



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to send a congratulatory message to all of our Year 6 children who have taken their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) this week alongside all other Year 6 pupils in the country. Their attitude and application were exemplary and they demonstrated resilience and confidence. I am sure that our traditional SATs *Breakfasts* helped to ease any nerves and fuel their inspiration. Thank you to Mrs Dunbar for organising the breakfasts, the parents for helping and supporting their children, the staff for their encouragement and care and, most of all, to the children for their hard work and dedication.

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.

We are very sorry that we were unable to arrange for a Mass for the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday during school hours. We worked hard with our priests to find a solution but, on this occasion, it was not possible.

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://motherofgoddleicester.co.uk/>

Nursery update

We are delighted to share an exciting update regarding our nursery plans at CTK. Following our successful bid after Easter, plans are progressing well and we welcomed contractors into school last week to review the proposed space and begin considering timescales for the work. We are hopeful that building work will begin in June, with a view to opening our new nursery in October. Further information, including application details and key policies, will be shared with parents after the half-term break. We look forward to keeping you updated as this exciting development takes shape.



Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-HM	Lili, Hannah, Hanvika, Jayden, Esther
R-SL	Joahana, Anuththara, Ifeoma, Steve, Lewellyn
R-AG	Adania, Grace, Niyal, Jeremy, Elijah
1HF	Minas
1ER	Uriel
1RH	Oluwatise
2WB	Henrietta
2NT	Tracy
2SN	Chinemerem

CTK Juniors

3GH	Jovana
3TP	Irine
3KR	Oliwia J
4MH	Antony
4HD	Poppy
4GO	Wayne
5TO	Ayden
5WG	Lionel
5AL	Mati
6LS	All of Year 6!
6SB	
6SF	



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

Joselyn (RAG)	Esther (RHM)	Jonath (RSL)
Jored (1ER)	Dominic (2SN)	

CTK Juniors

Mary (6SF)	Kevin (6SB)	Cyrus (4HD)
Isabelle (4HD)	Ola (6SB)	

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 Rawlings' class with 100%

2nd Place: Miss Lawes, Miss Orrill and Mrs Taylor's classes with 99.6%

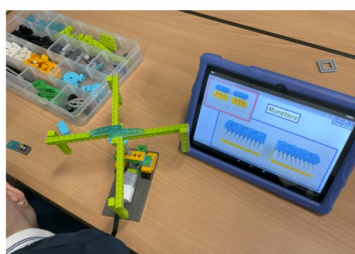
3rd Place: Mrs Hainsworth's class with 99.2%

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

CTK Experience

Year 2 Lego Workshop

The Year 2 children enjoyed some fantastic STEM learning through LEGO this week. They applied their knowledge of axles from our Trains DT unit, alongside their coding skills from Computing, to explore how a motor can move in different ways. After investigating its capabilities, the children designed and built their own LEGO merry-go-rounds. Once complete, they used coding to control the direction and speed of the motor, as well as adding sounds and different colours to enhance their creations.



FIT Coffee Morning

Join us for our next FIT Team Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th May from 2:00–3:00pm in the Infant Playground/Library. This session will focus on the Forest School provision we have implemented this year. It will be a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy a relaxed afternoon with refreshments while learning more about our outdoor learning provision and the positive impact it has on children's confidence, resilience, wellbeing and curiosity. Pre-school children are also very welcome to attend. We hope you can join us.



Outdoor coffee morning





- Wednesday 20th May
- 2:00pm -3:00pm
- Infant Playground/ Library

Join CTK team for some Forest school activities and refreshments.

Pre-schoolers can enjoy outside activities and parents can find out more about outdoor activities and how it supports learning and wellbeing.

Coffee and refreshments will be provided.



Welcome Mrs Hickens

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hickens to the CTK team next week as Office Supervisor on the Infant Site. Mrs Hickens brings a wealth of admin experience and I know you will join me in welcoming her to our school family.

We were also sad to say farewell to Mrs Riley, who left CTK a couple of weeks ago. Mrs Riley and her family have strong connections with our school community and she will be greatly missed. We thank her for her valuable contribution and wish her every success in her new role.



Welcome back Mrs Koenig!

Last Friday, Mrs Featherstone, one of our Yr 6 teachers, started her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and she will be in our prayers at this special time. We welcome back Mrs Koenig after half term and Mrs Ong, an experienced Year 6 teacher, who will be covering 6SF until the end of the year.

Online Safety

This week's online safety guide provides information about online grooming, its warning signs and how to protect children from exploitation. We hope you find it useful. Please click [here](#) to access it.

We strongly advise all parents to supervise their child's online activity and by keeping electronic devices in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen.

Notes of Appreciation

This week we have revisited the virtue of gratitude with our children. Thanking others for their help does wonders for our mental health. We will be encouraging the children to end the half term by showing gratitude to somebody. A handwritten note is best because it encourages the children to *think* about how others have helped them. Please talk to your children about who they would like to thank next week. The children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher.





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!**

The children are invited to come into school in **non-uniform** on **Friday 22nd May**. In exchange, we would ask parents to consider making donations for the summer BBQ prizes of chocolates, bottles and teddies.

Please note Year 1 have a trip on Friday 22nd May so they will have their non-uniform day on Thursday 21st May.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Prayers for the Saville Family

Our most important message this week is to ask for your thoughts and prayers for the family of Harley Saville. Harley was a pupil at English Martyrs and previously attended CTK. Tragically, he passed away last week. His family includes his brother, who is a current pupil at CTK, and his mother, Miss Saville, who is a highly valued and much-loved member of our EYFS team. Please keep the entire Saville family in your prayers during this incredibly difficult time and we ask the Lord to bless them, comfort them and protect them in their time of need.

Eternal rest grant upon Harley, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Thought for the week

"Our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, let our hearts ascend with him."

St Augustine

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Pentecost 1 Term Dates

Tuesday 19th May	Year 3 Abbey Park Trip
Wednesday 20th May	Forest School FIT Coffee Morning 2:00-3:00pm - Infant Site All parents welcome
Thursday 21st May	Miss Orrill's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 2:15pm - Junior Site All parents welcome.
Friday 22nd May	Non- uniform Day - bring a bottle/chocolate or teddies for summer BBQ Break up for half term

Pentecost 2 Term Dates

Monday 1st June	School reopens - children return to school
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 6:00pm
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 am - Infant Site - Parents Welcome
Monday 15th June	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 1:00pm 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 @1:30 –2:30pm 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
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



Important Dates for Pentecost 2 continued..

Friday 26th June	Reception Mrs Gibson's Class Poetry Recital Assembly 9:00am - 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
Wednesday 1st July	Year 2 Play performance @ 9:00am Infant hall
Thursday 2nd July	Year 2 Play performance @ 2:15pm 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 9:00am - 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 @ 1:30pm Evening performance @ 5:00pm
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass @ 10:00am Mother Of God Church Parents welcome
Thursday 9th July	Year 2 End of Term Disco @ 5:15-6:00pm—Junior Hall Year 6 Leavers' Disco @ 6:15-7:15pm—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