



Dear Parents/Carers,

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Featherstone's class, based around the theme of rhythm and rhyme in poetry. A huge thank you to all the pupils in 6SF for their hard work and preparation over the past week.

The children confidently performed 'The Tyger' by William Blake, 'The Dancer' by Karl Nova and a beautiful rendition of 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars. It was a joy to see the children learning these poems and performing with such understanding, clear projection and real enthusiasm.

### **Catholic Life and Mission**

This week, the children have been learning about the virtue of prudence, one of our four Cardinal virtues in the Catholic tradition. They have learned that prudence is about making wise choices based on reason and faith. We looked to St. Joseph as a beautiful example of prudence—he listened carefully to God's guidance, protected the Holy Family and always chose what was right with courage and wisdom. The children in Year 6 and Year 2 set a mission for the children.

Mission: When faced with a difficult decision, think about what Jesus would do.

### **Rosary Club**

The month of **October** is traditionally devoted to the Holy Rosary and we would like to invite the children on the Junior Site to bring in their Rosary beads during this month. The children will have the opportunity to pray a decade of the Rosary **every Thursday lunch-time at 12.40pm** as part of our Rosary Club. We will be exploring the Glorious Mysteries. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your children to actively participate in prayer during this month. On the Infant Site, children will also be sharing a Rosary Club on **Thursday lunch-times at 12.40pm** where they will sing songs, pray the Hail Mary and look at religious art.

### **Harvest**

We will be supporting Braunstone Foodshare for our Harvest project. We are asking the children to bring in one or more dried or tinned food items for Braunstone Foodshare. They do not collect out-of-date foods, damaged foods or fresh produce. Please send your food donations by **Thursday 16th October**. We will also be holding a Harvest Liturgy on both sites on Thursday 16th October. If you are free to join us, you would be very welcome.

### **Parish Links**

#### **First Holy Communion 2026**

Children in Year 3 or above who live in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament and St. Peter's are now eligible to apply to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year. Application forms are available by email from the Parish Office: [holymunion1936@gmail.com](mailto:holymunion1936@gmail.com)



## Inspire Workshop on Creation

On Thursday morning, the children and parents of Year 5 took part in the first Inspire Workshop. The Inspire Workshops are a way of enhancing and developing our understanding of the Catholic Faith, the Catholic Catechism and the foundations of the Church.

Mrs Valente led the Creation Inspire Workshop. The children and parents enthusiastically talked about and interpreted a variety of religious art, discussed the meaning of Creation through Scripture and the Catechism, and finally created their own Creation book marks and miniature models. It was a wonderful faithful morning, and we can not wait for the next year group's Inspire Workshop!



## 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 Hainsworth and Miss Lawes' classes with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Orrill's class with 99.4%

3rd Place: Mrs Gibson's class with 99.3%



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

RSL	Ifeoma, Fejiro, Steve, Shevonne, Jonath
RHM	Phoenix, Kamsy, Joanelle, Regina, Amanda
RAG	Niyal, Oguchukwu, Neriah, Rose
1RH	Amarah
1HF	Jonathan
1ER	Ollie
2SN	Dominic
2NT	Jordan
2WB	Hanna A

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Austin
3GH	Ava
3TP	Callum
4MH	Franek
4HD	Savanna
4GO	Norense
5TO	Helena
5WG	Ameya
5AL	Stephan
6SB	Ola
6LS	Saoirse
6SF	Gabby A

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	Rosa (1HF)
Junior Site	James (6SF)

Congratulations to Rosa and James 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.... 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

### **Rainbow Readers**

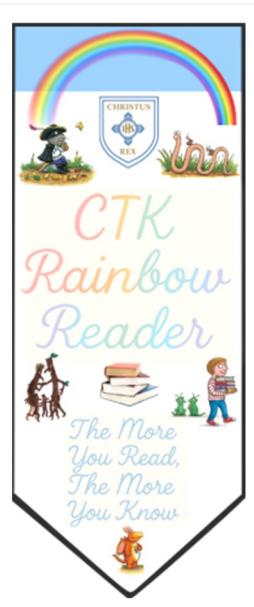
We are very excited to relaunch our famous Rainbow Reader again this year! The aim of our Rainbow Reader incentive is to motivate, encourage and foster a love of reading in all our children.

Each child will be presented with their very own "Rainbow Reader" bookmark, which they will need to keep safe in their reading diary.

If our children read 4 or more times a week and this is recorded in your child's reading diary, they will receive a sticker/stamp in their diary.

Every half term, the children who have read 4 times or more every week will receive a certificate from their Head of School in assembly and the children will be given a special rainbow reader keyring to attach to their bookmark. There are 6 spaces on the bookmark and 6 different colours to collect for each of the half terms.

If your child is able to collect all 6 colours by the end of the school year, they will be invited to a Rainbow Reader disco in Pentecost 2, where they will be provided with a sweet treat and play some party games with their friends!





## The CTK Experience

At Christ the King we plan a sequence of trips as part of the CTK Experience. These directly support the learning in the curriculum and provides a range of experiences that enhance the wider development of our pupils.

### Year 5 visit University of Leicester Botanical Gardens

Year 5 had a great time on Monday at the University of Leicester Botanical Gardens! They learned about a variety of different habitats from ponds and deserts to woodlands. They also enjoyed searching for and identifying mini-beasts and pond dipping!



### Year 2 visit Beaumanor Hall

Year 2 children visited Beaumanor Hall this week as part of their history unit to experience life as a Victorian child. They washed clothes by hand, attended a Victorian school lesson and explored the beautiful grounds of the hall and the surrounding gardens. The children enjoyed dressing up, learning about the strict rules of Victorian classrooms and comparing life in the past with life today. It was a memorable trip that brought history to life in an exciting and hands-on way.





## Notices from Mr T....

### **Girls' Football**

On Monday 29th September, we kicked off another exciting season of KS2 Girls' Football! Much like our boys' team the week before, the girls showed fantastic progress with every game. With only three players returning from last year's successful squad, this season saw plenty of debuts – and our new players rose to the challenge brilliantly. A special mention goes to Pola, who scored a superb hat-trick in a commanding 3–0 win in the final match of the day – an outstanding performance!

It's been a very promising start to the season and we're already looking forward to the next round of fixtures after the half-term break.

### **KS2 Cross Country**

On Thursday 25th September, Mrs Hargrave, Mrs Chomentowska, and Mr T took a team of 25 KS2 children to represent the school at the Leicester City Inspire Together Cross Country competition, held at Victoria Park.

Each race featured around 200 competitors, with separate races for boys and girls across the different age groups. Despite the large and highly competitive fields, our pupils displayed fantastic determination, resilience, and team spirit as they tackled the challenging course.

We are extremely proud of all the children who took part – they gave it their all and represented the school wonderfully throughout the event.





## World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow

We will be marking World Mental Health Day on **Friday 10th October** by inviting the children to come into school **wearing something yellow**. We will also be talking to the children about how we can stay mentally healthy.



Thanking others for their help does wonders for our mental health and we will be encouraging children to end the half term by practising our virtue of gratitude and thanking those that have done things for them.

A handwritten note is best because it encourages the children to think about how others have helped them. We would like to encourage the children to write a thank you notes to someone that they think has helped them during this half term – this may include their friends or an adult in school. The children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher.

## Year 6 children moving to secondary school from August 2026

Online applications for secondary schools are 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.

## Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about Technology Attachment. Children are increasingly forming emotional and habitual attachments to their devices. This guide explores the phenomenon of technology attachment in young people and offers advice on fostering healthier digital habits.

## Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

We have recently updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy in line with statutory guidance. You can find a copy of the policy [here](#).

## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to all those parents who have booked an appointment on Arbor. The online bookings close today. If you have not booked an appointment, we will issue you one and it will appear on the target report that you will receive on Friday 10th October.



## Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our first meeting of the year. The PTA is a very valuable part of the school community and raises money that directly supports the education of your child by subsidising trips for families or buying equipment for the school which is not funded by the government. You do not need any special skills to join the association—just a friendly attitude, a willingness to help and a desire to help our community.

Please consider volunteering some of your time to help with this year's Christmas Fair on **Saturday 29th November** 11-2pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 28th October @18:00 on the Infant Site.

## School Lottery at CTK

In 2020, the CTK PTA set up a School Lottery to help raise funds for the school and make a difference for our children. One player from our school wins a weekly prize and all players have the chance to win £25,000. It's only a £1 a week and the more people who take part, the higher the prizes will be. Please click the link if you are interested in taking part: <http://bit.ly/ctk-pta>

## National Teacher Day!

This week we celebrated National Teacher Day in recognition of our brilliant team of Teachers!

Our children benefit on a daily basis from the love, professionalism and guidance they provide to help them achieve their best.

We are very blessed as a school community to have them and we thank them for their hard work and dedication.

## Thought for the Week

*Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be. "*

St Theresa of Lisieux

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annie Carter'.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Term Dates Advent 1 2025

Week beginning 6th October	<b>Our History Week</b>
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
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 <i>Normal school closure times</i>
Friday 17th October	NON-UNIFORM DAY
Week beginning 20th Oct	School closed for half term
<b>Monday 27th October</b>	<b>School reopens for Advent 2 term</b>
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
Tuesday 28th October	Parents' Association Meeting Infant Site @18:00
Tuesday 28th October	Year 6 trip to Beaumanor Hall



## Term Dates Advent 2 2025 continued...

Thursday 30th October	Inspire Workshops for Year 4 Parents on theme of Rosary @9:00am Junior Site
Thursday 30th October	Open Day for Prospective Parents @ 14:00 Infant Site
Friday 14th Nov - 19th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Infant and Junior Site
Tuesday 18th November	Parents' Association Meeting @18:00 Infant site
<b>Friday 21st November</b>	<b>INSET Day - School Closed</b>
Sunday 23rd November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass Blessed Sacrament 9:30am-children to attend in school uniform
<b>Saturday 29th November</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair 11:00 –14:00 All Families welcome</b> <b>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</b>
Friday 5th December	Memphis Carol Concert (evening)
Monday 8th December	Reception Christmas Carol Concert @14:15
Tuesday 9th December	Reception Carol Concert @ 9:15
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Infant Christmas Parties
Thursday 18th December	PTA Junior Christmas Discos Year 3 and Year 4: 17:00-18:00      Year 5 and Year 6: 18:15-19:15
Friday 19th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	School reopens