



Dear Parents/Carers,

The highlights of this week were the Dance Competition, the STEM workshop in Year 6 and learning about the charity, Mary's Meals.

This morning we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly on the theme of *Growing Up*, performed by Miss Rawlings's class. A big thank-you to all the pupils in 1ER for their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. The children confidently recited "Now I Am Six" by A. A. Milne and "Mum Won't Let Me Keep a Rabbit" by Brian Patten. They also delighted us with a performance of "When I Grow Up" from the musical *Matilda*.

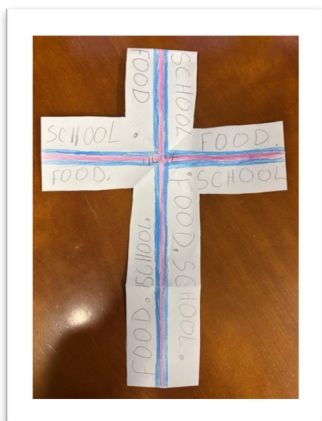
It was lovely to see the children performing their poems and sharing what they had discovered about the poets and how this linked to their learning so far this year.

Our Catholic Mission

This week's Mission Assembly focused on the theme of *Inspiration*—the feeling of being motivated or encouraged to do something. The children reflected on how they can inspire others through their words and actions, supported by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We were delighted to welcome Jane from Mary's Meals this week. Our Junior Chaplains had researched a range of charities and had chose Mary's Meals as our Lenten charity this year. The children learned how the charity provides daily meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities, helping them access education and giving them hope for a brighter future. During Lent, each class will be organising a fundraising activity to help raise money for Mary's Meals. Thank you in advance for your support with this important cause.

Following the assembly, the Junior Chaplains enjoyed a session with Jane. They discussed the powerful impact that access to school and food can have on a person's wellbeing, summarised in the message: *School + Food = Hope*. The Chaplains then took part in a reflective activity, folding paper step by step to create a cross - each fold symbolising school, food and hope. They decorated their finished crosses with prayers or meaningful words to remind others of the difference education and nourishment can make to a child's future.





Stars of the Week



CTK Infants

R-AG	Tymon, Arshnel, Oluebube, Ifeonu, Joselyn
R-HM	Krzysztof, Amada, Aidhan, Melanie, Daniel
R-SL	Evelyn, Lliyah, Franciszek, Ifeoma, Jerome P.
1HF	Harrison
1RH	Nia
1ER	All of 1ER
2WB	Amarni
2NT	Gladys
2SN	Noah

CTK Juniors

3KR	Seana
3GH	Antoni
3TP	Malachi
4HD	Tomeck
4MH	Kezia
4GO	Wayne
5WG	Adeline
5TO	Amelia
5AL	Henry
6SB	Jordan
6LS	Emilia
6SF	Mary

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

Ezekiel (RHM)	Jerome M (RSL)	Amarii (RAG)	Eman (1ER)	Jared (1ER)
Maria (2SN)	Hanna S (2WB)	Frankie (2NT)	Nia (1RH)	Jula (1HF)

CTK Juniors

Martha (3GH)	Kuba (4MH)	Annabel E (4MH)	Poppy (4HD)
Amirah (5WG)	Ephrem (5TO)	Philip (6SF)	Jessica (6SB)



Head of School Awards

Infant Site

Imona-Jayden and Maya (1RH)

Congratulations to Imona-Jayden and Maya who received the Head of School award this week from 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: Miss Lawes' Class with 99.4%

2nd Place: Mr Mason's with 99.3%

3rd Place: Mrs Francis and Ms Hellwig's class with 99.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 97.1%. 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.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we will be marking 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,"** will help pupils explore what it means to feel safe, valued and connected in the spaces around them. Throughout the week, pupils will take part in simple activities that promote confidence, resilience and positive relationships. We encourage families to join the conversation at home and use this as an opportunity to check in with one another and celebrate healthy habits that support emotional wellbeing.





Wellbeing Top Tip for February

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week at school. Your child will have the opportunity to take part in an outdoor Wellbeing session run by our Wellbeing Staff and their teachers. Being outside in nature has a positive impact on our mental wellbeing - but it can be less appealing at this time of year when the weather is often wet, windy and cold!

This weekend try to spend some time outside with your child, whatever the weather. Encourage them to wear appropriate clothing to stay warm and dry and point out the fun parts of being outside in nature. For example, can they describe the feeling of the wind/rain/cold air on their faces? What sounds can they hear? Is the wind whistling through the trees? Is there any bird song? Can you spot any early signs of new life in nature yet? What do the trees look like?

Enjoying God's Creation helps to foster a sense of appreciation and gratitude for the life we have - even when things may be less than perfect!



Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place next Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February. The monitoring reports were sent home today. We really look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the meeting if you choose to.

If you would like to meet with the SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) Lead, Mrs Wheeldon, please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Support your child's learning at home - Workshop for Parents

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Parent Workshop on Wednesday about how to support your child's learning at home. We hope you found the session informative and helpful.

For those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoint slides have been shared on Arbor and can be found [here](#)

The CTK Experience

The Dance Competition

On Tuesday, the Year 6 dance team took part in the Citywide Dance Competition at St Paul's Secondary School. The theme of the competition was The Elements and the children brought this to life through a blend of modern, lyrical and commercial dance, representing fire, water and earth.

The team showed incredible enthusiasm throughout the rehearsal process and worked extremely hard to create their final performance. Their routine was truly outstanding - so much so that they were awarded Spirit of the Games. Thank you to Mrs Williams!

Well done to everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of you!



Junior STEM – Lego Robotics workshops for Year 6

On Tuesday, the Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic CAD workshop with Junior STEM Robotics. Ian, who facilitated the workshop, was brilliant at explaining and modelling how the technology is used to create algorithms, make objects move, change colour and make sounds through Bluetooth. He also talked to the children about careers in technology, engineering and mechanics.

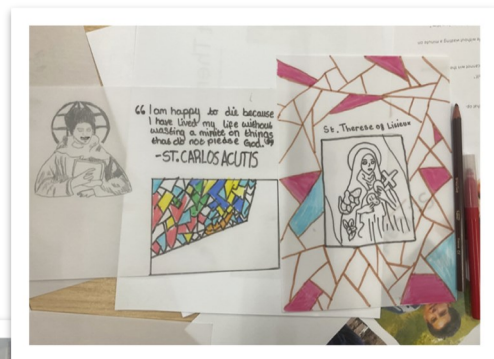
The children used Lego to build a drumming monkey then made it move using a coding app on iPads. They had lots of fun, learnt a lot about coding and Computer Aided Design and, best of all, worked brilliantly with their learning partners.



The CTK Experience continued..

Catholic Life : Inspire Workshop Year 6

Year 6 pupils and their parents took part in a wonderful Inspire Workshop focused on the lives of the Saints. The children engaged in thoughtful, in-depth discussions as they explored a range of Saints who dedicated their lives to serving God. Drawing on religious art, images and the Catechism for inspiration, pupils deepened their understanding of faith before expressing their learning creatively by designing their own stained-glass windows and filling their own envelopes full of Saints' inspirational quotes. It was a reflective and truly inspiring experience for everyone involved. A special thank-you to Mrs Valente for leading and organising such a meaningful session.





Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) which provides advice and information for parents/carers about Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. We hope that you find it useful.

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](#)

Friends of Christ the King Parents Association

Our next meeting will be Monday **16th March @ 18:00 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 to share your details if you can share your time and talents.

Thought for the week

“Blessed be God my salvation”

Psalm 18

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead

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
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



Dates for the term ahead

Lent 2 2026	
Monday 24th February	School reopens for Lent 2 Term
Friday 28th February CHANGE of DATE	3KR 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 CHANGE of DATE	3GH 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*
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Egg Hunt - Infant and Junior Site after school. All welcome
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