



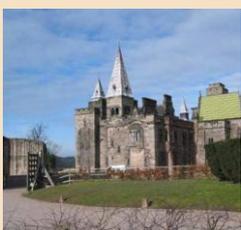
YEAR 5 - ALTON CASTLE

Our Year 5 pupils returned from an incredible opportunity at **Alton Castle on Wednesday**, where they took part in an exciting and enriching residential experience.

Throughout their stay, the children embraced a range of **outdoor adventurous activities**, developing confidence, teamwork, and resilience in the process.

In addition to the physical challenges, the children also took on **leadership roles** by helping with various chores around the castle, learning valuable life skills and the importance of responsibility.

A key focus of the trip was **spiritual growth**, giving pupils time to reflect on their faith and deepen their understanding of their personal journey. Through prayer, discussion, and moments of quiet reflection, they explored their spirituality in a supportive and inspiring environment.



[Click here to view Alton Castle photos](#)

The trip was a fantastic experience for all involved, and we are so proud of how the children engaged with every aspect of the visit. We hope they have come away with lasting memories, new friendships, and a deeper connection to their faith.

SCHOOL MASS

Children in Reception – Year 6 will attend Mass on **Wednesday 18th March 2025**

This will be led by children in Year 1 & 6

✝ SUNDAY MASS ✝

Sunday 23rd March - 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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Wednesday 19th March at 6pm –
First Confession for children, parents and staff in Year 3.

Wednesday 30th April at 6pm -
Parents meeting First Holy Communion

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

God wants to help you know him more this Lent.
Prayer is where we meet him in our hearts.
Is there a prayer you can write asking God to help and guide you this Lent?





Charity Roadshow

On **Monday 24th March** students from Cardinal Newman and Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School will be visiting the children in Year 3 - 6 for the Charity Roadshow 2025.

This year the two secondary schools have joined forces to bring more games and more fun to the children at CTK to help raise as much money for charity as possible.

All money raised will be donated towards Father Hudson's / Caritas Collection

The children will not be charged to play individual games in the hall, instead we are asking for each child to **donate £2 each** and then they can visit each game as many times as they like. There will be lots of prizes and sweets to be won too which is all included in the £2 donation.

Thank you for your continued support

Palm Sunday Mass & Procession

WITH JAVA THE DONKEY!

9am Mass begins with a procession featuring Java the Donkey and Palm Branches.

Mass followed by Donkey petting in the school playground.

All are welcome!

9am, 13th April 2025
Christ the King Church



Lenten Charities

Thank you to all the children in Our Lady of Fatima for leading the first week of stalls to help raise money for CAFOD and Father Hudson's.



This week the children raised over £300.
Thanks to everyone for their support.

Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent, the children will visit church on set dates to lead the readings for the stations of the cross. **Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us in church for 2:30pm each week.**

The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer.

Each of the 14 Stations retells part of Jesus' Passion (his suffering and death) through images and words. These Stations of the Cross introduce children to Jesus' Passion, breaking it down into stages that they can reflect upon and remember.

Friday 21st March

Year 5, Year 3, Year 1

Friday 28th March

Year 6, Year 4, Year 2

Friday 4th April

Year 5, Year 3, Year 1, Reception





The HOPE Project



As part of the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope, Father Tom has launched the HOPE Project and is looking to work with schools and parishes across the city to donate food and essential items to those in need in our communities during lent. The donated items will be divided into weekly hampers for distribution to identified families and people in the schools and parish.

Every Wednesday during Lent, children are requested to bring in one donated item from the list below. Donations will be picked up from schools and delivered to Christ the King Parish on Thursday afternoons. Parish volunteers will make up food hampers ready to be delivered on a Friday to those in need.

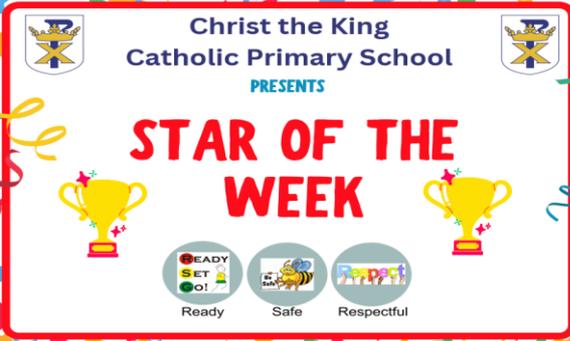
**Donations are to be in school every Wednesday until the end of the term.
Donations can be made to either school site.**

We would appreciate any of the following donations on a weekly basis, however we have divided the items between year groups in the hope of gaining a selection of donated products

Thank you for your continued support.

Year Group	Tins/ Jars/ Packets	Fresh	Household
Nursery	Tuna Fruit Vegetables	Part baked bread Sugar	Kitchen roll
Reception	Pasta sauce Curry sauce	Pitta Bread Tea	Soap Nappies
Year 1	Beans Tomatoes	Wraps Coffee	Shampoo Wet Wipes
Year 2	Spaghetti Rice	Crisps Biscuits	Toothbrushes Toilet roll
Year 3	Soup Pasta	Fruit Pepper	Toothpaste Baby Food
Year 4	Stew Instant potato	Potatoes Salt	Detergent Washing up liquid
Year 5	Rice Pudding Custard	Cereal Porridge	Shower gel Surface cleaner
Year 6	Jam Tomato Ketchup Brown Sauce	Crackers Sterilised milk	Female Sanitary Products





Well done to the stars of the week

Class 1	Rowan Eleanor
Class 2	Esme Enya
Class 3	Kendre Kristin
Class 4	Rosie- Lee Ashleigh
Class 5	Betsy Paddy
Class 6	Lance Alfie

Well done to the Stars of the week

Class 8	Hallie Anna-Mai
Class 9	George Issac
Class 10	Emily Sophia
Class 11	Noah Hope
Class 12	Alex Whole class 😊
Class 13	Olivia Harry
Class 14	Millie Ruby





A group of KS2 children had the incredible opportunity last Friday to visit London alongside other pupils from across the HCCMAC. The trip was packed with exciting experiences, allowing the children to explore some of the city's most famous landmarks.

Their adventure began with a scenic riverboat cruise along the Thames, offering stunning views of iconic sights. This was followed by a trip on the London Eye, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this week! The highlight of the educational aspect of the trip was a guided tour of Parliament, where the children visited both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They also took part in a fascinating parliamentary workshop, learning about how laws are made and the role of democracy in the UK.

However, the most unexpected and thrilling moment of the day came as the group made their way back to the coach—spotting YouTube sensation Mr Beast travelling through London! Excitement levels soared as the children caught a glimpse of the internet star, making an already memorable trip even more unforgettable. It was a fantastic day of learning, adventure, and excitement, and we're sure the children will cherish these memories.



Thanks to Mrs Williams and Mrs Thompson for leading Lent club this term. KS2 made a wonderful start in Lent Club designing their own 'My Lenten Promise' cube to use throughout Lent.



Thanks to West Midlands Police for visiting Nursery this week to talk about People who help us.

Happy Birthday to...

Catherine C
James M
Sophia M
Hattie-Rae
Hallé H
Lenny N
Thea W



Noah R
Penelope H
Clara McD
Harrison John H
Finlay K
Nellie McG
Olivia M



On Wednesday, Year 3 took part in a fun and exciting History workshop focusing on the Stone Age.





Well done to Arthur, Cole and Finn from class 5 & 6 who play football for CTK u7'halfwayds . Last weekend they only went and won the final. A goal scored by Arthur, from almost the half way line took them through to the final, then Finn and Cole went on to score. What a tremendous achievement! We are so proud of you all.



Well done to Orlaith, Ida (Class 2) and Molly (Class 1) who had a wonderful time dancing in the FS Dance Festival last weekend with their dance school Chloe Academy of Dance. The girls danced beautifully and were awarded with 1st place! We are incredibly proud of you all.



Congratulations to Isla-Kate (class 10) for taking part in her dance competition at the weekend! She performed beautifully. We are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Emmerson for achieving 6 medals at Irish dancing last weekend! We are very proud of you!

ECO REPORT AND UPDATES Message from the ECO Heroes

We have made a link with a local artist, Libby who is going to be working with the children during the summer term to produce some sustainable art around the school sites.

As this is a sustainable project, we will be using recycled and repurposed materials.

PLEASE CAN YOU START COLLECTING plastic bags (the sturdy kind) bottle tops/toilet/ kitchen rolls/plastic milk bottles/cereal boxes.

This can all be placed in the blue bin in the foyer of either reception areas.

Thank you



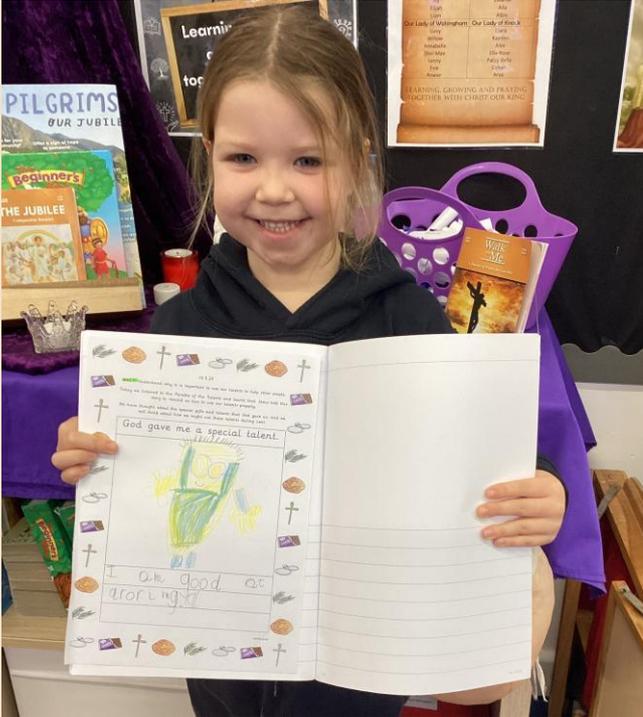


CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

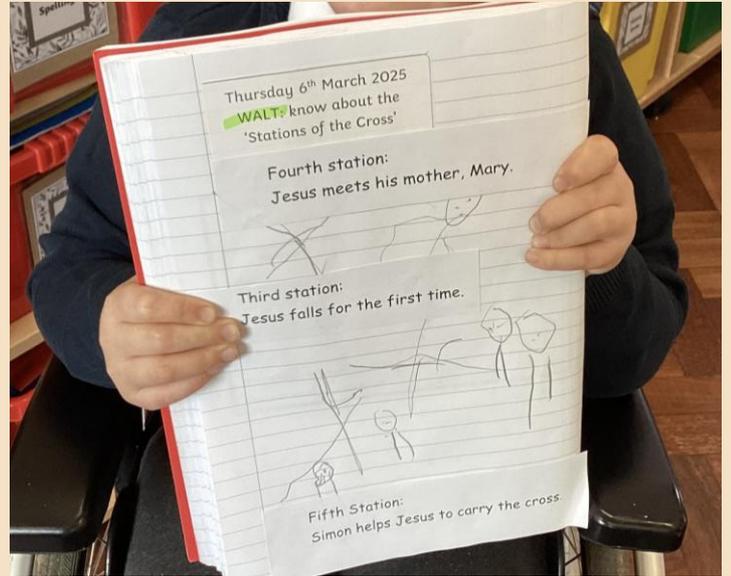


Check out our RE 'piece of the week' from each key stage!

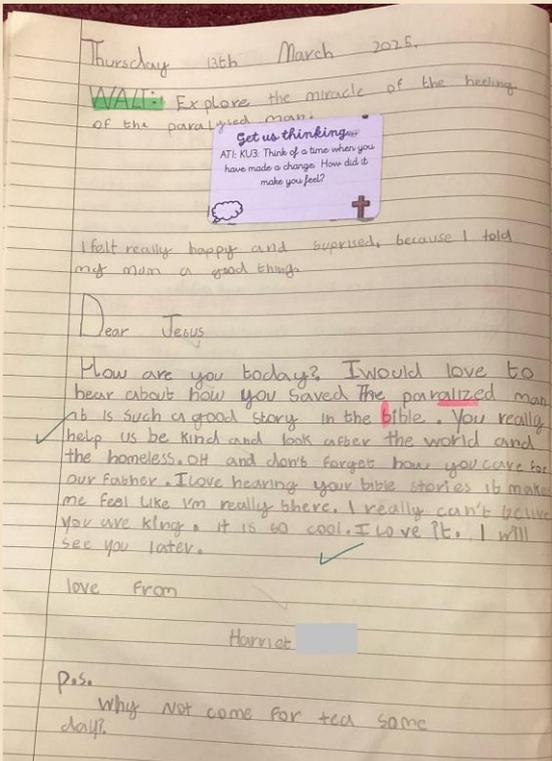
EYFS - CLASS 1 - IVY



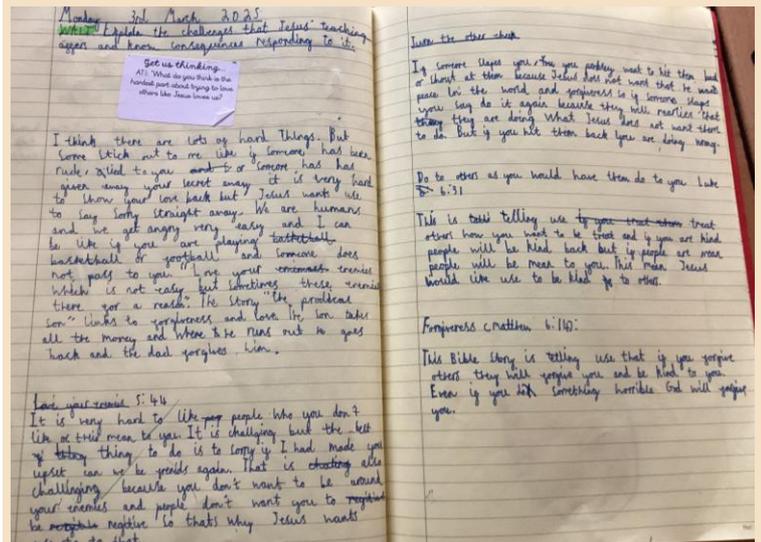
KS1 - CLASS 4 - ROSIE



LKS2 - CLASS 8 - HARRIET



UKS2 - CLASS 12 - JACOB





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 – Adesewa
- Class 8 – Jacob
- Class 9 – Charlie
- Class 10 – Dotty

- Class 11 – Lana
- Class 12 – Caoimhe
- Class 13 - Harry
- Class 14 - Finlay



Congratulations to all the children who have been working hard on their timetable facts and have made their heat map turn green!
We are very proud of you all.



Well done to these superstars who achieved a Doodle date this week for working hard on their maths homework



Congratulations to:
Class 1 : 51% of pupils are in the green zone!



DOODLE MATHS MOST STARS EARNED THIS WEEK



- Class 1 – Kayden
- Class 2 – Oisin
- Class 3 – Darci

- Class 4 – Blake
- Class 5 – Paddy
- Class 6 – Emily





CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD



March



Monday 17th March – Non School Uniform Day to celebrate Patricks Day - £1 per pupil raising funds for PTA

Wednesday 19th March – Reconciliation in church for year 3 at 6pm

Thursday 20th March – Year 5 prayer service in classrooms at 9am (1 adult per child please)

Monday 24th March – Charity Roadshow for SL site only. £2 donation per child.

Tuesday 25th March – Year 1 Mousike Ensemble - children to travel to St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Tuesday 25th March – Nursery assembly 9.15am (WHR site)

Tuesday 25th March – Gymnastics Training session at Cardinal Newman for selected children 12noon – 2pm

Wednesday 26th March – Hado event 12:30pm – 3pm

Wednesday 26th March – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm (All meetings at WHR site)

Thursday 27th March - Year 1 prayer service in classrooms at 9am (1 adult per child please)

Thursday 27th March – Coventry Flag Football at Alan Higgs Centre 10am -1pm

Thursday 27th March – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm (All meetings at WHR site)

Friday 28th March – Gymnastics Competition at Cardinal Newman 3:30pm – 5pm

Friday 28th March – Class 2 assembly 9.10am (WHR site)

Monday 31st March – Year 4 Mousike Ensemble - children to travel to St John's Primary School

April

Tuesday 1st April - School Games Year 2 Gymnastics Event – 9:30am – 11:30am

Tuesday 1st April - School Games Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Event – 4pm – 5pm

Friday 4th April - Rock Steady Concert at 9:15am SL site

Tuesday 8th April – Whole School Retreat with One Life Music

Thursday 10th April – Visitors from Stories of Hope and Home to visit each class.

Friday 11th April – Last day of term (no after school club)

Monday 28th April - Frist day back- Summer Term – Summer Uniform can be worn.

New dates added to performance planner

IT'S SHOWTIME

CTK PERFORMANCE PLANNER 2023-24

Who?	What?	When?
Year 6	Dance Show	Thursday 3 rd April 2025 At 2:15pm SL site
Year 1	Mousike Ensemble Performance	Monday 7 th April 2025 At 2:30pm WHR Site
Year 3	Dance Show	Thursday 10 th April 2025 At 2:15pm SL site
Year 4	Mousike Ensemble Performance	Wednesday 7 th May 2025 At 2:15pm SL site

Class Assemblies

Who?	When?	Where?
Nursery	Tuesday 25 th March at 9:15am	Westhill Road site
Class 2	Friday 28 th March at 9:10am	Westhill Road site
Class 1	Wednesday 2 nd April at 2:30pm	Westhill Road site
Class 11	Wednesday 9 th April at 2:30pm	Scots Lane site
Class 12	Tuesday 6 th May at 2:30pm	Scots Lane site
Class 5	Wednesday 21 st May at 9:10am	Westhill Road site
Class 6	Thursday 22 nd May at 9:10am	Westhill Road site
Class 8	Wednesday 11 th June at 2:30pm	Scots Lane site
Class 7	Friday 20 th June at 2:30pm	Scots Lane site





CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Children should arrive in school wearing their school uniform so that they can then change into their Forest School kit at the appropriate time. This will also ensure that they have a change of clothes as our activities can often be wet and muddy!

When?	Who?
Friday 10 th January 2025	Class 14
Friday 17 th January 2025	Class 13
Friday 24 th January 2025	Class 12
Friday 31 st January 2025	Class 11
Friday 7 th February 2025	Class 10
Friday 14 th February 2025	Class 9
HALF TERM	
Friday 28 th February 2025	Class 7 and 8
Friday 7 th March 2025	Swimming Gala
Friday 14 th March 2025	Class 6
Friday 21 st March 2025	Class 5
Friday 28 th March 2025	Class 4
Friday 4 th April	Class 3
Friday 11 th April	Class 1 and Class 2
SCHOOL HOLIDAY	

Changes to PE days for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

CLASS PE TIMETABLE

Spring TERM two - 2025

CHILDREN ARE TO WEAR THEIR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THEIR LESSON.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Year 4 Year 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Year 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Year 5
Thursday	Friday	<p>CTK PE Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ctk Navy Sports t-shirt • Navy / black sport shorts (not cycling shorts please) • Ctk Hoodie or Navy/ black plain tracksuit (No branded sports labels please such as Nike or Adidas) • Sports Trainers (not converse/fashion trainers please)

Lenten Charity Dates

Date	House Name	Colour
Thursday 13 March	Our Lady of Fatima	Yellow
Thursday 20 March	Our Lady of Lourdes	Blue
Thursday 27 March	Our Lady of Knock	Green
Thursday 3 rd April	Our Lady of Walsingham	Red

Children in Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 on their given day are to bring in cakes or biscuits to sell to the other children. Staff will support with this.

Children in Yr 3 to Yr 6 will run their own stalls e.g. raffle, tombola, guess the name of the teddy, beat the goalie, guess how many sweets are in the jar etc. The children can produce their own ideas of what they would like to do.

Staff will make sure that all the younger children are reminded of which house they are in. The younger children often refer to the colour of their house.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

SAFEGUARDING AT CTK

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST READING SKILLS

The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy. While traditional books remain invaluable, digital tools can enhance reading skills by making text more accessible, interactive and engaging.

- 1 CHOOSING THE RIGHT TYPE OF TEXT**
Before integrating technology, consider the types of text that a child engages with. If they need help on occasion, digital reading apps can assist by scanning and reading words or sentences. These tools are especially useful for students with reading difficulties, and can even be used in class if they're part of their routine learning process. Proper reading and practice are required, but they can be a great help when tackling printed text.
- 2 READING ON SCREEN**
Many devices now allow users to customise text for better readability. Adjusting font type, size and background colour can significantly enhance comprehension, for many readers, while text on a black background is the easiest to see. However, other styles – such as dyslexia-friendly fonts – are designed to help those who are struggling. Teaching children how to personalise text settings on their devices empowers them to read more comfortably and with greater confidence.
- 3 ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS**
Most modern devices include built-in tools designed to support readers. These features can be found in settings under 'accessibility' and may include text-to-speech, speech-to-text and screen magnification functions. Copying these tools can make digital reading more user-friendly, especially for children with learning difficulties or visual impairments, who might face an easier time with spoken language than the written word, or who might simply require a closer look at the text.
- 4 INTERACTIVE READING PROGRAMMES**
Many digital reading devices, such as Kindle and other e-readers, offer features like word highlighting, adjustable text speed and built-in dictionaries. These tools help learners to break down complex words and phrases while maintaining an appropriate reading pace. Some programmes even allow users to track their progress, making reading a more structured and motivating experience.
- 5 VIDEO GAMES AND READING SKILLS**
Many video games require players to read instructions, character dialogue and mission objectives, making them an unexpected but effective literacy tool. Games that involve storytelling, puzzles or problem-solving often include large amounts of text – encouraging children to read these texts aloud or discuss them can improve their comprehension and vocabulary in a fun, engaging way.
- 6 SUBTITLES AND CLOSED CAPTIONS**
Watching videos with subtitles or closed captions is an effective way to enhance reading skills. As children watch their favourite shows or YouTube videos they can follow along with the text, gaining a better understanding of how written words sound when spoken aloud. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers, as it exposes them to words in a familiar, engaging context. Regularly watching content with subtitles enhances word recognition and comprehension.
- 7 USING AUDIOBOOKS**
Audiobooks are an excellent way to develop listening and reading skills simultaneously. Children can follow along with the text while listening to a narrator, reinforcing word recognition and fluency. For struggling readers, listening to an audiobook before attempting to read the text independently can boost their confidence and comprehension.
- 8 VOICE-TO-TEXT FOR WRITING AND READING**
Voice-to-text tools offer users to dictate words, which are then transcribed into text. This feature helps children see the connection between spoken and written language. By using text-to-voice to save their dictated words read back to them, learners can identify mistakes and improve their reading and writing skills simultaneously.
- 9 TEXT-TO-VOICE TECHNOLOGY**
Text-to-voice software reads digital text aloud, making it easier for learners to follow along. Most smartphones, tablets and computers come with this function built in. When enabled, users can highlight a passage or sentence and press the 'hear' if need be. This tool is particularly helpful for auditory learners and those who struggle with decoding written words.
- 10 SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARENTAL CONTROLS**
While social media provides opportunities for reading, most platforms have age restrictions of 13-16 years old, making parental guidance essential. Many social media videos include captions and comments that can encourage reading. However, it's important to use the platform's parental controls (such as time limits and content filters) to create a safe and educational online environment for children. Encouraging responsible social media use can ensure a balanced and productive approach to digital literacy.

Meet Our Expert
Caitrina Lovell is a qualified special needs teacher and experienced SENCO. She recently launched her new site, *InsiderInsights*, which offers a library of short, 'how-to' and explanation videos for educators. Caitrina also writes and delivers online training and events for multi-academy trusts, businesses, schools and training organisations.

#WakeUpWednesday
The National College





ENRICHMENT CLUBS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL



DIARY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2025

Westhill Road Site:

Monday 17 March

3:15pm – 4:15pm **Drama Club** Yr1 & Yr2

Tuesday 18 March

3:15pm – 4:15pm **Craft Club** Yr1

3:15pm – 4:15pm **Chill out club** Yr2

Wednesday 19 March

3:15pm – 4:15pm **Languages** Yr1 & Yr2

Thursday 20 March

Friday 21 March

Scots Lane:

Monday 17 March

3:30pm – 4:30pm **Nerf Battle**

3:30pm – 4:30pm **Cooking Club** (Yr 4, 5, 6)

3:30pm – 4:15pm **Girls Football** with Miss Walker

Tuesday 18 March

8:00am – 8:45am **Tennis** (Yr 3 & 4)

3.30pm - 4.30pm – **High 5 Training**

Wednesday 19 March

8:00am – 8:45am **Tennis** (Yr 5 & 6)

12:30pm - **Class 12 Swimming**

3:30pm – 4:30pm **Football Club** with Mr Hadlum

3.30pm – 4.30pm **Chat club KS2**

Thursday 20 March

3.30pm – 4.30pm **Boys Football Training (Yr 6)** **cancelled**

3.30pm – 4.45pm – **Flag Football Training**

Friday 21 March

3:30pm – 4:30pm **Football Club** with Mr Hadlum





ATTENDANCE AT CTK

WHR site		SL site	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance 10/03/2025 – 14/03/2025	Class Name	Weekly Attendance 10/03/2025 – 14/03/2025
Nursery	86.1%	Class 7	94.2%
Class 1	99.7% 	Class 8	97.3% 
Class 2	85.0%	Class 9	95.7% 
Class 3	97.0% 	Class 10	94.7%
Class 4	93.4%	Class 11	93.9%
Class 5	95.3% 	Class 12	93.2%
Class 6	97.3% 	Class 13	98.1% 
		Class 14	98.3% 

Children arriving late to school:

Please be advised that if your child is late to school at WHR or SL site, children must be signed in by a parent/carer. Children are not permitted to sign themselves in for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your understanding.

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>





CTK PTA NEWS AND UPDATES

A huge *thank you* to everyone for supporting our recent Asda 'Cashpot for schools' campaign.

We are delighted to share that they have sent across £302.13 Thank you everyone for your support!



We are looking forward to our St Patrick's Day coffee morning on Monday 17th March 2025.

All are welcome!





Parent workshop

If you are a parent who is struggling to support your child in their reading, come along to my parental Reading Skills workshop. I will be unlocking the mystery of phonics, offering strategies to help improve your child's fluency and comprehension.

There will also be the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice on any reading problems that may be causing concern

Spaces will be limited. I am offering 2 repeated sessions in the morning and evening on the 21st and 23rd of April.

To secure your space, book your ticket now. Tickets can be secured by phone or through email. I've included the full details below.

EARLY READING SKILLS

PARENTAL WORKSHOP PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING- looking at phonics, fluency and comprehension

COUNDON BASED SESSIONS. VENUE

TBC

21ST AND 23RD APRIL 10 AM OR 7PM

TICKETS £25

FURTHER DETAILS:

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