



Christ the King Catholic Academy

Believe, Belong, Become

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BSL Exams

What an achievement. These children (and Miss Hilton) have this week taken the first of their three Level 1 British Sign Language exams. A huge well done for their dedication to learning how to sign not only over the last seven years in school but in their regular attendance of the extra “sign class” each week this year. There will be two more exams in the coming weeks and the results will be through before this group leaves in July. This is a truly unique and amazing achievement for our pupils and our school. A huge thank you goes to Eniloa, Mr Salmon, Miss Kayley Smith, Mrs Kenyon, Mr Martyn Kenyon and Mrs Helen McKann who have significantly contributed to this seven year journey.



The King's Coronation

To mark the celebrations of King Charles III's coronation, children can come to school on Friday 5th May dressed in red, white and blue.



Consultation

Thank you to those parents that contributed to the consultation on the start and end of the school day. Governors will now receive these comments and suggestions and confirm the outcome by the end of this half term. The proposed consultation stated: that the end of our school day is delayed by ten minutes. The new and proposed times would be 8.45am start and 3.15pm finish. One benefit is that our children would be in school learning longer, something that some of our working parents have requested for some time. Staff also speak of the challenges of ensuring quality curriculum coverage takes place across the wide range of subjects taught in our school. This additional time will provide an opportunity to meet this request. The timetabling of lessons means that there is now a possibility of two longer learning sessions in the afternoon, should staff wish the time to be used in this way. This proposal means that the extension of the working day would mean that our after school club time would be changed to: 3.15pm-5.15pm.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May
Strike (Please read
newsletter to see the
classes affected)

Friday 5th May
Wear Red, White &
Blue

Tuesday 9th May
Year 6 SATs Start

Tchoukball Club

We still have some spaces on tchoukball. If your child would like to join this club, please book via the ‘clubs’ section of the app. It will be after school on a Friday and finish at 4.15, it is open up for KS2 children. Here is a great link for you to get an idea of what the club is about.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4_9YOMwXjc



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Golden Book Assembly

Congratulations to all those that received a certificate this week, especially Grace S and Victoria McL who both received 2 awards!

Nursery Hannah L for settling so well into 'big school nursery' and making Mrs Schofield some lovely pictures.

Reception Shivada A-G for always making the right choice and being so well mannered and polite. What a super role model! Well done.

Alfie P for coming back to school and settling back into routine, showing us he can make the right choices and try his best. Keep it up Alfie, we are proud of you.

Year 1 Bonnie B for an exceptional start to the new term. You have worked so hard in your Maths, Maths Meet, Writing and Phonics sessions. You have also improved your phonics screening score MASSIVELY! We are so proud of your new confidence. Keep it up! :)

Archie A for being such a kind friend during our morning work sessions. Archie has been telling his whole table what to do on each activity!

Year 2 Ava C for WOWing all the teachers in Year 2 with her fabulous attitude to learning. Since coming back from Easter break Ava has been working her socks off to use her phonics to write her own story based on the Owl who was afraid of the dark. She has changed her character and has innovated words to describe them. We're so proud of you!

Ashton H for amazing Mrs Martin in phonics. He has made great progress with his reading fluency and he even read a whole page of his book during the reading time. Keep up the hard work Ashton :)

Year 3 Grace S for a massive improvement in your behaviour. Miss Mckay is so proud of you for continuing to do the right thing and make the right choices to earn your 'what a day' stickers. Keep going, Grace! Also, Mr Mitchell wants to nominate Grace for her contribution to cleaning the school grounds. She asked politely for equipment and returned with a beaming smile and two big bags of rubbish. She was supported by others, but she took the lead! Well done Grace.

Year 4 Kohiin U-F. Kohiin has impressed Mr Mitchell with his attitude towards Maths on his return from the break. Let's keep up that positivity Kohiin!

Lauryn M. Lauryn has come back to the classroom with a beaming smile and bundles of joy. She really has lit up the classroom. Keep shining brightly Lauryn!

Year 5 Joey J. Joey has been completing all his homework and all his home reading on a regular basis. We are so impressed with his attitude to his learning outside of school and love how proud he is when he has completed everything - keep it up, Joey!

Emily Mc. Emily bravely told us her definition of an angle, even when she wasn't feeling completely confident and it was excellent. Well done, Emily!

Year 6 Eva S. (Nominated by Miss Calvert) for your dedication to supporting reading in Year One. We are so grateful that you reliably come to the classroom everyday to help. I know Willow loves reading with you! :) Thank you Eva!

Victoria McL for attentive listening in lessons and gaining confidence in giving her answers. Victoria is trying so hard. She is more focused in lessons. Keep it up!

Beatrice & Victoria McL for going above and beyond without being asked. Beatrice and Victoria are always looking after our classroom. They tidy up without being asked and do jobs an adult would usually be left to do. They are extremely helpful!





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Nursery Starters

Last week we welcomed 4 new nursery children to our school. Allannah F-J, Oakley K, Hannah L, Elisha R and Dara O. They have all settled in really well.

Dance Stars

Well done to the following children for receiving the dance star of the week. Last Wednesday 19th April Eva S and Lillie-Mae A received an award for always working hard in every lesson. This week, Pixie H and Lauryn M for an improvement in their tricks! Well done for practising everyday.



Year 3 Water Park Trip

Yesterday, Year 3 went on a trip to Water Park Lakeland Adventure Centre. They have been orienteering, climbing up some steep hills and wading through muddy watery woods. They returned exhausted, rosy cheeked and happy. A huge thank you to the staff and parent helpers that attended, Mr Hatjoulis, Miss McKay, Mrs Walwyn, Miss Dunnett, Mr McNamee, Mr McLeod and Seb's mum Penny. These fabulous people give above and beyond what is expected in a school day. These experiences are wonderful opportunities for our pupils and would not be able to take place if the staff were not willing to give so generously. Thank you also team Water Park for making it such a wonderful day too.





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Tempest

Your child should have come home with their school photos yesterday or today. Some children will have come home with their sibling photographs too. If your child is in Year 6 they would have also brought home a whole class photo, if you would like to purchase one please get the orders back to school by next Friday (this only applies to the Year 6 class photos not individual or sibling photos)



Strike

As you will be aware from information in the news the NEU is intending to take strike action next week on Tuesday 2nd May 2023. This action is because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues in our school.

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

School will be open for pupils in the following year groups: Nursery, and Years 3 & 4. It will NOT be open for Year 5.

If your child is in **Reception, or Years 1, 2 and 6** we are unable, at this point, to confirm if school will be open for your child. That said, we will confirm details by 8.30am on Tuesday morning. If school is open for your child we would expect you to make your way to school at that time. We will be flexible with an extended registration for those children living some distance away. If your child is in Reception, or Years 1, 2 and 6 and would normally attend breakfast club, they may still do so, but if their class is closed for learning they would then need to be collected by 9am. Those teachers that are not striking will deliver learning as normal and the school day will be based on normal times.

Pupils who are entitled to free school meals (if their class is closed) will be able to collect a packed lunch from the kitchen at 11.30am on the day of the strike. Please come to the office where they can be collected.

Although this action will cause disruption to school and parents, it is important that our teaching staff are allowed to exercise their right to strike. I ask all members of our community to continue to treat each other with respect.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school in person, or via email on ssm@ctkacademy.co.uk or ssm@sccacademy.co.uk

Ascent Opening Day

Ascent will be holding a high school opening day event. This gives children the chance to meet others who will also be attending their high school in September. Food and jump socks are included in the 1 hour and 30 mins of activities. If your child is attending St Mary's, the event will be held on Tues 15th August, Hodgson Academy, Tuesday 1st August and Cardinal Allen High School will be held on Thursday 24th August. All these events will start at 5:30 but please arrive at 5pm to get checked in. For more information you can email Ascent on info@ascenttrampolinepark.co.uk or telephone them on **01253 768868**.

