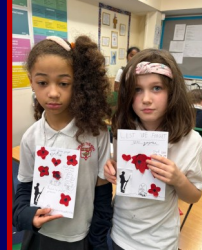
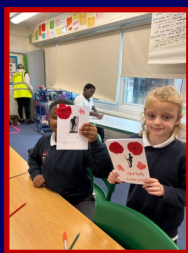




Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



Miss Thompson’s class made cards to honor and celebrate Remembrance Day.



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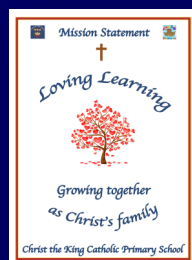
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Nursery learnt about the importance of handwashing this week. They learnt how germs can spread from hand to mouth and that to 'pop' each germ we need to use soap effectively, when we wash our hands. The Nursery team used glue and glitter, to demonstrate how germs can stick to hands and we sequenced the stages of effective handwashing to remove them. Finally, all the children took turns to wash their hands for 1 minute and we learnt a new handwashing song. I think it's fair to say that the children left their Nursery session, squeaky clean!



Miss Scott's class have been learning about being good stewards of God's creation. The children explored the school grounds to spot examples of people looking after the environment and discussed what good and bad stewardship looks like. They then created a class poster to share their ideas on how we can care for God's world, linking their learning to scripture and Catholic Social Teaching. The lesson ended with a reflection thanking God for creation and thinking of ways we can protect it every day.



Miss Parson's Class

It has been so wonderful to see the children engage so positively in there learning this week. I'm so proud of how they've been collaborating and asking so many wonderful questions in class inputs. Thank you for your continued support in helping your children read and complete homework tasks this really helps and supports children's learning both at home and at school.

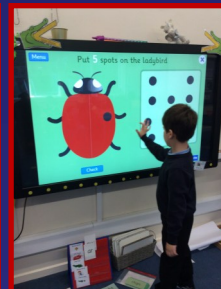
This week in Math's the children have been familiarizing themselves with different representations of groups/ bundles of numbers. If they know that 26 is made up of 2 bundles of 10 straws and 6 more straws, then by physically unbundling 1 group of 10 straws they see that 26 could also be made up of 1 bundle of 10 straws and 16 more straws. The focus in this step is on "unbundling" tens, rather than more unusual partitions. This knowledge will prove essential later in the year when looking at calculations that cross a ten boundary and is also fundamental to later learning in Key Stage 2. Year 1 children will benefit from greater exposure to using physical objects to flexibly partition numbers, whereas Year 2 children may extend their learning to recording numbers in expanded form.

We had a fantastic Geography lesson exploring features in the school and completing an eye spy sheet. In this lesson, children carried out simple fieldwork within the school itself, observing its main features and using simple charts to collect data about: key sites (e.g. school office, hall); things that they can spy / spot around the school, including their locations; and identifying their favourite part of the school grounds.

In Religious Education we discussed the meaning to be a steward of God's creation? The children recapped on previous knowledge that Catholics are a group of Christians who believe it is their duty to teach others how to live in a positive way. The children are learning that the Catholic Church has given us 7 ways we can do this:

1. Human dignity (everyone is special).
2. The common good (Thinking of everyone).
3. Solidarity (We are one big family).
4. Subsidiarity (Everyone should have a say).
5. Participation (We all contribute to our communities).
6. Stewardship (Caring for Gods gifts.)
7. Option for the poor (Putting people with the greatest need, first).

Photos on the next page





In Computing this term, Year 2 have been learning all about digital photography! In our first lesson, we explored how to take clear, well-framed photographs using tablets. The children had great fun experimenting with different subjects around the classroom and playground. In our second lesson, we learned when to use *landscape* and *portrait* orientations, thinking carefully about how to frame our photos to capture our subjects in the best way.



The Children made a birthday card for Father Daniel
Happy 60th birthday!

Our Mini Vinnies arranged the Crazy Hair Day today to raise money for charity.





After 20 plus years we are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Buckland who worked throughout the school. She will be greatly missed by colleagues and children alike.



Next Thursday we will also sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Reid.



We would like to thank them both for their hard work and the support they have given whilst with us at Christ the King.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, he said,

All these things you are staring at now -- the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another; everything will be destroyed.'

And they put to him this question, 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that it is about to take place?'

But he said, 'Take care not to be deceived, because many will come using my name and saying, "I am the one" and "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them.

And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be terrified, for this is something that must happen first, but the end will not come at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines in various places; there will be terrifying events and great signs from heaven.

But before all this happens, you will be seized and persecuted; you will be handed over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and brought before kings and governors for the sake of my name and that will be your opportunity to bear witness.¹⁴ Make up your minds not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death.

You will be hated universally on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your perseverance will win you your lives

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 drinks.



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

Stars of the Week

Miss Scott: Jaime, Vinnie & Sarah

Miss Parsons: Ndaya & Osher

Miss Lockwood: Reizl & Isla

Mrs Kassam: David & Joshua A

Mrs Gooch: Whole Class

Miss Thompson: Rasheed & Lyla

Mrs Casey: David, Shanira & Ali from TM Class

Mrs Powell & Mrs Asif: Isaac & Zach

Mrs Bloom: Vanessa & Giselle

Mrs Machado: Spencer

Miss Nyilas: Tudor

Reading Points

50 Points - Kian, Jesse, Chelsea, Isabella, Stephanie, Franek, Vanessa , Cameron

100 Points - Vanessa

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

Church News

Our church is asking for volunteers to help regularly with their Children's Liturgy group at Church on Sundays 10am. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Eva on ctk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01189314469 (Church office).

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: Beyonce, Carrick, Rasheed, Olivia

Nidan: Ellarose, Newel, Ewa, Juliusz, Aiden, Arnas, Carl, Ezra, Jesse, Michelle-Lilly, Milosha, Sebastian, Skye

Sandan: Victoria, Damarai, Wiktor, Nathan, Valeska, Navaneeth

Yondan: Alex, Kassie, Stephanie, Diego, Henry N, Ethan

Godan: Steven, Vanessa, Perez, Oscar-James, Wiktor, Logan

Rokudan:

Shichidan: Georgie

Hachidan: Gabriel G

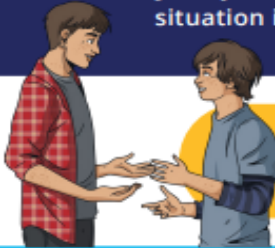
At Christ the King this week, we have been looking at Anti-Bullying Week using a range of activities throughout the school.

Dealing with Bullying

If you are being bullied, or see someone else being bullied, there are some things you can do to help deal with it.



Walk Away – if you are experiencing bullying, remove yourself from the situation if you can do so safely. Try not to retaliate as this can make things worse and you could get into trouble yourself.



Talk It Out – if you feel safe to do so, try to talk to the person who is bullying you and explain that their behaviour is harmful or upsetting. They may not realise the impact that their actions are having.

Report It – tell a trusted adult, such as a teacher or family member, about what is happening. If you don't feel comfortable talking to someone you know, there are also helplines that you can contact for advice.



Collect Evidence – keep a note of what happened, who was involved and when it happened. If the bullying is online, take screenshots of messages or comments so you can report it.

Surround Yourself with Friends – spend time with people you trust who make you feel good. If you are being bullied by someone in your friendship group, consider if they are a true friend.



Don't Blame Yourself – if you are being bullied, remember it isn't your fault. You shouldn't have to change anything about yourself to appease someone who is bullying you and you don't have to go through it alone.

Be Confident – hold your head up high and do things that make you feel good about yourself. This could be joining a new club or sports team, or doing something you enjoy, like drawing, writing or making music.



Be an Ally – if you see someone else having a hard time, stand up for them and make it clear you are on their side. If you think this will make the situation worse, report the bullying to a trusted adult.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) coordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. You can find further free resources for Anti-Bullying Week on their [website](https://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/), as well as CPD anti-bullying online training courses.



ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE



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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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
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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.