation, Scripture, life in Christ, and life in the Church. What makes this new approach so special is that it not only helps pupils learn about their faith in a deeper, more meaningful way, but also invites them to reflect on what it means for their own lives. It helps them to see, judge, and act with greater understanding and compassion. We're really looking forward to bringing this new vision for Religious Education into our classrooms.



**Religious
Education
Directory**



Personal Development

At CTK we give the children many opportunities to lead and take responsibility.

We would like to congratulate and welcome the pupils who have applied and been successful to the role of Class Chaplain. The Chaplains will meet as a new team with Mrs Valente and Miss Lawes in the coming weeks. During their time together, children will learn about their roles, shared their aspirations for CTK Chaplaincy this year, and learn how to lead different types of prayer.

This is an important role within our school and I am sure they are going to be inspiring and spiritual leaders who will enhance the Catholic Life of our school.

Meet our Chaplaincy Team

CTK Infants

1HF	Neithal
1RH	Oluwatise
1ER	Grace
2NT	Tracey
2SN	Tudor
2WB	Hanna

CTK Juniors

3GH	Masimba
3TP	Joanna J
3KR	Angelee
4HD	Louie
4GO	Annie
4MH	Annabel
5TO	Ace
5WG	Natasza
5AL	Gabriela
6SF	Ignacy
6SB	Ovwe
6LS	Jayden

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 Gibson, Mrs Hainsworth, Mr Dunn and Mrs Featherstone's class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Hynes and Mrs Stone's Class with 99.0%

3rd Place: Miss Orrill and Miss Hall's class with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.3%. 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.



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

RSL	Sidra, Ayden, Fleur, Evelyn, Manuel, Michelle, Jerome M
RHM	Zaza, Saoirse, Justine, Gideon
RAG	Juris, Grace
1RH	Maya
1HF	Liam
1ER	Jared
2SN	Luis
2NT	Indiana
2WB	Tymeck

CTK Juniors

3KR	Dominic
3GH	Cillian
3TP	Chris
4MH	Olek
4HD	Ansima
4GO	Camden
5TO	Nana
5WG	Idris
5AL	Xavier

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	Dominic (2SN)
Junior Site	Preston (5TO)

Congratulations to the pupils 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!



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
- Visit your child's classroom
- 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

We hope you can join us. Please see the dates and times at the end of the newsletter for your year group.

Be involved with your child's learning in school

Our children really benefit from the wealth of experience available within our school community. Can you help with any of the following?:

Demonstrating a musical instrument

Do you play a musical instrument? If so, perhaps you could introduce it to the children in one of our weekly assemblies. If you are able to help, please contact our Music Lead, Mr Mason, by emailing the office.

Our Aspirations Curriculum

In each year group, our children learn about life in the world of work in different sectors. We would really like you to come and talk to a year group about your job: What do you do each day? Why do you enjoy it? How did you qualify to do your job? Below is a list of the different areas that we look at but if your job doesn't fit one of our areas and you think the children would be interested, please get in touch. Please contact Ms Knight and Mrs Gallagher by emailing the office if you are able to help.

EYFS - the emergency services

Year 1 - food and leisure

Year 2 - healthcare

Year 3 - construction, engineering and manufacturing

Year 4 - travel and tourism

Year 5 - the creative industries/media

Year 6 - legal and financial services

Our History Week (Week Beginning 6th October)

We celebrate the histories of the many countries and cultures that make up our community during 'Our History Week'. If you would be willing to talk to a class about the history of the country and/or culture that you come from, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our history lead, Miss Odedra, by emailing the office.



The CTK Experience

Fire Safety Workshops

Our Year One children enjoyed a fire safety talk this week with our Fire Service. It was a very informative session where children learned a simple safety technique called: Stop, Drop and Roll! This was demonstrated brilliantly by Charlie. All Year One children were asked to learn their home address off by heart in case of an emergency.



Year 3 trip to Bradgate Park

This week, Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Bradgate Park where they learnt all about the Stone Age. They enjoyed a Stone Age trek, discovering a Stone Age settlement and discussing what Stone Age people would need to survive. The children took part in a range of workshops where they analysed Stone Age artefacts, created artwork and learnt survival techniques.





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 \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://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.

Online Safety

Please click the following [link](#) which gives information on what parents need to know about online safety tips for children. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

CTK Open Days for children starting school in September 2026

We will be holding three Open Days for parents with children due to start school in August 2026. Please share this information with friends and family to whom this applies.



Thought for the Week

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things”

St Mother Teresa

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 1 2025

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
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
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



Term Dates Advent 1 2024 continued...

Monday 13th October	EYFS Parents Afternoon 1.15-3.00pm
Tuesday 14th October	EYFS Parents Afternoon 1.15-3.00pm
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
Thursday 16th October	EYFS Parents Afternoon 1.15-3.00pm
Friday 17th October	School finishes for the October Half Term Normal school closure times
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
Thursday 30th October	Inspire Workshops for Year 4 Parents on theme of Rosary @9:00am Junior Site