

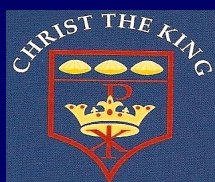


Christ the King Catholic Primary

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



Thank you to the children who joined in the procession after mass on Sunday, to celebrate the feast of Christ The King.



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

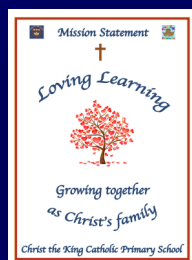
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Term dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

7th December - Ark day trip to Ufton

8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

8th December - Presents for Parents

8th December - Christmas Craft Fair after school

12th December - Nursery Nativity 11.30am - 12pm

12th December—Christmas Dinner

13th December - KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2pm

14th December - KS2 Nativity in the church at 2pm and 6pm

15th December—School Disco

15th December - Reception Nativity 9.30 am and 2pm

20th December - End of Term, School Closes at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2024

8th January 2024 - Inset Day

9th January - Start of School Term



CTK Christmas Craft Fair

Friday 8th December 3:30pm - 5pm



The Ark



Santa's Grotto & Elves



- Miss Nasrallah's Room
KS1

Hot Chocolate Cones
Snowmen Tree Ornaments
Scratch Art Decorations



- Miss Thompson's Room
Reception
Reindeer Food
Year 3
Christmas Tree Angels



- Mrs Gooch's Room
YY3 & Y4
Christmas Snowflakes
Christmas Art Activities



- Mrs Bloom's Room
Y5 & Y6
Decorated Wine Bottles
Nursery
Beaded Tree decorations



- Miss Pearce's Room
Mini Vinnies
Guess The Candy Cane
Y5/6
Personalised Baubles



The School Hall

Mulled Wine / Hot Chocolate & Refreshments
Craft Stalls
Chocolate Tombola
Raffle



Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school



Presents for Parents

The children will be given the opportunity to purchase one gift for a parent/carer at a cost of £2.00. The gifts will be displayed and the children can choose their gift. It will then be wrapped up for them to take home.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send in £2 with your child on Friday 8th December.

This is organised by the PTFA Association so will only be available on this day.

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.

Coats

As the weather has changed, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat which has their name on it.

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.

The medication needs to be in its original packaging with a pharmacy label on.

You will also be required to complete a medication form.

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

SEN Information

On our website there is a Special Educational Needs tab and this is where the Local Offer newsletter link is and will update regularly with all activities for children with SEND.

Here is what can be found in the new Winter Newsletter:

Amanda Mavunga, Clinical Lead and CAMHS Specialist Mental Health Practitioner, with professional registrations and accreditations which include Mental Health Nursing, Health Visitor, and Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapist.

Shagufta Ali ACRE/Alafia Family Support Worker - Alafia supports Ethnic Minority families caring for children and young people (0-25) on a wide spectrum of disabilities or additional needs

- News items, what's on/events available throughout the Christmas holidays
- Early Years – updates from the sector
- Preparing for adulthood – 16-25 updates

Short breaks, support services and much more...

please remember, this is just a snapshot of the wealth of information that can be found on the www.readingsendlocaloffer.org

PTFA Event dates

**1st December—Non-Uniform day for donations for
Presents for Parents**

8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

8th December - Presents for Parents

8th December - Christmas Craft Fair after school

15th December—School Disco

**More information regarding each event will be sent out
nearer the date**

Gospel

So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow or dawn; If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

Stars of the Week

Miss Lockwood: J'dore & Daniel

Miss Yan: Imaan & David

Mrs Gallian/Miss Sutton: Darcey & Yousef

Miss Thompson: Gabriel G & Kyra

Mrs Gooch: Whole Class

Mrs Casey: Dominika & Richardson

Mrs Bloom: Aaron & Rylee

Ark: Jaxon

Reading Challenge

50 Points - Henry

200 Points - Emmanuel

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.

This Weeks Ninja

Sandan: Aaron



Dear Parents

STAGEABILITY will be running after school Drama clubs at your child's school next term.

Our popular Drama clubs follow a proven method to help children feel less shy, make new friends and dramatically improve their confidence in just 10 weeks. All our drama tutors have a strong background in both performance and teaching and have been selected for their ability to inspire children in drama. They have enhanced DBS disclosures.

Years 1-6: Thursdays 3.20-4.20pm – starts 11th January 2024 (10 sessions)

The cost of the club for the spring term is £70.00 which is payable in full, in advance and is non-refundable.

Children can wear their school uniform and should bring a bottle of water.

To find out more about StageAbility, please visit our website at www.stageability.co.uk and discover how we have helped hundreds of Berkshire children increase their self-esteem through drama.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Here is the booking link to register your child: <https://stageability.classforkids.io/venue/39/christ-the-king-catholic-primary-school>

PLEASE NOTE: There is a small fee if you pay by card through the booking system. This is referred to as a Platform Fee. To avoid this fee, you can make a bank transfer to StageAbility 89009657 60-17-21. Please use your child's name as a reference.

We shall confirm that a place has been allocated before the clubs start. If a place is not available this time, please join the waiting list – we may be able to bring in additional staff to open more places.

Come and join the fun!

"My daughter has been a part of StageAbility for nearly 5 years now. She has loved the weekly classes and has joined in on a few of the shows, too. My family and I have loved watching her grow in. StageAbility has been amazing for her to help nurture her passion for drama and it's also given her a great network of friends." Mrs P. Smith



JACKIE STUART
Helping children to build confidence through acting and theatre skills





SEND Short Breaks & Holiday Activity Fund Programme Christmas Holidays 2023

SEND Short Breaks December 2023 Session - Reading Play, Ranger Station



Reading Play welcomes you to The Ranger Station as your [SEND](#) half term provider, we will be holding two sessions on Thursday 21st December 2023. We will be hosting a range of activities for the sessions which include:

Session one

10am - 12:30pm Age 4 to 7 years

- Low ropes
- Art and crafts
- Bird box making
- Soft archery

Mini golf

Session two

1:30pm to 4pm - Age 8 to 12 years

- Climbing wall
- Archery
- Mini golf
- Fire pit and marshmallow making

Dodgeball

Some activities listed above maybe weather dependent, therefore we will ensure that we have alternative activities planned.

SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program

Short breaks are available for Reading children aged 5 years to 18 years old.

We cater for children 5 years to 25 years at all our activities. (discounted short breaks not available for 19-25yrs)

Chance to Dance Stars CIC will provide group activities for children & young people with disabilities to have new experiences with sport and dance, to have fun and to build upon social and physical needs.

Sundays 10am to 2pm

Session Information

12th, 19th and 26th November
3rd and 17th December.

Christmas Holiday Camp 27th and 28th December

Contact: Victoria Andrews 07736 343570 or sendanceclub@hotmail.com

Further information and booking instructions can be found here [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program](#)

Christmas SEND Holiday Clubs 2023 - Make/Sense Theatre



Make/Sense Theatre's popular holiday clubs are back for Christmas 2023!

We will be running sessions for young people aged 4-25, with moderate learning difficulties (MLD) as well as more complex, medical needs.

Our highly-trained members of staff will design sessions perfect for all ages, and integrating a love of performing arts with opportunities to socialise, meet other young people, play games and have fun!

Rosie Durance Tel: 07554664825 email: rosie@makesensetheatre.com

Holiday Activities and Food scheme (HAF)

Brighter Futures for Children co-ordinates the Holiday Activities and Food scheme on behalf of Reading Borough Council, funded by the Department for Education.

Please note: HAF registration is only open to children eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

Further information and booking details please click on the link [Holiday Activities and Food scheme \(HAF\) - Brighter Futures For Children](#)

Link to Short Breaks page [Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks \(all ability activities & overnight breaks\)](#)

Let's talk about...

SPEED

“

Slow traffic
makes it safer
for us to walk
and cycle to school

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**Every day, six children are killed
or seriously injured on UK roads**

**25% of parents say traffic is too fast for their
children to walk or cycle to school***

**Whoever you are, however you travel,
we need to talk about speed.**

* Brake (2023) www.brake.org.uk/what-do-parents-think-about-their-childrens-journeys-to-school



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READING PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS TOURNAMENTS 2023 - 2024

FOOTBALL & CRICKET TOURNAMENTS

Reading School, Reading FC Community Trust & Berkshire Cricket Foundation are teaming up to provide schools with regular competitive opportunities throughout the academic year.

Football tournaments

- 2nd November - Yrs 3 & 4 from 9:00 - 12:00 at Reading School
- 2nd November - Yrs 5 & 6 from 13:00 - 16:00 at Reading School
- 28th March - Yrs 5 & 6 from 9:00 - 12:00 at Prospect Park astro
- 23rd May - Yrs 5 & 6 from 10:00 - 14:00 at Reading University SportsPark

Cricket Tournaments

- 17th October (Dynamos Cricket) - Yrs 5 & 6 from 9:30 - 13:00 at Reading School
- 28th March (All Stars Cricket Skills) - Yrs 1 & 2 from 9:30 - 13:00 at Reading School
- 21st May (Rapid Fire Cricket) - Yrs 3 & 4 from 9:30 - 13:00 at Reading School

How to sign up

<https://forms.office.com/e/9Xjcr2wrQu>



From Conflict to Connection Training

Brighter
Futures for
Children



📅 Wednesday 31 January 2024 ⌚ 9.30am-4pm

📍 Park House, University of Reading, Reading RG6 6URs

PARENTING SPECIAL
CHILDREN

Caring for a child with special needs and/or disabilities (SEND) can be challenging for family relationships. Anything from a diagnosis to day-to-day care, challenging behaviour, lack of sleep, isolation and many other issues can be stressful, disrupting connection and causing conflict between parents/carers.

This **FREE** one day training is to help practitioners support parent/carers of children with SEND to manage conflict in their relationship and to communicate in a mutually constructive way. This is a collaborative event and the day will be led by Zobia Kalim from Parenting Special Children.

Who should attend?

Anyone who works with parents/carers and/or families of children with SEND in and around the Reading area, whether through paid work or as a volunteer.

Aims of the training:

- To identify the signs and signals of healthy and unhealthy conflict within families
- To identify issues likely to create strain and tension within the family
- To increase understanding of how these issues can lead to destructive conflict
- To increase awareness of the impact of conflict on children and young people with SEND and barriers to a family's engagement with services
- To explore tools and approaches to reduce conflict and increase productive communication between parents and carers
- To review the practitioner's role when offering support to parents and carers in reducing unproductive conflict

Book your space For more details and to book your place, please contact
From Conflict to Connection Co-ordinator, Peter Burton:
peter.burton@brighterfuturesforchildren.org