



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 29th November 2024

CTK FEAST DAY

On Monday, we gathered as a whole school to celebrate the Feast day of Christ the King. All children wore a beautiful gold crown and learnt about our true King of Kings, Jesus. The chaplaincy team also introduced a new Catholic Social Teaching focus, **Dignity of the human person**. At CTK, we believe every human person is made in the image and likeness of God.



SCHOOL MASS

Children will gather for whole school mass on **Tuesday 10th December** – this will be attended by all pupils in Year 1 – Year 6 and the readings will be led by pupils in **Year 3 and 4**.

Parents/Grandparents are welcome to join us if they wish to do so. For those who cannot attend, please join us online:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-king-church-coventry>.



SUNDAY MASS



Sunday 8th December 9am Mass
Readings led by children in Year 6

Children in Years 3 – 6 are welcome to join staff in the choir loft. Children in Reception – Year 2 are welcome to participate in children's liturgy

CHARITY AT CHRISTMAS

THE DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE WARMLY INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT OUR 2024 **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

Throughout Advent, every child, young person and member of staff in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Birmingham is invited to show their love and support for those in need by contributing at least one item to the diocesan Reverse Advent Calendar.

This year we are collecting toiletries which will be donated to Father Hudson's Caritas to support people living on the streets or those arriving new to the country as asylum seekers or refugees. Father Hudson's Caritas is desperately in need of the following items:

- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Sanitary products
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

...or any other hygiene products you would like to donate

Please add an item or two to your weekly shop during Advent and add it to your school Reverse Advent Calendar.

Near tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity; - Pope Francis

During Advent we are asking each child to donate toiletries for the Father Hudson appeal.

Please can all donations be brought into school on Christmas Jumper Day- **Thursday 12th December**.

Plasters/Cotton Wool - Nursery

Toothbrushes - Reception

Toothpaste - Year 1

Deodorant - Year 2

Body Wash - Year 3

Hand soap - Year 4

Shampoo - Year 5

Conditioner - Year 6

Sanitary Products - staff

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

THE MARK 10 *MISSION*

THE MISSION

CHRIST THE KING

Produce a piece of artwork celebrating Christ the King. You can create an image of Jesus the king, standing, sitting on a throne or even on the cross. This artwork can be your prayer, an offering to Christ the King and a symbol that you crown him as the king of your heart.





Last weekend, Darcy (Class 10) had a wonderful time Irish dancing. She attended the Qualifying's and gained 3rd place out of all the girls in her region.

Next year is when Darcy can officially compete in the World Dancing championships. We know that Darcy is on the right path. Keep working hard Darcy, we can't wait to see what next year brings for you! We are so proud of what you have achieved!



On Thursday last week, Elliott (Class 9) and Bridget (Nursery) really enjoyed representing CTK at The Coventry Irish Society. They presented a gift to the Irish ambassador on his visit to the charity to open the new Gaelic library.

There was also traditional music being played by Cardinal Newman pupils. I know that the children and families who attended felt very proud to show ambassador Fraser that we have a strong Irish culture in the city and that families keep their Irish heritage alive through the next generations and our schools.

It was also lovely that Fr Tom joined them for the occasion.

Well done Elliot and Bridget, we are very proud of you!

Last Sunday, Catherine in class 13 took part in the Merry Mill Open gymnastics competition in Leicester.

Catherine achieved 1st place on bars, 1st place on beam, 2nd place on vault and 3rd on floor for which she also received a judge's award for the vault and floor routine.

Catherine placed first overall winning her competition. What an outstanding achievement, well done Catherine we are very proud of you!



On Monday, the High 5 team were in action. Excellent teamwork and effort from

all 🙌 👏 🏀





Well done to Marella (class 11) who performed with Theatre Train at the Albany Theatre on Wednesday night. Marella and her brother Noah were part of the Dreamcoat Stars cast. They both sang beautifully and performed like true professionals. Well done, we are very proud of you!



Well done to Ivy (Class 1) and Ayda(class 4) who were in the EDA dance show on Sunday. They both danced beautifully and were excited to hear that their dance also won the annual shield. They will both be receiving a medal this week at dancing. Well done, we are very proud of you both.

Well done to Tom (Class 13) whose hard work and dedication to playing football has paid off. On Monday and Wednesday, Tom took part in open trials at Birmingham City for goalkeeping. We know that he made a great impression, as they want to sign him ASAP! Well done on achieving your dream at becoming a Junior Blue. We are very proud of you!



PTA FESTIVE FUN DAY

A huge thank you to the PTA and the volunteers who supported the PTA Festive Fun Day. The children and staff had a great afternoon, it was the perfect way to start the season of Advent.





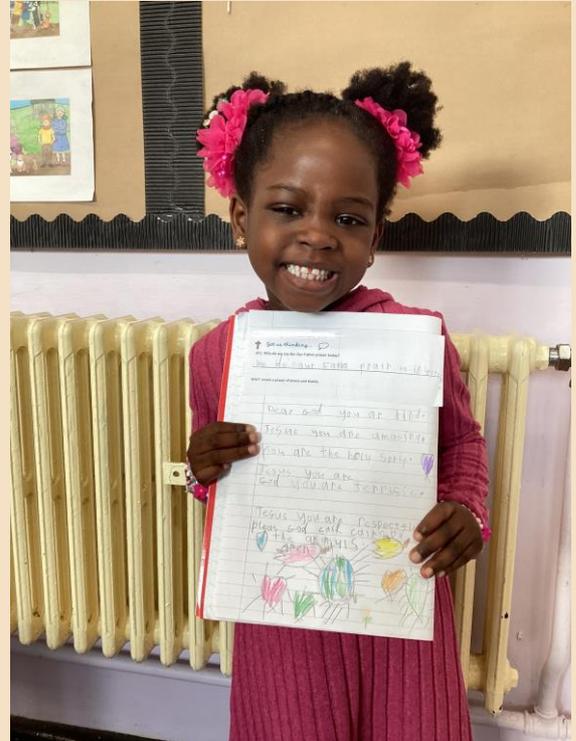
Check out our RE 'piece of the week' from each key stage!

EYFS - CLASS 2



Class 2 have been preparing at the start of the Advent season by: decorating a tree, making cards for the community and making an Advent wreath.

KS1 - CLASS 4 - MIKAYLA

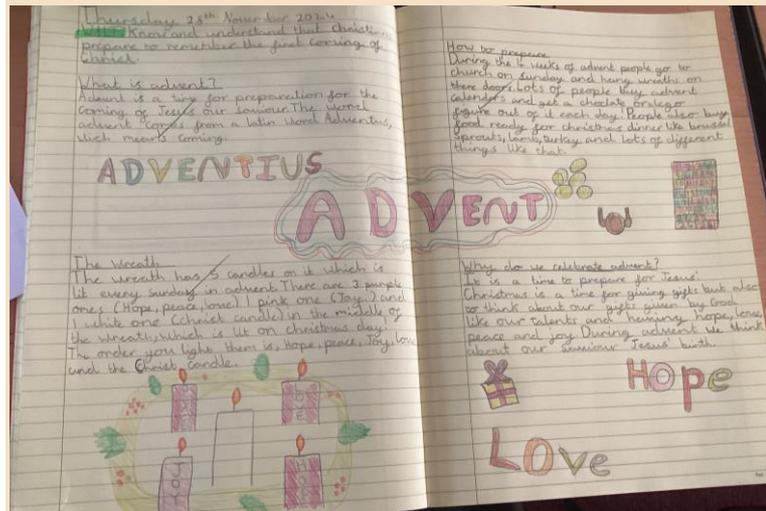


Dear and you are Holy
People you are angels
You are the holy spirit
Jesus you are God
You are the Father
Jesus you are the Son
You are the Holy Spirit
I pray for you all
Amen

LKS2 - CLASS 8 - HENRY AND SEAN



UKS2 - CLASS 12 - ERIN



Thursday 28th November 2014
I know and understand that children
prepare to remember the first coming of
Jesus.
What is advent?
Advent is a time for preparation for the
coming of Jesus our saviour. The word
advent comes from a Latin word Adventus
which means coming.
ADVENTUS
ADVENT
The Wreath
The wreath has 5 candles on it which is
lit every Sunday in advent. There are 3 purple
ones (Hope, peace, love) 1 pink one (Joy) and
1 white one (Christ) candles in the middle of
the wreath which is lit on Christmas day.
The order you light them is hope, peace, joy, love
and the Christ candle.
How do we prepare
During the 4 weeks of advent people get to
church on Sunday and bring sweets on
there doors. Lots of people buy advent
calendars and get a chocolate or toy
figure out of it each day. People also buy
food ready for Christmas dinner like
brussels sprouts, turkey and lots of different
things like that.
Why do we celebrate advent?
It is a time to prepare for Jesus.
Christmas is a time for giving gifts back what
we think about our gifts given by God
like our talents and blessings. Hope, love,
peace and joy. During advent we think
about our saviour Jesus birth.
Hope
Love





Maths at CTK!



TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS (TTRS) MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

These children now have a trophy which they can proudly display on their desk for the week!

- Class 7 – Daisy-Mae
- Class 8 – Aidan
- Class 9 – Ewan
- Class 10 - Harry

- Class 11 – Alfie
- Class 12 – James
- Class 13 - Isla
- Class 14 - Elisa

The Winter Calendar starts soon!



Get ready to Doodle... From Sunday, your pupils can start opening the doors on their DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish [Winter Calendars!](#) ❄️

By completing an exercise each day, they'll unlock a door on their calendar. They'll find a seasonal surprise hiding behind each one – and if they open them all, they'll receive a festive virtual badge!

Congratulations to:

Class 1
57% of pupils in the green zone!



DOODLE MATHS MOST STARS EARNED THIS WEEK



- Class 1 – Liam
- Class 2 – Presha
- Class 3 – Edward



- Class 4 – Jayden
- Class 5 – Deanna
- Class 6 – Emily





December

Tuesday 3rd December – Reception – Year 6 Belgrade
Pantomime Trip

Friday 6th December –Year 6 –Prayer Service in classrooms @
9:00am - 1 adult per child please.

Friday 6th December – EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 – Advent
Prayer Service in church @ 2:30pm

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day! Donation to
raise money for Save the Children and toiletries for Father
Hudson.

Friday 13th December –Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Advent Prayer
Service in church @ 11am ← **New time**

Friday 13th December – Autumn Term Reports Out

Friday 13th December –Rock Steady Concert for Parents at
2:30pm SL site

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December – Carol Service Concert in church
(Reception – Year 6) @ 6pm



Please note that children in
Reception to Year 6 are to arrive at
church at 5:45pm ready for the
service to begin at 6pm.

All children are to wear their
school uniform – a white shirt and
the CTK school tie. Thank you

January

Wednesday 15th January – PCSO Training for selected
Year 5 students

Wednesday 15th January – Year 6 Confirmation Parent
Information session in church at 6pm

Sunday 15th January – Year 6 Commitment Mass in
church at 9am

IT'S SHOWTIME

CTK PERFORMANCE PLANNER 2023-24

Who?	What?	When?
Year 2	Dance Show	Thursday 5th December 2024 At 2:15pm WHR site
Year 5	Christmas Pantomime	Tuesday 10th December at 1:45pm Wednesday 11th December at 9am
Year 1	Dance Show	Thursday 12th December 2024 At 2:15pm WHR site
Nursery and Reception	Christmas Nativity	Monday 16th December at 2pm Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am

Class Assemblies

Who?	When?	Where?
Class 9	Wednesday 6th November at 9am	Scots Lane Site
Class 10	Wednesday 6th November at 2:30pm	Scots Lane Site

Forest School and Enrichment Day Planner

Autumn Term 2024

Please note – dates may be subject to change

When?	Who?
Friday 6th September 2024	Class 14
Friday 13th September 2024	HCCMAC Feast Day
Friday 20th September 2024	Class 13
Friday 27th September 2024	Class 12
Friday 4th October 2024	Class 11
Friday 11th October 2024	Class 10
Friday 18th October 2024	Class 9
Friday 25th October 2024	Class 5 and Class 6
HALF TERM	
Friday 8th November 2024	Individual and Sibling Photo Day
Friday 15th November 2024	Teacher Training Day
Friday 22nd November 2024	Class 7
Friday 29th November 2024	Advent Day
Friday 6th December 2024	Class 8
Friday 13th December 2024	Class 3 and Class 4
Friday 20th December 2024	Last Day of Term
SCHOOL HOLIDAY	





WINTER UNIFORM

All children **MUST** wear the CTK winter uniform from Autumn term 2 – Spring Term 2.
Nursery children – jumper/ cardigan with the school logo

Reception – Year 6 children

Plain white shirt
CTK School Tie
Charcoal/ Black trousers or skirt (no shorter than just above the knee)
A pair of grey / white socks or navy blue/ grey tights.
A pair of sensible black school shoes, not boots, shoes with heels or trainers (unless it is PE day)

If your child comes to school wearing the incorrect uniform, then you will receive a uniform reminder via email.

We expect all parents to support the school by following the uniform policy set.
Thank you

School will be closed to all pupils on the following INSET Days

Monday 2 September 2024

Friday 15 November 2024

Monday 6 January 2025

Friday 27 June 2025

Summer Holidays 2025

To begin on Friday 18 July 2025

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We would also like to encourage that children on pack lunches bring in a healthy lunch.
Thank you



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Aoife- Rae G

Finley McK

Joshua M

Samuel H

Charlie G

Jayden A

Erin D-C

Ivy H

Bella C

Olivia S



Message from the ECO Team: Well done to everyone for making an extra effort to walk to school at least twice a week. We are still taking part in the 'Wow Walk to School Challenge'. Keep it up. First badges given out next week for November.





What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK

97
DAYS

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>





ENRICHMENT CLUBS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL



DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024

Westhill Road Site

Monday 2 December

Tuesday 3 December

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Year 2 Chill Out Club with Mrs Hagyard

Wednesday 4 December

3:15pm – 4:15pm Languages Yr1 & Yr2

Thursday 5 December

Friday 6 December

Scots Lane:

Monday 2 December

3:30pm – 4:30pm – Multi Sports (Yr 3, 4 & 5)

3.30pm – 4.15pm Girls Football Team Training

3.30pm – 4.30pm Cooking Club

Tuesday 3 December

8:00am – 8:45am Tennis (Yr 3 & 4)

3:30pm – 4:30pm – Multi Sports (Yr 2) children will join the walking bus from WHR

3.30pm – High 5 Training – **cancelled due to parents evening**

Wednesday 4 December

8:00am – 8:45am Tennis (Yr 5 & 6)

12:30pm - Class 11 Swimming

3:30pm – 4:30pm Chat Club with Mrs Hagyard

3:30pm – 4:30pm Girls Football (Yr 3, 4 & 5)

Thursday 5 December

3.30pm – 4.45pm Boys Football Training

Friday 6 December

3:30pm – 4:30pm Boys Football (Yr 3, 4 & 5)





ATTENDANCE AT CTK

WHR site		SL site	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance 25/11/2024 – 29/11/2024	Class Name	Weekly Attendance 25/11/2024 – 29/11/2024
Nursery	81.6%	Class 7	93.5%
Class 1	90.7%	Class 8	98.3% 
Class 2	97.2% 	Class 9	100.0% 
Class 3	98.7% 	Class 10	95.2%
Class 4	93.3%	Class 11	89.4%
Class 5	96.7% 	Class 12	89.7%
Class 6	93.0%	Class 13	96.9% 
		Class 14	97.0% 

Reporting your child's absence

Please can Parents/carers remember to call the school on 02476 335790 **before 9am** if your child is going to be absent and leave a message. You can also e-mail ctk_parentlink@hccmac.co.uk to report an absence.

Reasons such an 'unwell' or 'poorly' are not valid, please explain the symptoms of your child's illness and the reason they cannot attend school.

Ongoing attendance percentage

At CTK we carefully monitor your child's attendance and punctuality percentage on a daily, weekly and monthly basis to ensure that pupils are attending school **for 95% or more of the time in line with the DfE expectations.**

Please click on the link below to see you if would qualify from a free travel pass for your child

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schools-schooling/school-travel-passes/2>





Term Dates 2024 – 2025

<i>Autumn Term 1</i>	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 25 October 2024	8 Weeks
<i>Autumn Term 2</i>	Monday 4 November 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024	7 Weeks
<i>Spring 1</i>	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 14 February 2025	6 Weeks
<i>Spring 2</i>	Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 11 April 2025	7 Weeks
<i>Summer Term 1</i>	Monday 28 April 2025 – Friday 23 May 2025	4 Weeks
<i>Summer Term 2</i>	Monday 2 June 2025 – Friday 18 July 2025	7 Weeks

School will be closed to all pupils on the following *INSET* Days

~~Monday 2 September 2024~~

~~Friday 15 November 2024~~

Monday 6 January 2025

Friday 27 June 2025

Summer Holidays 2025

To begin on Friday 18 July 2025

