



Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



On Thursday KS2 held a Public Speaking competition. These are the children chosen to represent our school at Reading University.

Well done



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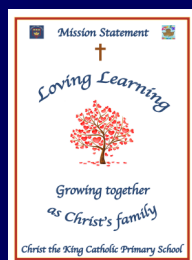
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We sadly say “goodbye” to Mr White, who will not be returning to CTK. We wish him all the best.



Term dates 2025

17th - 21st February 2025 - Half Term

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

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.

NURSERY PLACES

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 see the forms below or contact the school office on 01189 015434

Or email admin@christtheking.reading.sch.uk

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.

Stars of the Week

Mr Taplin: Sarah & Jeremiah

Mrs Uminska: Nancy & Tiffany

Miss Scott: Tristan & Theo

Miss Yan: Xavier & Lilia

Miss Lockwood: Jesse & Ritik

Miss Thompson: Myra & Jesse

Miss Pearce: Leo & Aahil

Mrs Gooch: Amelia & Wiktor

Mrs Casey: Vanessa, Lexi, Georgie & Alba

Mrs Powell: Alejandro & Amiri

Mrs Bloom: Sam & Oskar

Miss Nyilas: Tudor

Miss Sutton: Tyjah

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: Tenzing, Davayah, Issa

Nidan: Romel, Leon, Zach

Sandan: Aidan, Kade, Olesia

Yondan: Isabella, Genelia

Godan: Sabrina, Rokudan

Rokudan: Gabriel, Veronica, Nathan, Alicia, Newel

Schichidan: Beracha, Ethan

Hachidan: Vanessa, Steven Nikola, Joel, Gabriel, Alice

Kudan: Rayaan, Richardson, Sahan

Purple and **Red: Jan, Edna**

Purple and White : Alejandro

Purple and **Green: Uzziel**

Reading Points

50 Points - Gabriel, Rasheed

200 Points - Myra

300 Points - Nikola, Alice

Gospel, Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the territory of Tyre, he went by way of Sidon towards the Lake of Gallilee, right through the Decapolis territory.

And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside to be by themselves, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.

Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and at once the impediment of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.

And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they proclaimed it.

Their admiration was unbounded, and they said, 'Everything he does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

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.



KNOW YOURSELF GROW YOURSELF

Children's Mental Health Week 2025

Time 2 Talk!

Your thoughts and feelings are important.
Find a friend or a safe grown up to talk through emotions.
We love hearing more about you.



It's OK not to be OK!

As well as feeling happy and excited, sometimes we get angry, sad and nervous. That's perfectly normal! What techniques can we practice to help us the next time we feel these emotions?

Look after yourself

What are your healthy habits? Are you eating a balanced diet?
Do you have 8 hours sleep a night? Is screentime limited?
A healthy body + a healthy mind = A healthy life.



Kindness brings Joy!

Aim to achieve 1 act of kindness a day.
That could be holding a door open, helping a classmate
with their work or using your manners regularly.

What interests YOU?

What's your **BIGGEST** passion? Are you arty? Love Lego? Super
Sporty? Mighty Musician or a Dazzling Dancer?
Whatever your hobby, you **CAN** achieve!



Goals!

Have you got a target you want to achieve?
This could be completing homework on time, joining a new
club or answering at least one question in class each week.
What do you wish to accomplish by the end of the year?

Positive Vibes!

Everybody makes mistakes, that's OK! It's why pencils have rubbers.
Remember mistakes help you **GROW**. The next time you find something
difficult, try saying I can't do this.... **YET!**



Follow us on:   



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.

CYBER PROTECT WEBINARS



SOUTH EAST
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REGIONAL
ORGANISED
CRIME UNIT

The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

January 23rd, 28th, 30th
February 3rd, 6th, 10th, 12th, 13th



TICKETS ONLINE:



Eventbrite: Police - South East Cyber

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

run by Police Cyber Protect teams

Hints and tips to secure your family
online, covering cyber risks and scams in:

Gaming



Social Media



Email

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE:

Click [here](#), scan the QR code
or search online for "eventbrite police southeast cyber"



DON'T LET IT BE GAME OVER
LEVEL UP YOUR ONLINE SECURITY

Have some serious fun on bikes

Spring
half term
2025

Sign up for a Bikeability course

Pick your time and place - book online

Prospect Park

Learn to ride

17 Feb
0930-1045
1100 - 1215
1330 - 1445

18 Feb
0900 - 1015
1030 - 1145
1315 - 1430

20 Feb
1000 - 1115
1130 - 1245
1400 - 1515

Highdown School

Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb
All day

Level 3

20 Feb
0930 - 1500

Woodford Park

Level 1 & 2

17-18 Feb
All day

Jocks Lane
Bracknell

Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb
All day



Please reserve your place online
avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses



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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 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 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	Understanding Berkshire CAMHS and neurodiversity service processes (limited to 20 spaces)	Wilson Primary School
12 Feb 2025, 1-3pm	Anxiety	The Heights 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

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Date 17th - 21st Feb 2025

Day	Activities
Monday	Football Drop In £1 (3pm - 5pm)
Tuesday	Kids Swim for £1 (9.30am) Family Fun Swimming (11am - Midday) Junior Multi-Sports Drop In £1 (Midday - 3pm) Football Drop In £1 (3pm - 5pm)
Wednesday	Kids Swim for £1 (9.30am) Soft Play (9.30am - 11.30am) Family Fun Swimming (11am - Midday) Pickleball Taster Session (12 - 1pm) Football Drop In £1 (3pm - 5pm)
Thursday	Kids Swim for £1 (9.30am)
Friday	Kids Swim for £1 (9.30am) Soft Play (9.30am - 11.30am) Junior Multi-Sports Drop In £1 (1pm - 3pm)

Find out more about holiday activities at
better.org.uk

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