

Christ The King School Summary for the P.P.C. Annual General Meeting April 2026

Christ the King parish school has enjoyed another very good year. High academic standards have been consistently delivered throughout the year reflecting in the development of the children as measured in their national assessment tests. New curriculums including the next stage of the Religious Education curriculum from the diocese have successfully been rolled out. Pupil behaviours are excellent and are often positively referred to by outside agencies when they visit the school.

The pupil admission number for the school is 30 and again this year our school is oversubscribed. The school is full and has waiting lists for most years in key stage 2. This is not the case for all primary schools in Thornbury, a number of which are undersubscribed. Our school continues to be popular not just for the strong ethos and school life but also the high standards of teaching in the classrooms.

Father Frank with Deacons Lawrence and Kingsley are welcome frequent visitors to the school. Whole school mass and class masses are said throughout the year. The children take a very active part in mass celebrations, from altar servers to readers, choir and leading prayer with sign language. There have been a growing number of parishioners attending mass at school and as many as 35 on occasion. Holy week was a particularly busy time for the school with all classes holding an assembly on their own day of the week, culminating in the stations of the cross led by year 6 class.

Catholic social teaching is very evident throughout the school year and is intertwined in the life of the school. The children are very engaged in trying to do good for others in particular the less well off. The chaplaincy team are strong in leading the school on a number of these events. Whether it be harvest celebrations and the distribution of food afterwards or supporting the homeless by collecting blankets, sleeping bags and clothing to be distributed in Bristol.

The school is very fortunate to have an active P.T.F.A. who have raised funds over recent years for various projects. Last year raised over £4k to fund the blinds in the school hall and classrooms. The governing body have been working closely with the Diocese Property department and with their support have been able to refurbish the school over the last four years. Including a new kitchen, ceilings, flooring throughout the school, heating system and upgrading all doors to fire safety standards.

The month of May celebrations will see the chaplaincy team lead the rosary on Wednesday lunch times and the school crowning of Mary. Our year six children will be taking their SATS at the end of the month so please keep them in your prayers so that every single child can do their very best.

Thank you all for your support over the year in particular volunteers that are helping with readers. This is always needed and we are very grateful for all the help that comes from the parish.

We wish you all a great year ahead and ask that you keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in ours.

God Bless

Christ the King School Governing Body.