



SEASON OF ADVENT

At the start of the week, to mark the beginning of the season of Advent, the children took part in a special Advent Day. They began with a reflective mission assembly, helping us all to think about hope, patience and preparing our hearts during this important time in the Church year.

Throughout the day, the children enjoyed making Christmas cards for their families and for members of the wider community, spreading kindness and joy as we begin our Advent journey together.

Classes also began their new RE unit on Advent, focusing on the significance of this season and the importance of preparing for the second coming of Jesus. The children showed great interest and reverence as they explored what Advent means for Christians today.



Happy Birthday to

Harry A
Willow C
Florence M
Dolce C



Declan C
Eva Q
Henry P
Daisy H

SCHOOL MASS

Children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, and Year 6 will attend whole school Mass on **Tuesday 9 December at 9:30am**

The readings will be led by Yr 3 and Yr4



SUNDAY MASS



Sunday 14th December Year 1 Family Mass at 9am

Readings led by children in Year 6

Children in Years 4 – 6 are welcome to join staff in the choir loft. Children in Reception – Year 3 are welcome to participate in children's liturgy

Year 3 - First Holy Communion

Thursday 5th February @6pm

Parents meeting on Word of God in church

Sunday 8th February @9am

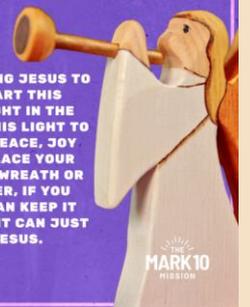
Year 3 Mass at 9am (Children receive Red Bibles)

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

THE MISSION

STAY AWAKE

WRITE A PRAYER, INVITING JESUS TO COME INTO YOUR HEART THIS ADVENT. HE IS THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS AND WANTS HIS LIGHT TO FILL YOU WITH HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE. YOU CAN PLACE YOUR PRAYER BY AN ADVENT WREATH OR ON THE WALL. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD PREFER, YOU CAN KEEP IT CLOSE TO YOUR HEART. IT CAN JUST BE FOR YOU AND JESUS.





CTK PTA

The CTK PTA are excited to bring back our Festive Friday Event!
Friday 12th December 2025

Children should wear their Christmas Jumper to School on this day.
£1 per booking will be donated to Save the Children.

Booking for the event can be made using the link below:
<https://pci.jotform.com/form/253175397207361>

£5 per child supports festive fun activities that are taking place during the school day; class parties, arts and crafts.

Nursery - Year 3 will be having a story time with Santa
Years 4 - Year 6 will enjoy Christmas Movies and Munchies.



Children will need to be collected from school as normal on this day; Westhill road children 3.15pm and Scots Lane children 3.30pm.

The £5 fee includes admission to the after-school event from 3.30pm - 5.30pm in Westhill Road hall. Please do join us as we will have external stall holders offering a variety of Christmas gifts and treats for sale.

We will also have games and raffles too - fun for all the family!
All children will need to be accompanied and supervised by their adults at the after-school event.

If you are able to help support with the organisation of the event prior to or on the day, please drop us an email:
christthekingpta@gmail.com

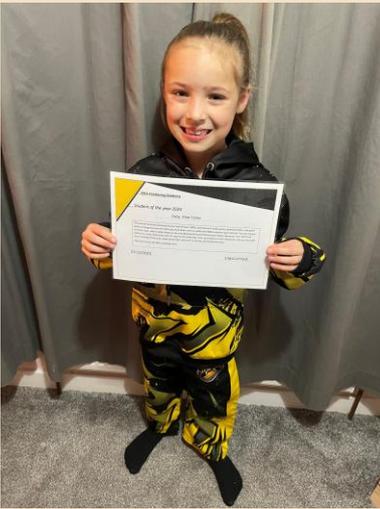




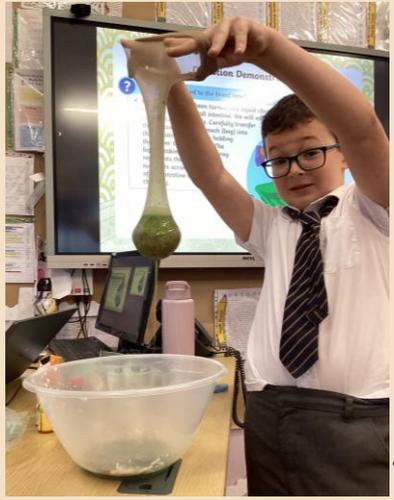
Well done to our wonderful choir for singing beautifully at the CTK Parish lunch on Monday. Thanks also to Miss Peavoy for all your help and support in organising the choir and for the children's festive headbands.



Congratulations to Isabella (class 9) who took part in her first cheerleading performance on Saturday with Coventry dynamite. She has worked really hard with her team called 'mini missiles' to perfect their routine and is looking forward to her first official competition this weekend in Sheffield. Isabella's brother, Leo (class 2) proudly watched his big sister at the weekend. Well done, Isabella! We are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Sansa and Bessie in year 1 who have been working very hard to prepare for their recent ballet and tap exams. Well done, we are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Daisy-Mae, class 10, who received student of the year at her kickboxing class last night. Well done, Daisy-Mae, we are very proud of you!



On Thursday, Yr 4 were learning about how our bodies digest food. They had great fun - although the lesson did get a bit messy!





ENERGY SAVING FORTNIGHT WE DID IT!

Our School Saved 37kg of Carbon!

How We Saved Energy

- Turned off lights when rooms weren't being used
- Switched off interactive whiteboards at break and lunch
- Lowered our heating to reduce gas use
- Pupils acted as Energy Monitors

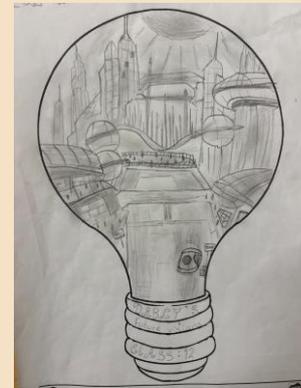
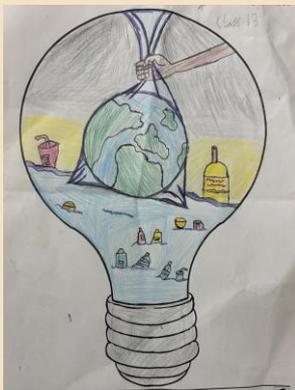
What Does 37kg of Carbon Look Like?

Saving 37kg of CO₂ is the same as:

- Planting one tree and letting it grow for a full year
- Avoiding 150 miles of driving in a family car
- Powering an LED bulb for over 4 months
- Running an iPad for over 1,500 hours



Here are some of the winning designs from the Lightbulb Art competition. Well done to everyone that took part.





Reverse Advent Calendar - Supporting Father Hudson's Caritas



Dear Parents/Carers,

This Advent, we are joining schools across the Archdiocese in supporting Father Hudson's Caritas through a Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal. Instead of only receiving gifts, we are encouraging our children and families to give to others in need if they can.

Last year, together, the Diocese of Birmingham schools collected over 100,000 toiletry items - an incredible achievement! This year, all schools are focusing on non-perishable food items to help families in need. These include dried foods (such as pasta and rice), sauces, tinned foods, biscuits, crisps, and suitable Christmas treats.

Please send your child's donation into school by Wednesday 10th December. Each year group has been allocated an item to support a range of donations being collected:

- Nursery: Pasta
- Reception: Rice
- Year 1: Tinned Vegetables
- Year 2: Tinned Fruit
- Year 3: Biscuits / Crisps
- Year 4: Tinned Soup
- Year 5: Tinned Meat or Fish
- Year 6: Jars of Sauce (e.g., pasta sauce)

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us live out the BDES mission: Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge, and a hunger for justice.





CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



RE Weekly showcase- Celebrating Faith and Learning

We are delighted to introduce our **Weekly RE Showcase**, where each year group will share highlights of their Religious Education learning. From thoughtful reflections to creative work, we are incredibly proud of the children's **growing knowledge, understanding, and wonderful contributions**. Each week, we'll feature a different year group to celebrate their journey in faith and learning. Keep an eye out for inspiring displays of scripture, prayer, and how our pupils live out Gospel values in everyday life.



This week, Nursery have been preparing for Christmas by decorating the Christmas tree with a special decoration.



Last week, after reading the story of The Wedding at Cana and talking about special celebrations, Reception re-enacted a wedding ceremony.

EVFS

This week, Reception have been preparing during the season of Advent. They have decorated their classrooms by making paper chains and Christmas cards



Reception have been learning all about the Advent wreath. They lit the first candle on the prayer focus wreath.



This week, Reception also painted their own handprint Advent wreaths and thought carefully about the colour of each candle.



Class 1 have been consolidating their learning of The Nativity story through our Nativity small world.





Maths at CTK!

Year 2 have enjoyed using rubber bands to count the vertices of 2D shapes.



Congratulations to:

Class 2

63% of pupils are in the green zone!



DOODLE MATHS

MOST STARS EARNED THIS WEEK

Class 1 – Hugh

Class 2 – Ronan



Class 3 – Omotunmise

Class 4 – Kayden

Class 5 – Joseph



Class 6 – Adeola

Class 7 – Charlie

Class 8 – Paddy

Class 9 – Reggie



Class 10 – Adesewa

Class 11 – Abigail

Class 12 – Joshua

Class 13 - Daisy

Class 14 - Erin



TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS (TTRS)

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Class 7 – Lance

Class 8 – Lyla

Class 9 – Jacob

Class 10 – Moses

Class 11 – Arthur

Class 12 – Dawid

Class 13 – Lana

Class 14 - Betsy



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





December 2025

Tuesday 9th December – EYFS nativity performance at WHR – 9:30am

Tuesday 9th December – Year 5 Christmas performance at SL – 1:45pm

Wednesday 10th December - EYFS nativity performance at WHR – 2pm

Thursday 11th December - Year 5 Christmas performance at SL – 9:15am

Thursday 11th December - Year 4 Christmas Dance Show at SL – 2:15pm

Friday 12th December – PTA Christmas event in school and after school – more details to follow

Sunday 14th December – Year 1 Family Mass at 9am in church

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch at both sites

Wednesday 17th December – Autumn Term progress reports emailed to parents

Thursday 18th December – Carol Service concert for Reception – Year 6 at church 6pm start

Friday 19th December – Rock Steady concert at SL site 9:15am

Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term

IT'S **SHOWTIME**
CTK PERFORMANCE PLANNER 2025-2026

Who?	What?	When?
Year 6	Dance Show	Thursday 27 th November 2025 2:15pm SL site
Nursery and Reception	Christmas Nativity X2 tickets per child per performance	Tuesday 9 th December 2025 at 9:30am Wednesday 10 th December at 2pm WHR site
Year 5	Christmas Pantomime X2 tickets per child per performance	Tuesday 9 th December 2025 at 1:45pm Thursday 11 th December at 9:15am SL site
Year 4	Dance Show	Thursday 11 th December 2025 2:15pm SL site
Reception – Year 6	Christmas Carol Concert	Thursday 18 th December 6pm CTK Church
Rock Steady Musicians in Yr 3 - Yr 6	Rock Steady Concert	Friday 19 th December 9:15am SL site

January 2026

Monday 5th January – First day back to school

Wednesday 7th January – RSPB Bird watching Event in school

Wednesday 14th January – PCSO 6 week programme for selected Year 5 pupils begins.

Friday 16th January – Year 3 Family Faith Day at 9am SL hall

Friday 16th January – Selected Year 5 pupils to attend Maths Mastermind event at Cardinal Newman @ 1pm – 2:30pm

Sunday 25th January – Year 2 family Mass at CTK church @ 9am

Monday 26th January – Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop in school

Thursday 29th January - Book Look for parents in school in preparation for parents evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm at both school sites.



Upcoming Enrichment Days at Christ the King

We're excited to announce our upcoming enrichment days, where children will take part in a carousel of engaging, hands-on activities in small groups. These will focus on

- Forest School and Gardening,
- Cooking and Nutrition, and
- Art Skills.

Forest School and Enrichment Day Planner
Autumn Term 2025

Please note – dates may be subject to change

When?	Who?
Friday 5 th September 2025	Class 14
Friday 12 th September 2025	Class 13
Friday 19 th September 2025	Class 12
Friday 26 th September 2025	Class 11
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Class 10
Friday 10 th October 2025	Class 9
Friday 17 th October 2025	Class 8
Friday 24 th October 2025	Class 7
HALF TERM	
Friday 7 th November 2025	Class 5 and Class 6
Friday 14 th November 2025	Teacher Training Day
Friday 21 st November 2025	Class 3 and Class 4
Friday 28 th November 2025	Year 6 Trip to St Chads
Friday 5 th December 2025	Dress Rehearsal Day in school for Christmas Performances
Friday 12 th December 2025	Christmas Doodle Date Class 13 and Class 14
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term
SCHOOL HOLIDAY	

Children should come to school in their usual school uniform, but we kindly ask that they bring a change of clothes suitable for outdoor activities.

This could include:

- Wellies or old trainers (that you don't mind getting muddy)
- Old trousers or jogging bottoms
- Waterproof clothing, if available

Your child's class teacher will be in touch closer to the time to let you know if any specific clothing or items are needed for their group's activities.

We're really looking forward to these enrichment days – they're a fantastic opportunity for children to explore new skills, enjoy creative learning, and make lasting memories.

Thank you for your continued support!





Safeguarding at CTK

Designated Safeguarding lead: Miss J Riach (Head teacher)
 Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead: Mrs S Horrocks (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs T Hagyard (Learning Mentor)

Now the world's go-to short video platform, TikTok captivates young audiences with its endless stream of engaging clips, but not without potential pitfalls. From unsettling or age-inappropriate content to harmful viral challenges, misinformation and even radicalisation, this ever-popular app can expose children to content that may not always be suitable for them.

This guide explores TikTok's hidden hazards, including in-app spending, compulsive screen time and privacy concerns, offering clear advice for parents and educators. With expert insight and practical safety tips, it aims to help families ensure that TikTok use remains fun, positive and, most importantly, safe.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
(Certain features are restricted to over-13s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.
- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**
Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-18s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.
- BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES**
Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.
- MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION**
TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.
- IN-APP SPENDING**
TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.
- ADDICTIVE DESIGN**
TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING**
Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.
- BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING**
Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.
- DISCUSS THE DANGERS**
If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.
- READ THE SIGNS**
If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert
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See full reference list on our website





EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS



DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2025

Westhill Road Site:

Monday 8 December

3:15 pm– 4:15pm Computer Club
3:15pm – 4:15pm Advent Club

Tuesday 9 December

3:15 pm– 4:15pm Drawing Club
3:15 pm– 4:15pm Chill Out Club

Wednesday 10 December

3:15 pm– 4:15pm Language Club

Thursday 11 December

Friday 12 December

Scots Lane:

Monday 8 December

3:30 pm– 4:30pm Cooking Club
3:30 pm– 4:30pm Nerf Club

Tuesday 9 December

8:00 am– 8:45am Yr 3/4 Tennis Club
~~3:30 pm– 4:30pm Boys Football~~
cancelled due to conflicting fixture

Wednesday 10 December

8:00 am– 8:45am Yr 5/6 Tennis Club
12:30pm - Swimming class 11
3:30 pm– 4:30pm Chat Club
3:30 pm– 4:30pm Girls Football

Thursday 11 December

~~3:30 pm– 4:30pm Girl's Football Team~~
cancelled due to conflicting fixture

Friday 12 December

3:30 pm – 4:30pm Boys Football Club





ATTENDANCE AT CTK

WHR site		SL site	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance 01/12/2025 – 05/12/2025	Class Name	Weekly Attendance 01/12/2025 – 05/12/2025
Nursery	88%	Class 7	93.3%
Class 1	97.7% 	Class 8	96% 
Class 2	99% 	Class 9	98% 
Class 3	97.3% 	Class 10	95.5% 
Class 4	98% 	Class 11	96.9% 
Class 5	98.6% 	Class 12	96% 
Class 6	96.9% 	Class 13	91.9%
		Class 14	95.7% 

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 as '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>





Coventry HAF
 Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025

20 December 2025 - 4 January 2026

Book your child's place on our free winter HAF clubs

Book now
 No HAF code required

For more information visit coventry.gov.uk/haf or email hafprogramme@coventry.gov.uk

Coventry City Council

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COVENTRY HAF
 Holiday Activities & Food



Christmas Holiday Timetable

22 December 2025 -
2nd January 2026

Find out about the **FREE** activities, workshops and sessions for children, young people and their families in Coventry during the Christmas holiday.



SCAN FOR FULL
TIMETABLES



For more information

If you require help and support during this time, please **drop into any of our Family Hubs** or call the free telephone number on **08008870545** and a member of the team will be there to help you.

Please note, activities are correct at the time of print. Please see social media for updates. **You can follow your local Family Hub on Facebook.**





CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

Monday 1 September 2025

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Friday 14 November 2025

Friday 3 July 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Coventry City Council **School term dates 2025-2026**

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Summer bank holiday	25 August 2025	Good Friday	3 April 2026
Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	6 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day holiday	4 May 2026
New Year bank holiday	1 January 2026	Spring Bank holiday	25 May 2026

Term time
Holiday
Bank holiday
Weekend
LA set training day
Secondary Induction Day

+ 4 set by the school

