



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been full of celebrations, including our Mass for children who made their First Holy Communion, our Junior Trophy Assembly, Year 2 performance and achieving the **School Games Mark – GOLD** for the fourth consecutive year. This external award recognises the high-quality PE provision and wide range of extracurricular sporting opportunities at CTK. This is a fantastic achievement, and I would like to thank Mr T and Mr Dunn for their hard work throughout the year. We are very proud!

This morning, we enjoyed a wonderful poetry recital assembly performed by Mr Mason's class. Thank you to all the pupils in F2HM who performed two brilliant poems this morning: "Hen's Song" by Rose Fyleman and "The Giving Farm" by Vicki Witcher, based on the theme of farming and animals. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm and we are very proud of them!

Our Catholic Mission

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Monday for our Mass of celebration for the children who made their First Holy Communion this year. It was a truly joyful occasion.

During the Mass, Fr John reminded us of the importance of always being a friend of Jesus. He spoke about the significance of attending Mass every Sunday, where we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. This strengthens us and helps us to grow as good and faithful members of His Mystical Body, the Church.





Attendance

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

1st place: Mrs Francis and Mrs Hellwig's class and Miss Rawlings class with 98.0%

2nd Place: Miss Lawes' class with 97.6%

3rd Place: Mr Dunn's class with 97.4%

Our target is always to have attendance above 97%. Last week, attendance across all year groups was 93.4%. Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please remember that excellent attendance leads to amazing achievement.

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

Free Webinar for parents with children transitioning to secondary school

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust is offering a *free online webinar* to help parents feel confident in supporting their child's transition to secondary school.

The same session is available on two dates:

- **Wednesday 22nd July – 9.00am**
- **Thursday 6th August – 3.00pm**



Scan the QR code or select your preferred date to register.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat!

Leicester City Libraries are excited to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge with the vibrant theme: **Read to the Beat – Read. Remix. Repeat.** Children are invited to get into the reading rhythm, where stories, music and imagination come together in a fun and engaging way.

The challenge begins in Leicester libraries this **Saturday 27th June**. Children can complete the challenge by visiting their local library three times between **Saturday 27th June and Sunday 13th September**, borrowing and reading at least six books. Along the way, they can collect rewards including stickers, a bookmark, and a certificate and medal on completion. It is free to take part, and children can also borrow books online. For more 'Read to the Beat' fun, go to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Happy reading!





Stars of the Week

CTK Infants

R-SL	Neriah, Joahana, Matteo, Fejiro, Adaeze
R-HM	Hannah, Neriah, Phoenix, Ife
R-AG	Aaral, Rose, Joseph, Esther, Ifeonu
1ER	Alvaro
1HF	Melvin
1RH	Norah
2WB	Mila
2NT	Jayden Map
2SN	Blaithin

CTK Juniors

3GH	Sophie S
3TP	Emily
3KR	Presley + Johaan
4GO	Juan
4HD	Mudiwa
4MH	Otto
5AL	Joshua
5WG	Ivan
5TO	Jesse + Toby
6LS	Oliver
6SB	Davis
6SF	Ignacy



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.

Infant Site:

Regina (RHM)	Mihail (RSL)	Joseph (RAG)
Ruby (1ER)	Sky (2SN)	

Junior Site:

Jadoore (6SB)	Elohim (4HD)	Rian (6SF)
Rio (5WG)	Evelyn (3TP)	Zuzanna (6SB)
Skhmani (6LS)	Lily (5WG)	Logan (3TP)

The CTK Experience

The End of Year 2 Subject Showcase

This week our fabulous Year 2 pupils showcased their learning across the curriculum in an end-of-year performance. It was absolutely incredible and a joy to watch the children perform so confidently. The children at CTK receive an ambitious and knowledge-rich curriculum which provides a wide range of opportunities for pupils to study the full range of subject disciplines. This helps pupils acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare them for the next phase of their education and beyond. A huge congratulations to all the Year 2 children - it was a very impressive performance. Thank you to all the parents and carers for assisting the children in learning their lines and for coming to join us.

Year 5 Local area visit

As part of our Local History unit this term, Year 5 explored the inspiring women of Leicester and their impact on the world. To bring their learning to life, the children took part in the Alice Hawkins Trail, walking through Leicester to visit key landmarks linked to the famous suffragette and trade union activist. They visited Alice Hawkins' home, the site of the former Equity Shoe Factory where she worked, Leicester Market where she delivered powerful speeches, her statue in the Market Square and other significant locations around our local area. The trip gave the children a deeper understanding of Alice Hawkins' courage, determination and the important role she played in changing history, while also helping them appreciate the rich local heritage of Leicester.



CTK Trophy Assemblies

At Christ the King our school motto is *Believe and Achieve*. 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 on the Junior site this week. Well done, children.

Kindness Trophy: Olivia (3KR)

Sportsmanship Trophy: Olek (4MH)

Endeavour Trophy: Amira (5WG)

Creativity Trophy: Kacper (4MH)





REMINDER... Free School Meals is changing – check your eligibility from today!

From 1 June 2026, eligibility has expanded but all families must re-apply or free school meals may stop in September.

If you receive Universal Credit or were previously refused, you may now qualify. Please click the secure link below to complete an online application.

[Free school meals | Leicester City Council](#)

REMINDER...CTK Nursery School - Applications Open!

We are delighted to share that Christ the King has secured Department for Education approval to open a new Nursery School, with building and refurbishment beginning in July and a planned opening in October 2026 (subject to completion of works).

Applications are now open, with further details available on our website [here](#) and you can collect a Nursery School Application Form for 2026-27 from the Infant school office.

The Nursery will offer 15 hours of free provision for three and four-year-olds, delivered as five 3-hour sessions per week, designed to give children a strong start through focused support in communication, social development and early learning skills. Additional sessions will be available at a cost and some families may be eligible for 30 hours of funding.

Places are limited and allocated according to the admissions criteria. While attendance does not guarantee a Reception place, it will ensure children are exceptionally well-prepared for the next stage of their education.

The Virtue of Gratitude

As we approach the end of the term, we will be encouraging children to practise the virtue of gratitude by sending notes of appreciation.

Thanking others for their help does wonders for our mental health and a handwritten note is best because it encourages the children to *think* about how others have helped them. We would like to encourage the children to write thank you notes to someone that they think has helped them during this term – this may include their friends or an adult in school.

The children can collect a thank you note template from their class teacher.



Well being Top Tip for July

With the Summer holidays fast approaching it is worth being reminded about the importance of good quality play for our children's wellbeing. Jean Piaget, a pioneering psychologist from the 20th Century said "Play is the answer to how anything new comes about".

When a child is given time and space for free play they are giving the brain time to process and embed learning, regulate their emotions and nervous systems and explore their interests and fascinations. Rather than reaching for a tablet or phone this Summer, here are some ideas to encourage your child to truly play.

- Dressing up
- Role play and imaginative play
- Arts and crafts
- Den building
- Telling stories and making props
- Outdoor games and time at the park
- Blowing bubbles
- Junk modelling
- Lego and construction activities

Encourage your child to ask questions, be creative, dream and relax. After a busy year at school, they need time to recharge and simply enjoy being children.

As Frederick Froebel said, "*Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood.*" Through play, children can grow in confidence, creativity and wonder.





Online Safety

This online safety guide focuses on helping parents and educators understand how digital devices affect children's wellbeing and how to promote healthier habits. Please click the link [here](#) to access the guide.

Sports Day Update

Unfortunately, Herewoode Academy has been unable to offer us an alternative Sports Day date before the end of term. As a result, we have decided to provide the Sports Day experience for all children within their year groups on the school playground.

As this will be our Year 6 pupils' final Sports Day at primary school, we would like to extend an invitation to Year 6 parents to join us for this special occasion. We apologise for the short notice.

Sports Day activities for all other year groups will go ahead for children only. Further details, including dates and timings for each year group, have been shared with parents via Arbor this week. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit. We also ask that they wear a T-shirt in their house colour. Your child's class teacher will confirm which house colour they should wear.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable Sports Day for all our pupils.

Annual Reports

The children have brought home their Annual School Reports today. It has been a successful year at Christ the King and we intend your child's school report to give a fair reflection of both their achievements and also the areas for development in order for them to continue to make progress next year. If you would like to discuss the contents of your school report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will be delighted to make an appointment to speak with you.

Thought for the week

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"

John 20v29

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

We look forward to seeing you all this evening at our Summer BBQ on the Junior Site from 5–8pm.

Thank you to all the parents who have kindly offered to help — your support is greatly appreciated. With the weather looking good, it promises to be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and celebrate the many successes of CTK this year.

Cash is preferred; however, tokens and card machines will be available.

We hope you can join us!

Please see details below for the Year 2 and Year 6 Discos.

CHRISTUS REX

YEAR 2 DISCO

A lovely way to welcome the Year 2's to their new school site!

DATE	TIME	TICKETS
THURSDAY 9TH JULY	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	£2 TO PAY ON ARBOR

CAN YOU SUPPORT ON THE DATE?
WE WOULD LOVE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MAKE THE DISCO A *fantastic experience!*

LET'S MAKE IT A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

If you can support on the date, please email: pta@ctk.leicester.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support!



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association messages continued....

CHRISTUS REX

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DISCO

A special night to celebrate the end of an amazing chapter!

 DATE THURSDAY 9TH JULY	 TIME 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	 ENTRY FREE!
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COME AND CELEBRATE YOUR AMAZING YEAR 6 JOURNEY!
FUN • MUSIC • MEMORIES
FRIENDS • AND MORE!

You did it!
CLASS OF 2026

IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE DATE,
PLEASE EMAIL: PTA@CTK.LEICESTER.SCH.UK

♥ *Thank you for your support!* ♥



Dates for Pentecost 2

Monday 6th July	3TP Cornet Concert at 14:30 Junior Hall. Parents welcome.
Monday 6th July	Year 6 Sports Day—13:15 –14:45 Junior Playground. Parents invited
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 @ 5:00-6:00pm—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