



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have an exciting three weeks planned to get us into the Christmas spirit! All the Christmas dates have been shared with you via Arbor.

This afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Miss Lawes's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 5AL for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Night Mail' by WH Auden and 'The Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. They finished with a fantastic rendition of Hill-song 'Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)'. Well done, 5AL!

## **Catholic Life and Mission**

This week's Mission assembly focused on the theme of 'Mission'. The children revisited our Mission Statement, explored its meaning and reflected on how they can live it out in their daily school life. As part of the assembly, their mission was to create a poster to illustrate our school Mission Statement. We are looking forward to seeing their wonderful creations displayed around the school.

## **Parish Links**

Thank you to all those families who joined us on Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King at Blessed Sacrament Church. It was a huge success. The children were exceptionally well behaved and read beautifully. We are very proud of them all. Fr John reminded us how we can build the Kingdom of God in our homes and in our school.

## **REMINDER.. Advent Fundraiser - Toys on the Table**

During Advent, we are 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 was sent out to you last week 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**.

## **Infant Advent Celebration of the Word**

Thank you to our Infant school chaplains, and children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, who led a beautiful Celebration of the Word this morning to begin our season of Advent. It was a wonderful way to start the season of Advent. We were reminded of the real reason of Christmas and how Advent is a time of waiting and preparing our hearts for Jesus to come into our world.





## **Menphys Carol Concert**

Next Friday 5th December, 18 of our Year 6 choir will join with our family of schools in the St Thomas Aquinas Mutli-Academy Trust and perform at De Montfort Hall for the Menphys Christmas Carol Concert. Along with St Patrick's Primary School, Christ The King will be performing 'Dear Elizabeth' in front of an audience of 1,500 people. Tickets can be bought directly from the De Montfort Hall website: [WHAT'S ON - De Montfort Hall](#).



Good luck to our incredible children in Year 6 and thank you to Mrs Pickwell and Miss Hynes for preparing and coaching the children.

## **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 Boyd's class with 99.2%

2nd Place: Mrs Williams and Mrs Gallagher's class with 98.9%

3rd Place: Mr Mason's class with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.3%. 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.**

Thank you to all parents who joined us for the maths workshops this week. We hope you found them informative and useful.

The PowerPoint slides have been shared on Arbor if you were unable to attend and can be found [here](#) for Year 3 and 4 and [here](#) for Year 5 and 6.

## **Share your views - Proposed Term-Time Nursery at Christ the King**

We have launched a formal consultation regarding the potential opening of a term-time nursery for children aged 3–4 years at our Infant Site. Please forward any responses or queries electronically to Emma Kealey at [ekealey@aquinas-cmat.org](mailto:ekealey@aquinas-cmat.org) or by mail to St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, Unit 5, Charnwood Edge Business Park, Cossington, LE7 4UZ

We are also inviting parents and carers to share their views through a short feedback form, which will help us assess interest and inform our next steps. Please see the link below: [Expression of Interest: Nursery Provision at Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy – Fill in form](#)



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

RSL	Llewellyn, Neha, Ayden, Frankie, Neriah
RHM	Justin, Lili, Amanda, Ezekiel
RAG	Emily, Celeste, Elijah, Tymon
1RH	Stanislaw
1HF	Jake
1ER	Alvaro
2SN	Kemi
2NT	Barney
2WB	Kartik

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Roel
3GH	Evelyn
3TP	Ludwik
4MH	Kuba
4HD	Emmanuel
4GO	Joed
5TO	Noah
5WG	Jovan
5AL	Elza
6SB	Jordan
6SF	Paris
6LS	Desmond

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	Kojo (2NT)
Junior Site	Charlotte W (5AL)

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

## CTK Experience

### Trip to the Curve Theatre for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enjoy a trip to The Curve Theatre to see 'Aliens Love Panta Claus' with their friends and teachers next week.



### Pantomime Trip for Yr 3-6

We are looking forward to watching 'Dick Whittington' at De Montfort Hall on Wednesday 17th December with our junior children.



## Aspirations, Missions and Futures Curriculum

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children the opportunity to consider how they can use their God-given talents in their future careers and to raise their aspirations for their own futures.

On Tuesday, Year 3 had an exciting visit from Mr Lord, an experienced truck mechanic, and his apprentice, Mr Hall. They brought along a brand-new truck, giving the children a fascinating look at its features and capabilities. The children were amazed at how huge its components were and how loud the horn was! This visit linked to our current DT unit on pneumatics, as they saw how air pressure made the truck move up and down. The children had the opportunity to learn about the role of a mechanic and the inner workings of a vehicle. It sparked lots of curiosity about the world of mechanics!







## **Scholastics Book Fair**

A huge thank you to all of our families who supported the Book Fair. You are always extremely generous and we raised £936.37. We have chosen lots of lovely new books for our reading corners which I am sure the children will enjoy. Congratulations to our raffle prize winners on the Junior Site: Maisey, Cillian and Erin who have won a free book; they are thrilled!



## **Online Safety**

You will find an online safety fact sheet for parents [here](#) and online safety resources for parents and carers [here](#). We hope you find them useful.

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

Thank you for all the cake donations this week. It was much appreciated.

The Christmas Fair will take place tomorrow from 11:00 –14:00 in the Infant hall. We hope you can join us for a lovely festive afternoon! Any help setting up or tidying away would be much appreciated. We will start setting up at 8:30am. There will be delicious food for sale, fun games and the chance to win some great prizes.. Please take this opportunity to gather together as a school community and have some fun.

## **Thought for the Week**

*"Teach up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

*Proverbs 22:6*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Term Dates Advent 2 2025

<b>Saturday 29th November</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am –2:00pm - Infant Site</b> <b>All Families welcome.</b> <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 Santa Claus
<b>Monday 1st December</b>	<b>3KR Cornet Performance 1:30-2:00pm —Junior Site</b>
<b>Monday 1st December</b> <b>Celebrations will be led by the Chaplains.</b>	<b>Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am Year 5 and 6</b> <b>Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 2:15pm Year 3 and 4</b> <b>Parents welcome.</b>
Tuesday 2nd December	Termly Trophy Assemblies
<b>Thursday 4th December</b>	<b>EYFS Inspire Workshop on 'Advent' @9:00am Infant Hall.</b> <b>All parents welcome!</b>
Thursday 4th December	Junior juice, biscuits and crafts sale during morning breaktime. Biscuits: 20p. Juice and Biscuit: 50p. All crafts priced at 50p or £1.
Friday 5th December	Menphys Carol Concert @ 7:15pm
Friday 5th December	EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve Aliens Love Santa Claus
<b>Monday 8th December</b>	<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance 9:15am. Parents welcome.</b>
<b>Monday 8th December</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Carol Concert @ 2:15pm.</b> <b>Parents welcome.</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th December</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Carol Concert @ 9:15am.</b> <b>Parents welcome.</b>
<b>Wednesday 10th December</b>	<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance 1:45 pm. Parents welcome.</b>
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Gift Sale for pupils - £3.00 a gift.
<b>Friday 12th December</b>	<b>5TO Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm.</b> <b>Parents welcome</b>
Monday 8th December	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Junior Site @ 9:00am
<b>Thursday 11th December</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 @ 2:00 –3:00pm</b> <b>*ticketed event*</b>



## Term Dates Advent 2 2025 continued...

Thursday 11th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 @ 2:00 –3:00pm <b>*ticketed event*</b>
Friday 12th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 @ 9:00 –10:00am <b>*ticketed event*</b>
Monday 15th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 @ 9:00 - 10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 @ 2:00 –3:00pm <b>*ticketed events*</b>
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 6 @ 9:00 –10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 4 @ 2:00 –3:00pm <b>*ticketed events*</b>
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 4 @ 9:00 - 10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 6 @ 2:00 – 3:00pm <b>*ticketed events*</b>
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December	Junior Pantomime @ De Montfort Hall for Year 3-6 (am)
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	<b>Infant Christingle CotW 9:00am. Parents welcome.</b> <b>Junior Christingle CotW 2:15pm. Limited space for parents.</b>
Friday 19th December	End of day—school closes at normal time for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	School reopens