



Dear Parents/Carers,

Undoubtedly the highlight of the week was World Book Day—it was fantastic fun for everyone! A huge thank you to Miss Laycock and Mrs Featherstone for all their hard work in organising such a wonderful celebration centred on our theme of *Reading for Pleasure*. The Book Swap was a tremendous success and we hope every child enjoyed choosing a new book to take home and enjoy.

Today we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mrs Brennan's class. A big thank you to all the pupils in 3TP for their hard work and preparation over the past few weeks. They have all made excellent efforts to memorise the words to some rather long poems and to remember the actions too! The children confidently recited "*The Land of Counterpane*" by Robert Louis Stevenson and "*The Adventures of Isabel*" by Ogden Nash.

## **Our Catholic Mission**

This week in our Mission Monday assembly we explored the theme of democracy and what it means to have a voice in our school and in the wider world. The children reflected on how democracy means 'rule by the people' and how, in our country, we use voting to help make decisions.

The assembly also linked to **Catholic Social Teaching**, particularly the principle of **subsidiarity**, which reminds us that everyone should have the opportunity to be heard and to contribute to decisions that affect them. The children were encouraged to think about how they can listen carefully to other people's ideas and use their own voices to help make our school community stronger.

Our mission this week was to *make sure that all of our friends have a say when deciding what games to play.*

## **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.

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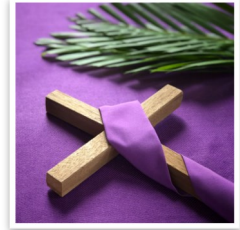
Fr Cahill and Fr Hans are visiting CTK Junior Site on Monday 9th March and will be offering confession to the junior pupils as part of our Lenten observance. The school chaplains are also preparing prayer stations on the theme of forgiveness for our all children to access during Lent.



## 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. It would be wonderful if you could support us this Lent.

Year 3 will be having a sponsored sleepover in our school hall on Friday 20th March to raise money for Lent. All the details have been sent to families via Arbor.



## Welcome Lucy Kearns - School Chaplain

We are delighted to welcome **Lucy Kearns**, our new School Chaplain, to the Christ the King community. Lucy has already made a wonderful start to her ministry with us, leading mini-retreats for our Reception children this week and supporting them in growing closer to Jesus through simple prayer and reflection.

She has also planned Evening Prayer with our Year 3 pupils in preparation for our sleepover at the end of March and has set up a lunchtime Prayer Club, giving children a quiet, welcoming space to pray and spend time with God.

We are very grateful for Lucy's joyful presence and the spiritual guidance she is already bringing to our school.



## REMINDER.. 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	Ugochukwu, Aaral, Theo, Joseph, Steve
R-HM	Esther, Saoirse, Regina, Phoenix, Joanelle
R-SL	Steve, Kezia, Ifeoma, Jonath, Marwah
1HF	Daniel T
1RH	Oskar K
1ER	Avayah
2WB	Julius
2NT	Arthur-David
2SN	Jerome

### CTK Juniors

3KR	Serah
3GH	Caroline
3TP	Reveah
4HD	Gabriel
4MH	Abby
4GO	Benji J
5WG	Rohan
5TO	Christopher
5AL	Aiben
6SB	Kaira
6LS	Erin
6SF	Tom

## 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

Michael (RHM)	Gianna (RSL)	Elijah (RAG)
Oliver (1ER)	Blaithin (2SN)	Tymek (2WB)

### CTK Juniors

Lidia (6LS)	James (4GO)	Isabella (5WG)	Olivia O (3KR)
Evan (6LS)	Neto (5WG)	Nnabuihe (3GH)	



## Head of School Awards

Infant site	Gladys (2 NT)
Junior Site	Kuba (4MH)

Congratulations to Gladys and Kuba who received the Head of School award this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford. Well done!

### Attendance

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Our attendance last week across all classes was 97.4! 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.

Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Russell and Miss Hall's class with 99.4%

2nd Place: Miss Rawling's class with 99.3%

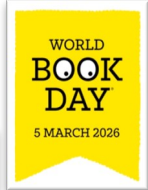
3rd Place: Miss Odedra and Miss Lawes' class with 98.8%

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

Attendance	Days Missed	Lessons Missed
100%	0 Days	0 Lessons Missed
99%	1 Day	5 Lessons Missed
98%	3 Days	15 Lessons Missed
97%	1 Week	25 Lessons Missed
96%	1.5 Weeks	35 Lessons Missed
94%	2 Weeks	50 Lessons Missed
93%	2.5 Weeks	65 Lessons Missed
92%	3 Weeks	75 Lessons Missed
90%	3.5 Weeks	90 Lessons Missed

## World Book Day 2026 - Thursday 5th March

Here are some pictures from our World Book Day adventures!



## The CTK Experience

As part of the **CTK Experience**, we place a strong emphasis on **Missions, Vocations and Futures**, helping every child recognise that they are called by God to take up a special place in the world. From the moment pupils join CTK, we nurture high aspirations and introduce them to a wide range of careers through volunteers from the world of work.

This week, our EYFS children welcomed James Harding (Fleur's father), who kindly came in to talk about his vocation as a paramedic. The children were fascinated to learn about his role, asked fantastic questions and were especially excited to explore a real ambulance! A huge thank you to Mr Harding for giving up his time and offering such a wonderful experience for our youngest pupils.



## **The CTK Experience continued...**

This week, Year 3 welcomed an Engineer, Dave, as part of their aspiration's curriculum. He introduced the children to different types of engineering, including automotive, test, electrical and aerospace engineering. Through real-life examples, the children understood how much engineering shapes the world around them. They loved hearing about Dave's career journey and asked lots of thoughtful questions. It was an inspiring visit that opened their eyes to how their Scientific knowledge can be used to design and build solutions to real-world problems!



## **Sports, Clubs and Activities. - Message from Mr T!**

Last Friday, Mrs Cranston and I took a group of 25 pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 to an Inspire Together Gymnastics competition held at Harewood Academy in Leicester.

Throughout the day, our children competed in three different events - Core Skills, Body Management and Vault - which they have been learning over the past few weeks in PE. They also took their routines home to practise during the half-term break.

Although we didn't have any individual winners on the day, I am incredibly proud to say that we saw some very brave and determined performances throughout. Our Level 1 group finished in an impressive overall 3rd place out of 12 schools. What makes this achievement even more special is that Level 1 is the entry level to RISE Gymnastics, meaning that this group of our gymnasts had little or no previous experience of a gymnastics competition. They represented the school brilliantly, along with our Level 2's, 3's and 4's groups.

Well done to all the children who took part.





## **REMINDER: 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.***

## **Junior Site Gate**

Thank you for your patience at the busy Junior Site gate. Please continue to be polite, patient and mindful of others, allowing space for families to enter and exit safely. Class teachers have also spoken to children about ensuring their conduct remains calm and polite when leaving the Junior gate.

We are currently costing the installation of an additional gate to create a one-way system, as well as exploring long-term improvements to widen the entrance. To support this, our first non-uniform fundraising day will be on **Friday 27th March.**

## **Online Safety**

Please click the following [link](#) which gives information on what parents need to know about **Technology Attachment**. We hope you find this information and advice useful.

## **Wellbeing Top Tip for March**

As a Catholic community, we know that God is always close to us, especially in moments when we feel worried, anxious, overwhelmed, over-excited or unsettled. This month, we are sharing a simple prayerful activity that you can try with your child to help them find calm and reconnect with God's loving presence.

This can be done anywhere you feel safe, peaceful, and comfortable.

### **Five Senses Faith Check-In**

Invite your child to pause, take a gentle breath and notice:

**5 things God has placed around them that they can see**

**4 sounds they can hear in God's creation**

**3 things they can touch that remind them they are grounded and safe**

**2 things they can smell that bring comfort or joy**

**1 taste that helps them feel present in the moment**



Encouraging children to tune into their senses can help them slow down, find stillness and become aware of the beauty of God's world surrounding them.



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

Our next meeting will be Monday **16th March @ 6:00pm** on the **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**

*"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."*

*James 1:19*

God bless

Annie Carter and CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead .....

Lent 2 2026	
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
<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 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> Arrival no earlier than 8:30pm Pick up time: by 7:30am on Saturday 21st March
Monday 23rd March CHANGE of DATE	Year 4 Easter Performance - Junior Site @ 2:00pm Parents and carers welcome <i>*ticketed event*</i>
Tuesday 24th March CHANGE of TIME	Year 4 Easter Performance—Junior Site @ 9:00am Parents and carers welcome <i>*ticketed event*</i>
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Egg Hunt - Infant and Junior Site after school. All welcome
Wednesday 25th March	Family Inclusion Team Coffee Morning @ 9:00 Infant Site –All Parents Welcome.
Friday 27th March	Holy Week Celebrations of the Word. All parents and carers welcome. 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