

# HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL-MAY  
2024



'In every child there is a space that only God can fill.'  
Our School Mission Statement

## Diary Dates

**w/c 29th April: Courage**

Tues 30th April: FHT Chocolate Bingo Time  
TBC on Dojo

Friday 3rd May: Reconciliation and  
Adoration in School

**w/c 6th May: Our Lady**

Mon 6th May: BANK HOLIDAY

Thurs 9th May: Ascension Day Mass in  
Church 9:30am all welcome. **Holy Day of  
Obligation**

Fri 10th May: Crowning of Our Lady  
Liturgical Prayer led by Y4 school hall.  
Time TBC on Dojo.

**w/c 13th May: Missionary Discipleship**

**Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May Y6  
SATs Tests – full attendance needed**

**w/c 20th May: Pentecost**

Tue 21st May: Chess Tournament hosted  
by Holy Trinity 2:30pm

Wed 22nd May – Fri 24th May Y6  
Residential Visit to the Briars

Fri 24th May – Whole School Retreat Day,  
Holy Trinity theme

Official Opening of new School Chapel by  
Bishop Patrick 2pm in school. Parents  
welcome

## Welcome to the Pentecost Term!

We have had a really great start to the new term with so much  
going on already!

The Y3/4 children returned from their PGL Residential last Friday  
with such happy, joyful faces! They had an absolutely wonderful  
time taking part in all sorts of exciting adventurous experiences!  
Thank you so much to Mrs Francis for organising and leading this  
and to all the staff who attended in order to give the children such  
a wonderful opportunity. The Y6 children are looking forward to  
their Residential Visit to the Briars later on this term.

The Scrap Shed has now been re-launched providing the children  
with creative and imaginative play opportunities at break time  
and lunchtime. It has been fantastic to see their various dens and  
structures that they have created using different scrap items.  
Great team work children!

At the end of this week, Mrs Meredith will begin her maternity leave  
– not long now until baby twins arrive! So we wish Mrs Meredith as  
much rest as she can get over the next few weeks; and when the  
time comes, a very safe arrival of her babies. Parents of Y1/2M will  
be updated as to the teaching organisation of Mrs Meredith's  
class for the next term ahead on Dojo.

I hope you enjoy our 'new look' Newsletter! As always and as well  
as this, both myself and the staff will continue to post regular  
updates on Class Dojo. Do also follow us on Facebook where you  
will see regular posts and other events too.

As ever, my door is always open should you need anything. Just  
drop me a message on Dojo or catch me on the Church Carpark  
gate in the morning. Do read on to find out more...

Wishing your wonderful children a fabulous term ahead!  
Mrs Julia Summers  
Head Teacher

## Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship Updates

Our Chaplaincy Team have made an excellent start to the new term and have been planning Prayer Stations for the children to take part in around school. The theme for each station links with each Word of the Week themes for the term. We can't wait to see what they come up with. These are always so well received by the children across the school during our Retreat Days so it is going to be wonderful to have these available for children's personal prayer throughout the term. We hope to invite parents and parishioners in to experience these too. Please keep a look out for further details.

A message from our School Chaplains, Clare and Luke about the **Year of Prayer:**

Dear families,

Looking ahead to the Jubilee Year of Prayer in 2025, we are encouraged to explore, extend and excite our own prayer lives by focusing on prayer in new or varied ways. As a diocese, we are encouraged to listen to and pray the Our Father in all the languages available to us.

**We would like to invite you to create an artistic version of the prayer on A4 paper. Designs can be a celebration of the prayer in every language spoken in your family home, as well as writing modern-day interpretations of the prayer.**

**Please ensure designs are in school by Wednesday 8th May, so that they can be collected and collated by the Chaplains and sent to the Diocese.**

We look forward to seeing your designs and encourage you to spend time praying this beautiful prayer as family and as a school community.

In addition, Mrs Dawson and Mr Westerman are collaboratively working on a special film which celebrates the Our Father in different languages. They invite families who have English as an additional language to take part in this film, recording a line of the Our Father in their home language. Mrs Dawson will be in touch with families about this shortly.

## School Community Prayer Garden Update

We are really excited, now that all of the RAAC building work has been completed, to be able to now open our new School Community Prayer Garden; which as well as our newly refurbished School Chapel will provide further space for personal prayer and acts of worship. This has been able to take place through the use of the Trust's Sacred Spaces funding which we have greatly benefitted from. Do take a look when you drop your child off or collect them after school. All of our community, families as well as parishioners who use our grounds for car parking at the weekends for Mass, are very welcome to post a Prayer Intention in our new post box or write a prayer on our new Prayer Wall. We really look forward to seeing this in action. Many thanks to the children who contributed to its design. It is great to see this now taking shape.



## Celebration of the Word Updates

The children across the school are so confident in leading their own Class Liturgical Prayer, and it is always a joy to take part in these special moments of reflection with the children. Our Upper Key Stage 2 children are now developing their skills in leading meditation as part of these, which they are now beginning to write themselves; leading the rest of the Key Stage in quiet reflection linked to the scripture focus.

### Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter:

Please click here:

<https://www.holytrinitynewark.org.uk/church/notice1.pdf>

## Attendance and Punctuality Updates

**Whole School Attendance since September is as follows:**

F2P 87%  
F2/Y1K: 92%  
Y1/2M: 94%  
Y2E: 95%  
Y3/4W: 96%  
Y3G: 94%  
Y4F: 97%  
Y5BH: 94%  
Y5/6W: 93%  
Y5/6DM: 94%



Well done to all in Mrs Francis' class – they are going to take some beating by the end of the year, however, some classes are not too far off! Our overall whole school attendance for statutory school age children sits at 94.3% which is broadly in line with the National Average. Please continue to prioritise your child's good school attendance!

### **Punctuality Reminders:**

Please be reminded that school starts at:

8:35am for Nursery Children  
8:40am for F2 and Y1 and Y2 children  
8:45am for Y3–6 children

### **Every single second of learning counts.**

Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time.

Holidays in Term Time cannot be authorised except in Exceptional Circumstances. Please make any requests well in advance so that we can advise you as to how to avoid a Penalty Notice (fines) which are issued for more than 3 days unauthorised absence from school. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the School Website for full details.

## Food in School

Children in F2 to Y2 are entitled to a free school meal every day, and Simy our School Chef is absolutely wonderful, providing nutritiously delicious meals every day. Look out for the menus on Dojo or the website. If your children prefer Packed Lunches, please remember that we are a Nut Free school.

Thank you!

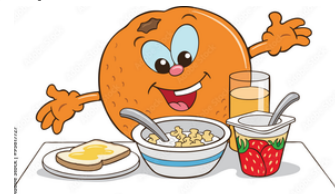


## Breakfast Club and After School Club Reminders

**The popular Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am until 8:45am, Monday to Friday, term time.**

A healthy breakfast is served with a range of fun activities to do too!

Booking forms are available from the school office. Booking and payments should be made in advance please



**Our popular After School Club is also open Monday to Friday, 3:15 – 5:45pm. Please contact Mrs Poole on: 07852463028 or the school office**

Booking forms are available in the Main Entrance or via Mrs Poole detailing costs and discounts. Healthy snack included, along with lots of fun activities to enjoy!

Booking and payments should be made in advance please

### **School Uniform**

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards with our school uniform.

**BOYS:** Red jumper with school logo, school tie, white shirt, grey trousers or shorts, grey/black socks, black shoes – no trainers or boots please

**GIRLS:** Red jumper/cardigan with school logo, school tie, white shirt, grey skirt/ pinafore /trousers, grey/red tights or white socks. Red gingham dress in the summer. Black shoes – no trainers or boots please. Hair bobbles in school colours

**PE Kit:** White T Shirt, Red/black shorts, plimsolls or trainers, plain tracksuit in the winter for outdoor PE, Holy Trinity hoodie optional. **Hoodies are only worn on PE days and are NOT part of our main school uniform so should not be worn instead of a tie and jumper on non PE days.**

**Jewellery:** No jewellery other than an ordinary watch (not a Smart watch) and stud earrings are allowed in school; and these need removing on PE days.

Please make sure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name – thank you!



## Sporting Success!

Many congratulations to our boys' football team who were crowned champions of the league for the very first time following a series of impressive wins:

7-0 win at Bishop Alexander, an 8-3 win away at Bleasby in the rain, and an 11-0 win against Christ Church! Our journey also saw victories such as a 3-1 win at Chuter Ede, a thrilling 1-0 win against Farndon to start the season, another 1-0 win against Kings, and a close 2-1 win against Muskham. We even had a hard-fought 0-0 draw at Lovers Lane. So proud of you all!

Our school netball team also had a fantastic victory in their tournament recently! Despite being new to the sport, their hard work and determination shone through on the court. We're incredibly proud of them for this amazing achievement!

## Foundation Stage Big Build!

Many thanks to all of the parents who joined in with Foundation 2 children's Big Build designing and making a dragon! I think the parents enjoyed themselves just as much as the children did and were certainly very competitive! It is so wonderful to have your support and to work in partnership with you as your child's first educators. Take a look at some of these wonderful creations!



## PGL Residential Pics!



## More PGL Residential Pics!

