

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been reflecting on how we can be Missionary Disciples.

This morning, we were treated to a delightful poetry recital assembly by Mrs Hainsworth class, exploring the themes of lullabies and friendship. A huge thank you to all the pupils in Year 1 for their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently performed Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and True Friend. They also sang the song 'You've got a friend in me'. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and hear what they had learned about the poet Jane Taylor.

Our Catholic Mission

Inspire Workshop Year 1

Our Year 1 children had a wonderful time taking part in the Inspire Workshop on Angels. The session was filled with creativity, imagination, and joyful learning through art, the Catechism and Scripture. The children explored the theme and created some beautiful arts and crafts to take home. It was especially lovely to welcome parents who came along to join in and support the children. Thank you for sharing such a special experience with us. Together, we created a truly inspiring and memorable workshop.



Parish Links

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

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

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

Missionary Discipleship

Bishop Patrick McKinney has asked our schools to focus on three themes: Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship.

This year we are revisiting the theme of Missionary Discipleship.

A missionary disciple is a friend of Jesus who calls others into friendship with Jesus through their words and actions. Fr John spoke to the children this week about how they can be Missionary Disciples at school and at home. We have set some Missionary Discipleship Challenges for our families and children to complete during the term. You can find them [here](#). How many can you carry out?



Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Steve, Jewel, Amarii, Juris, Niyal
R-HM	Zaza, Esther, Justin, Hanvika, Kasie
R-SL	Sidra, Neha, Fejiro, Steve, Matteo
1RH	Emanda
1HF	Julia
1ER	Oliwier
2WB	Livia
2NT	Mia
2SN	Joshua

CTK Juniors

3KR	Mariel
3GH	Eric
3TP	Alaine
4MH	Enoch
4GO	Ana
4HD	Dominica
5WG	Albiya
5TO	Jemima
5AL	Korede
6SF	Yudayah
6LS	Caelan
6SB	Lena

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

Maria (2SN)	Reign (2NT)	Rosalia (2NT)	Oliver (2NT)
Liam (1ER)	Saoirse (RHM)	Esther (RAG)	Ayden (RSL)

CTK Juniors

Dominic (3GH)	Gabriella (5AL)	Amelia (4HD)
Solomon (4GO)	Marissa (5WG)	Julia (6SB)



Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Rafael (2WB)
Junior Site	Blessing (6SF)

Congratulations to Rafael and Blessing who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall.

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 Dunn's class with 99.7%

2nd Place: Mrs Russell's class with 99.4%

3rd Place: Miss Rawling's class with 98.7%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.3%. 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](#) on whether you should send your child to school when they are ill.

Christmas Reading Bingo Winners!

Well done to Emmanuel (6LS), Xavi (4HD), Malachi (3TP) and Helena (5TO)- our Junior Site winners! At Christ the King, we want all our children to become lifelong readers by the age of 11 and fun challenges like this help to foster a love of reading across our school community. Every child who completed the Christmas Rainbow Reader Bingo challenge has received a certificate and 20 house points. Thank you for encouraging your child to read every day. Your support makes a huge difference.



The CTK Experience

Performance, culture and creativity

Our school provides a rich, broad and balanced curriculum which enables every child to develop a range of skills and qualities. Whilst we want all children to meet their academic potential, we also nurture and develop the individual talents of each child by giving them the opportunity to perform, think and work creatively. These creative and varied experiences are intended to increase the confidence of our children and to stimulate their education and learning.

Music Workshops

Rocksteady have been delivering music workshops on both sites following their incredible rock & roll assemblies last term. Pupils have had the opportunity to choose an instrument and form their own bands. They have been working hard in rehearsals and we can already tell we have some budding CTK rock stars!



Liz Kendall visits CTK

Liz Kendall MP visited CTK last Friday to meet with our Junior School Council and speak about what it is like to be a Member of Parliament. She answered a wide range of thoughtful questions from the children, including what she finds most challenging about her role and what democracy means to her. Liz was very impressed by the quality and maturity of the pupils' questions. At the end of the session, the coun-



councillors asked for her advice on how to be the best school councillors and responsible members of society. She encouraged them to listen carefully and respectfully to others, to show tolerance for different views without arguing and to always work hard. The chil-



The CTK Experience

KS2 Basketball Trip

Sports, Clubs and Activities

We know the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being active. Enabling pupils to find a sport or activity they enjoy makes it more likely they will continue to be active in their adult life. We want to encourage healthy competition for children of all sporting abilities.

Boys Football

On Monday evening, our KS2 boys' football team played their first round of fixtures for 2026, taking part in four closely contested matches.

The boys made a good start, winning the first two games with well-taken goals from Emmanuel and Tom. In the third match, despite creating chances, the boys conceded towards the end of the match to lose 1-0. The final game followed a similar pattern, with another narrow 1-0 defeat.

Overall, the team showed great effort and determination throughout the evening, and there were plenty of positives to take forward into the next round of fixtures.

KS2 Basketball

On Wednesday, Mrs O'Brien and Mr T took a group of 20 children from Years 5 and 6 to the Inspire Together: West Leicester Basketball Competition held at English Martyrs.

Basketball is a popular activity during our lunchtime sessions, so we knew there would be plenty of interest. As a result, we entered two teams into the competition.

Throughout the afternoon, both teams played six matches, demonstrating excellent skill, teamwork, and resilience. The children showed a fantastic ability to reflect on their performances and identify areas for improvement from one game to the next - something we have been focusing on in recent PE lessons.

We are delighted to announce that one of our teams finished in 1st place, winning the West Leicester competition! This team will now progress to the finals day, which will be held in the coming weeks. Well done, CTK!



This is part of our CTK Experience. The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum. You can read more about this [here](#)



Parents Evening

Parents Evening **for Years 1-6** will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February.

We will continue to use the online booking system on Arbor. Online bookings went live on Monday 19th January at 9:00 and will close on Friday 30th January at 15:00. If you have children on both sites, please allow 30 minutes between appointments to enable you to attend both bookings.

Reception will continue to run the afternoons for parents on Monday 9th February, Wednesday 11th February and Thursday 12th February.

Number Day - Friday 6th February

CTK are celebrating Number Day on Friday 6th February! Children are invited to wear clothing with numbers on or maths fancy dress to mark the occasion. The day will be filled with fun, number-based activities across the school and pupils will also receive a special number -themed homework to complete next week. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of maths fun!

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about **Roblox**. We hope you find it useful.

Thought for the week

“ In the shadow of your wings I take refuge, til harm pass me by” Psalm 57:2

God bless

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead

Tuesday 27th January	Year 6 Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
Wednesday 28th January	Reception Heights, Weights and Measures Programme
Wednesday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day
Thursday 29th January	Year 2 African Drumming Workshop
Friday 30th January	1HF Poetry Recital - Infant Site @ 9:00am Parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 4th February	Parent Workshop: Using Knowledge Organisers Effectively - Infant Site @ 8:50am. Parents and carers welcome
Friday 6th February	Year 6 Inspire Workshop—Saints 9-10.30am Parents and carers welcome
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day 2026 - children to wear clothing with numbers on
Friday 6th February	1ER Poetry Recital - Infant Site @ 9:00am Parents and carers welcome
Friday 6th February	Monitoring Reports sent home ahead of Parents' Evening
Monday 9th - Friday 13th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 9th February	Reception Parents' Afternoon - 1:15-3:00pm
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10th February	Year 3 trip to King Richard III Visitor Centre
Tuesday 10th February	Parents' Evening 3:10pm—7:00pm (Junior Site) Parents' Evening 3:30pm—7:00pm (Infant Site)
Wednesday 11th February	Parents' Evening 3:10pm—5:00pm (Junior Site) Parents' Evening 3:30pm—5:00pm (Infant Site)
Wednesday 11th February	Reception Parents' Afternoon - 1:15-3:00pm
Thursday 12th February	Reception Parents' Afternoon - 1:15-3:00pm



Dates for the term ahead

Friday 13th February	Lent Celebrations of the Word: Infant Site @ 9:00am Junior Site @ 2:15pm Parents and carers welcome
Friday 13th February	School closes for February half term
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Monday 23rd February	School reopens for Lent 2 Term
Friday 28th February	3GH Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm Parents and carers welcome
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
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
Friday 20th March	3KR Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:00pm Parents and carers welcome
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*
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



CTK News

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Dates for the term ahead

Friday 27th March	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)
Monday 13th April	Children return to school