



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 6th December 2024

## SINGING IN THE PARISH

On Monday, a group of children from Year 2 – Year 5 sang a range of Christmas Carols at the CTK Pastoral Parish Annual Christmas Lunch. The children were treated like true stars. It was a fantastic way to start the season of Advent and bring joy to those around us.



## SCHOOL MASS

Children will not attend Mass on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** due to the flu immunisation that is taking place at both sites.



## SUNDAY MASS



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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



Christmas Jumper day will also take place on Thursday 12 December, we are asking parents to donate £2 for Save the Children, donations can be made by following the below Just Giving Link –

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/christ-the-king-school-coventry-1732706271293?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fchrist-the-king-school-coventry-1732706271293&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/christ-the-king-school-coventry-1732706271293?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fchrist-the-king-school-coventry-1732706271293&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

## OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

**THE MARK 10**  
**THE MISSION**  
**HOPE OF ADVENT**

Get to know Jesus better this Advent. Promise to spend time with him each day. Choose when and for how long this will be. Imagine how much better you will know Jesus if you spend an extra ten minutes with him each day. This could be in silence, sharing what has happened in your day. It could be reading from your Bible if you have one at home. Promise to spend time talking to Jesus and make sure to listen to what he says to your heart too.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful pupils who have all worked hard this week showcasing to the RE inspectors how amazing they are.

All staff felt very proud of them.

The full report of the RE inspection will hopefully be shared before the end of the school term. Thanks to everyone that wished us good luck on the school gate and took the time to complete the parent survey. We really appreciate your support.





## LOOK WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO...



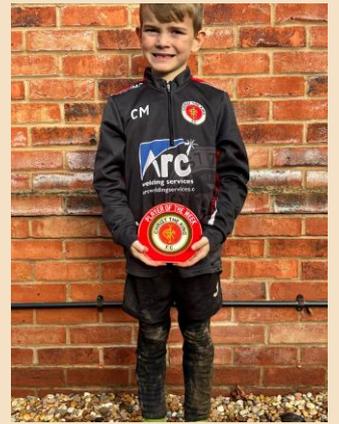
Last weekend, Ollie and Ella-Rose took part in a 5k festive fun run called Mental Elf (for MIND Coventry and Warwickshire), at the Memorial Park. They both received a special medal for taking part and raised an incredible £197. Well done, we are so proud of you both for not only completing this challenge but for also thinking of others in need.



Well done to Cormac who achieved player of the match with his under 8 CTK Red team last weekend.

We hear that Cormac is not only a great goalie between the sticks but also a great outfielder too.

Last weekend, he was awarded Goalie of the week and player of the match. Wow, what an achievement. Well done Cormac, we are very proud of you.



Ellen and Sofia from class 5 starred in their very first dancing show last weekend with Elite Dance Academy, and were absolute superstars!

Well done  
Ellen and Sofia,  
we are very proud of you  
both.

This week, Orla ( class 5) achieved star of the week at Kick boxing. Orla is new to Kick Boxing and has been attending for about 6 weeks.

This is an amazing achievement, we know Orla feels very proud of herself and so do we!

Well done, Orla, keep up the hard work!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**

Harry A  
Willow C  
Dolce C  
Rowan F  
Declan C  
Eva Q  
Henry P  
Daisy H  
Lyla W





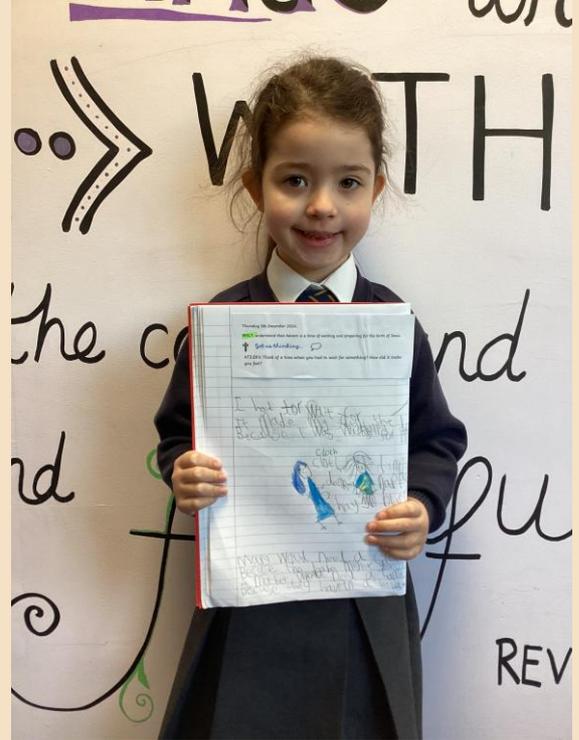

Check out our RE 'piece of the week' from each key stage!

## NURSERY

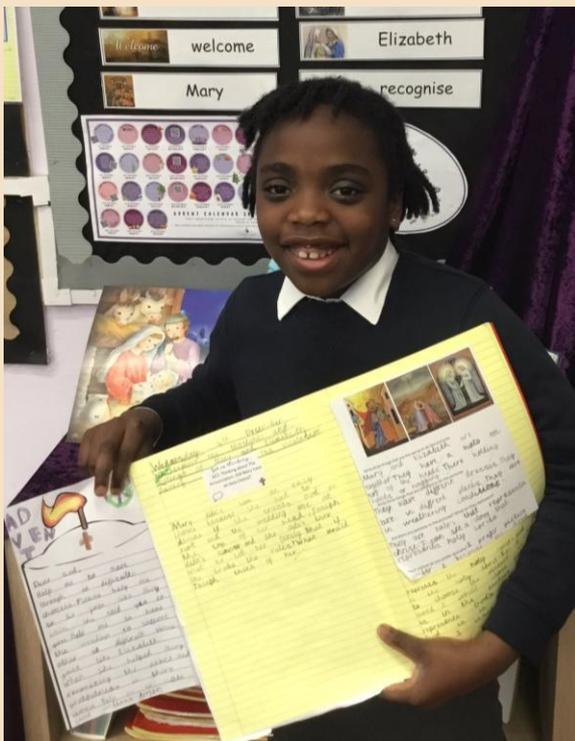
On Thursday, Nursery had a prayer service and thought about how they can make good choices during Advent.



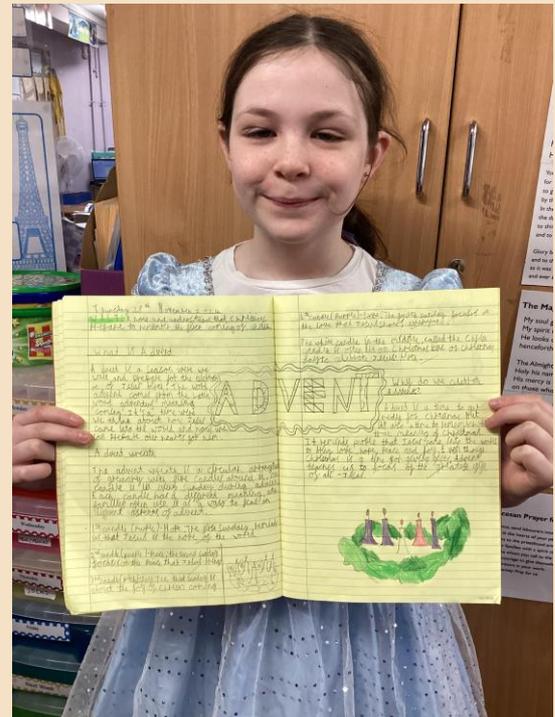
## KS1 - CLASS 3 - CAILIN



## LKS2 - CLASS 7 - JEANNE



## UKS2 - CLASS 11 - MARELLA





## 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 – Saoirse  
Class 8 – Layla  
Class 9 – Isla

Class 10 – Lauren  
Class 11 – Marella  
Class 12 – James

### 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 2**  
47% of pupils in the green zone!



## DOODLE MATHS MOST STARS EARNED THIS WEEK



Class 1 – Aila  
Class 2 – Finlay  
Class 3 – Orla



Class 4 – Josiah  
Class 5 – Paddy  
Class 6 – Aiden





# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD



### December

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

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

**Friday 13th December** – Autumn Term Reports Out

**Friday 13th December** –Rock Steady Concert for Parents at 9:30am SL site ← **New time**

**Wednesday 18th December** – Christmas Dinner Day

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

**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



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

**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	





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## Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 25 October 2024	8 Weeks
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024	7 Weeks
Spring 1	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 14 February 2025	6 Weeks
Spring 2	Monday 24 February 2025 – Friday 11 April 2025	7 Weeks
Summer Term 1	Monday 28 April 2025 – Friday 23 May 2025	4 Weeks
Summer Term 2	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

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



## 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

## SAFEGUARDING AT CTK

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING APPS

When looking at options for supporting a child's mental health, the sheer volume can be overwhelming. There are many wellbeing apps available, but unfortunately not all are trustworthy. It's important to evaluate which resources are suitable, reliable and effective. This guide lets you know what to consider before installing such an app, to determine just how useful it's going to be.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**QUALITY & RELIABILITY**  
Mental health apps can be a useful starting point when looking for wellbeing advice and strategies and can be a useful extension to the in-person services available. However, they aren't a substitute for professional support. Some of these apps are created by mental health professionals, but have they been designed by mental health professionals? Furthermore, who they have research to back up their content?

**PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON CHILDREN**  
Some apps add the words 'made for children' to their title or use cartoon icons to make them more appealing to young people. When signing up for any app, there will usually be a consent form for the parent directly, anything something along the lines of "your child is going to get their name on this app". It's important to remain involved in the child's mental health journey, so regular check-ins are recommended.

**DISREGARDING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT**  
Young people who feel anxious and have trouble sleeping may download a mindfulness app to help. While this is a good strategy initially, it's not addressing the root of the problem. A child could simply try managing these symptoms themselves (as opposed to seeking help and seeking professional help), which could potentially worsen their anxiety in the long run.

**LACK OF PERSONALISATION**  
Mental health or wellbeing apps are useful tools for the short term, teaching users several helpful skills to manage their condition - such as keeping an illness diary, improving nutrition and practicing relaxation exercises. As every person is unique - and children especially will grow and change in different ways - these apps struggle to tailor themselves to users' individual needs. For example, these apps don't distinguish between the ages of users and can offer extremely generic advice.

**DATA SECURITY**  
As with any other app - not just those for mental health and wellbeing - it's wise to check the privacy policy before downloading it. Some of these applications may share data with third parties for commercial reasons (such as targeted advertisements), and if it is used in sharing personal and sensitive information with an app, they probably don't want it ending up elsewhere without their consent.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Many apps will provide their most basic features for free but will require you to pay for other aspects - such as more tailored experience or access to additional resources. This could be a one-off fee or a regular subscription. Consider whether this is actually required, as it benefits the child, or could they receive the same support from a mental professional?

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**CHECK THE CREDIBILITY OF THE APP**  
Before you download a mental health and wellbeing app, investigate the developer, their credentials and whether they are affiliated with any government or mental health organisations, as these are good indicators of legitimacy. Reviews can also be a useful signpost to the app's quality. There are many good apps out there, but there are just as many that aren't.

**READ THE PRIVACY POLICY**  
Look into the app's terms of service - especially its privacy policy. Do so by yourself first, then go over it with the child who is considering using the app. To ensure they know what data will be collected and how easily it will be used. Use of this information to make an educational decision on whether or not to download particular apps.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr Claire Luffman 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 reports, papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK and Australia.

**SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT**  
Trusted mental health and wellbeing apps designed by qualified, reputable organisations can be used alongside professional advice and support of fully trained professionals. These apps should never be considered a substitute for counselling or other formal mental health help. If you have had concerns about a child's mental wellbeing, you should seek appropriate advice from a suitable source, such as their GP - or Children's, who can be contacted by calling 0800 111 111.

**ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION**  
Mental health and wellbeing apps can be useful for writing down feelings, tracking your own health and other such activities. These can help if the problem is short-term and temporary - such as a child getting stressed about upcoming exams - or if you're currently waiting for professional support. Sometimes, it's important that children aren't feeling isolated and have a safe space to talk about their feelings and experiences in the real world.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/mental-health-apps>

**Wake Up Wednesday** The National College





## ENRICHMENT CLUBS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL



### DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024

#### Westhill Road Site

##### Monday 9 December

##### Tuesday 10 December

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

##### Wednesday 11 December

3:15pm – 4:15pm Languages Yr1 & Yr2

##### Thursday 12 December

##### Friday 13 December

#### Scots Lane:

##### Monday 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 December

3.30pm – 4.30pm Boys Football Training cancelled

##### Friday 13 December

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





## ATTENDANCE AT CTK

WHR site		SL site	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance 02/12/2024 – 06/12/2024	Class Name	Weekly Attendance 02/12/2024 – 06/12/2024
Nursery	93.6%	Class 7	93.2%
Class 1	92.7%	Class 8	95.7% 
Class 2	96.7% 	Class 9	96.7% 
Class 3	90.3%	Class 10	87.7%
Class 4	94.1%	Class 11	83.5%
Class 5	93.0%	Class 12	94.3%
Class 6	85.0%	Class 13	97.8% 
		Class 14	88.0%

### 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](mailto: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>

