



HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

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



Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd April – Holy Week Retreat Day in school. Reconciliation and Adoration for KS2

Friday 4th April – Stations of the Cross and Crucifixion Service 10:30am in church – all welcome

Friday 4th April – break up for the Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April – Back to School!

Tuesday 22nd April – Class Photos

Wed 23rd April – Fri 25th April – Y4 PGL Residential Visit

Friday 25th April – Mary's Meals charity workshops

Monday 5th May – BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 9th May – Crowning of Our Lady. Wear something blue for Mary's Meals Charity

w/c 12th May – Y6 SATS TESTS

21st – 23rd May Y6 Residential visit to the Briars

Friday 23rd May – Break up for Half Term

Monday 2nd June – Back to school!

5th June – RISE Theatre Workshops in school

w/c 9th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check week

w/c 9th and 16th June – Y4 Times Table Check Week

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another busy term at Holy Trinity with lots going on – do read on to find out more!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Parents' Evenings sessions just before half term. It was, as usual, wonderful to welcome you all and continue our partnership with you as your child's first educators. Working in such good partnership really does make a difference to your child's learning and progress.

Thank you as well for giving your feedback via our Parental Questionnaire. We had 112 responses which is very much appreciated. All of your responses have been considered and valued by our Senior Leadership Team – the response has been shared on Dojo.

Thank you for your support with my recent plea in providing a healthy snack at break time for the KS2 children, or a small amount of spending money for our healthy tuck shop. Please avoid sending sweets or chocolate into school. A gentle reminder too that we are a nut free school.

Some of the children have represented the school wonderfully in various sporting events and tournaments this term – football, netball and chess – well done to all of them! Win, lose or draw – we are proud of you all!

Please be reminded about the road closure on Boundary Road starting over the Easter Break – I'll post further updates as I know more on Dojo.

Many thanks for your ongoing support for your child's education. Thank you as well to our dedicated staff for all that they have done to support the children this term – they are ready for a very well deserved break. I wish you a very Happy Easter with your families and friends and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and raring to go again for the Pentecost Term on Tuesday 22nd April; with their biggest smiles for their Class Photos!

Kind regards
Mrs Julia Summers
Head Teacher



Lent at Holy Trinity

The three Lenten themes of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving have had focus in school over the past few weeks. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, where KS2 attended a special Mass and received ashes on their foreheads. EYFS and KS1 had a special ashes service led by Fr Michael in the afternoon. During our Celebrations of the Word we have reflected on all the different ways to pray; we have together created a whole school prayer reflecting on what we can 'fast on or feast on' during Lent. We also discussed similarities between Christianity and Islam, making connections with fasting that some of our Muslim friends were taking part in during Ramadan. We have also learnt more about and prayed for the work of the various different charities that we support. KS2 children took part in the Big Lent Walk around Sconce Park, raising money for Cafod and the YMCA's homelessness appeal. This week Y3 and Y4 children have presented a beautiful Easter Play sharing the important message of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross on Good Friday and the Good News of his Resurrection at Easter. We will end the week with a Holy Week Retreat Day, with Prayer Stations and outdoor stations of the cross led by the Chaplaincy Team, an opportunity for KS2 children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and take part in Adoration; and on Friday we end with a special Stations of the Cross and Crucifixion service led by our Y5/6 children - all welcome 10:30am in church.

St Patrick's and St Joseph's Day

We celebrated a Whole School Mass for St Patrick and St Joseph on Thursday 20th March led by KS1 children. This was the first time that our younger children have led the readings at Mass this year and they did so wonderfully well, thanks to the preparation from their teachers. They reminded us of the example set by both of these great saints and encouraged us to follow the example that they set. As usual, the children were fantastically behaved in church and sang beautifully. Well done to all the children who took part!



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.

Forest School Update

Just before the February Half Term we bid a fond farewell and thank you to Mrs Smith who has been our Forest School lead for many years. She left us with a wonderful legacy but a hard act to follow! Thankfully however Mrs Willis is in the process of completing her Forest School training and is eager to maintain, develop and enhance the wonderful provision that we have at Holy Trinity. Ecoland sessions have still gone ahead and will continue to do so at regular intervals throughout the year particularly when there are wider curriculum links to be made. There will no doubt be more updates to follow as we develop our great award winning outdoor space and we look forward to sharing these with you in due course!



Parish Lenten Prayer Stations

We are always very proud of the children in our Chaplaincy Team and particularly when they evaluate what they do and make suggestions for improvement. Following their recent evaluations they wanted an opportunity to share their Prayer Stations with their parents and others.

As part of the Synod Action Plan was to encourage inter-generational engagement, it was agreed that the children could set their Lenten Prayer Stations up in church and offer these prayer opportunities to parents and parishioners, which they did earlier this week. We were SO incredibly proud of them.

They set up their own Prayer Stations with confidence and led the adults in prayer in an engaging manner so articulately – there are many adults who would not have this skill! They are developing such wonderful life long skills – thank you so much children and to Mrs Webster, Mrs Richards, Mrs Allen and Mrs Cassidy as well as our Trust Chaplain, Clare for supporting them with this, and we look forward to an opportunity to do this again soon!

Thank you to all parents and parishioners who attended and supported our children – a truly wonderful partnership!



Parking and walking to school

Please remember to park respectfully in the church and Sconce Car Parks. Please also remind older children that if they walk to school by themselves to come straight to school and wait inside the school gates either at the front of school or on the playground.



Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter:

Please click here:

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

Chicks 'going cheap' for Cafod

We are once again very pleased to have been able to sell Cadbury's Creme Egg chicks for Cafod as part of our Lenten Almsgiving. The lady who knits them is now in her nineties and has been doing so in aid of Cafod for over 20 years! What a remarkable lady!

Thank you to everyone who supported this great charity in buying a chick and also to all the Y5/6 team who stuck on the eyes and beaks!



Synagogue Visit

Some of the Year 6 children took part in a visit to the Nottingham Liberal Synagogue last week to enhance their learning about Other Faiths and in this case Judaism.

Earlier in the term, three representatives from Holy Trinity along with Mr Westerman attended the Trust Synod – a gathering of staff and children from across all schools in the Trust to discern and discuss how we, as a faith community, can be more outward facing and welcoming and inclusive to everyone. One of the actions was to learn more about and engage with people of other faiths and this was an excellent opportunity to put the Synodal actions into practice.

The children learnt so much about special artefacts for the Jewish people and how they worship. It was great to be able to see for real some of the things that they and already learnt about in school and the importance of respecting the views of others as part of our British values and work on Protected Characteristics.

Thank you to the children who took part, who represented our school so respectfully.



FHT and Chocolate Bingo Fun!

A great time was had by all at the recent FHT Chocolate Bingo thanks to all the donations of chocolate received from families the previous week. We raised £491 which will go towards new playground equipment enhancing our very popular Scrap Shed.

Thanks to the generosity of families over the past several years we have raised enough funds for an outdoor classroom which can be used at lunchtimes too for quiet activities. We can't wait to see it being installed.

Thanks to the kind generosity of a very kind grandparent, we have a fabulous Easter Hamper, full of Easter eggs and treats, to raffle off. It is on display in the office if you would like to take a look.



The tickets are £1 each and the lucky winner will be announced on Friday 4th April.

Some tickets have already been sent home and more are available in the office - please complete and return to school if you would like a chance to win. Good Luck and thank you!

Eco Team Update

A couple of representatives from our Eco Team have attended the Trust's first Eco Council meeting along with Mrs Hayes. They were able to raise important issues such as reducing single use plastics in all of the schools in the Trust. The Eco Team will be promoting the switching off of electrical items in class over lunchtimes and announcing the winners at Celebration Assemblies. Their work links brilliantly with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Stewardship following Pope Francis challenge in Laudato Si to look after God's wonderful world. Please support this by only sending your child to school with a reusable water bottle - 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 - do ask in the School Office.



Parish Ambassadors

Well done to these fabulous children for leading the readings so beautifully a few Sundays ago at Mass. So many people commented on what wonderful ambassadors they were for our school and parish and how fantastically they read. We are incredibly proud of them all and many thanks to their families for such great support too!



Disability Awareness

Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Kille who very kindly spent a day with us before the February Half Term, delivering special assemblies and workshops to help promote the children's understanding of what it is like to live with blindness as well as promoting the importance of respecting difference and not judging or having perceptions of what people can and cannot do. The children were truly filled with awe. Thank you so much for generously giving of your time to promote this very important message - the children really loved all the activities provided!



World Book Day Fun!

We all had a great time celebrating World Book Day last month. Thank you so much for your support with the fantastic costumes. We enjoyed a wonderful assembly sharing costumes and the children had a great time during the day engaging in Reading activities. The older children particularly enjoyed an opportunity to read to the Nursery children, which they enjoyed in equal measure!

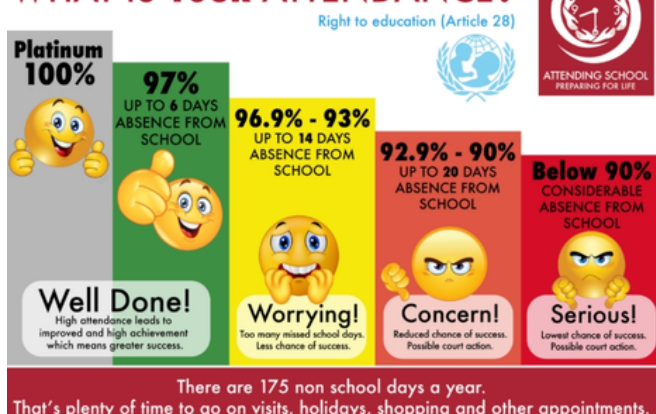


Attendance Continued...

Below is a break down of this term's attendance: 95.4% is the National Average to date this year and we sit at **93.5% which is much lower than National**. We do appreciate that the recent Chickenpox outbreak has a lot to answer for and we look forward to improved attendance now for the rest of the year. Please ensure your child attends regularly.

F2: 84.5% **F2/Y1K: 91.4%**
Y1/2E: 91.7 % **Y2F: 92.8%**
Y3G: 94.4% **Y3/4WD: 94.7%**
Y4F: 95.6% **Y5BH: 94.3%**
Y5/6W: 92.1% **Y6DM: 94.8%**

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Well done once again to Mrs Francis' class for having the highest attendance!

Please value your child's good school attendance. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Any requests for Leave of Absence in exceptional circumstances need making in advance. Medical evidence is required to authorise absences for children whose attendance falls below 90%.

Lent in a Bag Family Prayer Station

Many thanks to all of the families who have taken part in this year's Lent in a Bag family prayer activity. It is always so lovely to see the children's prayers and pictures that they have done at home with you. Thank you so much for supporting this again this year.

