



# HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2024

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



## Diary Dates

**Friday 20th December:** 2pm Christingle Service in church - all welcome

**Friday 20th December** - break up for Christmas Holidays

**Monday 6th January** - Back to school

**Friday 17th January** - Whole School Mass 9:30am, led by UKS2 children; all welcome

**Friday 24th January** - launch of the church's Jubilee Year in schools; Retreat Day

w/c 10th February - Aspirations Week in school

**Tuesday 11th February** - Internet Safety Day

**Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February** - Parents' Evenings, all year groups. 11th Feb online, 12th Feb in school

**Thursday 13th February** - break up for half term

**Friday 14th February** - Trust INSET day; School Closed for children

**Monday 24th February** - Back to school for Lent 2 Term

**Wednesday 5th March** - Ash Wednesday. KS2 Mass in church; 9:30am - all welcome

**Friday 7th March** - World Book Day in school

Dear Parents/Carers

What an exciting term this has been with so much going on in school.

We have spent the last few weeks during this Season of Advent, preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. All of the children, in one way or another have taken part in presenting this special message. Year 5 and 6 led us in a beautiful Advent Service, which culminated in beautiful spontaneous singing from all of them. Foundation stage and in Key Stage 1 led wonderful Nativity Plays. It takes so much courage to stand up and perform in front of an audience. All of the children sang beautifully and presented the true meaning of Christmas to us all in a very special way. Enormous thanks to all the staff who have worked so tirelessly to make these happen! We look forward to the Y3/4 Christingle Service which is a firm favourite amongst our whole community on Friday afternoon - many thanks in advance to Year 3 and 4 children - we know you will be wonderful!

Many congratulations to Mrs Smith who won the category of 'Exceptional Practitioner Award' as part of the Early Years and Family Hubs Annual Awards - a special framed certificate arrived in the post and was presented in our special end of term assembly this week.

Many thanks to all of our amazing staff for all their continued commitment and dedication to our Holy Trinity family this term. It's been a really wonderful term with so much going on and everyone is really ready for a very well deserved break over Christmas.

Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing support for your child's education. I wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas with your families; and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and raring to go again on Monday 6th January 2025!

Kind regards  
Mrs Julia Summers  
Head Teacher





## In November, we remembered...

The children have had opportunities to lead the Prayer Life of the school in many different ways this term. Back in November, the children in UKS2 led a special Mass, the Y3/4 children led a reflective Remembrance Day service and some of the older children attended Newark's Remembrance Service in town and laid a special wreath. Many thanks to all the families who participated by sending in special poppies – your loved ones were remembered with us and on display in special wreaths in our School Chapel throughout November.



## This term's prize winners!

Congratulations to the children in St Clare's House who won this half-term's house point reward.

Well done to Olivia, Lucy, Silvan and Daniele, who were the winners of our Christmas tree decoration competition. Our Y6 House Captains had a tricky time judging all of the wonderful entries!

Congratulations to Elaina, Jessica and Anika, who were the winners of this term's Reading Reward and all won a £5 gift voucher.



## 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 MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE**  
**We reserve the right to withdraw children's places at both clubs if payments have not been made.**

## Christmas Fayre Fun!

Thank you so much to our wonderful new FHT members who went all out and organised an absolutely amazing Christmas Fayre for our whole community. Over £1000 was raised in just over an hour which is an absolutely incredible amount and we are so, so grateful as all of the funds raised is going towards an outdoor classroom for the children to benefit from. We are very nearly there with the reaching the total, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our previous FHT team too; so well done and thank you to everyone. Thank you so much to all the families who attended this wonderful community event!



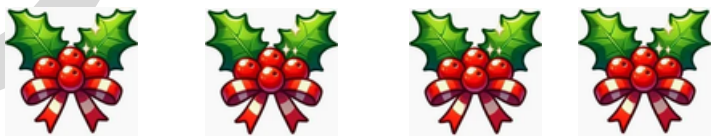


## Mount St Bernard Abbey Visit



Earlier this term, some of the children in Year 5 and 6 visited Mount St Bernard Abbey to meet Fr Joseph and talk to him about his vocation as a monk as part of their Vocation and Commitment RE Topic. The children were truly in awe of his commitment, finding out that he and the other monks who live there get up at 3am and pray 7 times a day.

They found Fr Joseph to be an inspirational person and his support and information truly helped to enhance their learning back at school. If you'd like to watch the film that they created, please click on the following link:



### Everyone in Welcome to Holy Trinity Church... Christmas Mass Times 2024

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December 2024  
5.00pm Holy Trinity Newark - First Mass of Christmas  
(Children's Mass)

6.30pm St Joseph's, New Ollerton

11.30pm Holy Trinity Newark - Carols and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December 2024

09.00am Our Lady of Victories, Southwell

10.00am St Joseph's, New Ollerton

11.00am Holy Trinity, Newark

St Stephen's Day - Thursday 26th November 2024

9.30am Our Lady of Victories, Southwell

7.00pm Holy Trinity, Newark

### Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter:

Please click here:

<https://www.holytrinitynewark.org.uk/church/notices1.pdf>

## Multi-Cultural Education

We celebrated a great Multi-Cultural Education week earlier in the term and the children created some absolutely amazing pieces of homework which were displayed in a mini exhibition in the hall, organised by our wonderful International Ambassadors who are led by Mrs Dawson. The children judged the entries and announced the following winners: Olivia in FS; Julia in KS1; Harry in LKS2 and Diya in UKS2. After Christmas, some of the wonderful work will be displayed in the hall for all to enjoy. Many thanks to all parents for your support with this. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful, diverse community and can celebrate our cultural heritage together.



## Advent Service Choir

Well done to our fabulous Advent Service Choir who sang so beautifully at the recent Three Churches Advent Service held at Holy Trinity. The children sang various hymns as parishioners entered, and sang two fantastic songs as a choir in front of the congregation. They sounded fantastic and everyone was so incredibly proud of them! So many people commented on how professional they sounded!! Many thanks to them and their families for supporting this parish event and of course, to Mrs Durney for leading them so brilliantly!





## Fabulous Foundation Stage!

The children in the Foundation Stage are always up to something exciting; and it's been so wonderful to have such great support from our families who have been involved in their child's learning this term. Thank you so much for coming along and supporting the various Family Friday afternoon sessions which always go down so well and also Foundation 2's recent Big 'Hibernation' Build.



## Head Lice!

Head Lice is a common problem in schools but together we can make sure that these are kept in check.

Please help by:

- Tying long hair up in a pony tail or plaits
- Combing conditioner through wet hair regularly as a preventative measure
- Checking your child's hair regularly
- Treating any head lice found quickly with special treatment purchased at from the chemist

Many thanks!



## School Uniform Reminders

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

Just a reminder that **School 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.**

**Black school shoes please – trainers for PE only.**

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

**Hair accessories should be in school colours only please – red, black, blue, grey or white.**

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

We have lots of second hand uniform available in school for just £1 per piece – do ask in the School Office.



## A Special Visitor!

Back in November the children were very excited to have a special visit from Pudsey Bear himself on Children in Need Day! Many thanks to all families – we raised over £150 for the charity!





## After School and Lunch Clubs

We have a great range of clubs on offer to the children at Holy Trinity. The children who take part in Chess Club attended the first tournament of the year at Barnby Road where the A Team came 3rd overall, and the B Team came 4th. There's only a couple of points between second and first places so there's all to play for later in the year. A huge well done to Hubi and Filip for winning all three of their matches - they were presented with a special medal to celebrate their success!



Warhammer Club, led by Mr Murfin have enjoyed a variety of enrichment opportunities this term taking part in competitions and visits. Huge congratulations to Sara for winning the latest competition!



The children in Lego club, led by Mr Westerman, have had a wonderful time working on their various creations showing perseverance and determination in their projects.

Netball team have had a fantastic term, led so well by Miss Bursztyn and Miss Spellman and we look forward to them representing the school again later in the year.

Football clubs led by Premier Education continue to be really popular as does Irish Dancing. There are spaces in Irish Dancing for after Christmas, so please contact the office for further information.

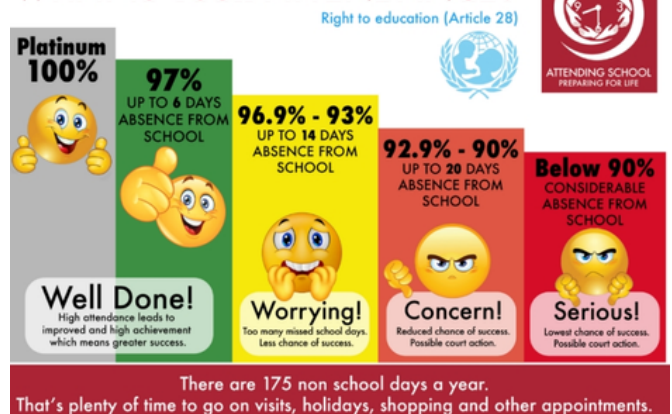
After Christmas, our Sports Clubs on Mondays and Fridays led by Premier Education will focus on Dodgeball and Gymnastics. Please refer to Dojo messages for the link to sign up!

## Attendance Continued...

Below is a break down of this term's attendance: 95.4% is the National Average to date this year and we sit at **94.1%** which is higher than Advent 1 but lower than National. As you can see, many classes are below and there is work to be done to improve it, so that your child meets their learning potential:

<b>F2: 83.9%</b>	<b>F2/Y1K: 91%</b>
<b>Y1/2E: 92.2%</b>	<b>Y2F: 94.7%</b>
<b>Y3G: 94.3%</b>	<b>Y3/4WD: 95.5%</b>
<b>Y4F: 97%</b>	<b>Y5BH: 95.2%</b>
<b>Y5/6W: 92.2%</b>	<b>Y6DM: 95%</b>

### WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



**A HUGE WELL DONE TO EVERYONE IN MRS FRANCIS' CLASS FOR WINNING THIS TERM'S ATTENDANCE!**

Please value your child's good school attendance. A gentle reminder that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Any requests for Leave of Absence in exceptional circumstances need making in advance. Please always ask so that we can advise you as to how to avoid being issued with a Penalty Notice (fine).

## Travelling Crib!

Many thanks to all of the families who took part in our Travelling Crib this Advent. The Chaplaincy Team shared these with classes at the beginning of Advent and it's been wonderful to see so many families engaging with this. If you still have a Travelling Crib at home please send them back so we can enjoy it again next year!

