



Term 1—Newsletter No. 1



Newsletter

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A Wonderful Start to the New School Year!

A very warm welcome back to all our CTK families, and a special welcome to those who are new to Christ the King Catholic Primary School! It has been a fantastic first week, and we are delighted with how brilliantly the children have settled back into school. A huge thank you to all our families for helping the children arrive each morning looking smart, happy and ready for learning. It has been wonderful to walk around school and visit classrooms each morning. Everywhere I go, I am greeted by smiling faces, enthusiastic learners and children who are clearly delighted to be back with their friends and teachers. The first week has absolutely flown by, and I could not be prouder of our CTK children. They have already shown what makes our school community so special — their kindness, enthusiasm and positive attitudes are making a wonderful difference around our school. Well done, everyone, on such a fantastic first week! We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead, filled with learning, friendship and many wonderful memories.

WELCOME
Back To
SCHOOL

New families: We extend an especially warm welcome to all the new families joining us this year, including those starting in Reception and those who have joined us in other year groups. We hope that you and your children will be very happy as part of our CTK family and that you quickly feel at home within our wonderful school community.



New members of Staff at CTK: Welcome Back, Mrs Thomson! A huge welcome back to Mrs Thomson, who will be teaching Year 3 on Mondays until the end of Term 2. The children will already know Mrs Thomson, as she has previously taught in Year 1, so it is particularly lovely to welcome her back to CTK. She is delighted to be returning and is very excited to get started with Year 3 on Monday. We are so pleased to have you back, Mrs Thomson, and wish you a wonderful time with Year 3!



Welcome to Miss Woods and Miss Monks! We are delighted to welcome Miss Woods and Miss Monks to our CTK community this year.

Miss Woods has been appointed as our Year 3 and Year 4 Class Teaching Assistant, while Miss Monks has joined us in the role of Teaching Assistant Apprentice. We are so pleased to have them both as part of our school team and wish them every happiness and success in their new roles. We know they will be wonderful additions to our CTK family and look forward to seeing all that they will bring to our school community.



Building update: We are delighted to share some exciting news about improvements to the security and safeguarding of our school site. At the start of the summer holidays, we were successful in securing funding from Clifton Diocese to make a number of important improvements to the security and safeguarding of the school grounds. Last week, a new gate was installed on Oakleaze Road, and over the coming weeks, new gates will also be fitted at the Easton Hill entrance and the school car park. As part of the project, we will also be introducing a new entry system for children attending Breakfast Club and for everyone accessing the school via the Easton Hill entrance. In addition, a new camera system is being installed at the Easton Hill Road gate. This is a very exciting project for our school, and we are grateful to Clifton Diocese for their support and funding. We are hoping that all of the work will be completed during the October half-term holidays. We will do everything we can to ensure that the works have minimal impact on the children and their learning during Term 1. We look forward to sharing further updates as the project progresses!

Well done to our CTK learners and staff! What a fantastic start to the new academic year!

With best wishes for another happy and successful year.
Mary Mainwaring— Head teacher.



Term dates for 2025-26

Including all our INSET days for next year:



Term	Starts	Ends
1	Tuesday 1st September 2026 Tuesday 1st September 2026 —INSET day Wednesday 2nd September 2026 —INSET day Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026	22nd October 2026 Friday 23rd October 2026 – INSET day
2	Monday 2nd November 2026	18th December 2026
3	Monday 4 th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027
4	Monday 22nd February 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027
5	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027
6	Monday 7th June 2027 Monday 7th June 2027 —INSET day Children return to school on Tuesday 8th June 2027 Friday 25th June 2027 —INSET DAY	Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET Day for 2026-27

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 7th June 2027

Friday 25th June 2027



Important dates:

Children in the Year groups below need to be in school during the dates below:

Year 6: National Assessments 2026: Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2027

Year 1: Phonics screening check week from Monday 14th June 2027 to Friday 18th June 2027

Year 4: Multiplication Check Monday 7th June 2027 to Friday 18th June 2027

Information and Expectation Meeting for Year groups

All teachers are leading an information and expectation meeting for each year group. We hope families will be able to attend to find out what your child is learning and the expectations of the year group.

Tuesday 8th September Information and Expectation for families for	Year 2	3:15pm
Thursday 10th September Information and Expectation for families for	Year 6	3:15pm
Monday 14th September Information and Expectation for families for	Year 1	3:15pm
Monday 14th September Information and Expectation for families for	Year 5	3:15pm
Tuesday 15th September Information and Expectation for families for	Year 3	3:15pm
Thursday 17th September Information and Expectation for families for	Year 4	3:15pm

PE Kit Day: Children are able to wear their PE kits all day on:

Reception - Thursday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Friday

Year 5 - Wednesday (the class have a swimming lesson every Wednesday)

Year 6 - Tuesday



PE kit is: A white T-shirt, black shorts or joggers, trainers—please no football kit. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE. Only stud earrings are allowed in school. All long hair must be tied back.

CTK Dates for Terms 1 and 2

September 2026—Term 1			
Date	Class/Year Group	Event	Time
Tuesday 8th	Whole School	Open the book assembly	2:45pm
Tuesday 8th	Year 2	Information and Expectation for families for Year 2	3:15pm
Thursday 10th	Year 6	Information and Expectation for families for Year 6	3:15pm
Monday 14th	Whole School	Helen Ball -the Mayor of Thornbury visiting CTK	2:30pm
Monday 14th	Year 1	Information and Expectation for families for Year 1	3:15pm
Monday 14th	Year 5	Information and Expectation for families for Year 5	3:15pm
Tuesday 15 th	Year 3	Information and Expectation for families for Year 3	3:15pm
Thursday 17th	Year 4	Information and Expectation for families for Year 4	3:15pm
Monday 21 st	Years 1 to 6	School led clubs start – please refer to the clubs letter that will be sent out next week.	
Tuesday 22 nd	Whole School	Open the book assembly	2:45pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 5	Swimming lesson for Year 5 start	am
Wednesday 23 rd	Reception and Year 1	Phonics Parent's Presentation in school— more information to follow	6:00pm
Friday 25 th	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations	am
Friday 25 th	Year 6	House Captains Hustings	pm
Tuesday 29th	Whole School	Individual and Siblings (in school only) photos	morning

October 2026 —Term 1			
Date	Class/Year Group	Event	Time
Friday 2 nd	Whole School	Harvest Mass—more information to follow	10:00am
Sunday 4 th	Whole School	PTFA Cake sale at Tortworth Lake (more information to follow)	10:00am to 1:00pm
Wednesday 7 th	EYFS	Father Frank visiting Reception Class	11:00am
Tuesday 13 th	Whole School	Open the book assembly	2:45pm
Wednesday 14 th	New INTAKE 2027	CTK Open Morning – please email the school office for a space on a tour	9:30-11:30am
Thursday 15 th	EYFS	EYFS Visiting CTK church	am
Monday 19 th	Whole School	Parent's Evening- more information to follow (no school led clubs this week)	3:40pm – 6:40pm
Tuesday 20 th	New INTAKE 2027	CTK Open Morning – please email the school office for a space on a tour	9:30-11:30am
Wednesday 21 st	Whole School	Parent's Evening- more information to follow (no school led clubs this week)	3:40pm – 6:40pm
Thursday 23 rd	Whole School	End of term Celebration Assembly – all families welcome to attend	9:15am
Thursday 23 rd	Whole School	End of Term 1	3:15pm
Friday 24 th	Whole School	INSET DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026 Half Term Holidays			

November 2026 —Term 2			
Date	Class/Year Group	Event	Time
Monday 2 nd	Whole School	Start of term 2	8:45am
Monday 2 nd	Whole School	All Saints Mass – everyone welcome	10:30am
Tuesday 10 th	New INTAKE 2027	CTK Open Morning – please email the school office for a space on a tour	9:30-11:30am
Wednesday 11 th	Whole School	Remembrance Day with a special assembly	11:00am
Wednesday 11 th	New INTAKE 2027	CTK Open Evening – please email the school office for a space on a tour	4:00pm -6:00pm
Friday 13 th	Whole School	Non-School Uniform Day – please bring in a bottle for the PTFA Christmas Hampers	
Friday 13 th	Whole School	M&M Theatrical Productions performing the pantomime Snow White Pantomime	1:30pm
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Whole School	"Anti- Bullying Week"	all week
Thursday 19th	New INTAKE 2027	CTK Open Morning – please email the school office for a space on a tour.	9:30-11:30am
Friday 20 th	Whole School	Christ the King Feast Day Mass and Feast Day activities	10:30am
Tuesday 24 th	Whole School	Open the book assembly	2:45pm
Friday 27 th	Whole School	Non-School Uniform Day – please bring in a perishable item for the PTFA Christmas Hampers	

CTK Dates for Terms 1 and 2

December 2026 —Term 2			
Friday 4 th	Years 2 to 6	All school led clubs finish for terms 1 and 2	
Tuesday 8 th	Years 1 and 2	Nativity Play Performance to school and families	2:00pm
Thursday 10 th	Years 1 and 2	Nativity Play Performance to families	6:30pm (children to arrive in school at 6:00pm)
Friday 11 th	EYFS – Mercury Class	Nativity Tableaux Performance to families	9:30am
Tuesday 15 th	Whole School	Christmas Carol Concert at CTK Parish Church	6:30pm
Wednesday 16 th	Whole School	Christmas Dinner and wear your Christmas jumper to school	
Thursday 17 th	Whole School	Advent Mass—all families welcome	10:00am
Thursday 17 th	Whole School	Class Christmas parties—more information to follow	pm
Friday 18 th	Whole School	End of term Celebration Assembly – all families welcome to attend	9:30am
Friday 18 th	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Day Shop	pm
Friday 18 th	Whole School	End of Term 2	3:15pm

Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027 Christmas Holidays

Term 3 starts for pupils on Monday 4th January 2027

CTK School Values:

Our School values have been created by the pupils, staff, families and Governors at Christ the King Catholic Primary School. Our values are at the heart of everything that we do and are reflected in all aspects of school life.

Each term we focus on one of our six Values of Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Honesty, Courage and Perseverance. Our values stem from Love - Love is forgiveness, sharing and kindness.

This term our School Value is **Respect**.



Information:

- Please could all children bring a coat into school everyday as the children go out to play even if it is raining, to encourage outdoor play.
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- Could all items of clothing be **named**, as we already have a growing box of lost uniform.
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- All children need to bring in a healthy snack for break times. **We are an allergy aware school including no nuts.** In Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 our lunchtime starts at 12:30pm and it is a long morning without a snack at playtime.
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- If you have any Pre-loved school uniform and would like to donate to school, please could you bring the uniform to the school office.

- All long hair must be tied back everyday.

Thank you CTK

Jewellery in school.

Many children have been wearing necklaces, non-stud earring or bracelets to school, we are concerned due to the health and safety risks or the children losing their jewellery.



Children are only allowed to wear a wrist watch and stud earrings to school. Smart watches are not allowed in school.

For PE earrings should be covered over by tape. We will ask children to remove any jewellery which is inappropriate

Thank you so much for your support with this matter.



Mobile Phones at CTK:

The welfare and well-being of our pupils is paramount, and as a school, we have a range of policies and procedures in place to support and safeguard our children.

As a primary school with young pupils, our expectation is that children are dropped off and collected at the end of the school day by an adult or responsible individual. However, we appreciate that as children get older, some parents and carers may feel that their child is ready to walk to or from school independently. We recognise that, in these circumstances, a mobile phone may play an important role in supporting a child's personal safety. It is therefore essential that the school knows which pupils are bringing a mobile phone into school. Permission must be obtained in writing from Mrs Mainwaring before your child brings a phone to school.

If your child walks to or from school independently and you would like them to bring a mobile phone, please submit a written request to Mrs Mainwaring, clearly stating the reason why your child needs to bring a phone to school. Once permission has been granted, a permission letter will be sent home outlining the rules and responsibilities. These must be discussed with your child before they bring their phone into school.

Further information can be found in our Mobile Phone Policy on the school website:

<https://www.christthekingprimary.co.uk/policies>

Important Reminders

If permission has been granted for your child to bring a mobile phone to school:

- The phone must be switched off and kept securely in the child's locker throughout the school day.
- Children will not have access to their phones at any point during the school day.
- Your child remains responsible for their phone at all times.
- The school and members of staff cannot accept responsibility for phones that are lost, damaged or broken.

We very much appreciate your support and cooperation in following these procedures. They are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT iPhone

The parental controls on iPhones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads, or purchases. Setting limitations on content ratings, Siri and web searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and safely reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to unsuitable material and information.

- Set up content rating restrictions**
 - Content filters keep your child from viewing unsuitable content. They block games, films, and TV shows with specific age ratings, and music and podcasts with explicit content.
 - 1. Open Settings
 - 2. Tap Screen Time
 - 3. Enable Content & Privacy Restrictions
 - 4. Tap Content Restrictions
 - 5. Choose the Settings for each feature you wish to restrict
- Set up web restrictions**
 - Website content filters restrict age-inappropriate content on Safari. You can also restrict certain websites or allow access only to approved ones.
 - 1. Open Settings
 - 2. Tap Screen Time
 - 3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
 - 4. Tap Content Restrictions
 - 5. Tap Web Content
 - 6. Choose between Unrestricted Access, Limit Adult Websites, and Allowed Websites Only
 - 7. Choose which websites you wish to allow/block
- Set up Siri web search restrictions**
 - You can screen out explicit language to avoid Siri displaying inappropriate results. You could also disable Siri entirely, so your child can't use it to search the web.
 - 1. Open Settings
 - 2. Tap Screen Time
 - 3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
 - 4. Tap Content Restrictions
 - 5. Tap Content Restrictions
 - 6. Scroll Down to Siri
 - 7. Choose to block either or both Web Search Content and Explicit Language

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT Android Phone

The settings on an Android device allow you to prescribe certain rules for when your child is using it. For example, you can block specific types of content to reduce the risk of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate material (music, film, explicit text, for instance, and games, TV shows or movies that are unsuitable for young people). There are two ways to access parental controls on an Android phone: through Google Play or via the Google Family Link app. You can also lock your changes behind a PIN, so your child (or anyone else) can't change them back.

- Set up parental controls with Google Family Link**
 - 1. On your phone, install Google Family Link for Parents
 - 2. Tap Open and review the information
 - 3. Tap Get Started
 - 4. Tap Next to set up your child's device
 - 5. On your child's phone, download Google Family Link for Children & Teens and enter the Family Link setup code provided
 - 6. On your phone, open the Family Link app
 - 7. Tap your child's name
 - 8. Tap Manage Settings
 - 9. Tap Controls on Google Play
 - 10. Tap the content you would like to restrict
 - 11. Choose how to filter or restrict access
- Set up parental controls with Google Play**
 - 1. Open the Play Store app
 - 2. Tap Menu (represented by three horizontal lines)
 - 3. Tap Settings
 - 4. Tap Parental Controls
 - 5. Enable Parental Controls
 - 6. Create Pin
 - 7. Tap the content you would like to restrict
 - 8. Choose how to filter or restrict access



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

- 13**: Facebook, Reddit, Google+, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Snapchat, Pinterest
- 14**: LinkedIn
- 16**: WhatsApp
- 17**: Vine, Tinder
- 18**: YouTube, Flickr

With Parents permission YouTube and Flickr can be accessed at 13

