



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



Thank you to Whitley Wood Fire Station Personnel who visited Years 5 & 6 on Tuesday to talk about fire safety.



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

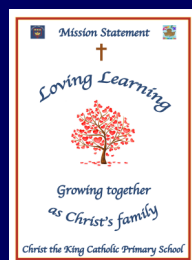
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Well done to our KS2 finalists who took part in the WEC Public Speaking competition. They were absolutely amazing.



NURSERY PLACEMENTS

Christ The King School are offering 15 & 30-hours nursery places for Easter and September 2025. If your child is 3 before 31st March and 31st August and if you are interested in a place for your child in our nursery, please contact the school office on 01189 015434

Or email admin@christtheking.reading.sch.uk

Term dates 2025

5th March 2025 - Ash Wednesday

7th March 2025 - World Book Day, dress as a character from a book

14th March 2025 - Non Uniform day - donations for Easter Hamper Raffle

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

23rd July 2025 - school closes at 1.30pm

3rd September 2025 - Inset Day

4th September 2025 - School re opens

Non Uniform Day 14th March

**For a donation of an Easter Egg or Chocolate for our
Easter Raffle please**

Raffle

**We will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle on
4th April 2025**

Prizes include

**Easter Egg hampers, Individual Easter Eggs and
gift hampers**

**If you would like to purchase the tickets they cost £1
for the strip of 5 tickets and will be on sale
from Monday 17th March
after school at the Exbourne Road Entrance.**

Thank you



It has come to our attention that some children have been watching Squid games and acting it out in the playground.

What is Squid Game?

Netflix's Squid Game is one of the streaming service's most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

An unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

What are the hazards for children?

Squid Game's 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok, with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

The popularity of the programme has also led to online challenges based on various scenes, which see people taking part in seemingly innocent children's games. On the show, however, characters are executed if they fail in the game and videos of people pretending to kill each other after competing in Squid Game-style contests are going viral on social media, where they are easily accessible to children.

What is the Squid Game Challenge app?

Squid Game Challenge (also known as K-Game Challenge) is an app for smartphones and tablets that has been released for Android and iOS, and the two systems differ significantly on their age ratings for the game. The iTunes Store rates the app as 12+ (advising of "mild/infrequent horror/fear themes"), while the PEGI rating for Android is just 3+, which means that very young children might be able to download and play the game even with parental controls activated on their device or through Google Play.

The gameplay is frequently interrupted by pop-ups and ads (sometimes appearing while the user is rapidly tapping their screen while attempting to complete the challenge). This could easily lead to unwanted purchases or accidental visits to inappropriate sites beyond the app.

What can adults do?

As a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix, in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children, that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.

We would like to remind parents that once you have collected your children from the teacher afterschool, 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.

SEN support in Reading schools



Training for parents/carers who live in Reading

These sessions will be held online via MS Teams and will cover:

- The legal framework
- SEND support in schools – what to expect
- EHCPs – what they are and when they are needed

Session dates:

- For pre-school Tuesday 18 March 2025, 10-11am
- For primary Thursday 20 March 2025, 10-11am
- For secondary Wednesday 26 March 2025, 10-11am

For more information and to book, please email iass@brighterfuturesforchildren.org
Please include your name, home address and your child's date of birth.



www.readingiass.org



0118 937 3421

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.

Stars of the Week

Mr Taplin: Cherry & Ruby-Mae

Mrs Uminska: Vinnie & Archie

Miss Scott: Leon, Olaf & Shyrae

Miss Yan: Hunter & Billy-Jay

Miss Lockwood:

Miss Thompson: Ezra & Diego

Miss Pearce: Freya & Lyla

Mrs Gooch: Jaxon & Isaac

Mrs Casey: Shay & Fraser

Mrs Powell: Henry, Beracha, Amiri & Gracie

Mrs Bloom: Marli-Marie, Elizabeth, Richardson, Fatima, Marek & Amelia Yr4

Miss Nyilas: Whole Class

Miss Sutton: Lily

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: Carl, Nikola

Schichidan: Raul

Hachidan: Beracha, Gabriel

Kudan: Bradley

Purple and Red: Rayaana

Purple and Yellow: Alex & Emmanuel

Purple and Blue: Perez

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.

Thank you

Reading Points

50 Points - Ollie, Carl

100 Points - Rion & Victoria

150 Points - Georgie

350 Points - Nikola

400 Points—Alice

Gospel,

Luke 6:39-45

He also told them a parable, 'Can one blind person guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?

Disciple is not superior to teacher; but fully trained disciple will be like teacher.

Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the great log in your own?

How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out that splinter in your eye," when you cannot see the great log in your own? Hypocrite! Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter in your brother's eyes.

There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. Every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles.

Good people draw what is good from the store of goodness in their hearts; bad people draw what is bad from the store of badness. For the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart.

WELLBEING SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

New drop-in group to:

Connect with other parents, talk about mental health challenges & feel supported

Parents of any age children welcome

24th February & 24th March - 10am to 11.30am
Weller Centre, 110 Amersham Road, Caversham

Email us: compassopportunities@reading.gov.uk



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RECOVERY COLLEGE

Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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.



Reading Families' Forum

Registered charity no 1166585

A voice for families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities



Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire
and Berkshire West
Integrated Care Board

PINS PARENT CARER SURVEY

24 FEBRUARY 2025 TO 10 MARCH 2025

This short survey is open to **anyone** with a child/ren in mainstream primary schools in Reading.

This is part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Primary Schools (PINS) pilot covering all types of neurodiversity including autism, ADHD, dyslexia and learning difficulties.

The purpose of the PINS project has been to improve the experience of mainstream school for children who may have an additional educational need. The information from the survey will be used to understand the impact of the PINS project on inclusion in schools.

Link to Survey

<https://forms.office.com/e/gx4AhcQp7e>

FOR FURTHER HELP AND TRANSLATIONS PLEASE
CONTACT CATHY@READINGFAMILIESFORUM.CO.UK





Special United, Reading's SEND Youth Forum run by Me2 Club

Have your say on local services, have fun, enjoy refreshments and earn a £10 Amazon voucher!



Next Session 26 March 2025 tell health commissioners your views on the CAMHS redesign!



*Open to Reading young people
with additional needs aged 8 – 25 years
To find out more & book, email
ramona@me2club.org.uk*



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 CANCELLED	Understanding Berkshire CAMHS and neurodiversity service processes (limited to 20 spaces)	Wilson Primary School
12 Feb 2025, 1.15-3pm VENUE/TIME CHANGE	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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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

ASTHMA DETECTIVES ACADEMY



**ASTHMA+
LUNG UK**



Investigating asthma for 8-11 year olds

Do you, your sibling or a friend have asthma? Join Asthma + Lung UK for a free and fun online morning workshop. This exciting and interactive event will get you 'clued up' on all things asthma. Let's crack the case!

When? Saturday 8th March 2025 @ 10:30am

Where? Online via Zoom

- Fact or fiction? Take our myth-busting asthma quiz
- Solve the riddle! Using puzzles, uncover asthma's hidden triggers
- Detective's briefcase. Discover our toolkit for managing asthma
- Unlock top secret video footage to learn about inhalers and spacers
- Meet our team of expert detectives & an asthma nurse specialist
- Graduation! Receive your Asthma Detective certificate in the post

SIGN UP ONLINE

Scan our QR code, or visit our website to register.
www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/groups-support/parent-carer-support-network/parent-carer-network-events

A parent, carer or responsible adult age 18+ must be present with children at all times during the online workshop.





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.