

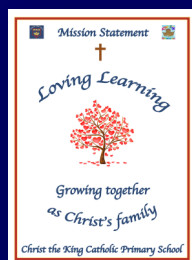


Christ the King Catholic Primary

“Loving, learning, growing together as Christ’s family”



**Thank you to everyone who donated food items for Readifood Charity.
Each class made up their own hamper.**



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Term dates 2025

11th December - Presents for Parents wrap

11th December 2025 - Nursery Performance 10am

11th December 2025 - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch, Chocolate donations please for the Hamper Raffle

12th December 2025 - Reception Nativity 9.15am and 2.30pm

16th December 2025 - KS1/Ducklings Nativity 9.15am and 2.30pm

16th December 2025 - Choir Concert 3.45-4.15

17th December 2025 - Year3/4 Carol Concert at 9.15am and 2.30pm

19th December 2025 - End of Term, School Closes at 1.30

School re-opens 6th January 2026

PTFA are looking for any donations of wrapping paper and gift bags for the Present for Parents

A chocolate hamper raffle will be held at the end of term. PTFA would be grateful for any chocolate donations and tickets will be on sale soon.

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militarywives & Choirs Arborfield

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The military wives are giving a Christmas
concert at Christ the King on

Friday 12th December at 7.30.

Everyone is welcome it will an enjoyable
evening, it is free, donations are welcome.

There will be refreshments in the interval.

Families of Faith

✧ December ✧

Prayer Corner



An Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are waiting for Jesus to be born.

Help us to be full of hope and to share your love with everyone we meet.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!
Amen

Prayer at bedtime

Bless me Lord as this day ends
Bless my family and all my friends.

Keep me safe throughout the night.

And wake me with the morning's light.
Amen

Good News from the Gospel

7 Sunday – Matthew 3:1-12 "Prepare the way of the Lord." Activity: tidy an area to make space for Christmas and donate old toys to charity.

14 Sunday – Matthew 11:2-11 "The blind receive their sight and the lame, walk." Activity: show your support to a charity of your choice.

21 Sunday – Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and they shall call his name Emmanuel." Activity: Make a baby Jesus decoration to put onto your Christmas tree.

28 Sunday – Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23 "Arise and take the child and His mother and go into the land of Israel." Activity – take your decoration on a journey – to family or friends, church or on a nature walk. Take a photo to share at school with your class.

Family in Faith Action

Why not make an advent wreath together with greenery from plants and candles. Light one each week.

Week 1 – Hope (Prophecy Candle)

Represents hope of the world for the coming of the Messiah. Make your Advent wreath as a sign of waiting for Jesus to come to us.

Week 2 – Peace (Bethlehem Candle)

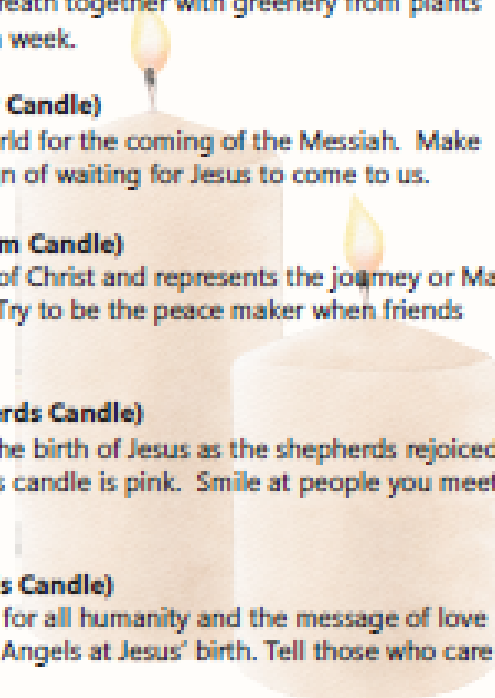
This symbolises the peace of Christ and represents the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Try to be the peace maker when friends quarrel.

Week 3 – Joy (The Shepherds Candle)

This represents the joy of the birth of Jesus as the shepherds rejoiced upon hearing the news. This candle is pink. Smile at people you meet to bring joy to them.

Week 4 – Love (The Angels Candle)

This symbolises God's love for all humanity and the message of love and peace delivered by the Angels at Jesus' birth. Tell those who care for you that you love them.



Saints to Inspire

6 December – St. Nicholas

Saint Nicholas was a bishop known for his generosity. In the Middle Ages people began leaving gifts and money in shoes as a way to copy his kindness, especially for the poor. In many European countries today, children still put out their shoes and receive sweets, nuts, fruit or small toys on the morning of December 6th.



Why not donate some of your own shoes you have grown out of to charity

13 December – St. Lucy

Saint Lucy was known as the "Bearer of Light." She wore a crown of candles to bring food to people in hiding with her hands free to carry the food. In Sweden today, children still sing a song dedicated to St. Lucy. A girl dresses as St. Lucy with a wreath of candles on her head and is accompanied by children dressed as gingerbread figures. This symbolises the bringing of light and treats to ward off the darkness of the long winter nights. The 12th December is known as Gingerbread House Day.

Why not try making your own gingerbread man or house!



Miss Nyilas Class

This week we start the Journey of Advent and waiting for the arrival of Jesus. We have been taking about who Mary is, and the Angel who came to give her a big job of being Jesus' mummy. We also looking at the Advent Wreath and what it represents and how each week we light a new candle as we wait for Jesus.



Miss Parson's Class

With it being the start of Advent, the children have also had a visit from a very friendly Elf. Belle the elf has been visiting class and leaves a challenge, a game full of cheer, to keep us all moving as Christmas draws near! Each morning the children find a scroll surprise, with tasks to discover. A physical mission to complete by the end of the school day. But that's not all... The Elf has a plan, to spread kindness and joy and a random act of kindness is part of the quest, to show that the class is truly the best!

As we approach the final stretch before Christmas, the children have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming productions. The children are working hard to learn their lines, songs, and dance moves. The children have been putting in a lot of effort, and their excitement is growing as the big day approaches. We are so proud of all of them for their dedication and enthusiasm. We hope you are looking forward to these performances as much as we are. Thank you to the parents who have provided costumes and supported children practicing lines and parts at home. Your continued help and support is very much appreciated.

In English we have been looking at acrostic poems, the first letter of each line spells a word. An acrostic is a poem or other word composition in which the first letter of each new line spells out a word, message or the alphabet. We started the beginning of the week thinking about words to spell Christ the King and ended the week thinking of a poem using words that represent our own names.

Caring

Team

Kind

Happy

Helpful

Independent

Respectful

Education

New opportunities

Inclusive

Growing

Supportive

Thankful

We are looking forward to working on our name poems this week in English and learn about different types of poetry to finish this very busy and exciting term.

Sent on behalf of Short Breaks, Reading Borough Council

Dear Parent carers

Please see below short breaks available during the Christmas holidays. If you would like to book a place for you child/ren young person, please contact the short breaks provider directly. Thank you.



Reading Play SEND December Holiday Short Break Sessions: 29th December 2025 - Session one 10am – 12pm Age 5 to 7 years; Session two 2pm to 4pm – Age 8 to 12 years. Please use the following link for more details, use the link to find out more [Reading Directory | SEND December Holiday Short Breaks Sessions - Reading Play](#)



SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program (includes half terms & holidays) for more details on dates and times please use the following link, use the link to find out more [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program \(includes half terms & holidays\)](#)



Make Sense Theatre - December SEND Short Breaks Holiday Clubs

SEND specific holiday clubs rooted in creativity and play. Session on 22nd December 23rd December, 2nd January 2026

Use the link to find out more [Reading Directory | Make Sense Theatre - December SEND Short Breaks Holiday Clubs](#)

Gospel

Matthew 3: 1-12

And in those days cometh John the Baptist preaching in the desert of Judea.

And saying: *Do penance: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

For this is he that was spoken of by Isaias the prophet, saying: A voice of one crying in the desert, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

And the same John had his garment of camels' hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins: and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the country about Jordan:

And were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

And seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them: Ye brood of vipers, who hath shewed you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of penance.

And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham for our father. For I tell you that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

For now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that doth not yield good fruit, shall be cut down, and cast into the fire.

I indeed baptize you in the water unto penance, but he that shall come after me, is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire.

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn with un-



Stars of the Week

Miss Scott: Tiffany & Nancy

Miss Parsons: Diana & Naomika

Miss Lockwood: Nancy

Mrs Kassam:

Miss Thompson: Henry M & Nethan

Mrs Casey:

Mrs Powell : Georgie, Charlie & Annie

Mrs Bloom: Genelia & Chelsea

Miss Nyilas: Fathima

Reading Points

100 Points - Alice

300 Points - Myra

Maths Ninjas!

To earn the title Maths Ninja you must develop your powers of concentration and practise your skills to master calculation and dominate numbers so that you face Maths with no trace of fear.

With skill and patience you may earn these ranks:

Shodan (red) 11 out of 15 in 1 minute.

Nidan (white) 22 out of 25 in 1 minute.

Sandan (yellow) 33 out of 35 in 1 minute.

Yondan (orange) 44 out of 45 in 1 m 30 sec.

Godan (Green) 55 out of 55 in 1 m 30 sec.

Rokudan (Blue) 66 out of 70 in 1 m 30 sec.

Shichidan (Brown) 77 out of 80 in 2 minutes.

Hachidan (Black) 88 out of 90 in 2 minutes.

Kudan (Purple) 99 out of 100 in 2 minutes

Congratulations to

Shodan: Lucas, Elliot, George (Y5 Red)

Nidan: Bartosz, Gabriela

Sandan: Candice

Yondan: Shanira, Jaxon,

Godan: Wiktorja, Henry N, Damarai

Rokudan: Lyla, Logan

Shichidan: Rayaana

Hachidan:

Kudan: Isaac

MASSAGE AND SENSORY INTEGRATION THERAPY SERVICE



**You are invited to join
two Family Coffee
Sessions with Sophie
Webster - Massage
and Sensory Therapist
from RBC**

**Please join us from 2pm till
3pm on
22nd January - Sensory Needs in
Children
29th January - Massage
Techniques to support at home**



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Spring 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following clubs at Christ the King in the Spring term.

Dance / Gymnastics 🏆 3-6 | 3.30pm - 4.30pm | Monday

150126 - 200126 | 10x Sessions | £62.50

Football Club 🏆 3-6 | 3.30pm - 4.30pm | Thursday

150126 - 150226 | 5x Sessions | £12.50

£6.25 Per Session

See You There,
uSports

BOOK NOW

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/816>

How To Book:

01

Click the 'Book Now' button or type in the link underneath

02

Scroll to find the right club

03

Add your child's details

04

Book & pay for your child's place



Reading Children's centre farmyard event 2025

The farm will be visiting your local children centre
on the following dates:

Sun Street Children Centre: 15th Decemeber

Ranikhet Children Centre: 17th December

Southcote Children Centre: 22nd December

Whitley Children Centre: 23rd December

All visits will be held 10am-12pm

Please wear suitable clothing as the visits
will likely be held outside



Please note this is a free event



People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

Please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats. Snacks containing Nutella or similar spreads are not allowed.

For example Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Satay Sauces, Nutella spread or snack containing Nutella, Boxes of variety chocolates.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut free school.

Medication

If your child has been prescribed medication by the Hospital or GP and it needs to be taken during school hours, please ensure it is given to the school office and not any other member of staff.

Please note antibiotics will only be administered if the dosage is 4 times a day, every 6 hours and NOT for 3 times a day which is every 8 hours.

The medication needs to be in its original packaging with a pharmacy label on.

You will also be required to complete a medication form which is available from the school office.

If your child has vomited even if it is only once or had diarrhoea then they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

REMINDER Children should be wearing full school uniform, which should have your child's name on.

All children should bring a sun hat and water bottle into school.

Children should only bring in water and no other drink.

Please Note - Crocs are not suitable footwear for school.

The Uniform policy is on our website.

We like to encourage children to walk or ride to school, but please ensure your child is wearing a helmet.

Also please remind your children not to ride in school grounds and to walk their bike or scooter to the shed, or out of the gate.

School Dinners

The price of a school meal is £2.86 per day.

This is payable by either cash or cheque (payable to Caterlink) and should be paid daily or weekly in advance.

If your child is going to be late into school and would like to have a school dinner, please ensure you phone in to order a meal before 9.30 as meals are cooked to orders placed.

Thank you

Reminder - Gates close at 8.50am

The Ark gate and Exbourne Road gate will be closed and padlocked at 8.50am every morning. Anyone arriving later than 8.50am will need to enter through the Durham Close entrance and will be recorded as late.

The gate cannot be opened once locked.

Please ensure your children enter the school through the correct entrance. Any child entering through Durham Close MUST sign in at the office.

We would like to remind parents that once you have collected your children from the teacher after school, they are then in your care even if still on school grounds. Therefore, please ensure they do not play on the outdoor equipment or go up to classroom windows.

Please ensure your child/ren bring in a named water bottle. This should only contain water. Children should not be bringing in juice or fizzy

Healthy Snacks

We have noticed an increasing number of KS2 children bringing in a variety of unhealthy snacks for break time e.g. Chocolate, cookies, crisps. When the children start at CTK School in Nursery or Reception they eat healthy snacks that are fruit or vegetables. The Government scheme is to provide all Early Years and Key Stage One Children with a piece of fruit or veg until the end of year 2. We want to continue this healthy eating in KS2. Can we ask that you provide your child with a healthy snack for their mid morning break . Examples of healthy snacks are: fruit, vegetables, rice cakes and bread sticks.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7:30 every morning.

The price is £4.50 per day,

Payment is made online through School Money.

Afterschool Club

Afterschool club is now provided by Funtastic Kids which is held at Geoffrey Field School.

The contact details for club are 01189799253,

bookings@funtastickids.co.uk.