



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Friday 11th September 2026

SPECIAL VISIT TO CTK PARISH

Members of our CTK Chaplaincy Team had the privilege of attending a very special prayer service at Christ the King Church this week.

The occasion marked the visit of Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Papal Nuncio and Pope's Ambassador to the United Kingdom, who was welcomed to our parish alongside Archbishop Bernard and Bishop Richard.

Following a visit to Coventry Cathedral, the distinguished guests joined clergy and religious sisters from across the Deanery for Midday Prayer at Christ the King Church.

Our Chaplaincy Team was honoured to represent the school community at this significant event.

The children demonstrated great respect and reverence throughout the service and were proud ambassadors for our school. It was a wonderful opportunity to take part in the life of the wider Church and witness such an important occasion within our parish.

We are very proud of the Chaplaincy Team for the way they represented our school and faith community.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and to see how quickly they have settled into their new classes and routines over the last two weeks. The children have made a fantastic start to the academic year, approaching their learning with enthusiasm, confidence and positivity.

To help you stay informed about your child's learning this term, please visit the 'Year Group' Information pages on the school website. Here you will find useful information including:

- Weekly timetables
- Autumn Term curriculum information
- Homework plans
- Photos linked to your child's learning

You can access the pages here:  : [Year Group Information page](#)

We look forward to sharing the children's learning and achievements with you throughout the year.

SCHOOL MASS

All children will attend whole school Mass

Tuesday 22nd September at 9:30am

The readings will be led by CTK staff

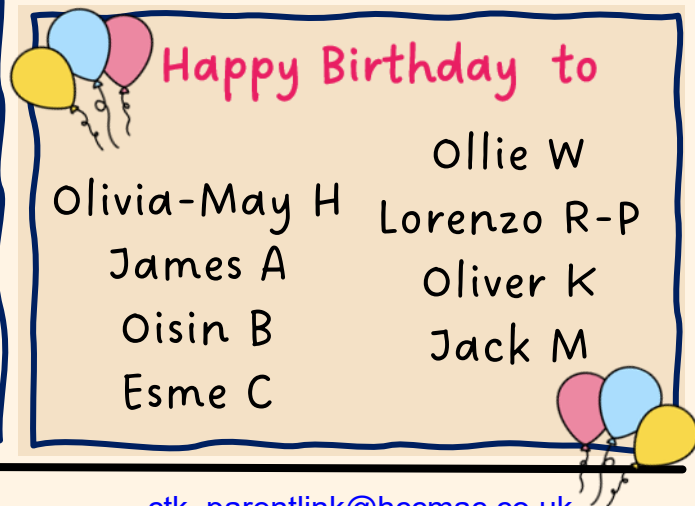
✝ SUNDAY MASS ✝

Sunday 13th September at 9am

Readings will be led by children in Year 6

Children in Years 2 – 6 are welcome to join staff in the choir loft.

OUR MISSION THIS WEEK





YEAR GROUP FAMILY MASSES AT CTK

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that this academic year with support from Father Tom, we are continuing Year Group Masses as part of our commitment to deepening the Catholic life of our school and parish community.

These Masses are a special opportunity for children and their families to come together in worship, play an active role in the spiritual life of the school, and strengthen their connection with our parish. As you have chosen for your child to be a part of the CTK community, we warmly invite and encourage you to attend these Masses with your child, as your presence and participation as a family are a valued part of your child's faith journey.

For children in Year 3 and Year 6, their Year Group Masses are linked to their Sacramental Preparation.

Please find below the schedule of Year Group Masses which will all take place at
Christ the King Church at 9am Mass.

We truly appreciate your support in helping your child attend and participate in these Masses. Together, we can continue to nurture a strong, faith-filled community here at Christ the King.

Date	Year Group
Sunday 11 th October	Reception
Sunday 22 nd November	Year 3 - Sacramental preparation Children making their FHC must attend please.
Sunday 22 nd November	Year 1
Sunday 24 th January	Year 2
Sunday 31 st January	Year 6 - Sacramental preparation Children making their Confirmation must attend please.
Sunday 7 th February	Year 3 - Sacramental preparation Children making their FHC must attend please.
Sunday 25 th April	Year 4
Sunday 13 th June	Year 5
Sunday 12 th July	Nursery





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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS



DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2026



Westhill Road Site	Scots Lane Site
Monday 14 September	Monday 14 September
	8:00am – 8.40am Blooket Club 15.30pm – 4.30pm Blooket Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Cooking club 3.30pm – 4.15pm Hi 5 3:30pm – 4.30pm Young Voices Choir
Tuesday 15 September	Tuesday 15 September
	8:00am– 8:45am Yr 3/4 Tennis Club 3.30pm – 4.45pm - Boys Football team training Y5&6
Wednesday 16 September	Wednesday 16 September
3:15 pm– 4:15pm Language Club	8:00am– 8:45am Yr 5/6 Tennis Club 12:30pm - Swimming Class 12 3.30pm – 4.30pm Girls football club
Thursday 17 September	Thursday 17 September
	3.30pm – 4.45pm – Girls Football team training Y5&6
Friday 18 September	Friday 18 September
	3.30pm – 4.30pm Boys football club

Please can we remind Parents/Carers to ensure that younger siblings do not enter Scots Lane playground riding on scooters or bikes at the end of the day. We please ask that they are walked in and out for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support.

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September 2026

Monday 21st September – Cricket Sessions in school for KS2 pupils – KS2 pupils to wear their PE kit to school please.

Thursday 24th September – Bishop Ullathorne open Evening for Year 6 families.

Friday 25th September – E-On session for Year 5 and 6 during school day

CLASS PE TIMETABLE Autumn TERM One- 2026		
CHILDREN ARE TO WEAR THEIR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THEIR LESSON.		
Monday Year 4	Tuesday - Year 1 - Year 6	Wednesday - Nursery - Year 5 (Class 12 swimming)
Thursday - Year 2 - Year 3 – Dance with Ricky - Year 6 – Dance with Ricky	Friday - Reception - Year 3 - Year 4 - Year 5	CTK PE Uniform - CTK Navy Sports T-shirt - Navy / black <u>shorts</u> (not tight/ cycling shorts or leggings please) - CTK Hoodie or Navy/ black plain tracksuit (No branded sports labels please such as Nike or Adidas) <u>Sports Trainers</u> (not converse/fashion trainers please)

School will be closed to all pupils on the following Five INSET Days in the new school year

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Friday 2 July 2027

Monday 19th July 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

October 2026

Thursday 1st October – Year 5 Retreat Day at Holy Family Church

Friday 2nd October – Year 5 Family Faith Day at SL site – 9:10am- 1 adult per child please

Friday 9th October – Year 2 Family Faith Day at WHR site – 9:10am- 1 adult per child please

Sunday 11th October - Reception Family Mass 9am at CTK Church

Monday 12th October - Whole School Photo – Winter Uniform – Shirt and CTK school tie please

Wednesday 14th October – Parents Evening – held at WHR site 3:30pm – 5:45pm

Thursday 15th October – Parents Evening – held at WHR site 3:30pm – 5:45pm

w/b Monday 19th October - Bike ability for Year 5 pupils – Further information to be shared

Friday 23rd October - Last day of half term



Upcoming Enrichment Days at Christ the King Autumn 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.

Forest School and Enrichment Day Planner	
Autumn Term 2026	
Please note – dates may be subject to change	
When?	Who?
Friday 4 th September 2026	Class 13
Friday 11 th September 2026	PTA Colour Run
Friday 18 th September 2026	Class 14
Friday 25 th September 2026	Class 10
Friday 2 nd October 2026	Class 9
Friday 9 th October 2026	Class 12
Friday 16 th October 2026	Class 11
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Class 7
HALF TERM	
Friday 6 th November 2026	Class 8
Friday 13 th November 2026	Class 5 and 6
Friday 20 th November 2026	Class 3 and Class 4
Friday 27 th November 2026	Advent Day
Friday 4 th December 2026	PTA Christmas FUN Day in school
Friday 11 th December 2026	Class 13 and 14
Friday 18 th December 2026	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:

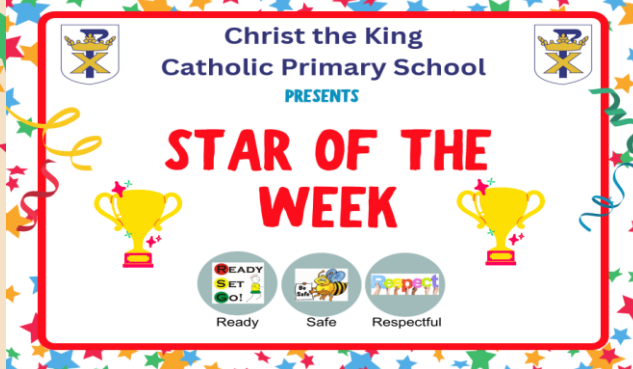
- Wellies or old trainers (that you don't mind getting muddy)
- Old trousers or jogging bottoms
- Waterproof clothing, if available

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!





Well done to the Stars
of the week

Class 1	Coming soon 😊
Class 2	Coming soon 😊
Class 3	Kemjika Sydney
Class 4	Orlagh Charlie
Class 5	Niamh Omotunimise
Class 6	Aila Cohan

Well done to the Stars of
the week

Class 7	Louie M Imogen
Class 8	Vandora Amiah
Class 9	Ryan Edward
Class 10	Aston Noah
Class 11	Esme Harry
Class 12	Sinead Aoife-Mai
Class 13	Cecilia Ewan
Class 14	Lauren Jack





FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be able to get FREE school meals



Do you receive any of the following?

- ▶ Any amount of Universal Credit
- ▶ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ▶ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ▶ The guarantee element of Pension Credit

The benefits of free school meals

- ▶ You could save more than £500 a year for each child
- ▶ It saves time making packed lunches
- ▶ Your child gets a healthy, tasty, cooked meal
- ▶ Children achieve more when they've had a cooked lunch
- ▶ Schools can get extra funding to help children in their education (pupil premium up to £1,550 a year for each child)



Universal Offer

Also, Universal Infant free school meals are available to ALL children in Reception, year 1 and year 2.

You can apply as soon as your child's school place has been confirmed.

Everyone's a winner

Too many children in Coventry are living in food poverty, yet hundreds of children are still not receiving their entitlement to a free school meal.

One in four children in Coventry are eligible for a free school meal. More are taking up their entitlement but there are so many more who could benefit.

Talk to your neighbours, friends and family to spread the word.

It's really easy to apply online at
www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals/2

If your child qualifies for free school meals, you may be able to take advantage of free activities during the main school holidays with the Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

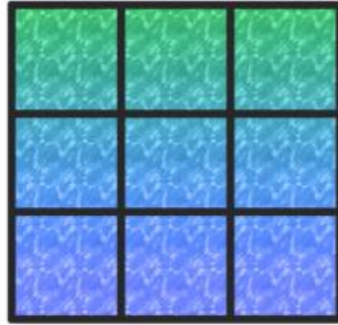


Maths at CTK!

Maths Puzzle



How many
total squares
are there?



Answer revealed next week ...

Congratulations to:

Class 6

31% of pupils are in
the green zone!

 **doodlelearning**
By Discovery Education

Your Top Doodling Classes this week!



DOODLE MATHS MOST STARS EARNED THIS WEEK

Class 1 – Coming soon 😊

Class 2 – Coming soon 😊



Class 3 – Kemjika

Class 4 – Amelia

Class 5 – Jordan

Class 6 – Kayden



Class 7 – Jayden

Class 8 – Kenzo

Class 9 – Lucas

Class 10 – Harlow

Class 11 – Zakary

Class 13 – Kai

Class 14 - Harry



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

Class 7 – Noah

Class 8 – Elisei

Class 9 – Lottie

Class 10 – Noah

Class 11 – George

Class 12 – Dolce



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





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)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

Character.AI is an entertainment platform where users create and chat with AI-powered characters. These chatbots can act like existing favourite characters from movies or books, or like friends, mentors, or even romantic partners, responding in an emotional, personally engaging way. Although this can encourage creativity, it can also make a generated conversation feel like a genuine relationship, which is concerning if it takes the place of human relationships.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
AI replies are generated in real time rather than chosen from a fully checked script. Even with safety filters on, conversations can still move into sexual, violent, discriminatory, or self-harm material. These AI characters are often made by users, so a familiar name or child-friendly description does not guarantee that every response from the character will be suitable for a young person.
- EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY**
Character.AI chatbots can appear endlessly attentive, supportive, and affectionate, which is one of the hallmarks of the generative AI models that such companions are built on. A young person may start turning to a character chatbot whenever they feel lonely or upset and believe that it understands them better than the humans in their life. This can become more concerning when chatting starts to replace sleep, schoolwork, hobbies and friendships.
- PRIVACY CONCERNS**
Character.AI chats may feel private, especially when a bot sounds personal and caring, but they take place on a company's online systems. Users could intentionally or unintentionally reveal their name, school, location, routines, images, or intimate concerns. Character.AI says some data may be related to improve its services and AI models, so young people should never treat a chatbot like a confidential diary.
- UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT**
Be aware of warning signs such as secret accounts, bypassing age restrictions, hiding phone use from adults, chatting late at night, distress when access to the platform or character stops, withdrawal from other people, falling interest in school, or believing the character is conscious. Increased use may also signal that the young person is already lonely, anxious, or seeking help.
- BLURRED BOUNDARIES**
Characters on Character.AI can use the language of friendship, love, and empathy without ever feeling anything. Vulnerable young people may struggle to separate this simulation from genuine understanding. Romantic role-play or a character that demands attention, loyalty, or secrecy could also risk distorting young people's expectations around consent, disagreement, and life-and-death involved in healthy human relationships.
- UNRELIABLE ADVICE**
Characters, like other chatbot platforms, are at risk of inventing facts or giving inappropriate advice while sounding completely confident. Characters may also echo a young person's assumptions instead of questioning them. This can become particularly risky when users rely on a character for guidance about health, mental wellbeing, relationships, money, or personal safety instead of checking with a credible source or trusted adult.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN**
Ask what the young person enjoys about Character.AI and invite them to show you how the platform and their favourite characters work. Useful questions include, "Has it ever said something that felt wrong?" and "How can you tell it doesn't have feelings?" Avoid shaming them for using platforms like Character.AI or making them feel there is something wrong with them for doing so.
- PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK**
Teach young people to pause before accepting an answer from characters on Character.AI. Encourage them to check important claims against a trustworthy source and ask a safe adult when the issue matters. Never use a character as the sole source of medical, mental health, legal, financial, or safeguarding advice. Remind them not to share passwords, contact details, school information, live locations, or private images.
- CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS**
Character.AI's minimum age is 16 in the UK, but open-ended companion chat is restricted to adults aged 18 or over. Users aged 16 to 17 receive a different experience built to guide 'stories' and other creative or social features. Check their current settings, never help or encourage a young person to give a false age, and apply the same safety rules to other chatbot apps.
- NOTICE AND RESPOND**
Take action if chats involve sexual content, threats, coercion, abuse, self-harm or danger. Save relevant evidence, report the character and follow the setting's safeguarding process. Educators should involve the designated safeguarding lead. If anyone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services. Childline is available on 0800 1111 and the NSPCC Helpline on 0800 800 5000.

Meet Our Expert
Darren Coxon is an educator with almost 30 years' experience across teaching, school leadership and governance. He works internationally supporting schools and colleges with AI leadership and governance and InsightMC courses I have written.

#WakeUpWednesday The National College

Character.AI lets users create and chat with AI-powered characters that can behave like friends, mentors, fictional favourites, or romantic partners. While these conversations can feel engaging and supportive, their convincing human-like responses can blur important boundaries. Young people may encounter inappropriate content, misinformation and privacy risks, or begin forming an unhealthy emotional attachment to an AI companion.

For parents and educators, understanding these risks can make conversations about AI companionship more constructive. This WakeUpWednesday guide explores warning signs such as secretive or excessive use and withdrawal from real-world activities, while offering practical advice on checking age restrictions, protecting personal information, questioning chatbot advice, and responding appropriately when safeguarding concerns arise.

Attendance - Reporting Absences

A polite reminder to all parents and carers: when informing the school of your child's absence, please include specific details of their symptoms if they are unwell. Messages such as "not well" or "feeling poorly" do not give us enough information to record the absence accurately.

Please ensure that all absences are reported before 9:00am by leaving a voicemail or emailing us at:

📧 ctk_parentlink@hccmac.co.uk

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our records clear and accurate.





ATTENDANCE AT CTK

WHR site		SL site	
Class Name	Weekly Attendance 07/09/2026 – 11/09/2026	Class Name	Weekly Attendance 07/09/2026 – 11/09/2026
Nursery		Class 7	94.8%
Class 1	99.0% 	Class 8	98.0% 
Class 2	99.0% 	Class 9	97.7% 
Class 3	97.8% 	Class 10	97.9% 
Class 4	96.0% 	Class 11	99.3% 
Class 5	99.0% 	Class 12	97.4% 
Class 6	96.7% 	Class 13	97.1% 
		Class 14	100.0% 

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>





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Tuesday 1 September 2026

Friday 2 July 2027

Monday 19th July 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027



Coventry City Council

School term dates 2026-2027

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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October 2026

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November 2026

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March 2027

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April 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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July 2027

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August 2027

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Christmas Day

25 December 2026

Boxing Day (substitute)

28 December 2026

New Year bank holiday

1 January 2027

Good Friday

26 March 2027

Easter Monday

29 March 2027

May Day holiday

3 May 2027

Spring Bank holiday

31 May 2027

Summer Bank holiday

30 August 2027

Term time

Holiday

Bank holiday

Weekend

LA set training day

+ 4 set by the school

