



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is always a busy time of year and this week has been no exception! Lots is happening with performances, trips to the theatre and practise for our Christmas Carol Concerts!

This afternoon, we enjoyed a delightful poetry recital performed by Miss Odedra's class. Thank you to all the pupils in 5TO for their enthusiasm and dedicated preparation over the past few weeks. The children shared a thoughtful performance of *Leisure* by W H Davies followed by an entertaining take on Michael Rosen's *Chocolate Cake*. They concluded with an uplifting rendition of the hymn *My Lighthouse*. Well done, 5TO!

Catholic Life and Mission

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Monday, Father John visited the Junior Site to share Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with our children. It was a beautiful and peaceful time of prayer and reflection. Moments like this are especially important during Advent as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. We are very grateful to Father for leading this special time of worship with our school community.

Menphys Catholic Schools Carol Concert

Last Friday, 18 of our Year 6 pupils performed in the Catholic School's Carol Concert in aid of Menphys, a local charity that supports children and their families with additional needs. The children represented the school brilliantly and we received many comments about how enthusiastically they performed. Thank you to Mrs Pickwell and Miss Hynes for preparing the children so well during choir practices in the months leading up to the concert, and to Mr Dunn who also came to support the children on Friday evening.



It truly was a joy to see all the schools come together and share such a uplifting and festive celebration.

Faith in Action

Visiting Dane View Care Home

On Thursday, Mrs Pickwell's class visited Dane View Care Home to complete their Advent promise of bringing joy to our local community. They filled their main hall with joy as they sang Christmas carols. Our year 6 choir joined 3TP to perform some of the songs that they had been learning for the Menphys concert, including *Dear Elizabeth*. The Year 3 children also completed their mission by making Christmas cards to bring joy to the residents this Advent. Well done to everyone involved!



Toys on the Table

In keeping with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching our school community seeks to care for those who are vulnerable and to share what we have, especially during Advent. Thank you to everyone who supported our Toys on the Table appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to children who might otherwise receive very little this Christmas. It has been wonderful to see the thoughtful gifts donated and we are grateful for the kindness shown by our school community during this Advent season.



Supporting the Poppy Appeal

We would also like to thank all our families for their generous support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The school has recently received certificates from the charity and we are delighted to share that the Junior site raised £313.20 and the Infant site raised £204.45 giving a whole school total of £517.65. Thank you to everyone who purchased an item and to our office teams on both sites for their hard work in selling the poppies. Your kindness helps us to honour the memory of those who lost their lives and to continue praying and working for peace in our world.

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 during this holy season of Advent.

<http://motherofgodeicester.co.uk>

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

Year 1 Nativity

Over the past 6 weeks, Year 1 have been rehearsing for the Christmas Nativity Play. This week they performed in front of all their families. They did amazingly well and should be proud of their singing and acting. Thank you to all the family members and friends who came to support them. We are also grateful to the Year 1 team for their hard work in preparing the children and creating such a lovely



Reception Carol Concert

Our Reception children delighted us all with their beautiful carol concerts earlier this week. They sang a range of much loved Christmas songs including classics such as Jingle Bells and their joyful performances certainly helped to bring the Christmas spirit to our school. As our youngest pupils they performed to a wonderfully high standard showing great confidence and enthusiasm. We are very proud of them. Thank you to the Reception staff for preparing the children so well and to all the families who came to share these special moments with us.

Christmas Trees!

A big thank you to Aidan, Store Manager at Lidl on Fosse Road, for donating a Christmas tree to both of our sites. They look wonderful!

CTK Trophy Assemblies

At Christ the King we live out our motto *Believe and Achieve* by recognising and celebrating the many strengths of our pupils. Each term trophies are awarded in four categories: kindness, sportsmanship, endeavour and creativity. We are proud of every child at CTK and we offer our warmest congratulations to those who received trophies in this week's assemblies. Well done, children.

CTK Trophies	Infants	Juniors
Kindness	Gideon (RHM)	Kidston (3GH)
Sportsmanship	Rithul (2WB)	Noah M (5AL)
Endeavour	Evelyn (RSL)	Erin (6LS)
Creativity	Evangel (1ER)	Alice (5TO)





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

RSL	Matteo, Roohan, Shevonne, Jayden, Llewellyn
RHM	Neriah, Esther, Nima, Ife, Aidhan
RAG	Joseph, Ifeonu, Jewel, Jeremy, Grace
1RH	Bartosz
1HF	Rosa
1ER	Adonai
2SN	Victoria
2NT	Joseph
2WB	Chinex

CTK Juniors

3KR	Henos
3GH	Yakub
3TP	Paris
4MH	Krzysztof
4HD	Dominika
4GO	Freya
5TO	Whole Class
5WG	Har-Roop
5AL	Owen
6SB	Lily-Mae
6SF	Leon
6LS	Liam

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!

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.

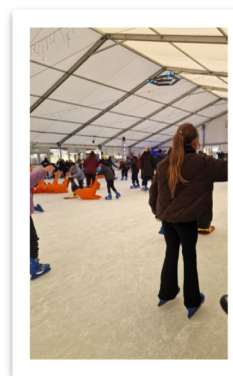
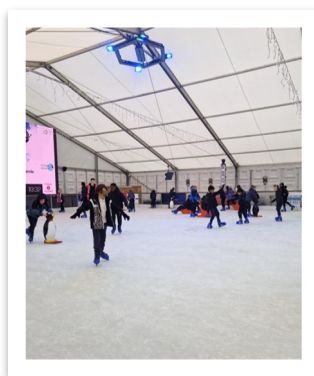
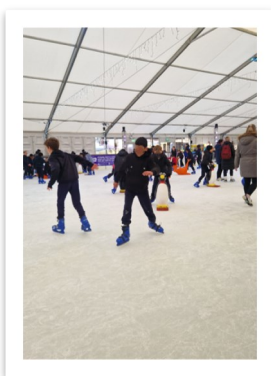


CTK Experience

Year 5 Ice Skating Trip

On Thursday, our Year 5 pupils took part in this year's Going for Gold mission. We were thrilled to take all three classes to the Leicester Ice Rink, where the children enjoyed an unforgettable 45-minute skating session! There was plenty of laughter and some truly impressive skating on show. Earlier in the week in PE, we had explored the skills needed to become confident ice skaters, and many of the children shared that they had never been on the ice before. So, to see everyone fully embracing this new challenge was fantastic and by the end of the session, the confidence of all the children had grown so much!

As always, our CTK superstars represented our school brilliantly, with Ice Skate staff commenting how fantastically well-behaved our children were once again. Well done Year 5!



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.**

The Virtue of Gratitude

With just one week left of this half term, we would like to encourage our children to practise the virtue of gratitude by writing a thank you note to someone who has helped them over the past 7 weeks. This might be a friend or an adult who has supported them. Thank you note templates are available from class teachers. It would be a lovely way to end the half term to see lots of thank you messages being shared. Please encourage your child to take part.





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

We have been made aware of a number of issues this week involving the app Discord and children finding it difficult to navigate the platform appropriately. Please click the [link](#) for advice and information for parents and carers about Discord. We are aware that many children have access to this app on their phones or tablets. Discord's age requirement is 13 years old and CTK does not advise the use of Discord by children. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our pupils safe online.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

A big thank you to our Parents' Association for their ongoing hard work and support. We are especially grateful for their organisation of the children's parties on the Infant site next week and the Junior site discos taking place next Thursday. The Year 3 and 4 disco will run from 17:00 to 18:00 and the Year 5 and 6 disco from 18:15 to 19:15. Tickets are available to purchase on Arbor. Helpers are needed on the night, so please let the office know if you are able to offer your support.

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

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" *Mark 1:3*

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Term Dates Advent 2 2025

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