



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



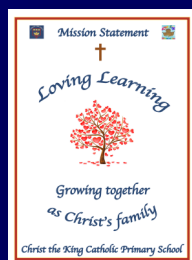
Today we sadly say Goodbye to Caroline our School Business Manager who is retiring to go travelling.

We would like to thank her for her hard work and support she has given whilst with us at Christ the King. We wish her a happy retirement.



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Miss Nyilas class really enjoyed their trip to Beale Park on Monday.





Well done to the boys from year 4 who tried really hard at the Introduction to Football match held at Abbey School on Tuesday.

Years 5 & 6 visited the wind turbine at Green Park this week as part of their learning about energy and sustainability.



Term dates 2025

26th May - 30th May - Half Term school closed

2nd June - School opens

2nd June - Miss Lockwood's Class going to Beale Park

5th June - Yr 3 Corpus Christi

10th June - Yr 3 Parliament visit –children in school council

16th June - School closed INSET day

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

25th June - Nursery and Reception Sports Day

27th June - WEC Olympics

30th June - 4th July - Year 6 PGL

8th July - Yr 5 BHF Public Speaking

11th July - Year 6 Chessington

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 14: 23-29

Jesus replied: Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make a home in him. Anyone who does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away and shall return. If you loved me you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

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.

Reminder that children should only be bringing in water to school, Lucozade and energy drinks are not allowed.

Stars of the Week

Mr Taplin: Jeremiah & Zayd

Mrs Uminska: Maria & Nancy

Miss Scott: Princess & Aramiyah

Miss Yan: Frankie & Asterina

Miss Lockwood: Skye & Olivia

Miss Thompson: Rasheed, Milosha, Nethan

Miss Pearce: Freya & Carl

Mrs Gooch: Wiktorina & Davayah

Mrs Casey: Leon & Lilly-Mai

Mrs Powell: Zuzanna & Beracha

Mrs Bloom: Nathan & Elizabeth

Miss Nyilas: Whole Class

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

Nidan: Divinsha, Cyron

Sandan: Chelsea

Yondan: Ella-rose

Godan: Finley, Zack

Rokudan: Fatima, Damarai

Hachidan: Simon

Kudan & Nidan: Bradley & Rayaana

Kudan & **Yondan** : Joey

Kudan & **Rokudan**: Edna

Reading Points

50 Points - Genelia, Kassie, Natalia, Olesia, Freya

150 Points - Issa, Arnas

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.

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

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.

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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Book Bingo - Teens and Adults
7 x Amazon vouchers to be won

To complete a challenge, you need to read 6 library books over the summer over 3 visits to the library (3 books over 3 visits for Book Bingo). All finishers will be entered into a branch prize draw for the chance to win one of our main prizes! One entry per person.

Last year 1,247 children took part and this year we aim to make it even more!

You can sign up to the challenges at your local library from Saturday 24 May. To join a challenge you will need to be a library member. To find out more about how to join and all our other services, including eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines, visit www.reading.gov.uk/libraries or scan the QR code.

Reading Central Library
Abbey Square, RG1 3BQ
0118 937 5950
Monday 10am - 5pm
Tuesday 10am - 7pm
Thursday 10am - 7pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 3pm

Caversham Library
Church Street, RG4 8AU
0118 937 5103
Tuesday 9am - 5pm
Thursday 1pm - 7pm
Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 3pm

Tilehurst Library
School Road, RG31 5AS
0118 937 5112
Monday 9am - 5pm
Tuesday 9am - 12pm
Thursday 1pm - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 3pm

Battle Library
420 Oxford Road,
RG30 1EE
0118 937 5100
Tuesday 1pm - 7pm
Thursday 9am - 5pm
Friday 9am - 12pm
Saturday 10am - 3pm

Palmer Park Library
St Bartholomew's Road
RG1 3QB
0118 937 5106
Tuesday 9am - 12pm,
1pm - 5pm
Wednesday 9am - 12pm
Thursday 9am - 12pm,
1pm - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

Southcote Library
Southcote Community
Hub, RG30 3QP
0118 937 5109
Tuesday 9am - 12pm,
1pm - 7pm
Thursday 9am - 12pm,
1pm - 4pm
Friday 9am - 12pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

Whitley Library
South Reading Community
Hub, RG2 7PZ
0118 937 5115
Tuesday 9am - 12pm,
1pm - 7pm
Thursday 9am - 12pm,
1pm - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

All Libraries are closed
on Bank Holidays.

Out of hours book
drops are available at
all sites except
Southcote and Whitley
Libraries.

**Reading
Libraries no
longer
charge
overdue
fines.**



**Reading
Libraries**



**Reading
Borough Council**
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THE
**READING
AGENCY**

Summer Reading Challenge





SUNDAY 20TH JULY

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Whitley Carnival is back! Join us at our community meetings to get involved with this year's carnival and have your say.

Everyone welcome - local people, charities, arts organisations, community groups and individuals



Thur 22 May, 12 noon
Whitley Community Café

Just turn up!



Sunday 25 May, 2pm
Online via Google Meet

Join via link



www.whitleycarnival.co.uk



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

Session dates planned for next academic year

All sessions are free of charge.

Helping your child with fears and worries

Thurs 15 May 2025 - 9.30am – 12noon
Tues 24 June 2025 - 9.30am – 12noon

Support for children with autism and anxiety

Weds 7 May 2025 - 9.30am – 12noon
Thurs 3 July 2025 - 9.30am – 12noon

Sessions will be via Teams. We have capacity for around 4 – 10 participants each session.

To book on a workshop please complete the booking form which can be found by clicking on the link here: <https://forms.office.com/e/4SsYxjyJ6Q>

Or scan the QR code below:



Once your booking has been confirmed, you will be emailed a MS Teams link nearer the time of the session.

If you have any questions, please email Wilma.Williams@brighterfuturesforchildren.org.



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.

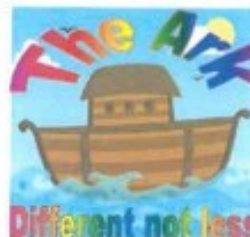
For example Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Satay Sauces, Nutella spread or snack containing Nutella, Boxes of variety chocolates.

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