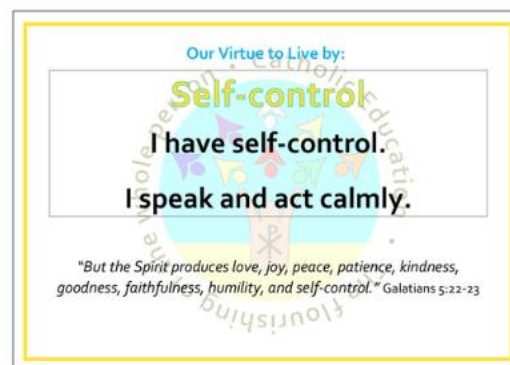




## Newsletter for the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February



## Our Virtue to Live by this week is



## School Council Parliament

Our School Council enjoyed their visit to Parliament just before the half term break. It was an excellent opportunity for them to explore, learn about the history of parliament and speak to our local MP Rachel Reeves. A huge thank you to Miss Wilson for organising such a wonderful opportunity for our pupils!



## Lenten Project 2024

Every year, in the tradition of Lenten Almsgiving, alongside our Parish, we collect for Catholic good causes, supporting the work of a Catholic Charity. In light of the closure of the Little Sisters of the Poor (Mount St Joseph's) we will support their fundraising appeal this Lent. Sister Christina visited us in school this week to talk about the heart-breaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC was found in 95% of the roof. During Lent, there will be an array of opportunities for us all to fundraise including a disco, non-uniform day, Mother's Day lunch and an Easter Egg raffle. Watch this space!



## Times of Holy Mass

### Christ The King Church

Sunday 11:00 am  
Weekdays – See Bulletin  
Holy Days – See Bulletin

### Holy Family Church

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:30am  
Weekdays – see Bulletin  
Holy Days – see Bulletin

Further information can be found on

<https://www.christtheking-holyfamily.org.uk/#masstimes>

## Collective Worship Dates for Spring 2

Year 1  
6<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6  
13<sup>th</sup> March

Passion Play  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
March at 2pm

### Valentine's Disco

There were lots of smiles in school this week as our pupils enjoyed the Valentine's Disco in the school hall. The children (and staff!) enjoyed dancing, singing and having a great time with their friends whilst raising just over £200 towards our Lenten fundraising appeal! Thank you everyone!



### First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Holy Communion for baptised Catholic children in Year 4 and above who have made their First Reconciliation (First Confession) will begin at Christ the King church in early March.

If you wish your child to take part in the preparation programme, please email [catechist.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:catechist.christtheking@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) with your child's name and date of Baptism and First Reconciliation by Wednesday 28th February at the latest. You will then be sent full details of the preparation programme.

### School Holidays 2024-2025

Please note the school holidays for the 2024-2025 academic year are available to view on our school website. Please aim to book family holidays when school is closed to minimise gaps in your child's learning. Thank you for your continued support with improving attendance across school.

### Message from Father Neil (Blessing of Easter Baskets)

**Swieçonka:** Meaning "the blessing of the Easter baskets", is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday during Easter. This year, we will mark Swieconka which is the traditional Polish blessing of Easter food. Traditionally, the baskets include an egg to symbolise new life, bread to symbolise the Eucharist, lamb to symbolise the paschal Victim, salt for purification, horseradish to symbolise bitterness and ham to symbolise abundance. These are brought to church in decorated baskets and blessed by the priest in anticipation of the Easter feast. If you haven't seen this before, do come along to **Christ the King Church on Holy Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> March) at 12noon & 1pm at Holy Family Church.**



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
February**  
School Reopens

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February**  
Sister Christina visits  
school to launch  
Lenten Project work

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
February**  
Parent/Carer  
consultation  
evening

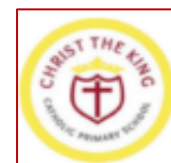
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
February**  
Parent/Carer  
consultation  
evening

**w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Science Week

**w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
March**  
Holy Week

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
School closes at  
1.30pm

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
Swieçonka  
Christ the King  
Church on Holy  
Saturday at 12noon  
& 1pm at  
Holy Family Church.





### Attendance

Well done to Kindness Class who are our attendance champions this week with a fantastic 98.21% attendance. Our youngest pupils in school are certainly leading by example with both Reception & Year 1 leading with green attendance this week!

Every single day makes a difference to your child's future. As a school, we are working hard to close attainment gaps and we can only do this with your support. We hope to see significant improvement in Years 2-6 next week.

Attendance	
Joy	97.24%
Kindness	98.21%
Generosity	94%
Patience	93.33%
Peace	94.17%
Faithfulness	94.14%

### Weekly Awards

This week, the following pupils have demonstrated the virtue of 'Love of Neighbour'. Well done for displaying virtuous behaviour in school this week! Congratulations to those pupils who achieved 'Star of the Week' status this week too! Well done everyone!

Star of the Week	
Joy	Gabriel J & Nell
Kindness	George & Julia
Generosity	Kaspian & Victoria
Patience	Belicia & Serenity
Peace	Polina & Obinna
Faithfulness	Harper & Denver

Virtue	
Joy	Michael
Kindness	Norah
Generosity	Lea
Patience	Whole Class
Peace	Ashlee
Faithfulness	Robert

### Mother's Day Ladies Lunch (booking essential)

To celebrate the role of the special ladies in our lives, we would like to invite parents/ carers or relatives to attend a Ladies Lunch in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. A delicious roast lunch will be served (vegetarian options available) followed by a sweet treat at the cost of just £2.70. Spaces are limited with only one adult per family being able to attend. Please see Class Dojo for further information.



Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Waide

### Safeguarding Team

Our Safeguarding Team work closely together to ensure that our children, and their families are safe.

Please speak to a member of the team, should you have any concerns about the safety of a child.

Our team includes Mrs. Waide, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Aslanbeigi, Miss Riggs, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Clancy-Taylor.

### Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

A message was sent from Teachers to Parents' this week. Please ensure you sign up for a consultation session on the following dates:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Or

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

