



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our children, parents, staff, and governors for their hard work and commitment to our school. It is a privilege to work with such supportive and caring families.

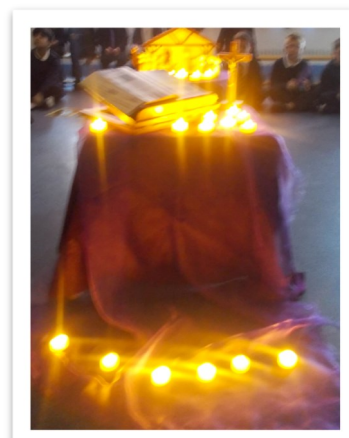
This has been a successful term, and we are very proud of the excellent work and exemplary behaviour shown by the children at CTK. They never cease to amaze us with their talent, knowledge, and kindness towards one another.

We look forward to continuing to nurture and inspire them in 2026 so they can truly "*Believe and Achieve!*"

## **Our Catholic Mission**

### **Christingle Celebration of the Word**

We always look forward to the Christingle celebration on the last day of the Advent term. A huge thank you to our Year 2 children, and the Junior Chaplains children and the adults who worked with them to plan and lead such a prayerful service. It was a beautiful candlelit celebration and a perfect way to end the term in preparation for Christmas.



## **Parish Links**

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's and Mother of God Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and other notices for the festive period. Christmas is a time for families and I would encourage you to join your parish family during the Season of Advent to connect, or perhaps to reconnect, with fellow parishioners who make up the family of our parishes, of our diocese, and indeed who make up the family of the Church, the Body of Christ.

<https://www.westleicestercatholic.org/>

<http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk/>



## **The CTK Experience**

### **Performance, Culture and Creativity**

Part of the CTK Experience is providing our children with the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and to develop their individual talents.

The Junior children enjoyed learning new carols and the opportunity to perform them to their families this week. Thank you to the children for singing so beautifully and to all the families who attended. We hope you have enjoyed them. The children have certainly filled us with Christmas spirit this week and we are very proud of each and every one of them. A huge thank you to the CTK team who have worked hard to support the children.

### **Junior Pantomime Trip**

What an exciting day we had on Tuesday! All the children from our Junior Site enjoyed a fantastic trip to De Montfort Hall to watch *Dick Whittington*. The performance was a huge hit-full of laughter, music, and fun! For many of our pupils, this was their very first visit to the theatre, making it an extra special experience they will never forget.

### **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.

### **Year 1's Farming Experience**

Last Friday, Year 1 enjoyed an exciting visit from Emily, a local farmer. She gave the children a fascinating insight into life on the farm, sharing amazing photos and videos of her 500 dairy cows. The children learned how Emily works alongside her husband and six team members to milk the cows every day and discovered that one cow can produce up to 48 litres of milk daily! Emily explained how her cows supply milk, milkshakes, cheese and yoghurt to companies including Müller. Our pupils asked lots of thoughtful questions and the session sparked real curiosity about the world of farming!



## The CTK Experience continued...

### **Aspirations, Missions and Futures Curriculum**

#### **Dr Mak-Knight, a medical research Scientist visits Year 2**

This week, Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Dr. Mak-Knight, a medical research scientist and a former pupils of Christ the King! She shared fascinating insights about her work in both the laboratory and the hospital. The children learned what cells are and discovered that our bodies contain over 30 trillion of them! Dr. Mak-Knight explained how scientists collaborate with doctors to develop new medicines and inventions that help people recover. The children asked some brilliant thought-provoking questions.

If you work in the healthcare sector and would like to inspire our Year 2 pupils by sharing your job, please speak to one of the Year 2 teachers.

### **Punctuality and Attendance Snapshot**

On the last Friday of every half term we will email the attendance and punctuality for every pupil via Arbor. This will enable all parents to have a snapshot of their child's attendance and punctuality compared to the school's average. We hope this will further improve attendance rates at CTK. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### **Christmas Rainbow Reader Bingo Competition**

To inspire our children to continue reading over the festive period, we are holding a Rainbow Reader Bingo competition just for the Christmas holidays. The children have been given 9 Christmas reading challenges to complete. Every child who returns a completed Bingo card by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January will be awarded with a certificate, given 20 house points and entered into a prize draw for the chance to win some new books!

 <p>Read a non-fiction book about something that interests you.</p>	 <p>Take a visit to a local library.</p>	 <p>Re-read a favourite story.</p>
 <p>Read a Christmas Story.</p>	 <p>Read a Christmas poem.</p>	 <p>Read a comic/newspaper.</p>
 <p>Read a story to someone in your family.</p>	 <p>No Device Day – ONLY BOOKS!</p>	 <p>Share a book with a friend.</p>



## **REMINDER ...Primary School Applications.**

If you have a child who is due to start school in *September 2026*, applications are 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 16 January 2026*. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#).

## **Christmas Dinner Day**

Our kitchen staff cooked up a festive feast for us on Tuesday! Thank you, Bridget, Helen, Jose and Nicola on the Junior Site and Candice, Lisa and Sally on the Infant Site.

The children thoroughly enjoyed Christmas dinner with their friends whilst listening to some Christmas music. There were smiles everywhere!

Thank you also to the staff and lunchtime supervisors who helped during the mammoth two hour lunchtime.





## Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

I would like to thank our fantastic Parents' Association for hosting the Christmas discos this week. They were a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! I would also like to thank them for arranging a special visit from Father Christmas this week, where chocolate treats were delivered to each and every child at Christ the King! We are very lucky to have some very dedicated parents who are willing to sacrifice their time to create these special memories for our children.

## Online Safety

This week our update provides tips and advice for parents about how to keep your children safe online. Please click [here](#). We hope you find it useful.

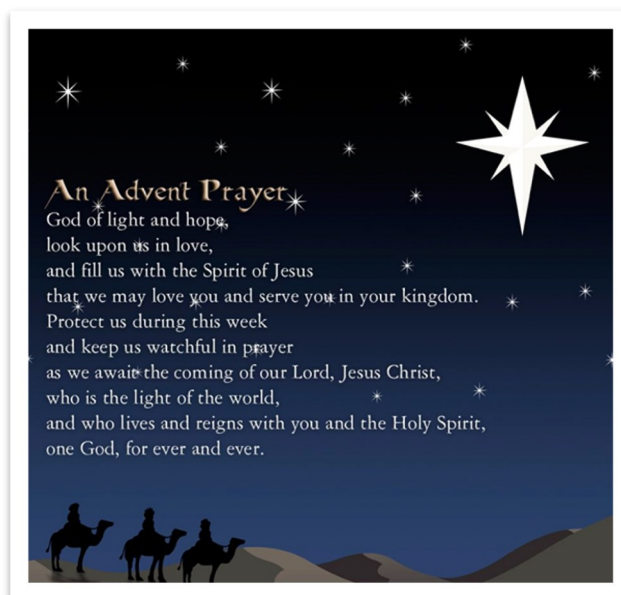
## Supporting Our Families

We know that Christmas can be an expensive time. The CMAT have put together some information which may help keep costs down. This can be found [here](#).

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at CTK, we wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas with your families. School will re-open at the normal time on **Monday 5th January 2026**.

God bless,

Mrs Annie Carter and the CTK Team





## Dates for the Lent Term 2026

<b>Monday 5th January</b>	<b>School reopens for the Lent 1 Term</b>
<b>Monday 5th January</b>	Epiphany Mass at Mother of God Year 3, 4 and 5 leading Mass @ 1:30pm
<b>Tuesday 6th January</b>	Year 2 attending Mass @ 10:00am
<b>Wednesday 14th January</b>	<b>EYFS Expectations Parent Meeting @ 9:00 –9:30am Infant Hall. All parents in EYFS welcome</b>
<b>Thursday 15th January</b>	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check Parent Workshop— Junior Site @ 2:30pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 21st January</b>	<b>Inspire Workshops for Year 1 Parents on theme of Angels Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd— Friday 23rd January</b>	<b>Year 4 Residential to Beaumanor Hall</b>
<b>Friday 23rd January</b>	<b>1RH Poetry Recital - Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th January</b>	Year 6 Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
<b>Wednesday 28th January</b>	Reception Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
Wednesday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day
Thursday 29th January	Year 2 African Drumming Workshop
<b>Friday 30th January</b>	<b>1HF Poetry Recital - Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th February</b>	<b>Parent Workshop: Using Knowledge Organisers Effectively - Infant Site @ 8:50am.</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Friday 6th February</b>	<b>Inspire Workshops for Year 6 Parents on theme of Saints Infant Site @9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Friday 6th February</b>	<b>NSPCC Number Day 2026 - children to wear clothing with numbers on</b>
<b>Friday 6th February</b>	<b>1ER Poetry Recital - Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Friday 6th February	Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening



## Dates for the Lent Term 2026

Monday 9th - Friday 13th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10th February	Year 3 trip to King Richard III Visitor Centre
<b>Tuesday 10th February</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3:10pm—7:00pm (Junior Site)</b> <b>Parents' Evening 3:30pm—7:00pm (Infant Site)</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th February</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3:10pm—5:00pm (Junior Site)</b> <b>Parents' Evening 3:30pm—5:00pm (Infant Site)</b>
<b>Friday 13th February</b>	<b>Lent Celebrations of the Word:</b> <b>Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Junior Site @ 2:15pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Friday 13th February</b>	<b>School closes for February half term</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	<b>School reopens for Lent 2 Term</b>
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	<b>3GH Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Monday 2nd March</b>	<b>Year 1 and Year 5 Joint Mass - Junior Site @ 2:00pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
<b>Friday 6th March</b>	<b>3TP Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th March</b>	<b>Mothers' Day Crafts for Reception - Infant Site @ 1:45pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Thursday 12th March	Mothers' Day Gift Sale
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>	<b>FIT Coffee Morning - Infant Site @ 9:00am TBC</b>
<b>Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March</b>	<b>Year 6 trips to De Montfort University</b>



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<b>Friday 20th March</b>	<b>3KR Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Friday 20th —Saturday 21st March	Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover in school
<b>Tuesday 24th March</b>	<b>Year 4 Easter Performance - Junior Site @ 2:00pm TBC</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome *ticketed event*</b>
<b>Wednesday 25th March</b>	<b>Year 4 Easter Performance—Junior Site @ 9:00am TBC</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome *ticketed event*</b>
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	<b>Holy Week Celebrations of the Word TBC</b> <b>Infant Site @ 9:00am</b> <b>Junior Site @ 2:15pm</b>
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	Children return to school