



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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

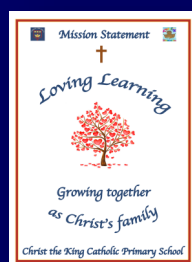


Congratulations to Mrs Gooch's class who had the highest attendance this week.



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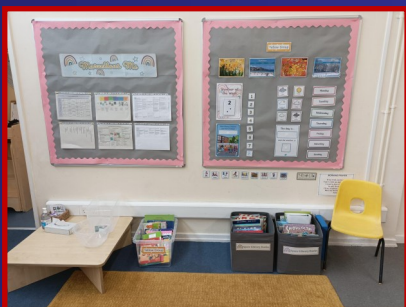


Nursery

We are a 26 place nursery and run morning sessions only, 8:45am-11:45am. Our next intake is in January 26.

If prospective parents are interested, please phone the school office to collect an application form. We can also arrange a tours of nursery upon request.

Please visit our website page at <https://christthekingreading.secure-primariesite.net/nursery-1/>





Congratulations to Vienna who won two trophies in her Ballroom and Latin competition in Blackpool.

Miss Parson's Class

The children have been exploring oral counting through chanting games, such as "I count, you count". This allows them to count from different starting points alongside their peers. Provide opportunities for them to hear the patterns in the sequence of numbers and to get used to the sound of the number names. Number tracks and hundred squares have been used to support representations alongside a number track to support their understanding. We encouraged the children to point to the numbers written in numerals when counting, to help link the numeral to the sound of the number name.

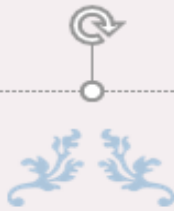
We have started the term reading the story "The Dragon Post" A fiery story about friendship and asking for help from award-winning author-illustrator Emma Yarlett.

One day Alex finds a dragon living under his stairs. He isn't sure what to do - but luckily, he knows just who to ask for help. Open the envelopes and read the hilarious letters Alex receives from the fire brigade, the butcher and more as he tries to take care of his new friend. Who would have thought having a dragon for a pet would be so tricky? A joyful, touching and vibrantly illustrated interactive book. The children have been learning to write letters and sets of instructions to care for the Dragon in class. We have had to solve the clues and all the mysteries that are unfolding.

Miss Scott's Class

This week, Miss Scott's class have been learning to add by counting on using number lines. We took our maths outside and jumped along a chalk number line in the playground! The children rolled dice to choose their numbers and had great fun practising their addition skills.





CRAZY HAIR DAY IS
BACK!!!

Friday 14th November

**IF YOU WANT TO JOIN
WITH THE CRAZY FUN
PLEASE**

**BRING IN A 1 POUND
DONATION**



**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE
CRAZY HAIR
WOOHOO!**

Money raised will be donated to RNIB who support our children.



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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY
with THE ARK, a SPECIALIST RESOURCE



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5/11/25

Dear Parent/Carer,

Reading every day is an important part of your child's learning and development, and it plays a key role in their overall academic success. Regular reading at home helps to build vocabulary, improve comprehension, and strengthen confidence across all subjects.

We understand that sometimes it can be challenging to find time to read or that children may find reading difficult. If this is the case, please speak to your child's class teacher. We can arrange additional opportunities for your child to read with an adult in school and provide guidance on how to support reading at home.

Thank you for your continued support in helping develop a love of reading and helping your child reach their full potential.

Kind regards,

Mrs Machado (Reading Lead) and Mrs Flynn (Deputy Head & Phonics Lead)

Volunteer Readers Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to help support our pupils with reading. Spending just a little time each week listening to children read can make a huge difference to their confidence and enjoyment of books.

If you enjoy reading and have some time to spare, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact the front office for more information.

Thank you for helping us foster a love of reading in our school community.

Gospel

John 2: 13-22

3 And the pasch of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And he found in the temple them that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting.

15 And when he had made, as it were, a scourge of little cords, he drove them all out of the temple, the sheep also and the oxen, and the money of the changers he poured out, and the tables he overthrew.

16 And to them that sold doves he said: Take these things hence, and make not the house of my Father a house of traffic.

And his disciples remembered, that it was written: The zeal of thy house hath eaten me up.

The Jews, therefore, answered, and said to him: What sign dost thou shew unto us, seeing thou dost these things?

Jesus answered, and said to them: Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

The Jews then said: Six and forty years was this temple in building; and wilt thou raise it up in three days?

But he spoke of the temple of his body.

When therefore he was risen again from the dead, his disciples remembered, that he had said this, and they believed the scripture, and the word that Jesus had said.

We are kindly asking for donations for Lego. If you have any Lego that includes all pieces and instructions that you are happy to donate, please would you drop them off to the school office.

Thank you

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.

Stars of the Week

Miss Scott: Tadisa & Kadin

Miss Parsons: Princess & Shyrae

Miss Lockwood: Maria & Favour

Mrs Kassam: Patrick & Charlie

Mrs Gooch: Peyton & Sebastian

Miss Thompson: Alice & Arnas

Mrs Casey: Bartosz & Damarai

Mrs Powell & Mrs Asif: Olesia & Melody

Mrs Bloom: Stephanie & Amelia

Mrs Machado: Daniel

Miss Nyilas: Akosua

Reading Points

**50 Points - Divinsha, David, Zena, Peyton, Bryson, Ewa, Gesilla, Kassie, Newel,
Sadie, Vanessa**

100 Points - Emilia, Ewa, Gesilla,

Term dates 2025

11th November 2025 - Remembrance Day

13th November 2025 - PTFA Meeting 9am

14th November 2025 - Crazy Hair Day

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: Kian

Nidan: Victoria, Myra, Annie, Amiri, Franek, Kade

Sandan: Henry N, Samuel, Stehanie

Yondan: Wictor, Nethan, Vanessa, Steven, Perez

Godan: Lukasz, Romel, Raya

Rokudan: Georgie

Shichidan: Gabriel G

Hachidan: Isaac

School Building Fund

Christ The King is a Voluntary Aided School. This means that our funding is slightly different from most other schools locally. In particular, it means that unlike our neighbouring schools we have to pay a set percentage of the cost of any major purchases or building work.

The money our parents donate enable us to buy new furniture and equipment for our children.

To enable us to do this, we ask for a contribution of £10 per child, per term (based on three terms a year) The money we receive is allocated solely for our school's use and helps us to fund future projects which would otherwise not be possible.

The £10 contribution is paid via School Money and this term's contribution is now available for payment.



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.



Lego Robotics



Reading
Libraries

Coming soon to Reading Central Libraries - Lego Robotics!

Reading Central Library
Saturdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 November 11am - 12pm
4-week course
Ages 8 - 11

Are you interested in Lego and coding?

Sign up for our fun 4-week course and build on your STEM skills to create Lego models and learn basic robotics programming using Lego Spike kits.

You must be able to attend all four sessions and be aged between 8-11 to sign up. You will be expected to share a Spike kit with another child at busy sessions. Sessions are run by library staff.

Places are limited and advanced booking essential.



SCAN HERE

Reading

FREE!



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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Children, Young People and
Families services

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.