



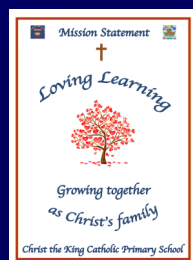
Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



On Wednesday our children went to church for our Harvest Mass.

Thank you to everyone who donated food items, which have been donated to Readifood Food Bank which will be greatly appreciated.



**Christ the King Catholic Primary School & Nursery,
with The ARK, A Specialist Resource
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Introducing Our Designated Teacher for Children Looked After and Previously Looked After.



We are pleased to introduce Mrs Tetchner, our school's Designated Teacher for Children Looked After (CLA) and Previously Looked After.

The role of the Designated Teacher is to make sure that children who are currently in care, or who have previously been in care (for example, those who are adopted, subject to a Special Guardianship Order, or a Child Arrangements Order), receive the support they need to thrive and achieve their best at school.

Mrs Tetchner works closely with children, families, carers, and external agencies to ensure that every child feels safe, valued, and supported. They help monitor progress, provide extra academic or emotional support where needed, and make sure the child's voice is heard in decisions that affect them.

If your child is previously looked after, please let us know—this information helps us make sure your child receives the right support and opportunities. All information shared is treated sensitively and confidentially.

Mrs Tetchner will be sending a letter out with further information around funding available for previously looked after children.

If you'd like to find out more or speak with Mrs Tetchner, please contact the school office.

Message from Mrs Bingham

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evenings this week! Thank you for joining us

and learning more about your child's progress.

The children are always very happy to share their achievements with you!

Should you have any comments as to how we could improve your experience, please do let us know! Working together for your children's education is very important.

Vanessa Bingham,
Head teacher

Church News



Join us as we celebrate Angela Camilleri for her many years of faithful service in our Parish and her loving nurture of our children. Many parents and children will know Angela from our school as she worked in our Nursery and Reception classes for 20+ years.

Angela will be moving to Malta to be near family. A send-off gathering will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 19th, after the 10:00 am Mass.

Refreshments will be provided. Contribution envelopes are available at the Church Entrance.

Please bring finger foods to share. Let us come together to show our gratitude and bid a heartfelt farewell.

Gospel

Luke 18 1-8

And he spoke also a parable to them, that we ought always to pray, and not to faint,

Saying: There was a judge in a certain city, who feared not God, nor regarded man.

And there was a certain widow in that city, and she came to him, saying: Avenge me of my adversary.

And he would not for a long time. But afterwards he said within himself: Although I fear not God, nor regard man,

Yet because this widow is troublesome to me, I will avenge her, lest continually coming she weary me.

And the Lord said: Hear what the unjust judge saith.

And will not God revenge his elect who cry to him day and night: and will he have patience in their regard?

I say to you, that he will quickly revenge them. But yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?

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



Wear it Pink - Non Uniform Day

October 23rd will be a non uniform day . Children and Staff are invited to wear pink for a £1 donation which will go to a Cancer Research Charity.

This week in Year 1, the children learned about Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest. They discovered how Jewish families light candles, share a special meal, and spend time together to give thanks for food, family, and rest. The children then created a Shabbat Thankfulness Blanket, showing the things they are thankful for — just like families do during Shabbat.



This week in Science, Year 2 have been learning about the different parts of plants that we can eat. We discovered that celery is a stem, carrots are roots, tomatoes are fruits, and lettuce is made of leaves! The children were very brave and had the chance to taste each of these plant parts. There were lots of thoughtful discussions about which foods they liked best and which ones they weren't so keen on.



Year 3 were studying cave paintings this week.



This week in English in Year 1/2 the children have been learning all about writing simple sentences that can be read by others, to use finger spaces in sentences as well as the correct letter format, capital letters and full stops. In Math's we have been identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations. The Children have been exploring addition fact families to write number sentences, recognising that addition is commutative and that the order of an addition sentence can be varied, for example $1 + 4 = 5$, $4 + 1 = 5$, $5 = 1 + 4$ and $5 = 4 + 1$. We have also been carrying out lots of activities that strengthen our fine motor skills.





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

21st October 2025 - African Drumming Workshop

23rd October 2025 - Wear it Pink - £1 for Charity

24th October 2025 - Inset Day - School Closed

27th October 2025 - Half Term - School Closed

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

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: Olesia, Freya, Ryan, Sadia

Nidan: Georgie, Henry N, Ollie, Alice, Sabrina, Shay

Sandan: Sahan, Lucasz, Wiktoria, Nethan, Diego, Divinsha, Vanessa, Steven, Alex, Perez, Kassie

Yondan: Tenzing, Lyla

Godan: Gabriel G, Gabriel N, Georgie

Rokudan: Alice

Hachidan: Zach, Isaac

Stars of the Week

Miss Scott: Harlow & Kaitlyn

Mrs Allwood & Miss Parsons: Naomika

Miss Lockwood: Jewel & Ruby-Grace

Miss Kassam & Mrs Asif: Ritik & Nora

Mrs Gooch: Kian & Michael

Miss Thompson: Ezra & Carl

Mrs Casey: Davayah & Michelle

Mrs Powell & Mrs Asif: Rayaana, Nathan & Gracie

Mrs Bloom: Sadia & Shay

Miss Nyilas: Arabella, Aron, Fathima

Mrs Machado: Ali

Birthdays

We are happy to celebrate birthdays with our children with sweets to be handed out at the end of the day. However, we cannot have parties during the school day. Please keep your cakes, party bags and presents to celebrate at home.



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.



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Avanti Cycling is working on behalf of Reading Borough Council to deliver Bikeability training. Your Year 5 & Year 6 child is eligible for free Bikeability Level 1/2 training at **Christ The King Catholic Primary School** over two days, commencing on or after **3rd November 2025**.

If your child would like to participate, please register them on to the course by 15th October 2025, using the URL or QR code below. The school will then be in touch to confirm your child's place on the course once registration has closed. URL: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/rural-sweet-atlas>



'Bikeability is important safety training, and cycling is a crucial life skill. We aim to provide excellent outside learning, which develops participants independence and decision making, in a fun and enjoyable way.'

If you would like more information regarding the Bikeability courses, please click on the following links to The Bikeability Trust's website: [Level 1](#): cycle control skills and group riding skills in the playground.

[Level 2](#): road riding skills on local roads where available, being aware of hazards and making decisions. It is compulsory to have completed Level 1.

If you need to **hire a bike** for the course there is a fee of £10 per bike, per child. **Helmets** are required and are provided for free if needed. Please select that your child needs to hire a bike and/or helmet when completing the application form and this payment (in cash to the school office) is required prior to the start of the course. Bike hire is, however, free for eligible pupils. (Please contact the school office to enquire about eligibility if you feel that this is appropriate.)

In order to participate in the Level 1/2 course your child needs to be able to ride his/her bike independently, and without stabilisers / training wheels. For children who are not yet able to ride, we can provide a free **Learn to Ride** training session to teach them to pedal and steer their cycle in advance of the Bikeability course. This is a 90 to 120 minute session in the playground. Should you wish your child to join the Learn to Ride course please enrol them on the Level 1/2 course above but ensure that you select **my child cannot yet cycle** when given the option to do so. The Learn to Ride course will take place approximately two weeks prior to the Level 1/2 Bikeability course to enable your child to continue practising and gaining in confidence before hopefully joining in with the main Bikeability course at their school, if they have developed into a strong enough cyclist by this time. Bikes/helmets can be provided free of charge for the Learn to Ride course if your child doesn't have their own.

If you have any queries regarding the Bikeability training at your child's school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Vera Murray, Operations Manager vera@avanticycling.co.uk

At Avanti Cycling we are currently seeking new instructors. Being a Bikeability instructor is fun, rewarding and offers flexible working patterns. We will train you to achieve the recognised national qualification. For more information email: recruitment@avanticycling.co.uk



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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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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.

The Whitley Wood Rainbows group are looking for new girls to join. For ages 4 to 7 years old, they'll be getting creative with crafts, learning through games and stories, exploring indoors and out, and so much more. To find out more, please contact Liz Cox on 07739 658044.

A promotional poster for Rainbows Girlguiding. The top half features a light blue background with the 'Rainbows' logo in red and a rainbow. Below the logo, text states 'Girls play, learn and have tons of fun for ages 4 to 7'. To the right, a photo of three girls in Rainbows uniforms (white shirts with red and blue accents, and caps) is shown. One girl is making a peace sign. A blue speech bubble contains a quote from a parent. The bottom half features a photo of two girls in red and yellow Rainbows uniforms working on a craft. To the right of this photo, text describes the group's activities and provides contact information. The poster is decorated with various colorful icons like musical notes, a flower, and paint splashes.

Rainbows

**Girls play,
learn and have
tons of fun**
for ages 4 to 7

Girlguiding

'Because of Rainbows
she's more confident,
speaks about her
feelings and can
express herself clearly'
Rainbow parent

At Rainbows, we welcome
all girls to play, learn and
have fun in a creative,
safe space. She'll choose
her way through our
programme of activities
for all abilities.

From getting creative with crafts,
learning through games and stories,
exploring indoors and out, even going
on her first sleepover! It's a wonderful
world of adventure, week after week,
just for her.

**To find out more search Rainbows
at girlguiding.org.uk**