



Dear Parents/Carers,

It may have been a short week due to the Bank Holiday, but we have certainly crammed a lot of exciting learning into four days!

Thank you to Miss Hynes' class, who treated us to two wonderful poetry performances this morning: *Mr Nobody* by Anonymous and *Halfway Down* by A. A. Milne. The children have worked incredibly hard and performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. We are very proud of them all! Thank you also to the parents who were able to join us today. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Our Catholic Mission

This week's Mission Assembly focused on the theme of **Witness**. In our Catholic faith, being a witness means more than seeing something. It means living and speaking the truth of God's love. The children reflected on how we are called to recognise what is good, to share it with others and to have the courage to stand up for what is right, following the example of Jesus in our daily lives.

As ever, our Year 2 and Year 6 children provided us with a mission. The Infant Site mission this week was: *Say **one** thing about your faith in God to someone this week. Be a witness to Christ!*

The Junior Site mission this week was: *Share the love of God with someone this week by talking about your faith or showing it through your words and actions.*

May the Month of Mary

The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and it is the occasion when Catholics from every part of the world pay a moving tribute of love for Mary. The children will have the opportunity to pray the Rosary on the Junior Site every Monday lunchtime at 12:45 with Mrs Sparkes. The children can bring their rosary beads from home if they wish. The Junior children will be learning the 'Hail Holy Queen' and the Infant children will be learning The Angelus.

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 children this term. Please remember to pray for them as they prepare for this very important sacrament.

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

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

CTK Experience - Catholic Life

Inspire Workshop Year 3 –The Eucharist

On Thursday, children and parents from Year 3 had a beautiful Inspire Workshop. Children explored the beauty and meaning of the Eucharist through scripture, religious art and the Catechism. Inspired by what they learned, they created their own Eucharistic artwork using chalks and pastels and made colourful rainbow Eucharist hanging ornaments. The children were so incredibly enthusiastic and demonstrated a wonderful understanding of the importance of the Eucharist, bringing together creativity, faith, and reflection.

Thank you to Mrs Valente and to all the parents who joined us and helped make the workshop such a special occasion.



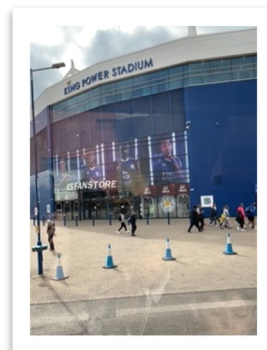
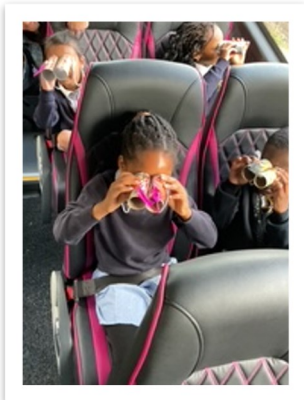


CTK Experience

EYFS Big Bus Tour Adventure

On Thursday, our EYFS children enjoyed a wonderful Big Bus Tour around Leicester. We spotted some of the city's well-known landmarks, including Leicester City Football Club, the National Space Centre, St Patrick's Catholic Church and the Leicester Tigers rugby ground. The children were especially excited to use their hand-made binoculars to look out for each sight along the way!

We ended our trip back at school with a delicious picnic in the playground, enjoying time together with our friends after a very special day of learning and fun.



Personal Development

We were delighted to welcome *Swim with Jo* into school this week to deliver an engaging and informative assembly on water safety. The session focused on staying safe around open water and at home, including in the bath. Children learned four key safety messages: *Stop and think*, *Stay together*, *Float* and *Dial 999* in an emergency. The assembly successfully raised awareness and provided pupils with simple, memorable steps to help keep themselves and others safe around water.





Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-HM	Ayda, Gideon, Kamsy, Michael
R-SL	Neriah, Angelica, Manuel, Jonath
R-AG	Amarii, Arshnel, Rose, Esther
1HF	Carissa
1ER	Eman
1RH	Arsema
2WB	Uche
2NT	Oliver
2SN	Janell A

CTK Juniors

3GH	Adam
3TP	Cillian
3KR	Ivy
4MH	Efe
4HD	Jeremy
4GO	Zanitha
5TO	London
5WG	Isabella
5AL	Gabi
6LS	Aiden
6SB	Zuzanna T
6SF	Whole class



Lunchtime Awards



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

Michelle (RSL)	Gideon (RHM)	Elena (RAG)
Tabitha (1ER)	Joshua (2SN)	

CTK Juniors

Olivia O (3KR)	Ola (6SB)	Davis (6SB)	Korede (5AL)
Elohim (4HD)	Iga (6SB)	Christina (6SB)	Blessing (6SF)



Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Amaiya (1ER)
Junior Site	Patrick (5TO)

Congratulations to Amaiya and Patrick who received the 'Head of School' Award this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford. Well done!

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 Hall's class with 100%%

2nd Place: Mrs Brennan and Mrs Hynes' class with 99.4%

3rd Place: Miss Nokes' class with 99.3%

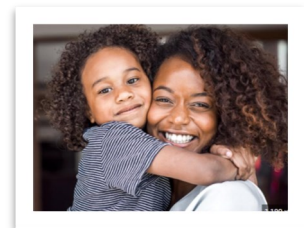
Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 96.9%. Well done, everyone! Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Wellbeing Top Tip for May

Just a few minutes of genuine connection each day can have a powerful and lasting impact on our children. Feeling seen, safe, and emotionally secure is a fundamental need for their wellbeing.

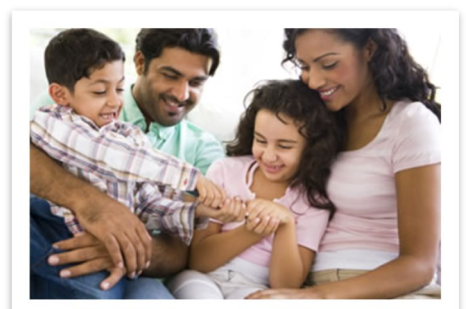
Research by neuroscientist Jaak Panksepp highlights nine key minutes each day that hold particular influence for children:

- the first **three minutes after they wake up**,
- the **three minutes after they come home from school**, and
- the final **three minutes before bedtime**.



These moments offer a valuable opportunity to be fully present, attentive and loving. Small, intentional acts of connection during these times can make a significant difference and often becoming a real game-changer for children's emotional wellbeing.

The Church has always taught that we should begin and end our day with family prayer - we may consider this research as a valuable reminder of that tradition.





Online Safety

This week's online safety provides tips for parents on helping neurodivergent children navigate the online world. We hope you find it useful. Please click [here](#) to access it.

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Our next Parents' Association meeting will be **Tuesday 19th May @ 18:00 Infant Site** where we will be preparing for our most important fundraising event of the year: The Summer BBQ on **Friday 3rd July 5-8pm. All are welcome!**

In previous years we have had food stalls showcasing the different nationalities united under Christ the King, including: Filipino, Keralan, Polish and African cuisine - to name but a few. If you would be willing to provide a food stall for our summer BBQ, or can help in any way, please could you contact the PTA on: pta@ctk.leicester.sch.uk

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

KS2 SATs

Please keep in your prayers all of our Year 6 pupils who are taking their end of key stage assessments next week. They have worked very hard and we are very proud of each and every one of them. Please make sure they attend school on time each day next week. Pancakes, croissants, fruit and juice will be provided by the school for the children to enjoy in the morning.

Thought for the week

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for Pentecost 1 Term 2026

Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week - breakfast provided for all Year 6 pupils
Friday 15th May	Year 2 Lego Workshop
Friday 15th May	Year 6 trip to Lane 7
Monday 18th May	Year 4 Jewry Wall Trip
Friday 15th May –Saturday 16th May	Year 5 Space Centre Sleepover
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3 Abbey Park Trip
Wednesday 20th May	FIT Coffee Morning Year 5/6
Thursday 21st May CHANGE OF DATE	Miss Orrill's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:15 - Junior Site All parents welcome.
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	Half term holiday—School closed



Important Dates for Pentecost 2

Monday 1st June	School reopens
Week beginning 1st June	Year 4 Multiplication Timetables Check
Wednesday 3rd June	New Parents' Meeting for children starting school August 2026 on the Infant Site 18:00
Wednesday 3rd June	Infant Pentecost Celebration of the Word 9am—Parents welcome Junior Pentecost Celebration of the Word 2:15pm—Parents welcome
Week beginning 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10th June	New Reception children visiting the Infant Site @ 9:30-10:30am Day 1
Friday 12th June	Reception Miss Laycock's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 9:00—Infant Site—Parents Welcome
Monday 15th June	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @13:00 Junior Site
Wednesday 17th June	Transition Morning across school - opportunity for children to meet their new teacher for next academic year
Wednesday 17th June	New Reception children visiting the Infant Site @ 9:30-10:30am Day 2
Thursday 18th June	EYFS Father's Day Afternoon @13:30 –14:30 Infant Site. Parents Welcome.
Thursday 18th June	Father's Day gifts available for children to buy for £3:00 each.
Friday 19th June	EYFS trip to Stonehurst Farm
Tuesday 23rd June	SPORTS DAY (TBC)
Thursday 25th June	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Monday 22nd June	EYFS Celebration Mass led by Fr Hans @ 1:30pm—Infants Site. Parents welcome
Tuesday 23rd June	FIT Coffee Morning for parents— time and location TBC
Friday 26th June	Reception Mrs Gibson's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 9:00—Infant Site—Parents Welcome
Monday 29th June	Celebration Mass for the children who have made their First Holy Communion this year. 9am Junior Hall—Parents Welcome
Tuesday 30th June	Year 3 First Aid Day



Important Dates for Pentecost 2

Wednesday 1st July	Year 2 Play performance @ 9:00 Infant hall
Thursday 2nd July	Year 2 Play performance @ 14:15 Infant hall
Friday 3rd July	<u>CTK Summer BBQ—Junior Site 5-8pm</u>
Friday 3rd July	Reception Mr Mason's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 9:00—Infant Site—Parents Welcome
Friday 3rd July	Annual Reports shared with parents
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 Play performances to parents *Ticketed Event* Afternoon performance @ 13:30 Evening performance @ 17:00
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass @ 10:00am Mother Of God Church Parents welcome
Thursday 9th July	Year 2 End of Term Disco @ 17:15-18:00—Junior Hall Year 6 Leavers' Disco @ 18:15-19:15—Junior Hall
Friday 10th July	<u>Last day of school for this academic year</u> <u>Usual finishing time of 3pm Junior Site / 3:20pm Infant Site</u>
Wednesday 26th August	School reopens for academic year 2026-27