



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy week in school as we marked Children's Mental Health Week, enjoyed a Year 3 trip to the King Richard III Visitor Centre, celebrated success in the Basketball Finals and gathered together for our Lent Celebration of the Word.

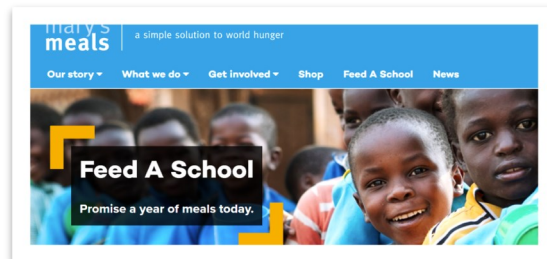
## **Our Catholic Mission**

### **Lent at CKT**

This week we turn our attention to the start of Lent. Our school chaplains prepared and led our Lent Celebrations of the Word. They reminded us of the ways we can grow closer to God during this season through prayer, fasting and giving to charity.

Our school will be fundraising for Mary's Meals during Lent. Each class will be organising their own fundraising event next half term as part of our almsgiving. All of the money from these fundraising activities will go to support the work of Mary's Meals who provide life-changing daily school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. It would be wonderful if you could support us this Lent.

Year 3 will be having a sponsored sleepover in our school hall to raise money for Lent. Further details will be sent to all families after half term via Arbor.



### **Parish Links**

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's Parish and Mother of God RC Church. The parish websites contain information about Mass times, confession and Stations of the Cross as we enter this holy season of Lent.

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

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

On Friday 6th March at 18:30, Blessed Sacrament Church will be hosting this year's World Day of Prayer service, prepared by the women of Nigeria and celebrated in communities all around the globe. Families are warmly invited to join this special moment of shared reflection and unity, as people worldwide come together to pray for peace, justice, and hope. All are welcome.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

R-AG	Elena, Elijah, Julian, Gurnoor, Joseph
R-HM	Bogdan, Ikemba, Nima, Ayda, Justin
R-SL	Angelica, Anuththara, Manuel, Matteo
1HF	Jaziel
1RH	Wayne
1ER	Tabitha
2WB	Viktor
2NT	Jayden
2SN	David

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Ozo
3GH	Mylan
3TP	Logan
4HD	Isabelle
4MH	Jameson
4GO	Jasmine
5WG	Lena
5TO	Joshua
5AL	Maya
6SB	Noah
6LS	Alethia
6SF	Zachary

## Lunchtime Awards



I am delighted to report that hundreds of pom poms have been awarded to our children this week for excellent behaviour.

Well done to all our children who have received the 'Lunchtime Award' this week. Each lunchtime teacher nominates one pupil each week for showing our school values and following our school rules at lunchtime.

### CTK Infants

Celeste (RAG)	Cassie (RHM)	Sophia (1RH)	Jake (1HF)
Arielle (2NT)	Janelle (2SN)	Viktor (2WB)	

### CTK Juniors

Mylan (3GH)	Logan (3TP)	Abel (3GH)	Patrick (5TO)
Noah (5AL)	John (6LS)	Caolan (6SB)	Shemi (4MH)



## Head of School Awards

Junior Site	Zofia (6LS)
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Congratulations to Zofia who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Boyd.

### **Attendance**

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

**1st place: Miss Nokes' and Mrs Stone's Class with 99.3%**

**2nd Place: Mr s Gibson's with 99.0%**

**3rd Place: Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Bayliss' with 98.7%**

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.2%. Well done, everyone! Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Here is some [advice](#) from the NHS on whether you should send your child to school when they feel ill.

### **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.

### **Safer Internet Day**

This week we marked Safer Internet Day by exploring how children can use the online world safely and responsibly, especially as new AI technologies become part of everyday life. Pupils learned how tools like chatbots and image generators work, why it is important to think critically about the information they produce and how to protect their personal information online. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, helping children make thoughtful and safe choices as they navigate an ever-changing digital world.

**We are inviting all parents and carers to complete a short E-Safety Survey, which will help us understand how we can best support families in keeping children safe online. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will guide future workshops, resources, and teaching in school. A link to the survey is included below, and we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your views. [E-safety Parent Survey – Fill in form](#)**

## CTK Experience

### Year 3 Visit King Richard III Centre

This week, Year 3 visited the Richard III Visitors Centre and the Leicester Guildhall to complete their local history topic on Richard III. They visited the place where King Richard was discovered and learnt more about his life as well as his discovery in order to consolidate their learning. Our favourite parts were finding out about the archaeological dig and debating about whether he was a good or a bad king!



## Basketball Competition

On Wednesday, Mrs Amoroso and Mr T took our basketball finalists to English Martyrs to continue their quest to be crowned champions — and what a fantastic afternoon it was!

The team played a total of five matches, winning four and losing just one. Throughout the competition they showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. One of the standout moments came when they found themselves behind at half-time but worked brilliantly together to turn the game around and secure an impressive comeback victory.

Overall, we finished runners up in the competition.

We are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and positive attitude shown by all our players. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of their achievements.



## The CTK Experience

### Missions, Vocations and Futures.

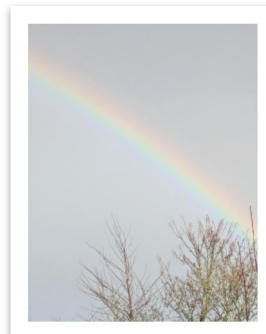
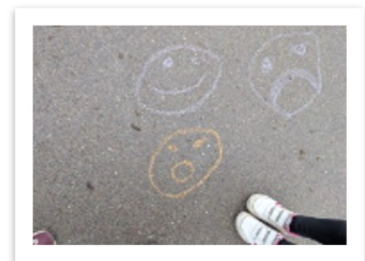
#### Year 6 Aspiration Visit

Part of the CTK Experience is to encourage the children to think about their future and how they can use their God-given gifts.

This week, Year 6 enjoyed a special visit from David Bedenham KC, a highly respected barrister. He spoke to the pupils about the judicial system and shared his experiences of working as a barrister in the Supreme Court. His engaging presentation gave children a valuable insight into court processes and the field of law more broadly. The pupils asked many thoughtful questions and we are extremely grateful to David for giving his time so generously and for inspiring our young learners.

#### Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we marked Mental Health Week in school with a focus on helping children understand the importance of looking after their wellbeing. This year's theme, "This is my place," helped pupils explore what it means to feel safe, valued and connected in the spaces around them. Throughout the week, pupils took part in simple activities designed to promote confidence, resilience and positive relationships. A huge thank you to Mrs Hansrani, our Learning Mentor, for organising all of the activities that have taken place this week. We really appreciate all of the time and effort that has gone into making this so special for the children.





## **Online Safety**

Please see [here](#) for a one-page information sheet for parents/carers about how to keep your child safe on electronic devices.

## **Parking and Respect for our Neighbours**

We received a complaint this week from a very distressed neighbour and parent regarding dangerous parking. As a Catholic community, we are called to demonstrate love and respect for our neighbours. I therefore ask that ALL parents respect our neighbours and avoid parking on driveways, double yellow lines or on the zig-zag lines outside of the school. Inconsiderate parking is a danger to our children. I believe that our neighbours have informed the police and the council and tickets may be issued if cars are parked illegally. Please help us to keep all members of our school community safe.

## **RE Survey for PArnts**

We are always trying to improve every aspect of school life in partnership with our parents so that we can provide our children with the very best Catholic education. To support us with this, we have created a short parent questionnaire for you to complete. You can access this here: [RE at Christ the King - Parents' Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)

The information we gather will provide us with a focus for school improvement so please take the time to share your thoughts and views. Please could you complete the survey by **Friday 13th March 2026**. We will collate the results and report the findings in our weekly newsletter.

## **February Half term – Family Information Sheet**

A family information sheet for the February half term has been prepared and can be found [here](#). This details free, or very low-cost, activities in and around Leicestershire and places to eat where food is free/discounted for children. We hope you find it useful.

## **Thought for the week**

*“Love one another as I have loved you”*

*(Jn 13:34).*

Have a wonderful half term break. St Valentine - pray for us!





## Dates for the term ahead .....

Lent 2 2026	
Monday 23rd February	School reopens for Lent 2 Term
<b>Friday 27th February</b> <b>CHANGE of DATE</b>	<b>3KR Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Monday 2nd March	Year 1 and Year 5 Joint Mass - Junior Site @ 2:00pm Parents and carers welcome
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 6th March	3TP Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm Parents and carers welcome
Monday 9th March	Confessions for all pupils on the Junior Site
Wednesday 11th March	Mothers' Day Crafts for Reception - Infant Site @ 1:45pm Parents and carers welcome
Thursday 12th March	Mothers' Day Gift Sale
Wednesday 18th March	FIT Coffee Morning - Infant Site @ 9:00am TBC
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March	Year 6 trips to De Montfort University
<b>Friday 20th March</b> <b>CHANGE of DATE</b>	<b>3GH Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm</b> <b>Parents and carers welcome</b>
Friday 20th —Saturday 21st March	Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover in school
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Easter Performance - Junior Site @ 2:00pm TBC Parents and carers welcome *ticketed event*
<b>Tuesday 24th March</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt - Infant and Junior Site after school.</b> <b>All welcome</b>
Wednesday 25th March	Year 4 Easter Performance—Junior Site @ 9:00am TBC Parents and carers welcome *ticketed event*
Friday 27th March	Holy Week Celebrations of the Word TBC Infant Site @ 9:00am Junior Site @ 2:15pm
Friday 27th March	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)
Monday 13th April	Children return to school