

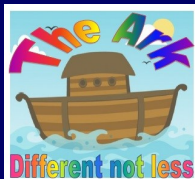
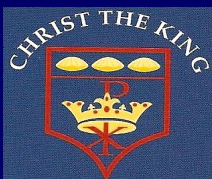


Christ the King Catholic Primary School

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



Children in Reception really enjoyed performing Higgledy Piggledy Nativity.



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

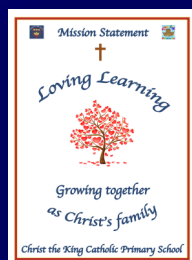
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It has been a busy week at school with the Nativity performances, Christmas Jumper day, Present for Parents and Christmas dinner.



All our children gave wonderful Nativity performances.
Well done



Nativity Performances



There are more pictures from the KS2 performance on the school website.

Mrs Nasrallah's class went on a residential trip to Ufton Court and enjoyed a range of outdoor activities.



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Scarlet Fever and Strep A. We know parents and carers are worried about the reports of Scarlet Fever, caused by Group A Streptococcus, a bacterial infection. It is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. It is important to look out for symptoms in your child, which can include a sore throat, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpaper feel.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has Scarlet Fever.

SYMPTOMS	VIRAL	STREP
 Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
 Difficulty swallowing	Sometimes	Common
 Red, swollen tonsils and throat	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common	Mild, if at all
 Pus in the back of throat	Sometimes	Common
 White spots on the tongue	Sometimes	Common

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

ALLERGY FREE
100%

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.

For example Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, some granola bars, Cakes that contain nuts, Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts, Satay Sauces. 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.**

Stars of the week

Miss Scott:

Miss Cowen:

Mrs Beukes: Whole class

Miss Harris: Whole class

Mrs Tumelty: Whole class

Miss Nasrallah: Whole class

Mr Cosgrove: Whole class

Mrs Gooch: Whole class, Zack

Miss Pearce: Whole class for performance

Mrs Casey: Whole class, Mateusz, Finbar

Mrs Bloom: Whole Class

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

“She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.”

Maths Ninjas

Sandan: Charlotte

Yondan: Jescia

Kudan & Shodan: Tim, Harvey

Read Every Day

Mrs Gooch's Class

Yasmin: 50 points

Dylan: 50 points

Tyler: 60 points



**Thank you to
the PTA for
organising
Presents for
Parents.**

**The next PTA meeting will be held on
27th January 2023
at 9am, in the Library
Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see
you there to support the PTA.**

**Our PTA are kindly requesting donations of good
condition
School Uniform, Coats, Bags, Football Boots, Shoes
and
Christmas Jumpers.**

**The events held by the PTA will be advertised in
the weekly newsletter so please check weekly and
if you are available to help at any of them please let
the PTA know.
Thank you**



Scan for more

Ice Safety

Be careful around water in winter. Frozen water is dangerous and can have fatal consequences.

Our Advice:

- Never venture onto frozen water. Even if it appears thick from the bank, it can easily break and you do not know how deep the water is below or how thin the ice is.
- Do not be tempted to test the thickness of the ice. It is easy to slip from the bank and fall through into the freezing water.
- Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route that avoids water.
- Do not wander near the edge, icy or wet conditions could cause you to slip.

What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for help.
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you.
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice.
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank.
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you.
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.
- Once you are safe, go to the hospital.

If you see someone fall through ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone 999.
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm.
- Try to reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, or anything else which can extend your reach, such as clothing tied together.
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice.
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats across the ice for them to hold onto whilst help is on the way.
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services and continue to reassure the casualty.
- Make sure an ambulance has been called.
- Lay the casualty flat, check for normal breathing.
- Prevent them from getting colder by covering them with warm clothing and blankets.
- Create some shelter and get them out of the cold if possible.
- Do not rub their skin and do not apply hot water bottles.



DANGERS

Can you number the following dangers on the picture?

- 1 Call for help as soon as possible
- 2 Always use a safe rescue, never go on the ice
- 3 Never follow animals on the ice
- 4 Lie on your back and use something that floats to stay on the water's surface
- 5 Obey warning signs
- 6 Ice is thin around drainpipes, trees and plants
- 7 Ice is always thin around man-made structures and at the edge of river banks

SPOT
spot the dangers

ADVICE
follow safety signs and advice

FRIEND
always go with friends or family

Emergency
shout for help and call 999

Keep
your family
SAFE, learn
the code:



Winter safety

This poster is designed to help you enjoy water safely in winter.

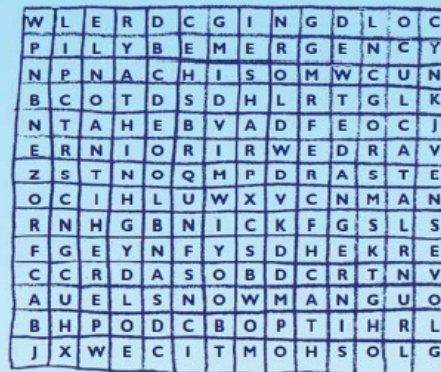
Winter Safety Advice:

- Pay attention to water safety signs
- Don't go on to the ice, it is not safe
- Never go on to the ice to rescue someone, try to reach them with an object
- Keep clear of the water's edge in case you fall in
- Never play in floodwater, you may get swept away or it may be deeper than you think

Contact RLSS UK to find out how you can become a Rookie Lifeguard and learn lifesaving and self rescue skills.

01789 773994 or info@rlss.org.uk

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WINTER

ICE

CRACKS

COLD

SIGNS

FROZEN

THIN

EMERGENCY

SNOWMAN

GLOVES

DANGER

SHARP

Draw a snowman lifeguard!



Why not share your pieces of art with us? Simply post with the #watersafety.



School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner is £2.28 per day.

When your child reaches Year 3, you need to pay for school meals.

Reading Books

We are missing a large number of our Read, Write, Inc books. Please can we ask all parents to have a look at home and return them. Thank you

Water Bottles

Please can we remind all parents to send their children to school with a named water bottle which should only contain water. No Fizzy drinks please.

Non Attendance

If you are contacting the school office to advise your child will not be attending school, please clearly state:
Day, child's name, class and reason.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from
7:30 every morning.

The price is £3.50 per day

Afterschool Club

Monday to Friday until 6pm, £10 per session. Please use School Money to book online or ask at the school office if you have any queries.

Save the dates

Christmas Break
20th December 1.30pm

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Return 5th January 2023

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5/6 January 2023
Ark going to Ufton

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19th January 2023
Mrs Casey's class going to Ufton

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27th January 2023
PTA meeting
9am in the Library

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Break time snacks

Please ensure your child only brings
in a healthy snack for break times.

Next year's term dates (2022-2023)

Autumn Term

20th December 2022 – End of Term, School closes at 1:30

Spring Term

4th January 2023 – INSET Day – School Closed

5th January 2023 - Start of School Term

13th – 17th February 2023 – Half Term – School Closed

31st March 2023 – End of Term, School closes at 1:30

Summer Term

17th April 2023 – INSET Day – School Closed

18th April 2023 – Start of School Term

29th May – 2nd June 2023 – Half Term School Closed

7th July 2023 – INSET Day – School Closed

21st July 2023 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30

FREE

FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**LIMITED
PLACES**



WINTER

HAF CLUB



**MORE
ACTIVITIES**

SCAN TO BOOK NOW

VISIT WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/reading

DATE/TIME 21ST-23RD DECEMBER
WED-FRI 10AM - 2PM
LOCATION SOUTH READING COMMUNITY
CENTER, READING RG2 7QA
AGE GROUPS 5 TO 14 YEAR OLDS



Department

**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES**



Reading
Borough Council



WINTER

HOLIDAY CLUB

YUMMY FOOD!

COOK A HEALTHY MEAL!
WHAT IS HEALTHY & TASTY?
WHAT ARE FATS, CARBS &
PROTEINS?

**Yummy food tasting &
food experiments!**
Fruit kebabs, strawberry
santas & smoothies.
Nutritional lunch
provided each day.



Discover

THE
Magical World
OF
Wonderland

FUN DAYS OUT

**This winter discover
the magical world of
Winter Wonderland.**

**Go crazy at
Trampoline parks,
bowling alleys and
more!**



SPORTS & EXPERIMENTS

**Learn about chemical
reactions in explosions!**
**Make a robot and com-
mand it! Dodge ball and
football tournaments
with prizes and medals!**





Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks – December 2022



With funding from Brighter Futures for Children (BFfC)

Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks @ Reading FC - Play Course - 21st / 22nd December 10:00 - 13:00

The SEND play camps are for young children aged 5 - 7 years with a disability. The camps will run from The Avenue School from 10am - 1pm.

The camps have experienced play staff with a background in working with young children with disabilities.

On the camps the children will experience the following:

Messy Play, Soft Play, Outdoor Sensory Play

At this point in time the play camp cannot accept the following disabilities/medical conditions:

Epilepsy, Asthma or Peg Fed

[Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks - Play Course - 21st / 22nd December 10:00 - 13:00 | Reading Services Guide](#)



COMMUNITY TRUST
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Contact - Daniel Rook Disability & EDI lead

Tel: 0118 907 2160 E: drook@readingfc.co.uk

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/readingfc/>

Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks - Reading FC SEND Multisport Camp - The Avenue School (8 to 18 years)

Our SEND camps provide a space where children with SEND can come and play sports/games in a safe and fun learning environment. The camps take place at the Avenue School Special School in Reading which has its own car park and is fully accessible. The camps are staffed by fully qualified sport staff that have experience in disability sport we work alongside a support staff team that can deal with personal care needs.

The camps are running on the **21st/22nd/23rd of December from 10:30 till 14:00** and will include a whole host of sports and fun games including specialist sports such as:

Boccia, Kurling, Basketball, Multi skills games

On this camp we will also be joined by a specialist disability rugby coach that will put on taster sessions for wheelchair rugby.

Please note we cannot accept the following conditions:

Epilepsy or Peg Feeding

[Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks - Reading FC SEND Multisport Camp - The Avenue School \(8 to 18 years\) | Reading Services Guide](#)

Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks with Reading Play



SEND Holiday Short Breaks 21st December

Session one 10am-1pm 5-7 year olds

Low ropes, Art and crafts, Bird box making, Soft archery, Mini golf

Session two 2pm to 5pm - Age 8 to 12 years

Climbing wall, Archery, Mini golf, Fire pit and marshmallow making, Dodgeball

Ranger Station, Prospect Park, Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2ND

Bookings open now: <https://readingplay.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login>

[SEND Short Breaks with Reading Play at Prospect Park | Reading Services Guide](#)

Festive family fun at the Forbury

A [Festive Family Rave](#) is taking place at Forbury Gardens this Saturday. Child-friendly silent disco rave sessions are taking place at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm along with festive cheer, food and drink from Blue Collar. Tickets cost £5 with a donation going to local charity Parenting Special Children.

The [Lantern Parade: Dance of the Fireflies](#) will then be happening from 5.30pm, starting in Broad Street and ending in Forbury Gardens where there will be a musical finale.

Find more info about Christmas events in Reading at: visit-reading.com/christmas.

Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks – Make Sense Theatre

MLD/SLD aged 12-25EN

Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd December

9.30am-12.30pm

For neurodivergent teenagers/young adults who want to play creative and fun games, make friends and work as a team. We will explore drama in an engaging and accessible way whilst also providing challenge to those young people who have previous experience. The young people attending this session won't require 1:1 support and will be comfortable in a busy and lively environment.

PMLD/PASD aged 7-19

Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December

1pm-4pm

For young people with profound autism and/or multiple and complex needs, who would enjoy a sensory, creative experience. This group will be staffed so that each attendee will have a trained 1:1 to help them engage. We incorporate different strands of creative sensory exploration to this group including our current 7Sense show, a visiting musician, sensory art and music and movement. Soft lighting, calming music and break out space will help to regulate attendees.

Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December

9.30am-12.30pm

MLD/Sensory aged 5-12

Thursday 22nd December

9.30am-12.30pm

For children who may have a diagnosis of ASD or similar and will benefit from a calm, sensory approach to a drama workshop. This is designed for those who struggle in a busy and loud environment but like role play, drama games, music and song. The attendees of this group may require 1:1 support in order to engage with the activities, which we will cater for.

Costs per session

HAF - Free (and includes lunch)

Short Breaks - £10

Out of borough/over 18s - £18

Our sessions are staffed by highly experienced, trained SEN professionals. We cater for medical and personal care needs. Please contact rosie@makesensetheatre.com to book a place, to ask questions regarding a specific need or if you are unsure of which session is best for your young person. [SEND Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks - Make/Sense Theatre | Reading Services Guide](#)

A dedicated page on the Family Information Service (FIS)/SEND Local Offer, so that parent carers can easily find out about local services and support available throughout the Christmas holiday.
Christmas & New Year 2022/23 Local Services & Support Information

This page will be updated daily, as and when we receive updates from services, partner agencies etc.

There is also a page for food, clothing and warm spaces Support - Food, Clothing & Warm Hub

[SEND Short Breaks over the Christmas Holidays Reading Directory | Christmas Holiday SEND Short Breaks - December 2022](#)

There is the Christmas Activities page, please use the following link for more details, the page will be updated regularly. [Activities in Reading over the Christmas Holiday 2022](#)

General Holiday Activities can be found on the following search list - [Holiday Activities](#)

For parent carers who need information on childcare, holiday clubs, childminders etc for the school holiday - www.readingfis.org/childcare



**Fridays, 9 Sep; 7 Oct; 11 Nov; 9 Dec; 2022
13 Jan; 10 Feb 2023**

Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Whitley

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within the community of Whitley and Reading.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hour talk on a subject linked with being a parent/carers of a child with an additional need. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

Dec: Holiday planning & catch up

DATE & TIME

See above for dates
9.30am- 11.30am

VENUE

South Reading Community Hub
252 Northumberland Avenue
Reading RG2 7QA
ROOM K

COST

FREE
(Refreshments provided)

BOOKING & INFORMATION

Charlie Taylor
07810 689679
charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk

Children welcome under parent supervision
Supported by Berkshire Community Foundation



**BERKSHIRE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

READING FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT **BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
FAWLEY ROAD, READING RG30 3EP



STARTING: MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023

Mondays:
Group 1 : School Years Reception & year 1.....4.15pm – 5.15pm
Group 2 : School Years 2 & 3.....5.15pm – 6.15pm
Group 3 : School Years 4, 5 & 6.....6.15pm – 7.15pm

Dear Parents

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our soccer courses over the last **23 years** we are following up the Soccer Coaching programme for the season starting in January 2023. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys & girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential soccer techniques, together with a '**FUN**' element, building **CONFIDENCE** and improving **FITNESS**.
- Professional goals are used in all groups for shooting practice and small sided games.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children should wear trainers.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Brom and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and awards

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including '**premier league tournament**' and '**penalty shoot out**' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.
- The cost of the course is £7.00 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £28.00 due on week 1.
- **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Mark Frith (course coordinator) www.prosoccercoachinguk.com

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

READING + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)

and receive confirmation by text to:

07586 933 609