

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a lovely half term with your family and friends. We have an exciting, busy half term ahead.

This afternoon we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Russell's class. A big thank-you to all the pupils in 3KR for their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently recited "When Daddy fell into the pond" by Alfred Noyes and "The Land of Counterpane" by Robert Louis Stevenson. They also delighted us with a performance of "King of Me" from the Rend Collective. Well done, 3KR!

## Our Catholic Mission

This week, the children have been reflecting on how they can follow Jesus' greatest commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Through our Monday Mission assembly, we explored the Catholic Social Teaching principle: **Common Good**. This teaches us that we believe in thinking of everyone; we are one big family in God's world; and we should stand together and help each other.

The children discussed practical ways to live this out in school - for example, working together as a team during group activities so that everyone learns and feels included. They shared thoughtful ideas about how they can help others, show kindness and contribute positively to our school family.

As part of this learning, the children have also been given a mission: to carry out one act of kindness and to put the needs of others first in this act.

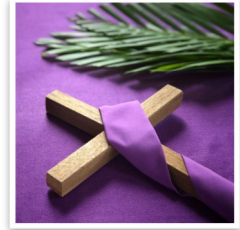
At Christ the King, we use seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to guide how we care for people, our world and our community, helping us put our faith into action every day. Please see them below:





## Lent at CTK

Our school will be fundraising for Mary's Meals during Lent. Each class will be organising their own fundraising event this 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 have been sent to all families this week 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 during this holy season of Lent.

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

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

On Friday 6th March at 6:30pm, 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.

## RE Survey for Parents

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.



## Stars of the Week



### CTK Infants

|      |  |
|------|--|
| R-AG | Grace, Eveiana, Xzaeden, Arturo, Niyal |
| R-HM | Lili, Eliana, Jayden, Zaza             |
| R-SL | Ayden, Fleur, Marwah, Neha             |
| 1HF  | Adam O                                 |
| 1RH  | Iha                                    |
| 1ER  | Michael                                |
| 2WB  | Ella                                   |
| 2NT  | Ikemba                                 |
| 2SN  | Grace                                  |

### CTK Juniors

|     |         |
|-----|---------|
| 3KR | Presley |
| 3GH | Jonah   |
| 3TP | Alicja  |
| 4HD | Elohim  |
| 4MH | Sonia   |
| 4GO | Jakub   |
| 5WG | Amirah  |
| 5TO | Neilina |
| 5AL | Aaryan  |
| 6SB | Olly Z  |
| 6LS | Troy    |
| 6SF | Rian    |

## 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

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Kartik (2WB) | Nathan (2SN) | Iko (1ER)    | Justin (RHM) |
| Jerome (RSL) | Juris (RAG)  | Kasper (1RH) |              |

### CTK Juniors

|              |             |             |                |                 |             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Aibel (6SB)  | Seana (3KR) | Mia (4HD)   | Nia (3GH)      | Blathnaid (4GO) | Annie (4GO) |
| Rukewe (6SB) | Liyan (5WG) | Efren (3GH) | Oliwia J (3KR) | Freya (4GO)     |             |



## Head of School Awards

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| Infant site | Iko (1ER)     |
| Junior Site | Saoirse (6LS) |

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

### **Attendance**

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.3%**. Well done, everyone! Our school target is to have attendance above 97% and we will continue to monitor it closely this term.

**Here is the current attendance for each class:**

| Class | Attendance | Class | Attendance |
|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| F2 SL | 92.9%      | 3KR   | 96.7%      |
| F2 HM | 92.9%      | 3TP   | 97.1%      |
| F2 AG | 94.4%      | 3GH   | 96.8%      |
| 1RH   | 96.9%      | 4MH   | 97.1%      |
| 1ER   | 96.9%      | 4GO   | 98.0%      |
| 1HF   | 96.0%      | 4HD   | 98.2%      |
| 2NT   | 94.3%      | 5TO   | 95.7%      |
| 2SN   | 96.7%      | 5WG   | 96.2%      |
| 2WB   | 96.3%      | 5AL   | 97.2%      |
|       |            | 6SB   | 97.0%      |
|       |            | 6SF   | 98.3%      |
|       |            | 6LS   | 97.7%      |

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.



## **Operation Encompass Update**

From Monday 23rd February 2026, CTK will be taking part in a national safeguarding initiative called Operation Encompass. This means the school will receive a secure notification from Leicestershire Police if they attend a domestic abuse incident where a child from our school was present. This enables us to provide timely support, such as a check-in or additional wellbeing care, if needed the following day.

Families do not need to take any action. The information is shared confidentially with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead only and is not shared with other parents, pupils or staff.

If you would like support in relation to domestic abuse, you can contact our safeguarding team or reach out to local services such as FREEVA (Free from Violence and Abuse) on 0808 80 200 28, a 24-hour confidential helpline for anyone affected by domestic or sexual violence.

## **Mobile phone Guidance**

In line with the Department for Education's updated guidance, we kindly remind all families that mobile phones should not be used on or around the school site. The DfE expects schools to operate as mobile-phone-free environments by default, with the aim of reducing distractions, supporting positive behaviour and protecting pupils' wellbeing throughout the school day. ***We ask that parents and carers refrain from using mobile phones when entering the school grounds, at drop-off and pick-up times and during any school events. By working together to limit mobile phone use on site, we help to create a calm, respectful and safe environment for all our children.***

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

We received two complaints 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.

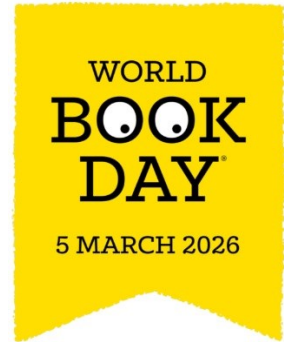
## **Online Safety**

Please click the following [link](#) which gives information on what parents need to know about **Whatsapp**. We hope you find this information and advice useful. The minimum age to use WhatsApp in the UK is 13 years old. This is a very popular messaging app used by many of our pupils in school. We have been made aware some children have sent inappropriate messages using WhatsApp. Please advise your child to always be respectful.



## **World Book Day 2026 - Thursday 5th March**

We will be marking World Book Day next week on *Thursday 5th March* with a focus on Reading for Pleasure. Reading for pleasure plays a very important part in embedding the habit of reading for our children so they become life-long readers by the time they leave our school at 11. Miss Laycock and Mrs Featherstone have planned a full day of reading activities for our children.



**On World Book Day, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book, book character or author.**

*Remember to choose a brilliant book for free with your World Book Day Token.*

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

Our next meeting will be Monday **16th March @ 6:00pm Infant Site**. All are welcome!

**The PTA would like to organise and run more events for the infant and junior children before the end of the year. More parent volunteers are required to help make this happen. Please contact the school office or drop us an email at [pta@ctk.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:pta@ctk.leicester.sch.uk) to share your details if you can share your time and talents.**

## **Thought for the week**

*“ Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart’s desires ”*

*(Psalm 37:4)*

God bless

Annie Carter and CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead .....

| Lent 2 2026                                 |   |
|---|---|
| Monday 2nd March                            | Year 1 and Year 5 Joint Mass - Junior Site @ 2:00pm<br>Parents and carers welcome   |
| Thursday 5th March                          | World Book Day  |
| Friday 6th March                            | 3TP Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:15pm<br>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<br>Parents and carers welcome  |
| Thursday 12th March                         | Mothers' Day Gift Sale  |
| <b>Wednesday 18th March</b>                 | <b>End of Key Stage 1 Expectations Parent Meeting @ 9:00am in Infant Hall. All Year 2 parents welcome</b>   |
| Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March         | Year 6 trips to De Montfort University  |
| <b>Thursday 19th March</b>                  | <b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop for Parents @9:00am in Infant Hall. All Year 1 parents welcome.</b>  |
| Friday 20th March                           | 3GH Poetry Recital - Junior Site @ 2:15pm<br>Parents and carers welcome   |
| Friday 20th —Saturday 21st March            | Year 3 Sponsored Sleepover in school <i>*separate correspondence has been sent out to all Year 3 parents*</i><br>Arrival no earlier than 8:30pm<br>Pick up time: by 7:30am on Saturday 21st March |
| Monday 23rd March<br><b>CHANGE of DATE</b>  | Year 4 Easter Performance - Junior Site @ 2:00pm<br>Parents and carers welcome <i>*ticketed event*</i>  |
| Tuesday 24th March<br><b>CHANGE of TIME</b> | Year 4 Easter Performance—Junior Site @ 9:00am<br>Parents and carers welcome <i>*ticketed event*</i>  |
| Tuesday 24th March                          | Easter Egg Hunt - Infant and Junior Site after school.<br>All welcome   |
| <b>Wednesday 25th March</b>                 | <b>Family Inclusion Team Coffee Morning @ 9:00 Infant Site –All Parents Welcome.</b>  |
| Friday 27th March                           | Holy Week Celebrations of the Word.<br>All parents and carers welcome.<br>Infant Site @ 9:00am<br>Junior Site @ 2:15pm  |



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

| <b>Lent 2 dates continued..</b> |  |
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| <b>Friday 27th March</b>        | <b>School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)</b> |
| <b>Monday 13th April</b>        | <b>Children return to school</b>                       |