

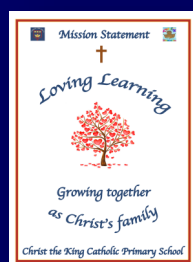


Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



On 10th June, 3 members of the School Council had the exciting opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament. During their guided tour, they explored the rich history and development of both the iconic landmark itself and the UK’s political institutions. Highlights included witnessing the fascinating Speaker’s Procession, learning intriguing facts about the Gunpowder Plot and ceremonial traditions such as the King’s annual speech. The group also visited the House of Lords and were pleasantly surprised by a visit from our local MP from Reading. The trip concluded with a well-earned lunch in Parliament Square, making it a memorable and educational experience for all involved.



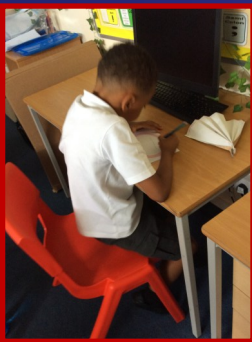
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Last week the Ark's theme was Birthdays.



On Friday each class learned about Pentecost. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and marks the birth of the church.



Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Message from Cater Link

As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision we provide.

The survey will close on 31st July, we will provide an update to locations which have taken part in the autumn term.

Link and / or QR is below if you would like to take part.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXMHL8D>



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.

Term dates 2025

16th June - School closed INSET day

20th June - KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (23rd Back up day incase of bad weather)

25th June - Reception Sports Day

27th June - Nursery Sports Day 10.15 & 2pm

25th June 2.15pm - Music concert (for parents of children having music lessons)

27th June - WEC Olympics

30th June - 4th July - Year 6 PGL

8th July - Yr 5 BHF Public Speaking

14th July - Year 6 Chessington

15th July - Ark Ufton Day Trip

23rd July 2025 - School closes at 1.30pm

3rd & 4th September 2025 - Inset Days

5th September 2025 - Start of School Term

24th October 2025 - Inset Day - School Closed (provisional)

27th October 2025 - Half Term - School Closed

19th December 2025 - End of Term, School Closes at 1.30

Gospel

John 16:12-15

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you to bear now.

However, when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking of his own accord, but will say only what he has been told; and he will reveal to you the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he reveals to you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: all he reveals to you will be taken from what is mine.

Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle every day. Reminder, Lucozade and energy drinks are not allowed.

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.

Stars of the Week

Mr Taplin: Olivia & Cherry

Mrs Uminska: Vinnie & Chloe

Miss Scott: Tristan & Millie

Miss Yan: Reizl & Lilia

Miss Lockwood: Ollie

Miss Thompson: Katie, Carrick, Kian, Daniel

Miss Pearce: Cyron & Bartosz

Mrs Gooch: Sabrina & Issa

Mrs Casey: Stephanie (AP) & Romel

Mrs Powell: Gracie & Molly

Mrs Bloom: Uzziel & Melda

Miss Nyilas: Fathima

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: Franek, Sabrina, Amelia

Nidan: Sam

Sandan: Candice

Yondan: Emma

Godan: Kassie

Rokudan: Sadia, Isaac, Isabella

Shichidan: Genelia

Hachidan: Wiktor

Kudan

Reading Points

200 Points - Issa

Nursery are looking for donations of balance bikes, scooters and ride on toys. If you have any that you would like to donate please would you bring them into the nursery staff or the office.

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.

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 £2.65 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.

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.

Spare Clothes

If your child has come home in the school's spare clothes, **please** would you wash them and return them to school. We are now running low on spare clothing especially in Key Stage 1. If you have any spare clothing that your child has outgrown and would like to donate it to school, please bring it into the school office.

Thank you

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7:30 every morning.

The price is £4.50 per day, there is no need to book in advance.

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.



Reading

loves reading

Saturday 24 May - Saturday 13 September

Get reading for free this summer

Last year 1,247 children took part in The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge at Reading Libraries.

This year the whole family can join in! Children can challenge parents, carers and even their teachers to read alongside them.

Each challenge is free to join and we no longer charge overdue fines.

To complete a challenge, you need to read 6 books over 3 visits (Book Bingo, 3 books, over 3 visits).

At each branch, all finishers of each challenge will be entered into a branch prize draw for the chance to win one of our main prizes.

Which challenge will you take?

The Reading Agency's Mini Challenge
– Under 5s

7 x Duplo sets to be won

The Reading Agency's 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden - primary school children

7 x Lego sets to be won

Certificate and small prize for all finishers

Book Bingo - teens and adults
7 x Amazon Vouchers to be won

Children's Crafts **May Half Term and Summer Holidays**

Each library will be running lots of free and low cost activities throughout May half term and the summer school holidays.

Join us for our Launch Day on Saturday 24 May at all libraries. We will be making Scarecrow Mascots and running a Scarecrow Art Competition on the day to win a family ticket to Reading Rep's Christmas show!

For more information on all our events and services visit www.reading.gov.uk/libraries



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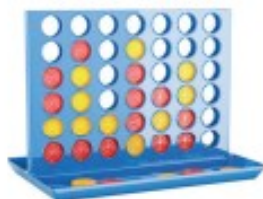


FREE YOUTH CLUB

RESTARTING THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

Every Thursday 5.30pm-7pm
For ages 7+

Whitley Wood Community Centre
28 - 35 Lexington Grove
Reading, RG2 8UG



Arts, Crafts, Pool Table, Board Games, Workshops and
most importantly **FUN!!!**



Places are limited - To reserve a space please contact
hello@becalmfoundation.co.uk or 07584518611

All staff DBS Checked



www.becalmfoundation.co.uk





**Parenting
Special
Children**

Fridays, 13th June; 11th July; 12th Sep; 10th Oct 2025
Community Parent/Carer Support Group,
WHITLEY

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within the community of Whitley and Reading.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hour talk about a topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

June Topic; Wellbeing; Managing stress and Anxiety

Date & Time

Monthly, See above for details
9:15-11:15am

Venue

South Reading Community
Hub, Northumberland Avenue
Reading, RG2 7QA

Main hall

Cost

Free (Refreshments provided)

Further information

Charlie Taylor

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charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk

Children welcome under parent supervision

JOHN MADEJSKI ACADEMY

YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 17th June 2025 5-7pm



You are invited to discover and experience all the exciting subjects that are waiting for you at JMA in September 2026.

During the evening you will tour the school and join in lots of fun and challenging activities within all our subjects.

The aim of the evening is to find out about all the opportunities on offer and earn your first JMA reward by collect as many Golden Tickets as you can for Working Hard.

You and your family are also invited to the Headteacher's Welcome Talks at 5.15pm or 6.15pm.

Your family have already received the booking form via email from your primary school. Please ask them to book their place by visiting:

www.johnmadejskiacademy.co.uk or contact admissions@johnmadejskiacademy.co.uk



WORK HARD, BE KIND





Mental Health coffee mornings in READING SCHOOLS

Come and learn about mental health in a relaxed and informal setting. Understand how mental health might affect your child and learn practical tools to help you support your child through any mental health difficulties they may experience, whether short or long-term.



These informal coffee mornings are run by **Amanda Mavunga**, Reading MHST CAMHS Senior Clinician at BFFC. Amanda will deliver a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions. You can attend any session, even if your child does not attend the hosting school.

YOU MAY ATTEND ANY OF THESE SESSIONS AT ANY SCHOOL SUMMER TERM

DATE/TIME	SUBJECT	SCHOOL
8 May 2025, 1-3pm	Managing behaviour	Park Lane Primary School
12 May 2025, 9.15-11.15am	Autism and anxiety	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
Half term		
16 June 2025, 1-3pm	Self harm	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
19 June 2025, 1-3pm	Phobias	Caversham Park Primary School
26 June 2025, 9.15-11.15am	Transition	Park Lane Primary School
4 July 2025, 9.15-11.15am	Understanding Berkshire CAMHS and neurodiversity service processes	Churchend Primary Academy
9 July 2025, 1-3pm	Transition	Caversham Park Primary School
14 July 2025, 1-3pm	Support with growing up, mood and hormone changes	Park Lane Primary School

Summer holidays



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.

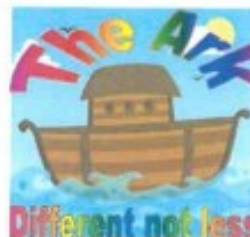
For example Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Satay Sauces, Nutella spread or snack containing Nutella, Boxes of variety chocolates.

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



Term Dates 2025-26

Autumn Term

3rd and 4th September 2025 - INSET Days - School Closed

5th September 2025 - Start of School Term

24th October 2025 - INSET Day - School Closed (Provisional)

27th October 2025 - 31st October 2025 - Half Term - School Closed

19th December 2025 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

Spring Term

5th January 2026 - INSET Day - School Closed

6th January 2026 - Start of School Term

16th - 20th - February 2026 - Half Term - School Closed

27th March 2026 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

Summer Term

13th April 2026 - Start of School Term

25th May - 29th May 2026 - Half Term School Closed

22nd July 2026 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

1 further INSET date to be confirmed