



Our Virtue to Live by this week is



Newsletter 3: Friday 2nd October

Catholic Life & Mission

The Holy Rosary in October

This week, our children have been reflecting on Luke's Gospel and Mary's faithful response to becoming the mother of Jesus. We explored Our Lady's inspiring example of trust in God, considering how we too can follow her lead by listening carefully to Jesus' teachings in the Gospels.

During October, we are making a special effort to draw closer to Christ through prayer. On Thursday in Rosary Club, I introduced the children to the beauty of the Holy Rosary. To help us unite in prayer as a school family throughout October, our Traveling Rosary bag will be visiting a different home each evening, providing families with everything needed to share a special moment of prayer together. Praying the Rosary allows us to symbolically take Mary's hand as she guides us through the key moments of her Son's life



Grow to School

We were delighted to welcome the 'Grow to School' team to our school, giving pupils hands-on opportunities to explore nature, plant crops and learn outdoors. This engaging visit provided a wonderful practical connection to our Catholic Social Teaching principles. By caring for our school grounds, children put Stewardship of Creation into action-learning to respect, nurture and protect God's world. Working together outside also reinforced Participation and the Common Good, reminding pupils that caring for our shared environment helps our entire school family flourish.



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 Mass

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils attended Parish Mass with Father Neil, representing our school brilliantly with their reverent behaviour. Gathering together for prayer is at the heart of our Catholic community and families are always welcome to join us. Please see Class Dojo for the full timetable.



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 parent meeting to be arranged. For all enquiries, please contact Father Neil on pp.ckhkf@dofl.org.uk

"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!

Open Day Monday 5 th October 10.00am	Open Day Monday 12 th October 1.00pm	Open Evening Monday 7 th December 5-6.30pm
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Our website:





Open Days-Help us spread the word!

Our first school Open Day is taking place this **Monday 5th October** and we need your help to spread the word! If you have friends, family or neighbours looking for a primary school place, please let them know about our open event and invite them along. It is a fantastic opportunity for prospective families to tour our school, meet our wonderful staff and pupils, and see our vibrant community in action. Thank you for being such brilliant ambassadors for Christ the King!

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening (Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October)

Booking for our upcoming Parent Consultations will open next week! This will be a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their general progress and share the outcomes of our recent reading assessments. Details on how to book your appointment online will be shared early next week. The Scholastic Book Fayre will also be available again this year during both evenings

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday! Miss Barks noted the beautiful atmosphere of love throughout the morning, guided brilliantly by our Mini-Vinnies. It was inspiring to witness our Christ the King family put faith into action—standing in solidarity with those affected by cancer, honouring the God-given dignity of every person and serving the Common Good. Inspired by our Mini-Vinnies' mission to stand together, care for those who need us and show God's love through our actions. As a school we raised a fantastic £110 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for living out Jesus' call to love our neighbour so generously!

'Grab and Go' Uniform Rail

We operate a "Grab and Go" uniform rail to support families and promote sustainability. There is a clothes rail located just outside the main school office that has many new and pre-loved items. Please feel free to help yourself to any items your child needs at any time. Donations of clean, good-quality uniform items are always welcome if you'd like to pass them along. You may also be able to pick up uniform from a local Leeds School Uniform Exchange, to whom we donate lost property every year.



A Masterpiece Achievement! We're an Artsmark School!

We are thrilled to officially announce that Christ the King has been awarded the prestigious Artsmark Silver Award! Accredited by Arts Council England, this national award recognises our school's commitment to providing a rich, high-quality arts and cultural education. Over the past two years, led so brilliantly by Miss Wilson, our staff and pupils have worked tirelessly to embed creativity across our curriculum—from music, drama and art to creative writing and performance. The assessors praised our dedication to inspiring self-expression, building creative confidence, and enriching our children's cultural experiences. A massive thank you to Miss Wilson, our staff and our talented pupils whose hard work and passion made this achievement possible!

A Prayer for the Month of October

Loving Lord,
During this month of October, we turn to
Mary, our Blessed Mother,
and ask for her guidance as we walk together
in faith as the Christ the King family.
As we hold the Rosary, help us to reflect on
the lives of Jesus and Mary,
bringing our joys, worries, and hopes to You
in prayer.
Holy Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary,
Pray for our school, our homes, and our
world.
Teach us to listen with open hearts, care for
creation,
and follow your Son with love and kindness
each day.
Amen.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Waide & The Christ the King Team