



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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

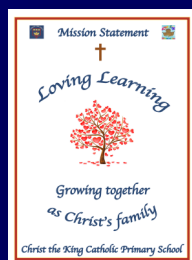


On Friday each class made crowns to celebrate the feast of Christ the King and joined in a procession.



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Term dates 2025

5th December 2025 - Non Uniform day for donations of gifts for Presents for Parents

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

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

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

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.

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!





Christmas donations for ReadiFood



The Mini Vinnies have launched a campaign to help local families in need this Christmas.

Each class will collect donations for a Christmas hamper which will be collected by ReadiFood on December 3rd.

The Mini Vinnies would appreciate any donations from the following list:

- Children's chocolate selection boxes
- Boxes/ tins of chocolates
- Biscuit selection boxes
- Savoury crackers
- Mince pies
- Christmas puddings
- Jars of sauces (cranberry, mustard etc)
- Jars of pickles
- Savoury snacks
- Tins of ham, potatoes or vegetables.

Please send donations in with your children to add to their class Christmas hamper.



ReadiFood

Christ the King Procession



This term Ducklings have been looking at the weather. This week, we looked at wind and what wind is. We made windsocks to see how the wind moves!



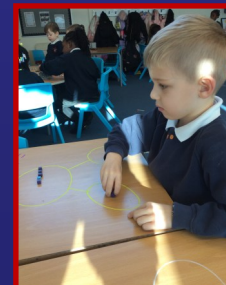
Year 3/4 and 5/6 took part in a WEC football tournament before half term. Both teams demonstrating excellent football skills as well as great team work, encouraging and supporting each other.



Year 5/6 took part in Bikeability, this is a free course each year offered by Avanti and paid for by the local authority. Children completed Learn to Ride or Level 1 and some children completed level 2, cycling on the roads round Whitley learning how to cycle safely.



This week, the children in Miss Scott's class have been learning how to subtract using number bonds. To support their understanding, we explored subtraction with a variety of concrete objects, helping the children to make practical links in their learning. We also used whole-part models to show how numbers can be broken down and re-connected. The children have shown great enthusiasm and are growing in confidence as they talk about their ideas and strategies.



Miss Parson's Class

This week in Geography, we went on a walk around the local area to explore and identify different geographical features. We used Google Earth to locate features on an aerial photograph of the school and know the name of the country and village, town or city in which we live.

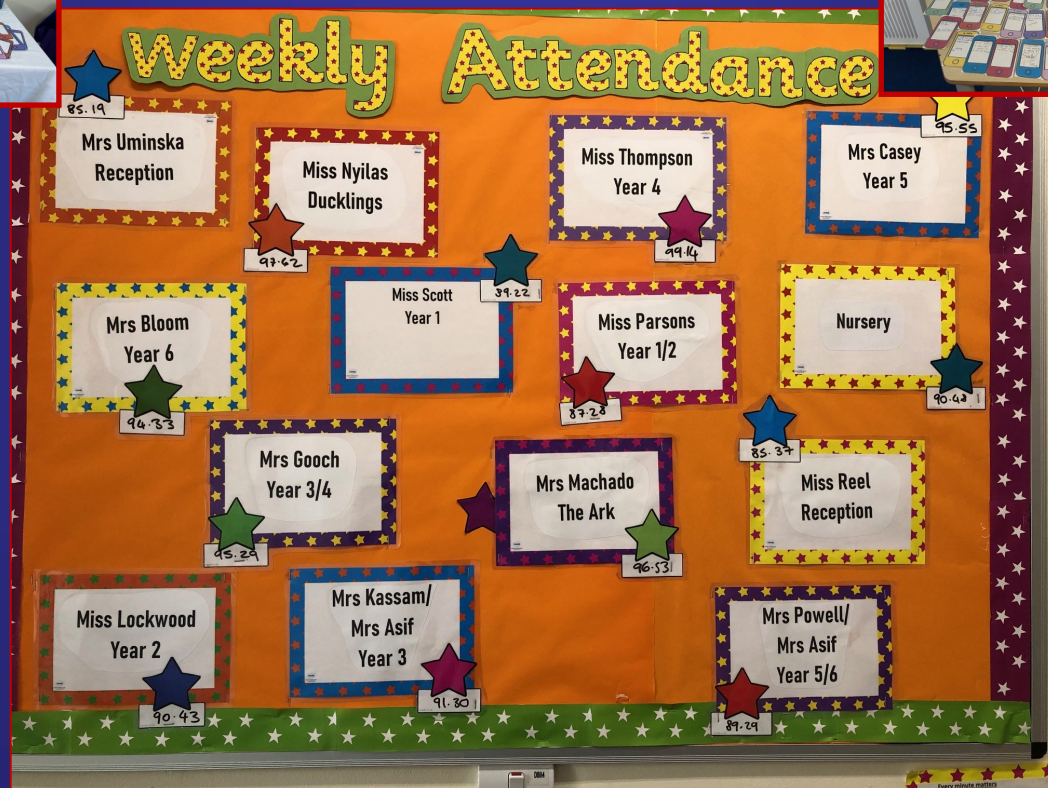
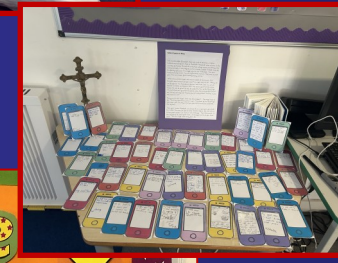
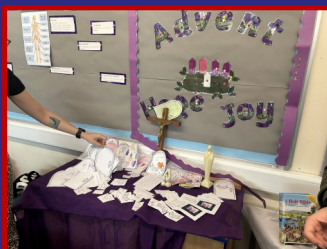
In English we have been looking at instructions linking this to the story "The Dragon Post". The children have been following instructions to read and orally retell instructions. We have been learning all about the features of instructions to help them write their own to catch the dragon in school.

In math's we have been using the language of "most", "fewest", "least" and "greatest". We have been using sets of objects and numbers to order. Notice the difference in language: when comparing two numbers or objects, we refer to one being "more" or "greater", whereas when working in a set, the one with the highest value is the "most" or the "greatest".

With the start of advent just around the corner, we have been looking at The Advent Wreath. It is usually made from evergreen plants and candles. An Advent wreath is made from a circle of leaves. The circle shape has no beginning or ending. It is a symbol that God's love for the world is never-ending. The leaves are evergreen. Evergreen leaves do not die in the winter like other leaves do. They are a symbol that God's love never dies. Four candles are placed around the wreath and then a fifth candle is placed in the middle. The four candles are to mark the four weeks before Christmas.



Each class arranged a prayer display for Advent. We spoke about waiting in hope for the arrival of Jesus. Each class carried out an activity.



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 24: 37-44

And as in the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, even till that day in which Noe entered into the ark,

And they knew not till the flood came, and took them all away; so also shall the coming of the Son of man be.

Then two shall be in the field: one shall be taken, and one shall be left.

Two women shall be grinding at the mill: one shall be taken, and one shall be left.

Watch ye therefore, because ye know not what hour your Lord will come.

But know this ye, that if the goodman of the house knew at what hour the thief would come, he would certainly watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open.

Wherefore be you also ready, because at what hour you know not the Son of man will come.

Aspire2 Charity are holding a Silent Auction to raise funds for the WEC minibuses. They have so far secured some great prizes such as:

Legoland Vouchers

Nirvana Spa Voucher

Afternoon Tea

Oxygen Reading

Crazy Golf

Ice Skating

and more! They now invite you to bid on any prizes that you are interested in. The auction will run until 11th December and I am hoping to add more prizes as they go.

Stars of the Week

Miss Scott: Bobbi & Charlie

Miss Parsons: Zethan & Deliah-Rose

Miss Lockwood:

Mrs Kassam: Harper & Stasiu

Mrs Gooch:

Miss Thompson: Sebastian & Myra

Mrs Casey: Alice & Kamari

Mrs Powell : Lukasz & Romel

Mrs Bloom:

Miss Nyilas: Aron

Reading Points

50 Points - Myra & Wynford

250 Points - Alice

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: Cyron, Bartosz, Gabriel G

Nidan: Melody, Alba

Sandan: Aiden

Yondan: Wiktoria, Rion

Godan: Lyla

Rokudan: Rayaan

Shichidan: Oscar-James

Hachidan:

Kudan: Georgie

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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.