



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



On Monday the whole school enjoyed the panto of Sleeping Beauty performed by M&M Theatre.



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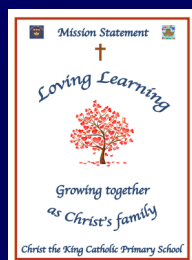
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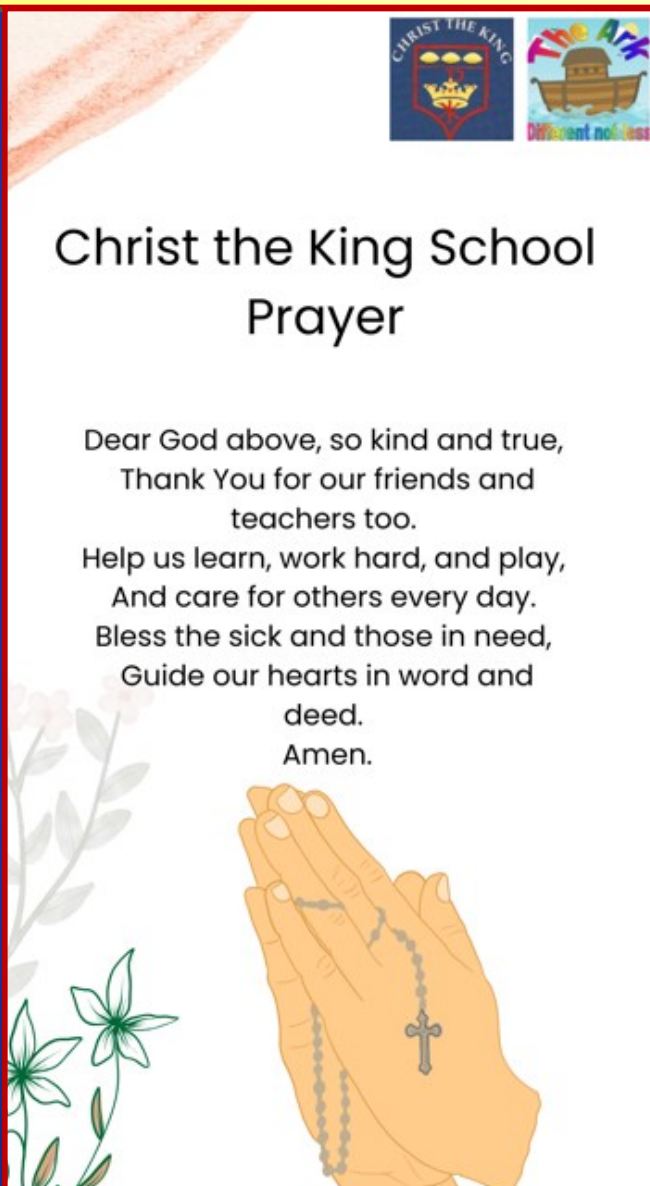
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The Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King Feast day which is a day to recognise and honour Jesus Christ as the 'King of Kings.' The church reminds us of the importance of God and his teachings. We are celebrating at CTK school this Friday by making CTK crowns and having a procession in the hall to say the Christ the King prayer. The children are also invited to come along to the feast day in church this Sunday the 23rd of November wearing their crowns and taking part in a procession.

Christ the King feast day marks the end of the liturgical year and Advent the begins, this is the beginning of the new liturgical year .



CHRIST THE KING



Christ the King School
Prayer

Dear God above, so kind and true,
Thank You for our friends and
teachers too.
Help us learn, work hard, and play,
And care for others every day.
Bless the sick and those in need,
Guide our hearts in word and
deed.
Amen.



Term dates 2025

11th December 2025 - Nursery Performance 10am

11th December 2025 - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch

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



Apologies to Alba, Esme, Natalia and Lexi as they organised Crazy Hair Day Charity fundraiser and it incorrectly stated in last weeks newsletter that it was arranged by the Mini Vinnies. Thank you for organizing a fun fundraiser.



This week in Geography, Miss Scott's class went on a walk around the local area to explore and identify different geographical features. The children enjoyed spotting things like houses, shops, a playground, roads, and natural features such as trees and green spaces. They talked about what they saw, compared different places, and thought about how people use the spaces in our community. It was a great opportunity for them to observe their surroundings and build their understanding of the world around them.



This term Ducklings are reading the story of Hansel and Gretel. This week the children tested out their building and design skill when making their own short-bread cookie houses. They had great fun building, decorating and eating their houses.



Mrs Powell's class went to Christ the King Church to lead a class Mass on Wednesday. The theme of the Mass was the wonderful gift of hearing; we can listen to the voices of our friends and families and we can listen to the voice of God. We were incredibly proud of all the children for their impeccable behaviour, clear speaking and absolutely fantastic singing.





PTFA coffee morning

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*Join us and Mrs Bingham
to find out more about the
PTFA and how you can
join*

**Thursday 27th November
AT 9.00am**

PTFA would like to welcome you to a coffee morning on Thursday 27th November at 9:00am, where you can come and speak to us and Mrs Bingham about what we do and how you can join or help.

What is the PTFA?

PTFA stands for Parent, Teacher & Friends Association.

What does the PTFA do?

The PTFA is a dedicated group of volunteer parents, carers and school staff working together to support the school community. Our aim is to enhance the educational experience of all pupils by organising events, fundraising and fostering strong relationships between families and the school. Money raised is usually spent on things the school budget does not cover.

Why should I join?

There are many reasons why you should join the PTFA. From making new friends and getting to know the school environment, through to helping raise much needed funds and making a difference to the children and school community.

What will be expected of me?

There is no expectation on any parent volunteer, any amount of time you can give to the PTFA will always be well received. There are a variety of ways you can get involved, from attending PTFA meetings through to volunteering at events or coordinating events. Donating raffle prizes or suggesting brilliant ideas are ways of getting involved.

How do I join?

You can come along to our coffee morning on Thursday 27th November at 9:00am.

You can come along to any of our PTFA meetings. Next meeting date will be advertised in newsletter after coffee morning.

You can enquire at the office or with Rachel Bird – Chair or Maggie Mudge – Vice Chair.



Rachel Bird/ Chair

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

Luke 19:45-48

Then he went into the Temple and began driving out those who were busy trading, saying to them,

'According to scripture, my house shall be a house of prayer but you have turned it into a bandits' den.'

He taught in the Temple every day. The chief priests and the scribes, in company with the leading citizens, tried to do away with him, but they could not find a way to carry this out because the whole people hung on his words.

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.

>>> Silent Auction Link

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



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

'This week we have been celebrating Self-Care Week with a range of different activities throughout the school.



Stars of the Week

Miss Scott: Olivia & Kayden

Miss Parsons: Misha & Archie

Miss Lockwood: Akcacia & Xander

Mrs Kassam: Olivia

Mrs Gooch: Anne-Marie a& Hope

Miss Thompson: Victoria & Sebastian

Mrs Casey Cyron & Natalia

Mrs Powell & Mrs Asif: Freya, Natalia & Myra

Miss Nyilas: Arabella

Reading Points

50 Points - Myra, Wynford, Olivia, Joshua A, Joshua B, Alice, Elsie

100 Points - Skye

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: David

Nidan: Michelle, Kamarai, Candice

Sandan: Maya, Cameron, Shanira, Jaxon, Bryson, Alice, Ezra

Yondan: Divinsha, Victoria

Godan: Damarai

Rokudan: Oscar-James

Shichidan:

Hachidan: Georgie

Kudan: Gabriel G



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.



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Sport In Mind

Registered Charity 1161323

Youth Activities **for** **Mental Wellbeing**

Sport in Mind provides **free sport** and **physical activity** opportunities for children and young people to help build confidence and self esteem, meet new people and support low mood and other mental health challenges.

Reading Sessions (Autumn term)

Day	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Mon	5:30 - 6:30pm	Football	10-14 years	Palmer Park 3G pitch
Tue	5:00 - 6:00pm	Sport & games	10-14 years	Bulmershe leisure centre
Tue	3:30 - 4:30pm	Sport & games	9-14 years	South Reading Leisure Centre
Tue	5:00 - 6:00pm	Tennis & games	10-14 years	Meadway Sports Centre (inside)
Wed	4:00 - 5:00pm	Football	10-14 years	Prospect Park 3G pitch
Fri	4:30-5:30pm	Sport & Games	9-13 years	Morgan Centre, Queen Anne's School

Starts
October

Sessions restart from Monday 8th September and run weekly excluding school holidays

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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.

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.