



# Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



**Children from Mrs Casey and Mrs Powell's class represented the school for a Master Class in public speaking.**

**This was held at Blessed Hugh Faringdon and was a huge success.**



**Christ the King Catholic Primary School & Nursery,  
with The ARK, A Specialist Resource  
Lulworth Road, Reading RG2 8LX**

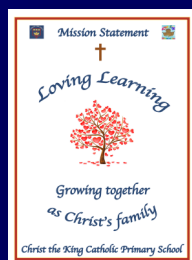
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## **Mass 4th April 9am**

**On Friday the 4th of April we will be saying goodbye and thankyou to Mrs McVeigh for all that she has done for the children and staff of Christ the King school.**

**We would like to invite parents and carers to join us to celebrate Mrs McVeigh's time as headteacher with a farewell mass at 9am on Friday the 4th of April at Christ the King Church.**



**Well done to Mrs Brophy and Miss Lockwood who completed the Reading Half Marathon on Sunday.**

# **Term dates 2025**

**3rd April 2025 - Easter Raffle**

**4th April 2025— Thanksgiving Mass 9.am at church, everyone welcome**

**4th April 2025 - End of Term, School closes at 1.30pm**

**22nd April 2025 - Inset Day - School closed**

**23rd April 2025 - Start of school term**

**12th to 15th May - SATS**

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

**16th June—School closed INSET day**

**23rd July 2025 - School closes at 1.30pm**

## **Stars of the Week**

**Mr Taplin: Aleks & Archie**

**Mrs Uminska: Chinasa & Kaydin**

**Miss Scott: Isla & Leon**

**Miss Yan: Josie & Yuvraj**

**Miss Lockwood: Joshua B & Ritik**

**Miss Thompson: Yash**

**Miss Pearce: Freya, Mayra, Richardson and Netball Team**

**Mrs Gooch: Whole Class**

**Mrs Casey: Natalia & Elliot**

**Mrs Powell: Au'reia & Aidan**

**Mrs Bloom: Richardson & Ismah**

**Miss Sutton: Rasheed**

**Miss Nyilas: Tudor**

## ***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.

**Shodan: Alice, Gabriel**

Nidan: Darcey, Emma, Sahan

**Sandan: Wiktorja, Jaxon**

**Yodan: Gesilla**

**Godan: Alba, Georgie, Damarai**

**Schichidan: Lexi**

Hachidan: Aniyah, Newel

Purple & White: Richardson

Purple and **Yellow: Jan, Joey**

Purple & **Blue: Oscar**

## Reading Points

50 Points - Veronica, Ewa

100 Points - Wiktor, Ewa

150 Points - Samuel

200 Points - Wiktor

400 Points - Olesia

## Raffle

**We will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle on  
3rd April 2025**

## Prizes include

**Easter Egg hampers and Individual Easter Eggs**

**If you would like to purchase the tickets they cost £1  
for the strip of 5 tickets and will be on sale  
after school at the Exbourne Road Entrance.**

**Thank you**



# **Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

**Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”**

**So to them, Jesus addressed this parable:**

**“A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the proper between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.**

**When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.**

**Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’**

**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.**

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.

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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.

### 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 coat into school.

Please Note - Crocs are not suitable footwear for school.

### 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

Monday to Thursday until 6pm, £11 per session.

Children need to be registered before attending. The forms are available from the school office.

Please use School Money to book online. Booking online is available up until the day before. Please call the office if you need to book on the day.

# Have some fun on bikes

Easter  
half term  
2025

## Sign up for a Bikeability course

### Highdown School

Level 1

7 Apr

Levels 1 & 2

7, 8 Apr 2-day

15 Apr

16 Apr

Level 3

10 Apr

14 Apr

### The Weller Centre

Learn to ride

8, 9, 10 Apr

Learn to ride - £10

Level 1 - £10

Level 1 & 2 - 1 day £10  
2 day £20

Level 3 - £10

See website for times

### Prospect Park

Level 1

9 Apr

17 Apr

Levels 1 & 2

9 Apr

17 Apr



# avanticycling

[bookwhen.com/avanticycling](https://bookwhen.com/avanticycling)





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](mailto:parenting.reading@brighterfuturesforchildren.org)

or call **0118 937 4858**



## Support for autistic children and young people, and their parents/carers

If you are interested in taking part, please email us for more information: [autism@reading.ac.uk](mailto:autism@reading.ac.uk)

### NeuroBears: Online Programme for Autistic Children



- Seven online sessions (30-60 minutes)
- Child and parent/carer find out more about autism together
- For children aged 8-14 years
- NeuroBears is created by autistic people, for autistic people
- Topics covered include autism myths, neurodiversity, sensory experience, autistic communication, autistic meltdowns, autistic identity
- Cost: free

### Parent/Carer Support Groups

- A support programme for parent/carers of autistic children (or children who are waiting for an autism assessment) aged 5-16 years.
- A space to explore what autistic children, young people and adults tell us about their lives
- Supporting parent wellbeing and offering a safe space to explore what your child's diagnosis means to you
- Six week, in-person programme at the University of Reading (Whiteknights Campus)
- Sessions are two hours long
- Cost: £60

### Informal Monthly Parent/Carer Meet Ups

- Monthly meet-ups for parent/carers of autistic children who are looking for a space to connect, share experiences and gain insights
- Each session begins with a talk from the team on an autism-related topic, followed by informal discussions where attendees can exchange knowledge and expertise
- Cost: £10

#### What is the Centre for Autism Wellbeing Hub?

We are based at the University of Reading, and we are a small team of people working to set up different activities and support to help autistic young people and families thrive and live their best lives.

It is essential that autistic voices are at the heart of everything we do, and we are developing new ideas jointly with autistic individuals, based on the things that autistic people tell us they would find helpful.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list please email us at: [autism@reading.ac.uk](mailto:autism@reading.ac.uk)

<https://research.reading.ac.uk/autism/support-and-training/wellbeing-hub-2>





# Mental Health coffee mornings in READING SCHOOLS 2024/25

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 BfC. 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  
SPRING TERM**

| DATE/TIME                                         | SUBJECT                                                                                   | SCHOOL                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 13 Jan 2025, 9.15-11.15am                         | ADHD                                                                                      | Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School |
| 17 Jan 2025, 9.15-11.15am                         | Managing behaviour (limited to 20 spaces)                                                 | E P Collier Primary School (no parking) |
| 22 Jan 2025, 1-3pm                                | Anxiety                                                                                   | Churchend Primary Academy               |
| 30 Jan 2025, 1-3pm                                | Self-harm and suicidality (limited to 15 spaces)                                          | Geoffrey Field Junior School            |
| 3 Feb 2025, 9.15-11.15am                          | Low mood and depression                                                                   | St Anne's Catholic Primary School       |
| 7 Feb 2025, 9.15-11.15am<br><b>CANCELLED</b>      | Understanding Berkshire CAMHS and neurodiversity service processes (limited to 20 spaces) | Wilson Primary School                   |
| 12 Feb 2025, 1.15-3pm<br><b>VENUE/TIME CHANGE</b> | Anxiety                                                                                   | Caversham Park Primary School           |
| 24 Feb 2025, 1-3pm                                | Sleep                                                                                     | Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School |
| 6 March 2025, 9.15-11.15am                        | Autism and anxiety (limited to 15 spaces)                                                 | Oxford Road Community School            |
| 12 March 2025, 1-3pm                              | Body image and eating disorders                                                           | New Town Primary School                 |
| 17 March 2025, 1-3pm                              | Anxiety (limited to 20 spaces)                                                            | Wilson Primary School                   |
| 28 March 2025, 9.15-11.15am                       | Low mood and depression                                                                   | Churchend Primary Academy               |
| 2 April 2025, 1-3pm                               | The impact of social media on mental health                                               | Caversham Park Primary School           |
| 4 April 2025, 9.15-11.15am                        | Managing behaviour (limited to 15 spaces)                                                 | Geoffrey Field Junior School            |



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## Summer 2025 Christ the King Primary School

### HOW TO BOOK:

- 1 CLICK THE 'BOOK NOW' BUTTON OR TYPE IN THE LINK UNDERNEATH
- 2 SCROLL TO FIND THE RIGHT CLUB
- 3 ADD YOUR CHILD'S DETAILS
- 4 BOOK & PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S PLACE

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
uSports are pleased to announce  
that we will be delivering the  
following clubs.

**Dance Club Yr 1-6** | 3.20pm - 4.20pm | Monday

**£6.25 Per Session**

28.04.25 - 14.07.25 | 10 x Sessions | £62.50

**Gymnastics Club Yr 1-6** | 3.20pm - 4.20pm | Tuesday

**£6.25 Per Session**

29.04.25 - 15.07.25 | 11 x Sessions | £68.75

See You There,

uSports

**BOOK NOW**

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/762>





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## 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.