



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy Easter to you all. I hope you all had a blessed Easter break. Our final term of the year has so much to offer with trips, exciting visitors, sports day, end of year performances and memorable experiences for our pupils.



Catholic Mission .

This week's Mission Monday Assembly focused on the theological virtue of *faith* - believing in God and trusting in what he tells us. The children reflected on how faith can bring us together and carry us through difficult times, especially when we need to ask God for guidance.

As ever our Year 2 and Year 6 children provided us with a mission. The Infant Site mission this week was: *Each day, look for something God has given you. Pray the Glory Be to show we have Faith in God.* Junior Site mission this week was: *to show faith each day by trusting in God and believing in ourselves.*

Faith in Action

During the Easter break, William in Year 5, set himself a personal challenge to help raise money for the school. A keen football fan, he aimed to complete 1,000 "keepy uppies". Through determination and daily practice, whether in the garden, at the park, or at his grandparents' house, William not only reached his goal but exceeded it, completing an amazing 10,000 keepy uppies! Kindly sponsored by family and friends, William raised **£111** for the school. We are incredibly proud of his generosity, dedication and willingness to put his faith into action by helping others. Thank you to William and his family.



Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to our fundraising activities during Lent. We are still working on processing all the funds raised throughout the Lent term and will endeavour to update you with a grand total in the coming weeks.



Year 2 Easter Inspire Workshop

Year 2 children and their families recently took part in a meaningful Inspire workshop led by Mrs Valente, focused on the theme of **Easter**. The workshop provided an opportunity for families to explore the Easter story together, reflecting on Jesus' death and Resurrection and what this means for us as Catholics today. Through discussion, art, and the catechism, children deepened their understanding of hope and God's love. The children made some beautiful Easter scenes and painted their own wooden crosses. We thank Mrs Valente and our Year 2 families for making this a special and faith-filled experience.



Resurrection Celebration of the Word

We will be celebrating our Resurrection Celebration of the Word next Friday 24th April at 9:00 on the Infants and 14:15 on the Juniors. Please note that the afternoon Resurrection Celebration of the Word for the Junior Site will be delivered by our Junior Chaplains to our Year 5 and Year 6 children. We would like all the children to bring in one fresh flower on Thursday 23rd April to place on our 'Christ the King Cross'. **(Please do not bring in your flowers before Thursday 23rd April).**

Parish Links:

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament & St Peter's Catholic Church and Mother of God. The parish websites contain information about Mass times and other notices.

We are looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion with our Year 3 children this term. Please remember to pray for them as they prepare for this very important sacrament.

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

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



Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please ensure that children are in school every day and on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice for unauthorised absences.**

Class attendance rates for each class up to the Lent Term:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
F2 SL	93.7%	3KR	96.7%
F2 HM	92.9%	3GH	97%
F2 AG	94.4%	3TP	97%
1RH	97%	4MH	97%
1FH	96.1%	4GO	98.1%
1ER	96.7%	4HD	98.2%
2NT	93.9%	5AL	97.1%
2SN	96.8%	5TO	95.9%
2WB	96.5%	5WG	96.5%
		6SB	96.4%
		6SF	98%
		6LS	97.7%

Attendance is a key priority for our school this year and the school continues to work towards its attendance target of 97%. Our current whole school attendance is 96.3%

EYFS End of Year Expectations Parent Meeting

We will be holding an EYFS End of Year Expectations Parent Meeting on **Wednesday 22nd April from 9:00–9:30am**. This workshop will outline where children are expected to be academically by the end of the year and will provide practical examples of how you can support your child's learning at home. We look forward to welcoming EYFS families to this informative session.

The CTK Experience

From Mr T - Girls Football

On Tuesday our girls' football team competed in the semi-finals of the Leicester Inspire Together Division 1 competition. This highly competitive event brought together the top four teams from Division 1 across Leicester.

The girls began in familiar fashion, drawing their opening match. They then delivered two outstanding performances, securing 1-0 victories in both games to earn their place in the final round.

In a tense and closely fought final match, both teams created chances, but the game ended 1-1, leading to a penalty shootout to decide who would progress. I'm delighted to share that our girls held their nerve under pressure and emerged victorious!

We are incredibly proud of the team, especially as many of the players had never represented a girls' football team before this school year.

We now look forward to the finals, which will take place at Holmes Park later this half term.

Performance, Culture and Creativity

Part of the CTK experience is providing all the children an opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Children in Year 3 have the opportunity to learn the Cornet. 3GH had a wonderful time performing the cornets in front of their family and friends this week! They have 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.





Wellbeing Top Tip for April

Throughout the day, we all experience many different emotions. For children, big feelings can sometimes feel overwhelming and confusing. As adults, we can support our children by helping them understand that all emotions are normal and welcome.

Emotions teach us important things about ourselves and help communicate what is going on inside. Difficulties can arise when strong feelings lead to unhelpful behaviours, so children need to be taught how to recognise, name, and express their emotions in safe and healthy ways.

When your child is struggling, try naming the feeling you see, for example: *"I can see you are feeling cross."* Offering a safe way to release that emotion can be very helpful. Suppressing big feelings can leave children feeling frustrated or misunderstood.

Here are some simple strategies:

- **Cross** – stamp feet, squeeze a soft toy
- **Excited** – jump or run (somewhere safe)
- **Worried or anxious** – slow, deep breathing
- **Sad** – draw a picture or spend time outdoors



Helping children understand their own "inner weather system" is an important part of their emotional development. With patience, love and encouragement, we can help them grow in confidence and resilience.

House Captains

We held our House Assemblies today and the children have nominated new House Captains for this term. Thank you to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this important responsibility and congratulations to our new elected House Captains.

	Year 2	Year 6
St Francis	Isla-Rose + Jayden Mun	Gabby A + Mary
St John Bosco	Ella + Joshua	Maya C + Elijah
St Bernadette	Hanna S + Azari	Michael + Hanna
St Anne	Shekinah + Barney	Alethia + Caolan





Online Safety

Please see [here](#) for a practical guide to helping children use app stores safely, covering key risks and simple steps to support safer downloading habits.

Maths Parent Workshop: Fractions (Year 5 and Year 6)

We will be holding a parent workshop on Fractions on Monday 20th April in the Junior Hall for parents of pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. The session will begin at 1:45pm. This will be an opportunity to learn more about how fractions are taught at CTK, including how children use the four operations when working with fractions. All are very welcome.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Easter Egg Trails on Tuesday. The children had a fabulous time solving all the clues and meeting the Easter Bunny.

Next term, the PTA will be preparing for the annual summer BBQ. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and usually raises between £3,000- £4000. This money helps to improve our school for your children. If we are going to continue to put on this celebration we will need your help. Please come along to our next meeting on **Monday 20th April @ 18:00 Infant Site** to see if you can help the school community to celebrate the annual BBQ.

All are welcome!

Ice Poles on Sale Every Friday Infant and Junior site

With the help of our Year 6 pupils, the Parents Association will be selling Ice Poles every Friday after school starting today - *Friday 17th April* until the end of the academic year. They will cost 50p each. The profits will be used to buy new equipment to support the integration of Forest School into our whole school curriculum. This will allow more children to access and benefit from this provision.

Thought for the week

*"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!"*

John 20:29

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team.



Important Dates for the Pentecost Term 1 2026

Friday 17th April	Ice Pole sales start today on both sites until the end of the year.
Monday 20th April	Year 5/6 Parent Workshop: Maths - Fractions @ 13:45—Junior Hall. All parents welcome.
Monday 20th April	PTA meeting @ 18:00 on the Infant Site. All Parents welcome
Wednesday 22nd April	EYFS End of Year Expectations Parent Meeting @ 9:00 Infant Site All parents welcome.
Friday 24th April	<p>Resurrection Celebration of the Word Infants @ 9:00 Juniors @ 14:15</p> <p>Please note that the afternoon Resurrection Liturgy for the Junior Site will be delivered by our Junior Chaplains to our Year 5 and Year 6 children.</p> <p>All parents welcome.</p>
Tuesday 28th April	Y5 Space Centre Sleepover: Parent Information Session. @ 14:30 - Junior Hall. All parents welcome.
Friday 1st May	Mr Dunn's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:15 - Junior Site All parents welcome.
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Wednesday 6th May	Year 3 Inspire Workshop on theme of Eucharist in Junior Hall. @ 9:00. All parents welcome.
Thursday 7th May	EYFS Big Bus Tour
Friday 8th May	Miss Hynes' Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:15 - Junior Site All parents welcome.
Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week - breakfast provided for all Year 6 pupils
Friday 15th May	Year 2 Lego Workshop
Monday 18th May	Year 4 Jewry Wall Trip
Friday 15th May –Saturday 16th May	Year 5 Space Centre Sleepover
Friday 15th May	Miss Orrill's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:15 - Junior Site All parents welcome.
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3 Abbey Park Trip
Wednesday 20th May	FIT Coffee Morning Year 5/6
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	Half term holiday—School closed