

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to The CTK Menphys Choir performing at De Montfort Hall this evening for the Christmas Carol Concert. Good luck to our incredible children in Year 6 and thank you to Mrs Pickwell and Miss Hynes for preparing and coaching them.

This afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Williams and Mrs Gallagher's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 5WG for all their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll and 'A Visit from St Nicholas' by Clement Clarke Moore. They finished with a fantastic rendition of Matt Redman's '10,000 Reasons'. Thank you also to the parents who were able to join us. We are grateful for your continued support.

Catholic Life and Mission

Thank you to our junior school chaplains who led a beautiful celebration of the word this week to begin our season of Advent. It was lovely to hear all the class Advent promises.



Inspire Advent Workshop for Reception

On Thursday morning, Reception took part in their Inspire Workshop. Thank you to all the parents who came to share the morning with us. We had a wonderful time learning about what Advent means, the true meaning of Christmas and exploring the Nativity story through different pieces of art from around the world. The children each made their own star and lantern to remind us of the star at Bethlehem and how we too are to shine brightly in our actions and words. We had a fantastic time and left a lot of glitter behind too!





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 a 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**.

Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and confession as we enter this holy season of Advent.

<http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

[St Peter's & Blessed Sacrament \(westleicesteratholic.org\)](http://westleicesteratholic.org)

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 Featherstone and Mrs Stone's class with 99.3%

2nd Place: Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Bayliss' class with 99.0%

3rd Place: Miss Lawe's class with 98.8%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.6%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

CTK are on Instagram

We are excited to announce that we have created a school Instagram account so we can share all of the amazing learning experiences we provide for our children at CTK with you at home! Please follow us: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy \(@ctkleicester\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

Christmas Post

It's that time of year when children want to send Christmas cards. We have our own post box on both sites. Please can you make sure your child writes the recipient's name and class on the front. **The class and name is important as we have children with the same name in different classes and we want to deliver the cards to the right child.**



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

RSL	Sidra, Fejiro, Anuththara, Steve, Gianna
RHM	Hanvika, Zaza, Aidhan, Jayden, Michael
RAG	Arshnel, Julian, Steve, Eveiana, Elena
1RH	Hannah
1HF	Neithal
1ER	Elizabeth-Anne
2SN	Elizabeth
2NT	Solana
2WB	Rafael

CTK Juniors

3KR	Kabilan
3GH	Nia
3TP	Henry
4MH	Annabel E
4HD	Adam
4GO	Wayne
5TO	Jan
5WG	Mukundi
5AL	Katie
6SB	Alan
6SF	Pola
6LS	Emmanuel

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	Ogechi (1RH)
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Congratulations to Ogechi who received the 'Head of School' Award this week. Mrs Marshall and Mrs Valente nominate one pupil each week for something marvellous they have noticed throughout the week. Well done, Ogechi.

CTK Experience

Performance, Culture and Creativity

Part of the CTK experience is providing all children with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Children in Year 3 have the opportunity to learn the cornet. 3KR had a wonderful time performing the cornet in front of their family and friends this week. They put their skills to the test and performed three different musical pieces containing a variety of musical notes. The children have really enjoyed the cornet lessons, and we hope these sessions have inspired a lasting love of music and a passion for playing an instrument.



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

What a lot of excitement there was on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! All of the children on the Infant Site went to see 'Aliens love Panta Claus' at the Curve Theatre and it was a huge success. Not only did the children have lots of fun, but for some of them, this was their first trip to the theatre!

Sporting Opportunities - Notices from Mr T...

Last Thursday, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Roper, and Mr T accompanied 20 Year 2 pupils to Braunstone Frith Primary School for an Inspire Together sports event. The purpose of the event was to give our Key Stage 1 children the chance to experience a sporting activity beyond the school grounds and to develop their social skills by interacting and competing alongside pupils from other local schools. The children enjoyed a range of fun activities including dancing, bowling and 'The Floor is Lava' game. They represented our school brilliantly, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 2!



REMINDER ...Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in *September 2026*, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, please apply directly to the school **and** complete the Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of *Thursday 15 January 2026*. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#).

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about **TikTok**. We are aware that many children have access to this app via their phones/tablets. TikTok's age requirement is *13 years old*. CTK does not advise the use of TikTok by children.

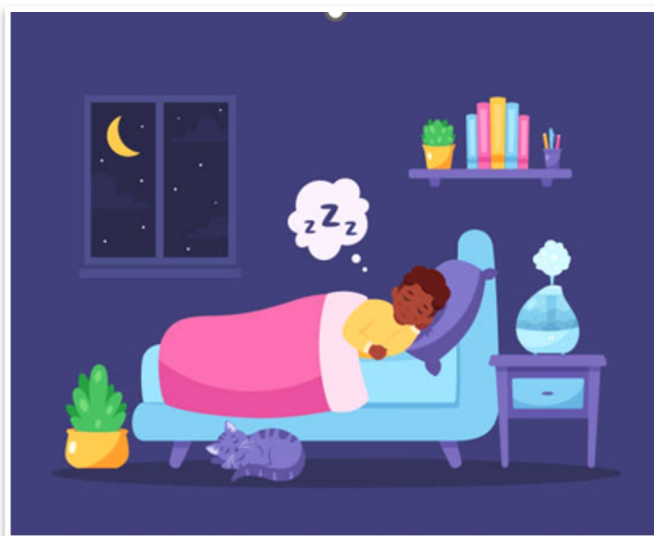
Wellbeing Top Tip for December

During the Winter months, and especially as the excitement of Christmas builds, it becomes so vital for the whole family's wellbeing to get enough good quality sleep.

According to the NHS, children aged 3-5 years should get between 10 and 13 hours of sleep each night and children aged between 6 and 13 years should get 9-12 hours in order to feel rested and restored.

Here are some tips to help prepare for a restful night's sleep.

- ♦ Try to begin the bedtime routine early so your child has time to calm their minds before they sleep.
- ♦ Switch off all screens at least 2 hours before your child goes to bed.
- ♦ Enjoy a warm drink and a story together.
- ♦ Say a prayer as a family and use dim lighting to signal to the brain that it is time to rest.





Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

I would like to thank our wonderful Parents' Association who hosted our Christmas Fair last Saturday. We are very grateful for their hard work and the sacrifices they make for the school. Children and families from CTK came together for a wonderful afternoon of festive fun. The money raised will be put back into the school for the benefit of our children. We will share the total amount raised next week and what we hope to buy for the children. Thank you to all those families who attended and supported through providing donations.

Join the School Lottery at CTK

The CTK Parents' Association 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>

Thought for the Week

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
Matthew 24:44

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 2 2025

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	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	School reopens