

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a very successful first half term, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone in our school community. Your continued support helps make Christ the King a joyful, Faith-filled, and thriving place of learning for our wonderful children.

## **Catholic Life and Mission**

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our weekly Word assemblies on the theme of Inclusion. The children reflected on how we are made in the image of God and how we are called to treat others with respect, kindness, and understanding. Year 2 set the mission to *include someone new* in your conversation or game, while Year 6 challenged everyone to *actively include* someone who may be left out or someone you don't normally play with.

## **Harvest Celebration of the Word**

Our new chaplaincy teams led their first Celebration of the word today to celebrate Harvest. They were wonderful, joyous occasions and gave us an opportunity to thank God for all that we have. Thank you to all those who joined us and to Mrs Valente and Miss Lawes for supporting and training our incredible children.

Thank you also for all your donations for Braunstone Foodshare. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and it is wonderful that we can share the harvest with our brothers and sisters in the local community.



## **Our Lady of Walsingham**

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We were honoured this week to receive the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham which has been travelling to many different Catholic institutions around the UK. Mrs Abraham, one of our parents, brought the statue to our school this week and we prayed a decade of the rosary together. It was a beautiful, prayerful experience and the children enjoyed learning about the Shrine Of Our Lady of Walsingham.

A particular thank you to Evelyn and Agnes and their family for providing this spiritual opportunity for our children.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

RSL	Jerome P, Llewellyn, Angelica, Matteo, Anuththara
RHM	Ife, Esther, Hanvika, Jayden, Maichael
RAG	Esther, Julian,
1RH	Connelle
1HF	Ese
1ER	Adonai
2SN	Nathan
2NT	Elvira
2WB	Dominik

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Erin
3GH	Samara
3TP	Sia
4MH	Adela
4HD	Ansima
4GO	Amelia
5TO	Adrian
5WG	Enhle
5AL	Noah
6SB	Zuzanna B
6SF	Miva
6LS	Zofia

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	Solana (2NT)
Junior Site	Masimba (3GH)

Congratulations to Solana and Masimba 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!



## **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 Pickwell, Miss Hynes and Miss Orrill's class with 100%

2nd Place: Mrs Russell's Class with 99.7%

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

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 93.2% due to illness. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

## **Early Reading Parent Workshop**

We would like to invite all our parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to an Early Reading session on *Wednesday 29th October @9:00am* in the Infant hall. You will find out how we teach our children to read, learn about the national phonics screening check in Year 1 and we will share some helpful advice to support your child to be a confident and fluent reader. We hope that you can join us.

## **Year 6 SATs Information Meeting**

We will be hosting an information session for our Year 6 parents about the SAT tests the children will complete in May 2026 on *Wednesday 29th October @ 14:30*. The session will explain the tests in detail, show examples of the types of question the children will face and give you the opportunity to ask questions. The Year 6 meeting will take place in the Junior Hall. All Year 6 parents are welcome.

## **Parents Evening**

Thank you to all those parents who joined us this week for parents evening. We hope you found it informative and you could see the great progress of our children. Our next parents evening will be held in February. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, you do not need to wait for the next Parents Evening, simply see your child's teacher at the end of the day and they will be happy to arrange a meeting with you. Alternatively, you can call the main office to arrange a meeting.

## **Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2025-2026**

Application forms are now available for baptised year 3 children or older, to enrol in our parishes First Holy Communion Programme, at the back of church. Please fill in the forms and return them by 25th October at the latest, in a sealed envelope to the box or hand them to Father Hans directly. Thank you.



## **REMINDER...Year 6 children moving to secondary school August 2026**

Year 6 parents are reminded that **Friday 31st October** is the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for your child. If you are applying to English Martyrs a supplementary form must also be submitted.

If you miss the deadline, you lose the right to choose a school and will be allocated a school where there are places. This process is not managed by Christ the King and all enquiries should be directed to admissions at Leicester City Council.

More information can be found here: [Starting secondary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://leicester.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school/)

## **Online Safety**

Please click the [link](#) which provides information for parents and carers about Memes.

## **Half Term Discounts**

The Trust have put together an information sheet which you may find useful. It lists discounts and freebies which apply over the half term break.

A version with clickable links can be found [here](#).

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

The PA are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November between 11am-2pm and they are organising Christmas parties and discos for our children. If you can support or help with the preparations of either event, then come along to the *next meeting on Tuesday 28th October at 6.00pm on the Infant Site*.

## **Dates for your Diary**

A reminder that CTK will be closed on **Friday 21st November** for staff training.

## **Thought for the Week**

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

Saint Teresa of Avila

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



## Term Dates Advent 2 2025

<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 @ 2:00pm—Junior Site Parents Welcome
Tuesday 28th October	Parents' Association Meeting Infant Site @ 6:00pm
Tuesday 28th October	Year 6 trip to Beaumanor Hall
Tuesday 28th October	School Photos - <b>Infant site</b> (Siblings who are on different sites can have their photo taken together at 3:30pm on the Infant Site)
Wednesday 29th October	Year 6 Parent Information session on Key Stage 2 SATs @ 2:30pm - Junior Site
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 @ 2:00pm- Infant Site
Tuesday 4th November	School Photos - <b>Junior site</b>
Thursday 6th November	Early Reading Workshop for Reception and KS1 parents @ 9:00am—Infant School Hall. All parents welcome
Friday 7th November	2NT Class Poetry Recital—Infant Site @ 9:00am
Week Beg 10th November	Anti-Bullying Week: POWER FOR GOOD
Wednesday 12th November	<b>Chaplaincy team Remembrance Celebration of the word - Parents Welcome</b> <b>9:00 am Infants 2:15pm Junior</b>
Wednesday 12th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents @ 9:15am Infant Site
Thursday 13th November	Year 2 Parent Workshop @9:00am—Infant School Hall. All Year 2 parents welcome
Friday 14th November	2SN Class Poetry Recital—Infant Site @ 9:00am Parents Welcome
Friday 14th Nov - 19th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Infant and Junior Site



## Term Dates Advent 2 2025 continued...

Tuesday 18th November	Parents' Association Meeting @18:00 Infant site
Wednesday 19th November	Year 3/4 Maths Parents Workshop @ 1:45pm
Thursday 20th November	2WB Class Poetry Recital—Infant Site @ 9:00am Parents Welcome
<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
Monday 24th November	Year 5/6 Maths Parents Workshop @ 1:45pm
Friday 28th November	Infant Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am
Friday 28th November	5AL Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
<b>Saturday 29th November</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fair 11:00am –2:00pm All Families welcome</b> <b><i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i></b>
Wed 3rd and Thurs 4th December	Year 1 & Year 2 trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve: Aliens Love Panta Claus
Monday 1st December	3KR Cornet Performance 13:30-14:00—Junjor Site
Monday 1st December	Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am
Thursday 4th December	EYFS Inspire Workshop on 'Advent' @9:00am Infant Hall. All parents welcome!
Friday 5th December	Menphys Carol Concert (evening)
Friday 5th December	EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve Aliens Love Panta Claus
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



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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 20th December	<b>Infant Christingle CotW 9:00am—parents welcome</b> <b>Junior Christingle CotW 2:15pm —parents welcome</b>
Friday 19th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	School reopens