



Our Virtue to Live by this week is



Newsletter 2: Friday 18th September

Catholic Life & Mission

This week, our children have been reflecting on Sunday's Gospel from Matthew, where Jesus teaches us the true heart of forgiveness. Just as God is always ready to forgive us when we are genuinely sorry, Jesus calls us to extend that same grace to others.

When Peter asked if he should forgive someone seven times, Jesus responded that he should forgive "seventy times seven"-a huge number used to show that our forgiveness should have no limit, reflecting God's endless love for us. When others are truly sorry and try to make a positive change, we are called to open our hearts and forgive.

Our Weekly Mission: To follow Jesus' example by choosing to forgive others when they say sorry to us.



Whole School Mass

Our school community gathered at Christ the King Church to celebrate our Welcome Mass, placing our faith at the heart of the new academic year. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils, staff and families to join together in prayer, offer our intentions for the months ahead, and give thanks for our vibrant school family. Together, we prayed for God's guidance and blessings as we embark on another year of learning, growth and living out our Gospel values.



If you have any concerns about a child at our school relating to safeguarding, please make an appointment to see a member of our safeguarding team or contact us on 0113 3206290.

Our designated staff in are Mrs Waide, Mr Carter, Mrs Aslanbeigi, Mrs Smith, Miss Riggs and Mrs Clancy-Taylor.



Parish Sacramental Programme 2026/2027

The Sacramental Programme for the 2026/2027 academic year has been agreed upon by Father Neil and the Catechist Team which will be undertaken in the Parish. Children currently in Year 4 and above are now invited to apply for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion during their Year 4 academic year. Children presently in Year 4 and above will shortly begin their preparation classes within the Parish. Please note that participation in any of the sacramental programmes requires regular attendance at Sunday Mass. The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place in the spring of 2027. Parents will be notified of the date for First Holy Communion shortly at a parents meeting to be arranged. For all enquiries, please contact Father Neil on pp.ctkhf@dofl.org.uk

A Week Filled with Faith and Inspiration

As another week comes to a close, I find myself deeply inspired by our pupils once again. Visiting classrooms during RE lessons and Celebrations of the Word, I have been continually moved by the children's rich spirituality, thoughtful insight and reverent responses. Our school radiates faith and love as we walk alongside every child, cherishing them on their journey ever closer to Jesus.

Yesterday, Mr Carter and I had the privilege of joining colleagues from across the Diocese for the annual Headteachers' Mass at Leeds Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Marcus. It was a powerful opportunity to renew our vocation of service to our wonderful school community. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue striving to serve you best and support all our families in drawing nearer to God.



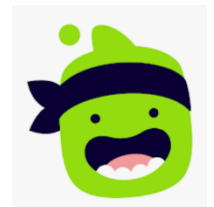
Meet the Teacher!

A big thank you to all the Parents/Carers who attended our recent "Meet the Teacher" briefings! It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, and we truly appreciate your time and partnership as we begin this new academic year together. If you were unable to attend, key information and presentation slides will be shared via Class Dojo and available on our school website so you don't miss out on any important details for your child's year ahead.

Stay Connected with Our School Community!

To keep up to date with everything happening across the school, please make sure to regularly check our official channels:

- School Website: For term dates, key policies, school letters and the latest news.
- Class Dojo: For direct updates from class teachers, homework reminders and classroom celebrations.
- Social media: Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for photos, event updates and a glimpse into our daily learning! Connect with us on Instagram on @christthekingcps



Attendance & Punctuality

Every single day of school counts and arriving on time at **8.50am** ensures your child doesn't miss crucial morning learning or important settling-in time with their friends. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us build these positive, stress-free habits right from the very start of the academic year.



Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that, as part of a Department for Education (DfE) initiative, we are offering a **Free Breakfast Club** for all pupils every school day morning from **8:20am**. Research shows that a healthy, nutritious breakfast improves concentration, boosts energy and helps children settle quickly into their morning learning. By providing a warm, welcoming environment each morning, we aim to ensure every child starts their school day happy, nourished and ready to succeed.

- **Time:** Doors open at **8:20am** daily
- **Cost:** Completely **FREE** to all pupils
- **What's included:** A selection of healthy breakfast options alongside time to socialise with friends before the first morning lesson

No advance booking is required-children can simply arrive via the main office doors from 8:20am. We look forward to seeing many of our pupils take advantage of this fantastic offer!



Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 2nd October

Please join us in the school hall on Friday 25th September at 2.00pm for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning led by our Mini Vinnies! We would love for Parents, Carers and family members to come together for a warm drink, delicious treats and a friendly chat-all while raising money for a fantastic cause that supports so many families.

How you can help?

Donations of cakes, buns or biscuits (shop-bought only please due to allergies) would be greatly appreciated and can be brought into the school office. Please ensure all items are nut-free. Small change or cash donations on the day will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. We look forward to seeing you there to support our school's charitable outreach and make a real difference together!



Autumn Term 1 **Key dates for your diary**

School reopens
Wednesday 2nd September

School Closes for
October half term
Thursday 22nd October

School Reopens
Monday 2nd November

School closes for
Christmas
Friday 18th December



Spread the Word: Reception Places Available!

Do you know a family looking for a warm, welcoming and inspiring setting for their child's school journey? We still have a few places available in our wonderful Reception class. If you have friends, family or neighbours with school-aged children, please let them know about our fantastic school community. Prospective parents are more than welcome to contact our school office on 0113 2579230 or email office@ctkcps.org.uk to ask questions, arrange a visit or find out how to apply. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Nurturing Hearts & Minds: Our Curriculum Intent

At Christ the King our curriculum is rooted in Gospel values and designed to inspire every child to flourish academically, spiritually and socially. We aim to nurture curious, confident and resilient learners by delivering a rich, ambitious education that celebrates our Catholic identity and celebrates each child's unique, God-given talents. Through high expectations and meaningful learning experiences, we empower our pupils to become active, compassionate citizens who put their faith into action. Please see below an overview of our curriculum intent.



Curriculum

At Christ the King Catholic Primary School, our pupils are taught using a curriculum that is:

Creative
Holistic
Real-life
Inclusive
Spiral
Transformative



Knowledge

Our curriculum is knowledge rich and builds on substantial prior learning.

Learning is designed so that there are clear expectations and outcomes for what children will learn.

Knowledge is assessed using engaging low-stakes quizzing, open-book assessments and unseen tasks.



Progress

Progress is monitored robustly and effectively by subject leaders to ensure all pupils make progress.

The sequence of learning is carefully crafted to ensure skills and knowledge are built upon each year.

Entry and exit points are carefully considered to build on learning.



Experiential

Where appropriate, we try to ensure that learning has a context based upon real-life examples.

Learning considers the local area, the diversity of the school and inspirational people from the region.

We ensure that our Cultural Capital is rich and diverse, reflecting our demographic.



Text Rich

Children read a broad range of literature with Early Reading prioritized to ensure that children have the best start.

We recognize that reading aloud is one of the most important things that an adult can do.

As a result of this, we promote a vocabulary rich culture aiming at improving the life chances of all.



Inclusion

We believe that all children are created in the image and likeness of God - Christ is at the centre of everything we do.

Support and challenge provides all children with the structures and resources to build confidence and achieve in all areas.

In all subjects, learning is personalised for each individual child. This enables all children to achieve their maximum.



Cognitive Science

Our teaching and learning strategies are always research led. All staff understand the approaches and research that underpin our pedagogy.

We embrace the principles of cognitive science to enable our pupils to know more and remember more.

Retaining knowledge is celebrated as part of the culture at Christ the King.



Expectations

Staff at Christ the King have exceptionally high expectations of pupil achievement.

By the end of Key Stage 2, children have an outstanding grasp of RE, reading, writing and mathematics.

Learning of the fundamentals enables our children to achieve high standards in all other areas of learning setting our pupils up for their next challenge.

"Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement."

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION (2026)



"Ranked fourth among the top primary schools in the North."

SUNDAY TIMES (2026)

100% of pupils in 2026 achieved the expected standard in reading and mathematics.

Open Days



Parents/Carers are warmly invited to our school Open Days for children who will start school in September 2027.

Come along and visit our wonderful school!

Our website:

Open Day
Monday 5th October
10.00am

Open Day
Monday 12th October
1.00pm

Open Evening
Monday 7th December
5–6.30pm





Parish Mass & Church Visits Autumn Term 2026

Classes visiting Christ the King Church



Autumn 1

Tue 8th Sept – Year 5 & 6



Tue 15th Sept - Whole School
Welcome Mass



Tue 22nd Sept - Year 3 & 4



Tue 29th Sept - Year 1 & 2



Tue 20th Oct - EYFS
Visit to Church
After Mass



Autumn 2

Tue 3rd Nov
- Year 5 & 6



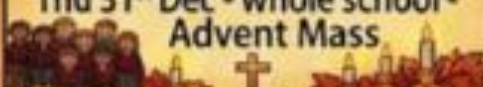
Tue 17th Nov - Year 3 & 4



Wed 23rd Dec - Whole School -
Feast of
Christ the King



Thu 31st Dec - whole school -
Advent Mass



Tue 8th Dec - Year 1 & 2



Tue 8th Dec - EYFS visit
to church
after mass



Tue 15th Dec - whole school
Advent Liturgy

