



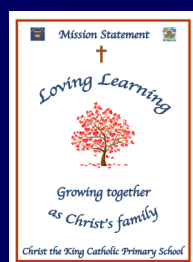
Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



On 8th May 1945, people in Britain and across the world celebrated Victory in Europe, now known as VE DAY.

The Ark have been learning about and celebrating VE Day this week.



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Congratulations to Harper.
Harper's dance team have been working hard and they will be going to Spain to represent England at the Dance World Cup.



Congratulations to Cameron, Amelia, Alice, Issa and Lukasz who won the CTK story writing competition.



May Procession

May is the month when we think of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. On Friday all the classes took part in a May Procession. The children presented flowers and took part in a moment of silent reflection.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 19th – 23rd 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

12th to 15th May - SATS

15th May - Census day

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

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

Thursday 15th May is Census Day

Our school will get extra funding for every child in Reception, Years 1 and 2 who has a school dinner on Thursday 15th May.

The meal is FREE to the children in those year groups, if you normally provide a packed lunch please would you consider a school meal on Thursday.

Census Day Menu

Cheese Pizza

Or

Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Or

**Jacket Potato served with either Beans, Cheese or
Tuna Mayonnaise**

Served with

Salad Bar

Fruit, Yoghurt or Chocolate Biscuit

We are hoping that all the children will have a free school dinner on that day.

Gospel

John 10: 27-30

My sheep hear my voice: and I know them, and they follow me.

And I give them life everlasting; and they shall not perish for ever, and no man shall pluck them out of my hand.

That which my Father hath given me, is greater than all: and no one can snatch them out of the hand of my Father.

I and the Father are one.

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: Cherry & Myra

Mrs Uminska: Archie & Kaitlyn

Miss Lockwood: Ivy & Joshua B

Miss Thompson: Yash, Diego & Rion

Mrs Casey: Lucas & Nathan

Mrs Powell: Isabelle, Emmanuel, Aidan

Mrs Bloom: Whole Class

Miss Nyilas: Akosua

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.

Shodan: Lilly-Mai

Nidan: Newel, Ethan, Oscar-James & Gabriel

Sandan: Gabriel, Nikola & Lyla

Yodan: Romel, Kassie

Godan: Isaac, Wiktor, Olesia

Rokudan: Sadia

Shichidan: Amelia, Franek

Hachidan: Samuel, Sabrina

Kudan: Ewa

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 eg. 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



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



Brighter
Futures for
Children

Understanding Autism

Parenting programme



Thursdays - 1 May, 8 May and 15 May 2025



6-8pm



Online via MS Teams

Join our three-week term-time programme for parents and carers.

This course provides an overview of the Living with Autism course, covering areas where parents commonly need support with their children such as play, sleep and toilet training. Each week will also include information about emotional regulation. All sessions will emphasise a growth approach to autism.

- ★ **Week one:** Understanding autism and your child as an individual
- ★ **Week two:** Practical strategies and approaches to play, sleep and toilet training
- ★ **Week three:** Enabling environments, including education settings.

To enquire or book your place, please contact:

parenting.reading@brighterfuturesforchildren.org

or call **0118 937 4858**



BFFC parent/carers workshops 2024-2025

BFFC's Educational Psychology Service and **Primary Mental Health Team** are offering the below workshops every half term (12 workshops in total). See the below details so that you can decide which is most appropriate for you and your child. You should look to attend only one of the courses.

Helping your child with fears and worries	Autism and anxiety
• Child is aged 5-12 years • Anxiety is the primary presenting concern in the child and the anxiety presents at home • The degree of anxiety is mild/moderate (not severe) – it is having an impact on the child's life - for example, the child is starting to avoid situations that lead to anxiety, such as social situations • The approaches in the workshop are designed to help with 'irrational' fears, for example specific phobias (dogs, school phobia etc), separation anxiety, generalised anxiety • It is not designed for children whose anxiety is due to trauma (e.g. domestic violence), PTSD, bereavement, sensory overload • Parent or child is not currently receiving any other kind of support for their anxiety (e.g. at CAMHS or the <u>AnDY</u> clinic). • The programme is not targeted at children with a diagnosis of autism or those with autism traits • The programme is not suitable for children who are non-verbal.	• Child is aged 6 – 16 years • The child has been recognised as autistic, has autism 'traits' or is awaiting a diagnosis, and is experiencing anxiety • The degree of anxiety is mild/moderate (not severe) – it is having an impact on the child's life. For example, the child is starting to avoid situations that lead to anxiety, such as social situations • The approaches in the workshop are designed to help with intolerance of uncertainty and to developing coping strategies to better manage worries about the unknown • It is not designed for children whose anxiety is due to trauma (e.g. domestic violence), PTSD or bereavement • Parent or child is not currently receiving any other kind of support for their anxiety (e.g. at CAMHS or the <u>AnDY</u> clinic). • The programme is not suitable for children who are non-verbal

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.