



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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

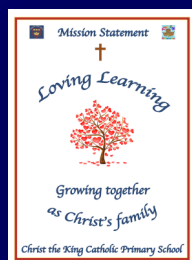


We had the pleasure of celebrating Black History Month by taking part in an exciting African Drumming Workshop! Everyone joined in with great enthusiasm, and we had so much fun learning different rhythms and beats.



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Today we are sadly saying goodbye to Helen Busby. We would like to thank her for all her hard work supporting lunchtimes.

This term, Year 1 had a wonderful time learning all about plants! The children explored what plants need to grow and discovered the different parts that make them special. To finish off the topic, they studied the life cycle of a daffodil, from bulb to beautiful bloom and even planted their very own daffodils to watch grow over the coming months. It was a fantastic hands on way to bring their learning to life!



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).



Thank you to the Fire Officers from Whitley Fire Station who visited years 5 & 6 to give a talk regarding Health and Safety at home.



Thank you to everyone who supported Wear It Pink today, we raised £ 179 which will be going to Cancer Research.



In Mrs Machado's class the children learned about the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They explored the themes of light over darkness and celebration with family and friends. To support understanding and engagement, the children took part in a hands-on creative activity making colourful tissue paper rangoli patterns and decorating Diya lamps.

The activity helped develop fine motor skills, colour recognition, and cultural awareness. The session encouraged self-expression, sensory exploration, and a sense of pride in creating festive artwork connected to a real-world cultural event.



Reminder that Friday 24th is an Inset day, therefore, school is closed. Next week is half term and school re-opens on Monday 3rd November.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

He spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being upright and despised everyone else,

"Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like everyone else, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here.

I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

This man, I tell you, went home again justified; the other did not. For everyone who raises himself up will be humbled, but anyone who humbles himself will be raised up

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.



Christ the King Catholic Primary School

OPEN DAY VISIT

Reception Starters

September 2026

Tuesday 4th November at

9:30am

Please telephone the school on

0118 901 5434 or email

admin@christtheking.reading.sch.uk

to book your place.

Entry will be via our Durham Close

Entrance, RG2 8NS



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.

Term dates 2025

24th October 2025 - Inset Day - School Closed

27th October 2025 - Half Term - School Closed

Monday 3rd November 2025 - School re-opens

3-7 November 2025 - Yr 5 & 6 Bikeability

4th November 2025 - Open Day 9.30-10.30 New starters for 2026

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

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: Kamari, Kyra,

Nidan: Natalia, Lexi, Cameron, Maya

Sandan: Ethan, Wiktor

Yondan: Lukasz, Logan, Issa, Emma,

Shichidan: Zach, Isaac

Stars of the Week

Miss Scott: Aleks & Myra

Miss Lockwood: Adrian & Olaf

Mrs Casey: Heidi & Maya

Mrs Powell & Mrs Asif: Samuel & Sahan



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.



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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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Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WEEKLY TIMETABLE

South Reading Leisure Centre

Date 27th - 31st Oct 2025

Day	Activities
Monday	Kids Swim for £1 (9.30am) Family Fun Swim (11.00-Midday) Soft Play (9.30am - 11.30am) - (Midday-2pm) Football Drop In £1 (Midday - 4pm) Pickle Ball Drop In £1 (Midday - 2pm)
Tuesday	Kids Swim for £1 (9.30am) Family Fun Swimming (11am - Midday) Junior Multi-Sports Drop In £1 (Midday - 2pm) Football Drop In £1 (Midday - 4pm) Swim for All (3.30pm-4.30pm)
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Find out more about holiday activities at
better.org.uk/leisure-centre/reading/south-reading

Activity terms and conditions available at point of purchase. Centre activities shown vary per centre. Better is a registered trademark and trading name of GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited), a charitable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit & Societies Act 2014 registration no. 27793R. Registered office: Middlegate House, The Royal Arsenal, London, SE18 6SX. Inland Revenue Charity no. XR43398.

BETTER



500 WORDS



Fun, creative story writing competition
opens Tues 23 Sept – Fri 7 Nov 2025

No need to worry about spelling,
punctuation or grammar!

You could have
your story read out
on TV by a celebrity!



Write a
STORY
you would
love to read



Ages
5 – 11



Find out more and enter at
bbc.co.uk/500words

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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.