



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

A huge well done to our Nursery, Reception, and Year 5 pupils who performed their Christmas plays this week! Every child sang, danced, and acted beautifully, making us all proud.

Our EYFS children delivered a wonderful Nativity, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas with heartfelt performances.

Meanwhile, Year 5 showcased their singing talents in a fantastic pantomime that highlighted the creativity and confidence of every child involved.

Thank you to the staff involved who supported the children throughout. Finally, a special thank you to all the families who were able to join us and share in these memorable celebrations.

SCHOOL MASS

Children in Reception - Year 6 will attend whole school Mass on Tuesday 6 January at 9:30am
The readings will be led by staff

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Wednesday 24th December -
Mass at 4pm

Children in Year 3 - 6 are invited to join staff in the choir loft

Children in Reception - Year 3 are welcome to participate in children's liturgy



Congratulations to Miss Gibney on the birth of her beautiful baby boy Cohan, who was born last Friday. Welcome to the CTK family! We can't wait to meet him.

Thank you to all our families who took part in this year's Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal in support of Father Hudson's Caritas. Your generosity in donating non-perishable food items will make a real difference to families in need this Christmas.



Happy Birthday to

Lyla W
Shahzaib G
Billy-John O
Emily D
Joshua G

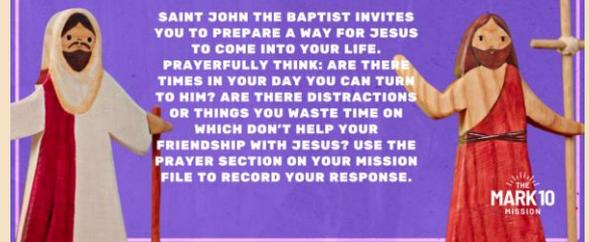


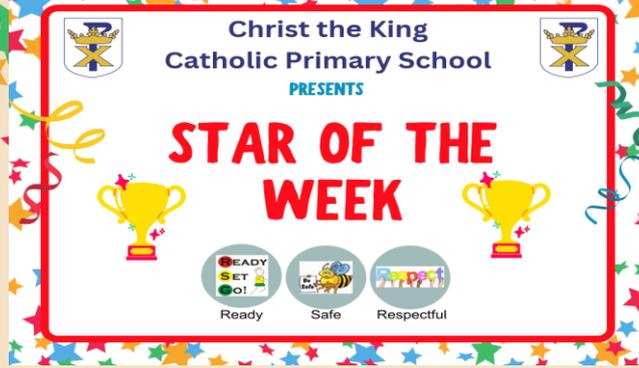
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Emily P

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK

THE MISSION

PREPARE THE WAY





| Well done to the stars of the week | |
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| Class 1 | Bridget Aoife |
| Class 2 | Aiden Ronan |
| Class 3 | Alfie Niamh |
| Class 4 | Ayra Evelyn-Rose |
| Class 5 | Darci Rorie |
| Class 6 | Daisy Thea |

| Well done to the stars of the week | |
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| Class 7 | Safari Henry |
| Class 8 | Hattie - Rae Lenny |
| Class 9 | Mavis Charlie |
| Class 10 | Joshua Jeanne |
| Class 11 | Class 11 ☺ |
| Class 12 | Class 12 ☺ |
| Class 13 | Pheonix Aaliyah |
| Class 14 | Jude Jacob |





CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Well done to Ronan (class 3) who has been trying really hard at his swimming lessons recently. All of Ronan's hard work has paid off and he has now moved up to the next swimming group. Well done, we are so proud of you Ronan!

Congratulations to Niamh, class 3, who took part in her first dance show at Warwick hall on Sunday. She danced in the 'Fly to your heart' dance and loved being up on stage. Well done Niamh, we are very proud of you!



On Monday, the school football team were in action at the EFL Utilita Kids Cup, hosted by Sky Blues in the Community. The team were fantastic throughout the event!

As part of Advent, Elliott (class 11) and Bridget (class 1) have been doing their yearly collection of selection boxes to give to children who may not have a lot this Christmas. Elliot and Bridget help at home with their chores and with the money given they then buy the calendars to help others. This year they donated 30 selection boxes and x2 Harry Potter Lego sets. Well done both, we are so proud of you!



On Monday afternoon, children from across the Holy Cross MAC represented their schools at the Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. CTK were proudly represented by Aine and Alex from year 6. They were lucky enough to meet Archbishop Bernard Longley and see Father Tom.

On Monday, some children from Year 4 had an enjoyable morning at the Your School Games Dodgeball Festival. The children showed great teamwork, honesty and respect throughout. Well done team!



On Wednesday, we saw a fantastic performance from the year 4 football team against Joseph Cash Primary. Well done to both teams!



On Thursday, we saw a fantastic performance from the year 6 girls football team who played in the Catholic League. Well done!





Message from the ECO TEAM

'Every time you spend money, you are casting a vote for the kind of world you want!'
Anna Lappé.

Approximately half of packaged supermarket products contain palm oil, including many bathroom products - shampoo, soap, shower gel, shaving foam, make-up, deodorant, toothpaste... Whether as part of our routine shop, or as Christmas gifts, we all have many opportunities to 'cast our votes' when buying bathroom products.

This week's Young Climate Warriors challenge encourages children to become detectives in their bathroom - to see how many products contain palm oil. It is not always easy to spot - so some clues are provided! Find out which producers are supporting Sustainable Palm Oil - simply zap your supermarket product barcode via this [WWF-supported Palm Oil App](#).

'Sustainable' palm oil production substantially reduces its impact on climate change. It avoids deforestation, avoids drainage of peatlands, and avoids use of fires to clear the land.



Calling all detectives ... time for a hunt round your bathroom!

'Shampoo, margarine, shower gel, oven chips, deodorant, bread and ice cream - what do they have in common?

Be a detective - which of your bathroom products contain palm oil?

Non-sustainably managed palm oil is driving climate change - 'Sustainable Palm Oil' is key!

Clue - hunt for 'PALM', 'STEAR', 'LAUR', or 'GLYC' - these could mean palm oil!



Palm oil bathroom challenge!



When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!





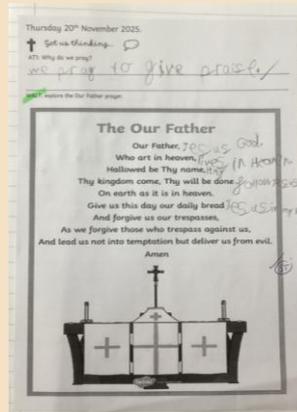
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RE Weekly showcase- Celebrating Faith and Learning

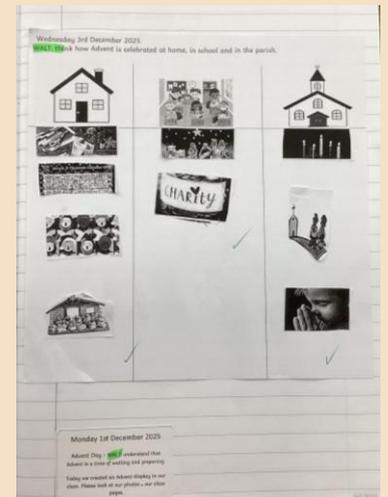
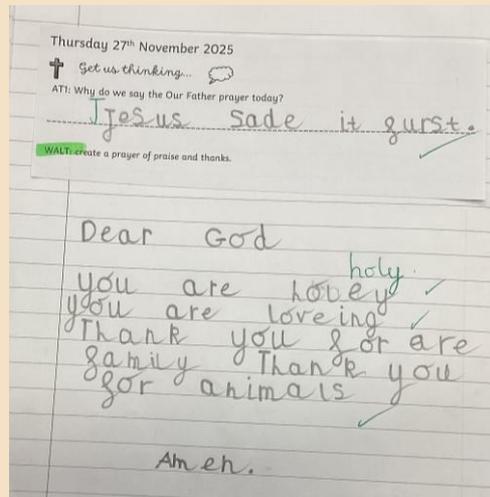
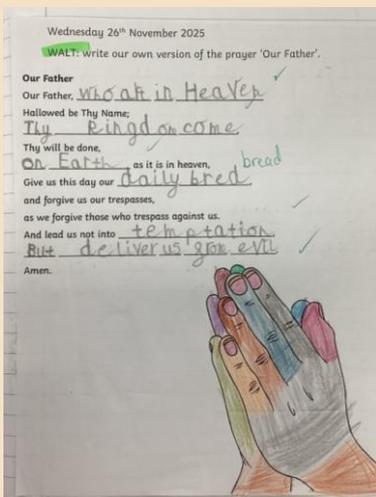
We are delighted to introduce our **Weekly RE Showcase**, where each year group will share highlights of their Religious Education learning. From thoughtful reflections to creative work, we are incredibly proud of the children's **growing knowledge, understanding, and wonderful contributions**. Each 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.

YEAR ONE



Before the start of Advent, we explored different types of prayer and recalled many of the prayers we already know.

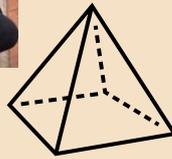
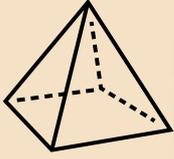
As Advent began, we turned our focus to the special time of waiting and preparation. The children have been thinking about what we can do to be ready as we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth.





Maths at CTK!

Year 2 have been using straws to make 3D shapes. They have been learning about faces, edges and vertices this week.



Congratulations to:

Class 2

60% of pupils are in the green zone!



DOODLE MATHS

MOST STARS EARNED THIS WEEK



Class 1 – Aaron

Class 2 – Dolly

Class 3 – Josie

Class 4 – Kayden

Class 5 – George

Class 6 – Louie

Class 7 – Charlie

Class 8 – Edward

Class 9 – Derry

Class 10 – Darragh

Class 11 – Isla

Class 12 – Dawid

Class 13 - Harriet

Class 14 - Ruairi



TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS (TTRS)

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Class 7 – Cole

Class 8 – Lenny

Class 9 – Anna-Mai

Class 10 – Etta

Class 11 – Joshua

Class 12 – Emily



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





December 2025

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

Tuesday 16th December – Nursery Christmas Party – wear Christmas jumpers and food donation please

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 – No after school club with Mrs Gavin and the team.

Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term

CLASS PE TIMETABLE

Spring TERM 1 - 2026

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

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| Monday • Year 3 | Tuesday • Year 2 • Year 4 | Wednesday • Nursery • Year 5 (class12 swimming) • Year 6 |
| Thursday • Reception (Dance with Ricky) • Year 1 (Dance with Ricky) • Class 8 • Year 4 • Year 5 | Friday • Class 7 • Year 6 | CTK PE Uniform • CTK Navy Sports t-shirt • Navy / Black short shorts (not tight/ cycling shorts or leggings 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) |

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.

IT'S SHOWTIME

CTK PERFORMANCE PLANNER 2025-2026

| Who? | What? | When? |
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| Reception – Year 6 | Christmas Carol Concert | Thursday 18 th December 6pm CTK Church |
| Rock Steady | Rock Steady Concert Musicians in Yr 3 - Yr 6 | Friday 19 th December 9:15am SL site |
| Year 1 | Dance Show | Thursday 12 th February 2:15pm WHR site |
| Reception | Dance Show | Thursday 19 th March 2:15pm WHR site |
| Year 2 | Dance Show | Thursday 26 th March 2:15pm WHR site |



Upcoming Enrichment Days at Christ the King Spring Term 2026

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.

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!

Forest School and Enrichment Day Planner
Spring Term 2026

Please note – dates may be subject to change

| When? | Who? |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Friday 9 th January 2026 | Class 1 and Class 2 |
| Friday 16 th January 2026 | Class 9 and 10 |
| Friday 23 rd January 2026 | Class 11 |
| Friday 30 th January 2026 | Class 12 |
| Friday 6 th February 2026 | Swimming Gala |
| Friday 13 th February 2026 | Class 7 and 8 |
| HALF TERM | |
| Friday 27 th February 2026 | Class 5 and Class 6 |
| Friday 6 th March 2026 | Class 3 and Class 4 |
| Friday 13 th March 2026 | Class 1 and Class 2 |
| Friday 20 th March 2026 | Class 13 and Class 14 |
| Friday 27 th March 2026 | Last day of term |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAY | |





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)

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

10 Conversation Starters for Parents

Talking about mental health to children is sometimes hard. To the point that we can put off raising the subject, not wanting to unearth problems or raise overwhelming subjects that we perceive our child is too young or not ready for. But rather than keeping children in the dark, this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so they feel comfortable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins.

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

- 1 LISTEN**
This sounds obvious, but it is not something we are always great at. Active listening is where we listen without interrupting or making judgements and shows interest in what is being said. If your child feels listened to in the 'smallest of problems' they will become confident that you will listen when the 'biggest of problems' arise.
- 2 ASK TWICE**
The campaign from time to change is great. <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/support-ask-twice-campaign>. Be tenacious about your child's wellbeing. Children instinctively know when your questions and support come from a place of wanting to help and care.
- 3 THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION**
This advice also relates to the first point. If your child can ask you any questions about the smallest of things and you listen and answer without shaming or belittling, then they will have more confidence to ask the biggest of questions.
- 4 BE OPEN AND HONEST**
Children appreciate honesty, particularly if you are having to share information or talk about a difficult subject. For example, you may be talking about death or loss: 'It's very sad that Nana has died' or 'I feel sad that Nana has died'. How you talk about a subject will differ depending on their age and developmental maturity. Talking about death to a younger child for example will be different to that of an older teen, as their experience and understanding of death is different.
- 5 KNOW WHEN TO SEEK HELP**
Assess the severity of the mental health difficulty you are noticing. Is the difficulty making it hard for your child to function regularly throughout everyday life? How frequently is your child affected, how long does it last and how persistent is it? Are they having problems controlling the difficulty? Talk to your child about your concerns and that it is likely they will need further support beyond family and friends.
- 6 TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH NATURALLY**
Speak about mental health as part of everyday life, so that talking about our feelings and those of others is normalised. If the usual 'are you ok?' is not creating an opportunity for dialogue then say something like 'I know when something like that has happened to me I felt like this... is that how you are feeling or are you feeling something else?'
- 7 EMPATHISE**
'It makes sense that you would feel this way, it is understandable'. Children often worry about things that we, as adults, might see as trivial or silly. However, for them at their age and stage it is a big concern and they need our kindness and care when they show their vulnerability and share their worries.
- 8 HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL SAFE**
Teens particularly feel that by talking about their worries or concerns that this will make things worse. Reassure your child that you will discuss a plan of action together and what may or may not need to happen next. If they are a younger child, it is likely you will need to lead the conversation and explain next steps.
- 9 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE**
Be mindful of the language you use at home to describe and talk about mental health. Stigma often arises from misconceptions and a choice of language which is harmful. Using the word 'mental', 'man-up' or other such words in a derogatory way won't encourage your child to talk about their mental health for fear of being belittled.
- 10 IT IS OK TO SAY 'I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT'**
Adults do not have all the answers but often children think they do. It is ok to acknowledge that what your child is experiencing is not something you have come across before or know anything about, but that you will work it out together and seek help together.

Meet our expert
This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department of Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.

Sources of Information and Support
Your GP
Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/>
<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/parenting-tips/2016/november/a-simple-guide-to-active-listening-for-parents/>
<https://www.themix.org.uk/mental-health>

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In the guide, you'll find tips on talking about mental health naturally, being open and honest and asking twice.





EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS



DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2025

Westhill Road Site:

Monday 15 December

3:15pm – 4:15pm Advent Club

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December

Thursday 18 December

Friday 19 December

Scots Lane:

Monday 15 December

Tuesday 16 December

3:30 pm– 4:30pm Boys Football

Wednesday 17 December

12:30pm - Swimming class 11

Thursday 18 December

3:30 pm– 4:30pm Girl's Football Team
cancelled

Friday 19 December





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





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

