

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and successful term and we have much to celebrate.

Holy Week Acts of Worship

Thank you to Year 1 and Year 5 who have prepared and led our Holy Week Celebrations of the Word. They reminded us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and His promise of salvation through His death and resurrection.

Faith in Action

Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to our CAFOD fundraising activities during Lent. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and talent of our pupils and families. All of the money from these fundraising activities will go to support the work of CAFOD, the Catholic international charity that supports people living in poverty. We will announce the total amount raised after the Easter break.

Here are some pictures from our sleepover last Friday:



Parish Links

Our school serves two parishes: Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's RC Church and Mother of God. The parish websites contain information about Mass times, confession and Stations of the Cross as we approach Holy Week. Please do your best to take your child along to mass during the Easter break.

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

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



Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Maria (1ER)
Junior site	Nathan G (6LS)

Congratulations to Maria and Nathan G who have received the 'Head of School' Awards this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford. Well done!

CTK Trophy Assembly

At Christ the King our school motto is *Believe and Achieve*, and so every term we celebrate the achievements of our pupils by nominating them for trophies in four special categories: kindness, sportsmanship, endeavour and creativity. We are very proud of all of our children at CTK, and congratulations to those pupils who received the trophies in this week's assemblies. Well done, children!

CTK Trophies	Infants	Juniors
Kindness	Rosa (RSL)	Charlie M (6LS)
Sportsmanship	Arielle (RAG)	Manuel (4HD)
Endeavour	Bianka (2SN)	Finley (6SB)
Creativity	Alvaro (RHM)	Jadoore (5TO)

Attendance

We take pride in our attendance at CTK and we want to share this with you. Our winning classes last week were:

1st place: Mrs Hainsworth/Mrs Koenig and Miss Orrill's class with 98.7%

2nd Place: Mrs Featherstone's class with 98.3%

3rd Place: Mrs Odedra's class with 98.0%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 95.9%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

Attendance Matters		
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

The CTK Experience

Missions, Vocations and Futures.

Part of the CTK Experience is to encourage the children to think about their future and how they can use their God-given gifts.

An Aerospace Engineer visits Year 3

Year 3 had an inspiring aspiration visit from Dave Rickets, an Aero Engineer. He told us about the different types of engineering jobs available including mechanical engineer, electrical engineer, test engineer, space engineer and aero engineer. We got to see and pass around some small pieces of a jet engine that he had been involved in producing and heard how the engine had been tested by firing pretend chickens into the gas turbine! Dave emphasised that engineering is not just for men and is a great career for anyone that enjoys working with a team and is good at problem solving.



Trips, Visits and Retreats

Part of the CTK experience is the opportunity for children to regularly visit places of interest outside of school to enhance the learning of the formal academic curriculum.

Year 2 visit Western Park

Last Friday, Year 2 explored Western Park using compasses and maps to locate different areas of the park. We discovered that the bandstand is north of the park, the gym was south, the tennis courts were west and the main exit road was east. We used this information to plot the points onto our own maps of Western Park and labelled it using a key.



The CTK Experience continued...

Performance, Culture and Creativity

As part of the CTK experience, we want to nurture and develop the individual talents of each child by giving them the opportunity to perform, think and work creatively which includes participation in performances.

Year 4 Stations of the Cross Performance

A huge thank you to all the families that supported our Year 4 performance of the Easter play this week. The pupils retold and reenacted the Easter story told through the eyes of a little mouse who witnessed the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was a truly exceptional performance and showcased the incredible talent of our Year 4 pupils. We are very proud of each and every one of them.



Stomp around Leicester for LOROS

We had nearly 200 elephant designs submitted for our LOROS elephant: an amazing response that has already raised over £100 towards our LOROS target. An original design by Surina Patel in Year 6 was selected as the inspiration for our elephant but lots of the children's designs will also be incorporated.

This week we have been painting our elephant ready to return it to LOROS for exhibiting in the trail this summer. More updates will follow in the Pentecost term: <https://stomproundleicester.co.uk>



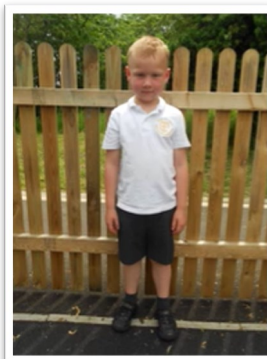


Uniform

Please remember that we will change to the summer uniform after Easter.

Boys

- **White polo shirt**
- **Grey shorts or trousers**
- **Black/ grey socks**
- **Black school shoes**
- **School jumper**



Girls

- **White polo shirt**
- **Navy Skirt, Pinafore or navy/grey shorts**
- **Blue checked summer dress**
- **White socks**
- **Black school shoes**
- **School jumper/ cardigan**



We will continue to enforce our school rule 'Dress to Impress' so please remind your child to start the day looking smart and ready for learning!

Story time coffee morning

It was lovely to see so many parents and pre-school children at our Story time coffee morning this week. We enjoyed a story and songs with Hema from the library service as well as hot cross buns. For those parents who applied for library cards during the morning, your library cards should be ready to collect from the infant reception.

We look forward to seeing parents again for our Pentecost coffee morning. More details to follow next term.





Easter Competition Time!

We are holding a series of competitions to celebrate Easter at Christ the King. The children are invited to use their creative talents to make an Easter Bonnet in Reception, decorate an egg in Years 1-4 and create an Easter Garden in Years 5 and 6. All the details have been sent across Arbor this week.



All entries need to be brought into school by **Wednesday 30th April** and the winners will be announced the following week.

This gives the children the Easter holiday to complete their entries. The main thing for the children to remember is to have fun and let their imagination and creativity run wild! We can't wait to see what you create.

Maths Curriculum Links for EYFS Parents

Calling all parents of children who are currently in EYFS! Below you will find a number of links to some fantastic maths games. Games are a great way of practising your child's maths fluency in a fun way at home.

Have fun building confidence in maths together!

[Early years Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Early Years activities - number | NRICH](#)

[Ladybird Spots - Counting, Matching and Ordering game](#)

[Shape Patterns](#)



Year 1 Phonics Screen Parent session

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Thursday for the 'Year 1 Phonics Screen Parent meeting in the Infant hall. We hope you found it useful. Please see [here](#) for the presentation if you were unable to attend.



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Easter Egg Hunts on Tuesday. The children had a fabulous time solving all the clues and meeting the Easter Bunny.

Next term, the PTA will be preparing for the annual summer BBQ. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and usually raises between £3,000- £4000. This money helps to improve our school for your children. If we are going to continue to put on this celebration we will need your help. Please come along to our next meeting on **Tuesday 29th April @ 18:00 Infant Site** to see if you can help the school community to celebrate the annual BBQ.

All are welcome!



Easter Holiday Money-Savers

Please see the link below for places where kids can eat for free across the Easter holidays.

<https://www.ctkleicester.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2025/04/kids-eat-free.jpg>

Online Safety

This week's online safety guide looks at influencers and the ways that some of their content can affect young people's self-esteem, attitudes towards material wealth and their general view of the world. Please click [here](#) to access the guide.

Finally..

As we come to the end of another term it is important to reflect upon the hard work and effort that has taken place this academic year. I would like to thank all our children, staff and parents for your continued support in making Christ the King the wonderful school it is! On behalf of all the Staff and Governors we wish you a happy and holy Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless.

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the Pentecost Term

Friday 11th April	School closes for Easter holidays (normal time)
Monday 28th April	Children return to school for the Pentecost Term
Monday 28th April	Healthy Lunchbox assemblies delivered by the School Nurse
Tuesday 29th April	PTA meeting @18:00 on the Infant Site. All Parents welcome
Wednesday 30th April	Healthy Lunchbox Parent Workshop @ 9:00am Infant Site All parents welcome
Thursday 1st May	EYFS End of Year Expectations Parent Meeting @9:00am Infant Site This is a repeat session
Thursday 1st May	Year 3 attending Mass at Mother of God Church @10:00am: All welcome to attend
Friday 2nd May	Ice Pole sales start today on both sites
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
Tuesday 6th May	EYFS Parents Maths Workshop @ 9:00am Infant Site
Friday 9th May	Miss Orrill's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome
Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 14th May	Year 3 Abbey Park Trip
Thursday 15th May	Resurrection Celebration of the Word Infants @ 9:00am Juniors @ 14:15
Friday 16th May	Mrs Pickwell's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome
Monday 19th May	Year 4 Bosworth Trip
Tuesday 20th May	Year 1 Parents Maths Workshop @ 9:00am Infant Site
Thursday 22nd May	May Procession to Our Lady 8:50am Juniors 10:00am Infants
Friday 23rd May	Mr Dunn's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 14:20 - Junior Site Parents welcome
Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May	Half term holiday—School closed