



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy Easter to you all. I hope you all had a blessed Easter break. Our final term of the year has so much to offer with trips, exciting visitors, sports day, end of year performances and memorable experiences for our pupils.

Pope Francis

I am sure that, for many of us, the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis on Easter Monday will have been a great shock. We continue to unite with the universal Church in praying for the happy repose of his soul.



O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your people's prayers
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,
who presided over your Church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy
the reward of a faithful servant.
This we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Faith in Action

Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to our CAFOD fundraising activities during Lent. 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 are still working on processing all the funds raised throughout the Lent term and will endeavour to update you with a grand total in the coming weeks.

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 Year 3 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/>



Health Eating

On Monday, the School Nurse visited both sites to talk to the children about what makes a healthy lunchbox. He explained the importance of eating a balanced meal that includes a variety of food groups, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and protein. The children learned how foods like apples, carrot sticks, whole grain sandwiches, and yoghurt can help them stay energised and focussed throughout the day. He also reminded them to drink plenty of water and avoid too many sugary snacks. The session was informative and the nurse showed examples of healthy lunchbox choices and the children asked some great questions.



Thank you to the parents who joined us for the parent workshop on Healthy eating. We hope you found it useful.

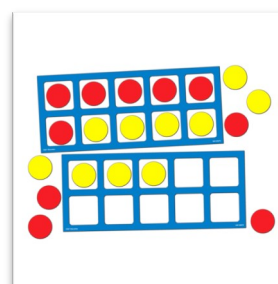
Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs will take place on the week beginning **12th May 2025**. We ask that all Year 6 children attend school and please ensure that you do not arrange any medical or family appointments during the SATS week. Thank you for your support with this.

The PTA will be providing a breakfast for the Year 6 children each day this week.

Year 1 Maths Parent Workshop

On Tuesday 20th May at 9:00am Mrs Griffin will be hosting a Y1 Maths Workshop for parents and carers. The purpose of the workshop will be to explain the different mathematical methods which the children are taught during Y1, many of which are very different to when we were at school! We will also discuss the best ways you can support your child at home, making maths enjoyable and fun. All parents and carers are very welcome. We hope you can join us.



Maths Curriculum Links for Year 1 Parents

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!

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#) - doubling, halving and number bonds

[Karate Cats - KS1 Maths game - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Bud's Number Garden - EYFS - Maths game - BBC Bitesize](#)



Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please ensure that children are in school every day and on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. **Holidays in term time will not be authorised and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice for unauthorised absences.**

Class attendance rates for each class up to the Lent Term:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
F2 SL	93.7%	3KR	97.5%
F2 HM	94.5%	3GH	97.4%
F2 AG	96.3%	3KW	96.3%
1ER	96.3%	4TP	95.6%
1WB	96.5%	4GO	97.4%
1SF/RG	97.4%	4HD	95.2%
2NT	96.3%	5AL	96.4%
2SN	96.0%	5TO	97.3%
2KK/RH	97.4%	5SF	97.7%
		6SB	96.8%
		6EA	97.5%
		6LS	96.9%

Attendance is a key priority for our school this year and the school continues to work towards its attendance target of 97%. Our current whole school attendance is 96.4%

CTK are now on Instagram

We are excited to announce that we have created a school Instagram account so we can share all of the amazing learning experiences we provide for our children at CTK with you at home! Please follow us: [Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy \(@ctkleicester\)](https://www.instagram.com/ctkleicester) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)



The CTK Experience

From Mr T - Boys and Girls Football

Just before the Easter holiday, our boys football team competed in the school's first-ever semi-final event — and our girls team followed suit on Tuesday.

Throughout the year, both teams have been regularly practicing, developing their skills, and working together as a unit. The semi-final events were set up almost like a World Cup tournament: each team played three group-stage matches, with the winners advancing to a knockout phase to determine the overall champion of the evening.

Our boys won all of their matches except the final one, where they played for a spot in the finals. After a tough game that ended 0-0, it went to penalties — where, unfortunately, a crossbar was the difference between the two teams.

Our girls showed fantastic character and commitment throughout. They managed to draw their group matches, which was enough to send them into the knockout stage. There, they won on penalties and secured their place in the girls finals this June!

Well done to everyone involved. I am incredibly proud of you all. Thank you once again to all the parents for the fantastic support you continue to show your children.



Forest School at CTK - "Let nature be your teacher," William Wordsworth

This year, we have introduced Forest School as an exciting new part of the curriculum. Following a successful bid from Leicester City Football Club with their community support outreach programme, Vicky Brown, from LCFC in Community, has been working with Miss Laycock and Miss Rawlings, guiding the development of this. Through activities like den building, bug hunting and nature crafts, the children develop important skills such as team work, problem-solving and resilience. As the scheme is rolled out and integrated into our whole school curriculum, more children will be able to access the learning and benefit from the provision.





Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parents' Association meeting this week. We are planning some exciting events for our children and families this term.

Our next Parents' Association meeting will be **Tuesday 20th May @ 18:00 Infant Site** where we will be preparing for our most important fundraising event of the year: The Summer BBQ on **Friday 27th June 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 school via the school office email: office@ctk.leicester.sch.uk

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Ice Poles on Sale Every Friday Infant and Junior site

With the help of our Year 6 pupils, the Parents Association will be selling Ice Poles every Friday after school starting today - *Friday 2nd May* until the end of the academic year. They will cost 50p each and the profits will be used to buy new equipment to support us as we integrate Forest School into our whole school curriculum so more children will be able to access the learning and benefit from the provision.

Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday 5th May is a bank holiday and therefore school is closed. School reopens as normal on Tuesday 6th May.

Thought for the week

*"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!"*

John 20:29

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team.



Important Dates for the Pentecost Term 1 2025

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 @ 9:00 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
Wednesday 14th May	Resurrection Celebration of the Word Infants @ 9:00 All parents Welcome
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	Resurrection Celebration of the Word Juniors @ 2:15 All parents Welcome
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



Important Dates for Pentecost Term 2 2025

Monday 2nd June	School reopens
Week beginning 2nd June	Year 4 Multiplication Timestables Check
Wednesday 4th June	FIT Team Coffee Morning - Forest School session - Infant Site
Monday 9th June	Year 3 and Year 4 Joint Mass led by Fr Hans
Monday 9th June	New Parents' Meeting on the Infant Site @18:00
Week beginning 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 11th June	Transition Morning across school—opportunity for children to meet their new teacher for next academic year
Wednesday 11th June	New Reception children visiting the Infant Site—Infant Site @ 9:30-10:30 Day 1
Thursday 12th June	EYFS Father's Day Afternoon @13:30 –14:30 Infant Site
Friday 13th June	Reception Miss Laycock's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00 Infant Site—Parents Welcome
Monday 16th June	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @13:00 Junior Site
Wednesday 18th June	New Reception children visiting the Infant Site—Infant Site @ 9:30-10:30 Day 2
Friday 20th June	Reception Mrs Gibson's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00 Infant Site—Parents Welcome
Monday 23rd June	Year 6 visiting English Martyrs to watch Grease
Monday 23rd June	EYFS Celebration Mass led by Fr Hans
Friday 27th June	<u>CTK Summer BBQ—Junior Site @ 17:00-20:00</u>
Friday 27th June	Reception Mr Mason's Class Poetry Recital Assembly @ 9:00 Infant Site—Parents Welcome
Monday 30th June	Trophy Assemblies
Tuesday 1st July	Year 3 Chicken Wire Workshop
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 trip to the Warning Zone - Personal Development focus
Thursday 3rd July	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Friday 4th July	Annual Reports shared with parents



Important Dates for Pentecost Term 2 continued.....

Monday 7th July	Celebration Mass for the children who have made their First Holy Communion this year. @ 9:00 Junior Hall—Parents Welcome
Monday 7th July	Year 1 End of Term Disco @ 15:30 –16:15
Wednesday 9th July	Year 6 Play performances to parents *Ticketed Event* Afternoon performance @ 13:30 Evening performance @ 17:00
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy @ 14:00 Parents welcome
Thursday 10th July	Year 2 End of Term Disco @ 17:15-18:00—Junior Hall Year 6 Leavers' Disco @ 18:15-19:15—Junior Hall
Friday 11th July	<u>Last day of school for this academic year</u> <u>Usual finishing time of 15:00 Junior Site / 15:20 Infant Site</u>
Thursday 28th August	School reopens for academic year 2025-26