



CTK News: 28.08.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school newsletter has a new look! We will now share our newsletter using **Microsoft Sway**. This makes it easier to read on any device and helps us share news and information with families. We hope you enjoy the new format.





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Welcome Back!

I hope you are all well and enjoyed a restful summer break. A special welcome to all of our new children and the families who have joined the CTK community—we are delighted to have you with us.

The children have made an enthusiastic start to the year and many seem to have grown a few inches over the summer too! We have an exciting year ahead and we are really looking

forward to working together so that every child can continue to flourish and reach their full potential.

Catholic Life and Mission



Before the summer holiday, we invited our children, staff and families to share their ideas as part of our consultation on our school Mission Statement. Thank you to everyone who contributed their thoughts and reflections.

As part of the process, we asked our children and staff what our school motto, "**Believe and Achieve**," means to them. Using all of the ideas gathered, we created a new **CTK acronym** that reflects how we live out our mission to **Believe and Achieve for Christ Our King**.

This week, during our welcome assemblies, we introduced our revised Mission Statement:

For Christ the King, we Believe and Achieve by...

C - Caring for Each Other

T - Trying Our Best

K - Knowing and Loving God

We are guided by the new commandment given to us by Jesus: "**Love one another as I have loved you.**" *John 13:34*

During assembly, the children reflected on how they can care for one another, especially those most in need, always try their best, and grow in their knowledge and love of God throughout the year. Why not ask your child if they can remember our CTK Mission Statement and explain how they put it into practice each day?



[Mission Bookmarks](#)

A reminder for all families to enter our **CTK Bookmark Competition**. Design a bookmark inspired by our Mission Statement and return it to school using the template provided.

The winning designs will be selected by the School Council, professionally printed, and used as **rewards for children** as well as being **shared with visitors to our school**.

Closing date: Monday 14th September

We look forward to seeing your creative designs!

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Parish Links



An important part of the **CTK Experience** is providing opportunities for our children to participate actively in the Catholic life of our school. We have been working with Fr John and Fr Hans to plan liturgical celebrations for the year ahead, and we will share further dates with families as soon as they are confirmed. To mark the start of the new academic year, children in **Years 1-6** will attend Mass at **Mother of God Church** to come together in prayer and give thanks for the year ahead. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

· Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 1st September 2026, 10:00am

· Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 3rd September 2026, 10:00am

· Year 5 and Year 6

Friday 4th September 2026, 10:00am

We look forward to celebrating together as a school community.

Keep up to date with the latest news, Masses and events from our parish communities using the links below:

[Mother of God](#)

[Most Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's](#)

Please see below for this week's parish newsletters.

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House Captains for Advent Term

We are delighted to introduce our **newly elected House Captains for the Advent Term!** The children showed great courage and confidence by delivering speeches to their peers, explaining why they would make excellent representatives for their houses. Following the elections, our new House Captains proudly received their badges and met with the **Heads of School** to discuss their important responsibilities and how they can help make a positive difference across CTK. We are looking forward to seeing them grow as leaders and put our mission of **Caring for Each Other, Trying Our Best and Knowing and Loving God** into action throughout the term.

	YEAR 2	YEAR 6
ST BERNADETTE	- Isabel 2SN - Daniel 2NT	- Julia 6WB - Theo 6WB
ST FRANCIS	- Rosa 2ER - Jan 2ER	- Andrea 6BF - Joshua 6TP
ST JOHN BOSCO	- Olivia 2SN - Iko 2NT	- Winter 6WB - David 6WB
ST ANNE	- Arielle 2ER - Austin 2ER	- Elaine 6TP - Hugo 6TP

New Starters at CTK



We have been blessed with some wonderful new staff who have joined the CTK Team this year. We know you will make them feel most welcome.



Please see our full staffing structure below.

			Executive Headteacher: Mrs Carter		
Head of School: Mrs Valente			Head of School: Mrs Glassford		
CTK INFANTS			CTK JUNIORS		
Year Group	Teacher	TA	Year	Teacher	TA
R	Mr Mason/Mrs Esmail	Miss J Hadfield and Miss Saville/ Mrs Kolinska	3	Miss Orill	Mrs Beattie and Mrs Evatt
R	Mrs Gibson	Mrs Tonge, Mrs Havenhand and Mrs Rosa	3	Mrs Kallnaal	Mrs Cranston and Mrs Seajo
R EYFS Lead	Miss Laycock	Mrs Wood and Mrs Bourne	3	Miss Hall	Mrs Gilbert and Miss Hargrave
1	Mrs Francis/ Mrs Griffin	Mrs Harris	4	Miss Hynes	Mrs Stratton
1	Mrs Wooldridge/ Mrs Bayliss	Mrs Fitzgerald	4	Mr Dunn	Mrs Crayford and Mrs Wheatley
1 Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Koenig/ Ms Hellwig	Ms Thornton	4	Mrs Allard/ Mrs Gallagher	Mrs O'Brien
2	Miss Nokes	Mrs Feeney and Mrs Bartnik	5	Mrs Joshi/ Miss Lindsay	Mrs Toon
2	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Pearson and Mrs Banks	5	Mrs Stone	Ms Thowfeek
2	Miss Rawlings	Miss Silva and Mrs Springthorpe	5	Mrs Russell	Mrs Amoroso
			6	Mrs Boyd/ Mrs Williams	Mrs Chomentowska
			6 Assistant Headteacher	Ms Mahi/ Mrs Pickwell	Mrs Hargrave
PE Coach	Mr Tite		6	Mrs Brennan/ Mrs Featherstone	Miss A Hadfield Mrs Amoroso
			SEND Lead: Mrs Wheeldon (Tues – Thurs) Learning Mentor: Mrs Hansrani, Curriculum Lead: Ms Knight Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Henshaw		
			Operations Manager Mrs Dunbar		

Home Learning

Homework will begin next week. Every pupil will have a home learning book which they will be asked to cover and personalise this week. Home learning will be given out every Friday and must be returned to school the following Wednesday. The main purpose of homework will be to provide the children with an opportunity to practice their learning at home. We hope it will foster good habits of organisation, independent learning and self-discipline.

The children will be rewarded Gold/Silver and Bronze according the effort they have put in.

Attendance and Punctuality

At Christ the King, we know that excellent attendance is fundamental to children's achievement, wellbeing and future success. We are proud that attendance at CTK is consistently above the national average and thank parents for their continued support in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Parents should be aware that, in line with the **Department for Education's statutory guidance, *Working Together to Improve School Attendance***, schools and local authorities are required to take a more robust approach to unauthorised absence. National changes include increased penalty notice fines and stricter enforcement for repeat offences.

Please note, the school will not be able to authorise absence for holidays, travel abroad to visit family, weddings or other family events during term time.

To help families monitor attendance and punctuality, we will send an individual attendance report for every pupil via Arbor on the final Friday of each half term. This will provide parents with a clear overview of their child's attendance and punctuality, alongside the school's average.

Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed.

Online Safety



We will continue to make this a weekly update for parents to support you in ensuring your child's safety online. This week our update is about using and reviewing parental controls. Please click [here](#) for 10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers about Parent Controls.

Reminders

Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday 31st August is a bank holiday and therefore school is closed. School reopens as normal on Tuesday 1st September.

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 Bikeability starts next week. The children have received a letter detailing the days they are cycling and they will need to bring their bike and helmet if they have one. Bikes and helmets will be provided for those pupils who do not have them.

Please ensure your children come to school in their PE kit on the days they are cycling; they should also bring a waterproof coat in case of rain.

Children can walk their bikes through the main playground gate and there will be a member of staff to show them where to put their bikes each day.

Swimming

5TJ begin swimming lessons on Thursday 3rd September for 10 weeks. Pupils will be walking to and from the swimming baths so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to wear - particularly for the walk back after they have been in the water. We suggest all pupils bring a hat to wear on the walk back to school to keep themselves warm.

Arbor

Please can all parents make sure they are signed up to Arbor, as this will be the primary method of communication and will enable you to register, book and pay for any events in school. This will include clubs, trips, dinners, parents' evening, breakfast club and the afterschool club. Please speak to the school office if you are having any problems with setting up your Arbor account.

Data Collection Forms

Data collection forms have been sent home to all families this week. If you have recently moved house, changed your mobile telephone number or email address, or if there have been any changes to your child's dietary requirements, intolerances, or medical needs, please ensure that you update the form and return it to school as soon as possible. This will allow us to update our records on Arbor and ensure that we hold the most accurate information for your child. If you need any support completing the form, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

This information is extremely important for the safety and wellbeing of your child.

Collection Lists

We are always looking for ways to improve the children's safety. In order to ensure that children are collected safely at the end of the school day, a letter was sent home to all

parents this week regarding collection. Please can you return these to school as soon as possible. We will **only** dismiss children to the named persons on the collection sheet. You must notify the school office if there are any changes to these arrangements **before 2.30pm** to avoid any delays at the end of the school day.

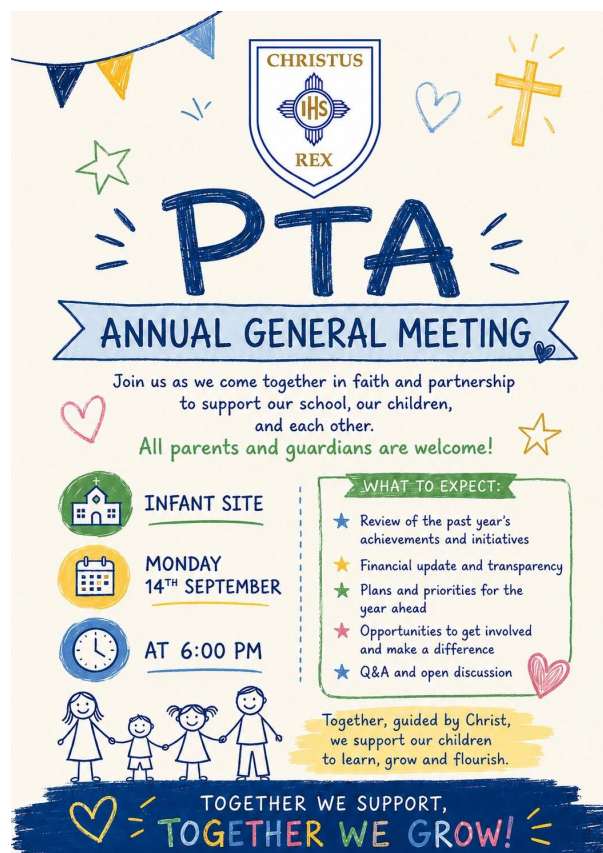
If you are happy for your child to walk to meet you or to walk home independently, you will need to give your written permission. Thank you for your support.

CTK Parents' Association

Our Friends of Christ the King AGM will take place on **Monday 14th September at 6:00pm** on the Infant Site.

We are looking for new volunteers to help support our school. The PTA organises events, raises funds and helps create special opportunities for our children.

Whether you can help regularly or just occasionally, we would love to see you at the AGM and hear your ideas. Your support can make a real difference to our school community. We hope you can join us.





"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

St

Augustine

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team