



# HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

**MAY – JUNE 2025**

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

## Diary Dates

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Back to school!**

**5<sup>th</sup> June** – RISE Theatre Workshops in school

**w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 Phonics Screening Check week

**w/c 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Y4 Times Table Check Week

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Whole School Holy Trinity Retreat Day. Big Sing to celebrate Fr Michael's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination; Wear Something Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Fr Michael's 55<sup>th</sup> Emerald Jubilee Celebration weekend

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Choir 3pm Community Centre

**w/c 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Healthy Week in school

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – EYFS Sports day 9am; KS1 Sports Day 1:45pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Whole School Mass 9:30am all welcome

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 3:15pm SUMMER FAYRE**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole School Eco Themed Retreat Day; Wear it Wild Dress Up Day £1 for World Wildlife Fund

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – 11am Mass Eco Theme led by children

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – 9am KS2 Sports Day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Moving on Morning; Reports Out to parents

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it's the last half term of the school year already – how time has flown by!

Welcome to May-June 2025 Newsletter for the Pentecost 1 to 2 terms. Last half term, as usual, was another very busy one in school with so much going on. Do please take a moment to read on and find out about just some of the events that took place and also for information about the events planned for the term ahead.

You may remember before Easter, raising money for Cafod through the Big Lent Walk and also selling the Creme Egg Chicks – just to confirm, the total amount raised was £276 so many thanks for your kind donations. In addition to this we also contributed £50 towards the Emmaus Trust and Newark YMCA's Homeless Appeal.

During the term ahead, we are looking forward to Healthy Week activities as usual. This will take place w/c 16<sup>th</sup> June so please keep a look out on Dojo for further information. There will be a range of different activities to promote a healthy lifestyle both physically and mentally for the children to take part in. The children in Y5 and 6 will be beginning an important anti-knife crime programme, which has been written by a family in the Trust whose son's life was tragically taken due to knife crime. It is an age appropriate programme which we are sure that the older children will really benefit from as they transition to secondary school.

Father Michael celebrates an amazing 55 years of priesthood – his Emerald Jubilee – over the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June. We look forward to the celebrations and invite you to join us for a Big Sing in church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. More details to follow on Dojo. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, the Choir will also be singing at a special event in the Community Centre.

Do read on for further updates! Wishing your child a very happy final half term ahead – Y6s make the most of every second! As ever, if you need me for anything, don't hesitate to drop me a message on Dojo or catch me on the church car park gate in the mornings.

Kind regards  
Mrs Julia Summers  
Head Teacher

## Mary's Meals

Earlier in May, we held a special assembly led by representatives from the charity 'Mary's Meals', which is one of our 'House Charities' as selected by our House captains this year. The children then had the opportunity for follow up activities to learn more about the charity's great work. They learnt that £19.15 will feed a child for a whole school year and enable them to attend school in the world's poorest countries. The children were so engaged and inspired by the information they learnt.

Later in May, we held a 'Wear Something Blue' day to raise money in support of the charity and altogether raised £130. So this means that thanks to you all, we have ensured that 6 children have a meal for an entire school year. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed!



## Crowning of Our Lady

The children in Y4F led a beautiful 'Crowning of Our Lady' Celebration of the Word a few weeks ago in May. May is the month where the Catholic Church traditionally celebrates Our Lady; and a 'crowning' celebration is a way of honouring Mary, our heavenly mother, as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God.

The children led us beautifully in singing and readings, culminating with crowning Our Lady with flowers followed by a special procession around our school field, ending with the children each placing a special flower at the foot of the statue. Many thanks to all families who came along to support us and participate and for sending in flowers to mark this special event.



## Attendance Continued...

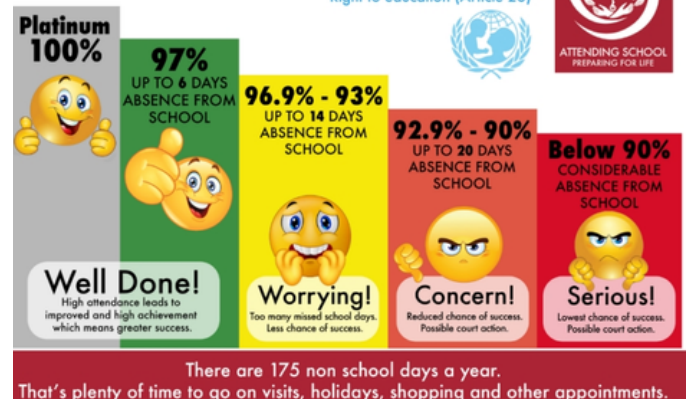
Below is a break down of last half term's attendance. 95.4% is the National Average and we sit at **94% overall which is lower than National but improved since last term**, recognising the impact of last term's chickenpox outbreak in school. Last half term's attendance strongly improved and a significant number of children whose attendance was lower than 90% has now also significantly improved. Thank you parents and well done children!

**F2: 95.5%**      **F2/Y1K: 95.7%**  
**Y1/2E: 95.9%**      **Y2F: 97.3%**  
**Y3G: 94.6%**      **Y3/4WD: 98%**  
**Y4F: 96.3%**      **Y5BH: 98.7%**  
**Y5/6W: 96.2%**      **Y6DM: 99.6%**

**Well done to everyone in Mrs Dikkez and Mr Murfin's class for having the highest average attendance last half term! Keep up the improved attendance everyone!**

## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

Right to education (Article 28)



Please continue to value your child's legal right to attend school regularly. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Any leave of absence needs requesting in advance - please refer to the Trust's attendance policy on the website.

## Rosary in May

Well done to the children in the Chaplaincy Team who led a 'travelling rosary' to each of the classes during the month of May. The rosary is a traditional Catholic prayer said using rosary beads, where we are encouraged to reflect on special moments (mysteries) in the life of Jesus and Mary.

One decade of the rosary begins with an Our Father, then 10 Hail Mary's, then a 'Glory be' prayer. The children led this beautifully and respectfully - well done to all of them.





## KS2 Residential Visits

the Y4 children had an absolutely wonderful time on their residential visit to PGL earlier last term. They took part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities and clearly really enjoyed themselves. They overcame many fears during their stay and became more confident as a result.

We are so blessed to have such committed staff who gave up their own time to give the children these wonderful



and memorable opportunities. A big thank you to Mrs Francis, Miss Gilkes, Ms Spellman and Mrs Hinch.

The Y6 children had an equally amazing time at the Briars Youth Retreat Centre near Crich in Derbyshire – a well deserved break after their SATS tests. A huge thank you to Mrs Duckmanton, Mrs Bunkle and Mrs Zalewska for making this happen for the children.



## Welcome Pope Leo!

Following the sad news of the death of Pope Francis, our wonderful chaplaincy team staff, Mrs Richards and Mrs Allen created a special prayer station in our school chapel where the children were able to write prayers and messages to reflect on his life and legacy.

We were all however excited to hear of the news of the 'white smoke' coming from the Sistine chapel hailing the election of Pope Leo. We look forward to his leadership and pray for him as he commences his new position.



## Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter:

Please click here:

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

## Prayer Garden

We are so fortunate to have such lovely grounds at Holy Trinity and to have not one, but two outdoor Prayer Gardens for the children to enjoy. The children in the Chaplaincy Team have been busy developing prayer opportunities in the Prayer Garden near Ecoland. Thanks so much to them, Mrs Richards, Mrs Allen and Mrs Webster for leading them so well. If you get chance in the morning or after school, do feel free to walk round the school garden and see for yourself and spend a quiet moment.



## VE Day Celebrations

We held a memorable 'Victory in Europe' celebration day in school to mark its 80<sup>th</sup> celebration this year. Mrs Durney had been teaching the children a variety of wartime songs during Singing Assembly to prepare for this; and dressed in red, white and blue, the children sang 'Pack up you troubles' and 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and listening to some of the famous wartime songs by Vera Lynn.



At lunchtime, our wonderful school chef made come celebratory cups cakes with a special VE day topper!

Later in the afternoon, they took part in various commemorative activities in class, learning more about what happened on VE day; reflecting on the how the World War II impacted on people's lives, making flags etc. The whole school then celebrated with a special ice cream treat out on the school field which was enjoyed by everyone!

## Cycle Safety!

It is really great to have so many children coming to school on their bike or scooter, but please make sure that they also wear a helmet when doing so. Only a few children consistently do so and this may save their life in the event of a head injury.



## FHT Updates

A great time was had by all at the second FHT Chocolate Bingo thanks to all the donations of chocolate received from families before Easter.

As you may already know and have seen, over Easter a large outdoor classroom / gazebo was installed; which was afforded thanks to many years of hard saving by Friends of Holy Trinity and all of your support for the various fundraising events that they put on. We are so grateful for this and the children have really enjoyed using it for many different purposes both during the school day and at break times and lunchtimes.

The highlight of the FHT calendar is the annual Summer Fayre which this year will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June after school from 3:15pm.

This is always a great community occasion and it is wonderful to see families coming together, spending time, enjoying each others company and seeing the children having a great time. As usual, there will be various stalls, bouncy castles, games, treats etc but none of this can go ahead without your support. We will be needing much help from parents to make the event a great success. Please keep a look out for messages on Dojo regarding this.

All proceeds will be going to further developing our outdoor play provision at break times and lunchtimes for the children. Many thanks in advance for your support.

## Eco Update

Each school in the Trust is in the process of creating its own Climate Change Action Plans. as part of this they are embarking on an exciting adventure in partnership with the national campaign 'Let's Go Zero' working towards the Diocesan goal for all schools to be carbon neutral by 2030. Holy Trinity is well on its way as the Trust installed our solar powered heating and cooling system a few years ago, meaning we no longer have gas boilers in school. Once our school Climate Change Action Plan is finalised, we will share it with you!



## 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!

Great examples of smart uniform...



## The 'Holy Trinity Way' review

### RESPECT RECONCILIATION RESILIENCE CARE COURAGE COMPASSION

These are our School Virtues, chosen by the children a few years ago, that underpin everything we do at Holy Trinity and form the 'Holy Trinity Way' which our whole staff have reviewed together this academic year. It's quite a long document but it maps out exactly how we all expect to treat one another and behave together in various different contexts so that each and every one is respected and valued, having been created in God's image and likeness.

Parts of this will be re-visited with the children at an age appropriate level over the course of the term and into next academic year.

The document will be available once reviewed with the children on the school website in the 'Catholic Life' section.



## Head Lice

Headlice is a frequent and ongoing problem in all schools. However, they can easily be prevented by being vigilant; checking your child's hair regularly, combing through conditioner onto 'nit-free' hair as a preventative, keeping long hair tied back; and when any headlice are spotted, treating immediately with the special medicated shampoo from the Pharmacist.

If everyone could do this, they are easily maintained and outbreaks are prevented. There is little more annoying than ongoing and reoccurring infestations for parents, children and staff alike.

So please, everyone, let's work together to remain vigilant, act quickly and prevent headlice from circulating!

## School Garden update

Thank you SO much to our two fab Parent Governors, Katherine and Becky for the amazing work that they have done this week in our School Garden. A wide variety of vegetables have been planted and some of the children in the Eco Team will be taking responsibility for watering the plants over the course of the term - we look forward to seeing the crops being harvested later in the year!



## Playground Equipment

A gentle reminder that all school play equipment is closed in the mornings and after school to all children. This is because when it was installed, it was on the understanding that it would be used under the supervision of school staff. Staff's prime focus in the mornings is to welcome the children into school and safely dismiss them at the end of the day. So therefore we do not have staffing capacity to also supervise the play equipment during these times. Please can we ask for your support in reminding the children of this to help keep everyone safe. Many thanks.

**WARNING!**

**For safety reasons  
this play equipment  
can only be used under  
School staff supervision**

## SATS and external tests

Many congratulations to the children in Y6 who completed their SATS tests before the half term break. The children have been working very hard all year thanks to the UKS2 team of staff and supported by their parents. They applied themselves to the tests with diligence and gave of their very best and we simply cannot ask for more - whatever the results, we know that they tried their hardest. Over the next couple of weeks, the Y1 Phonics Screening check will take place along with the Y4 Multiplication check. Please continue to support your child as they prepare for these.

## First Holy Communion

Many congratulations to some of our Y3 children who made their First Holy Communion this year following several preparation classes held on Sundays throughout the year.

Well done to Lena, Marika, Melanie, Kamile, Emmanuel and Maximilian. They looked wonderful in their special outfits; and after the special celebratory Mass and photos, they enjoyed a special party with their families afterwards. Congratulations also to a couple of past pupils, Pola and Oliver who also made their First Holy Communion this year after missing the opportunity to do so during the pandemic years.

First Holy Communion preparation classes will begin again next year for children in Y3 upwards. Contact Fr Michael or the church team for more details

## Parking and Walking to School

We continue to have reports of near misses and complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking near to the school.

Many thanks to almost all families who enter and leave the school premises carefully and respectfully.

Please think before you park and drive carefully around both car parks.

Together we can keep all of our children safe.

