



Term 2—Newsletter No. 11



Newsletter

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CTK Feast Day

Last Friday was our special Feast Day at CTK and we had a wonderful day celebrating. We started the day with a special Mass led by Father Frank with Deacon Lawrence and Deacon Kingsley and parishioners from CTK church also joined us to mark our special day. Afterwards, the children had a special lunch with fish burgers and a celebratory cake.



During the day the children made crowns for a Crown competition which was judged by our Chaplaincy Team.

In the afternoon, our CTK Chaplaincy Team organised a cake sale in aid of the charity Dementia UK and raised an amazing £279. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake sale and made the day very special for everyone.



Our CTK School Business Manager:

Mrs Suzie Adams, our School Business Manager is leaving Christ the King in January 2026 and she will be greatly missed by the whole school community. She has made a huge difference as a member of our community, serving as our School Business Manager for the past four years after previously working as our Administration Assistant for seven years. She has also supported the school as Clerk to the Governors and spent ten years as a parent at our school. Throughout her time with us, Mrs Adams has made a remarkable difference—her commitment, organisational skills, and vision have strengthened the school in countless ways. From supporting school projects to developing the school building and grounds, she has helped create a safer, more vibrant, and more welcoming environment for everyone. We are deeply grateful for all she has given and wish her every success in her next chapter.



We are delighted to share the news that we have appointed Mrs Emma Dodds as our new School Business Manager. She will start in January 2026 and have a handover period with Suzie Adams to ensure a smooth transition. She has a wealth of experience working in schools and businesses plus working with Governors. We would like to welcome Emma Dodds to our CTK community and wish her all the best in her new role.



CTK at Hampton Court

On the 25th November, Years 5 and 6 went to Hampton Court. It was so much fun!

At 7:30am, we all got on the coach and went on our 3-hour journey to Hampton Court in Surrey. When we arrived, Year 5 explored King Henry VIII's apartments. At the apartments, we explored the Great Hall and learnt that it was the biggest room in the palace. Year 6 started their day with a Royal Christmas workshop. At the Christmas workshop, we all learnt about how Henry VIII celebrated Christmas, and we made our own crowns to wear on Christmas Day.

At the Hampton Court kitchens there used to be chefs who specialised in making chocolate for the Royal Court. They had a chocolate room where they melted, drank and put spices in the cocoa.

We explored the grounds and we saw a big water fountain with lots of parakeets. We also learnt that the heart of Henry VIII's third wife and true love, Jane Seymour, was buried under the chapel but her body wasn't!

Year 6 on their tour around Hampton Court met Anne Boleyn (Henry's VIII's second wife) and her brother George Boleyn. They asked them lots of questions about life at Henry VIII's court and their sister Mary Boleyn.

We were very lucky to have been awarded a grant from Historic Royal Palaces Access Fund and there was no cost for the trip. There is so much to do at Hampton Court!

We really enjoyed looking in the shop and buying our own souvenirs and presents. It was such a memorable, fun day!

Written by Evie, Autumn and Elsie (Year 5)



Football Teams



Our girls and boys football teams have been in action for both local leagues. Both teams played so well and we are proud of them all especially for some girls who had never played in a football match. Unfortunately we lost our matches however demonstrated how much we had improved as a team. Well done to everyone!





Secret Santa



Share the happiness this Christmas

We all know that Christmas can be a very difficult time for many families.

This year we would like to help those who are struggling by providing some extra treats or gifts to help make Christmas a little easier for everyone to enjoy.

If you are able to donate just one thing, it could make a real difference.

Some possible ideas could be:

- A small toy or gift - girls or boys, any age (up to 11)
- A game
- Craft items such as colouring books / pens / stickers
- A book
- Chocolates / biscuits / sweets / crisps / snacks
- Decorations / wrapping paper / crackers
- Festive Food - Christmas pudding / mince pies
- Clothes / pyjamas / hats / scarves

Any donations need to be new items (not second hand)

If you are able to help in any way we would be extremely grateful. Please give any donations to your child's class teacher.



Many Thanks

CTK Chaplaincy Team





Dates for Term 2

November 2025			
Date	Class/Year Group	Event	Time
Friday 28th	Whole School	Non uniform day—please bring in an item for the Christmas Hamper	All day
December 2025			
Tuesday 2nd	Year 4	Year 4 trip to The M Shed in Bristol	All say
Thursday 4 th	Years 4 and 5	Watching a performance of Once Upon a Winter performed by the Bristol Old Vic at the Christ the King Church	10:00am
Thursday 4th	Whole School	Festive Film Night - a letter has been sent out this week	3:15pm– 5:00pm
Friday 5 th	Years 1 to 6	All school led clubs finish for terms 1 and 2	
Tuesday 9th	Years 1 and 2	Nativity Play Performance to school and families	2:00pm
Thursday 11 th	Years 1 and 2	Nativity Play Performance to families	6:30pm (children to arrive in school at 6:00pm)
Friday 12 th	EYFS – Mercury Class	Nativity Tableaux Performance to families	9:30am
Friday 12 th	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Day Shop	pm
Tuesday 16 th	Whole School	Christmas Carol Concert at CTK Parish Church	6:30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Whole School	Christmas Dinner and wear your Christmas jumper to school	
Thursday 18th	Whole School	Advent Mass—all families welcome	10:00am
Thursday 18 th	Whole School	Christmas parties—more information to follow	pm
Friday 20 th	Whole School	End of term Celebration Assembly – all families welcome to attend	9:30am
Friday 19 th	Whole School	End of Term 2	3:15pm
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026 Christmas Holidays Term 3 starts for pupils on Monday 5th January 2026			

A new Teacher for Year 1

As you know, Mrs Cartlidge is leaving at the end of term 2 to start her maternity leave and we are delighted to share the news that we have appointed Miss Kori Payne as the new Year 1 teacher from the start of term 3.

Miss Payne has already been into school to start the handover with Mrs Cartlidge and will be coming into school to meet the children. We would like to wish Miss Payne all the best as she starts in January and we are delighted she is joining our CTK community.



Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service is on

Tuesday 16th December at 6:30pm
at Christ the King Church.

All children are invited to come with their families to this event. The children will lead us in carols, readings, prayers and a tableaux to celebrate this special time of year.

Letters were emailed last week with all the information and a reply slip to return by:

Thursday 27th November 2025.



CTK Film Night - Fundraising for the Year 6 leavers hoodies

This year we will be watching Elf at our Festive Film Night! Come and join us on **Thursday 4th December 2025**, straight after school for some festive movie fun. The cost is £3.50 per child, which includes a drink and popcorn snack. Please make your payment before the deadline tomorrow (Friday 28th) at 12pm. All funds raised will go towards the Year 6 leavers hoodies.

The film night will finish at 5:15pm.

Please note that Elf is a PG rating. By signing up you agree to your child watching this film.

