

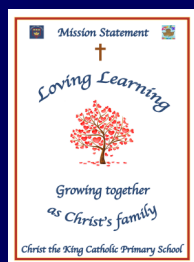
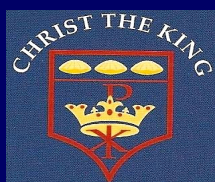


# Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



**Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost, September 14, 1955 is the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State. He was elected pope in the Conclave on May 8, 2025.**



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He has chosen the name Leo. The last pope with this name was Pope Leo XIII, over one hundred years ago, whose work was the basis for Catholic Social Teaching.

As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee when we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, we give thanks that Pope Leo will continue to speak up for those who are poor or marginalised in our world.



In his first speech, Pope Leo said, 'We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs Christ as a bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us, and help each other, build bridges.'

On the balcony, Pope Leo's first words were 'Peace be with all of you', echoing the words Jesus spoke to his disciples when he appeared to them after his Resurrection.

Let us listen to those words from John's Gospel.



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

*John 20:19-22*

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – THE GREAT SPACE WALK



More information can be found at [Walk to School Week \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](https://www.livingstreets.org.uk)

## **Term dates 2025**

**19th - 23rd May - Walk to School**

**21st May - Mrs Powell's class going to Green Park Wind Turbine**

**22nd May - Mrs Casey's class going to Green Park Wind Turbine**

**23rd May - Mrs Bloom's class going to Green Park Wind Turbine**

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

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

**5th June - Yr 3 Corpus Christi**

**10th June - Yr 3 Parliament visit**

**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**

Thank you to the PTA, staff and volunteers who organised and helped at the school disco, which was a great success and enjoyed by all the children who attended.



# Gospel

## *John 13:31-33, 34-35*

When he had gone, Jesus said: Now has the Son of man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

Little children, I shall be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and, as I told the Jews, where I am going, you cannot come.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you. It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples.

### 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: Ndaya, Dorothy, Rayaan (yr 5) Amiri (yr 5)**

**Mrs Uminska: Abigail, Harlow, Perez (yr5 ) Chelsea (yr5) Alex (yr 5)**

**Miss Scott: Misha & Shyrae, Ella-Rose (yr 5) & Myra (yr5)**

**Miss Yan: Elsie & Diana**

**Miss Lockwood: Kade (yr5 ) Finley (yr 5)**

**Miss Thompson: Luca & Myra**

**Miss Pearce: Damarai & Divinsha**

**Mrs Gooch: Whole Class**

**Mrs Casey: Shay & Sadia**

**Mrs Powell: Whole Class**

**Mrs Bloom: Whole Class**

**Miss Nyilas: Arabella & Ethan**

**Miss Sutton: Rishi**

## ***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: Austin, Yash, Milosha, Candice, David, Ewa***

*Nidan: Luca, Michelle, Klarke, Issa*

***Sandan: Newel, Emma, Sahan, Alice, Ethan***

***Yondan: Anaya, Lyla, Nikola, Jaxon, Gabriel***

***Godan: Leon, Jemimah, Zach, Genelia, Natalia***

***Rokudan: Wiktor***

***Hachidan: Amelia, Franek***

*Kudan: Sam*

## Reading Points

50 Points - Lukasz

100 - Alba

150 - Carl

200 - Vanessa

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](mailto:bookings@funtastickids.co.uk).



# Reading

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**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](http://www.reading.gov.uk/libraries)



# 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

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

### Support for children with autism and anxiety

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| 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](mailto: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.

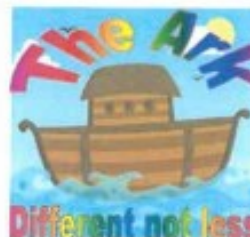
For example Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Satay Sauces, Nutella spread or snack containing Nutella, Boxes of variety chocolates.

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.



# CHRIST the KING

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



## Term Dates 2025-26

### Autumn Term

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - INSET Days - School Closed

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Start of School Term

24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - INSET Day - School Closed (Provisional)

27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 - Half Term - School Closed

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

### Spring Term

5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - INSET Day - School Closed

6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Start of School Term

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - February 2026 - Half Term - School Closed

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

### Summer Term

13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Start of School Term

25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Half Term School Closed

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

1 further INSET date to be confirmed