



HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2025

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



Diary Dates

Thursday 18th **December**: 2pm Christingle Service in church – all welcome

Thursday 18th December – break up for Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January – Back to school

Tuesday 6th January – Epiphany Feast Day Mass in Church 9:30am

w/c 9th February – Aspirations Week in school

Tuesday 10th February – Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February – Parents' Evenings, all year groups. 11th Feb online, 12th Feb in school

Thursday 12th February – break up for half term

Friday 13th February – Trust INSET day; School Closed for children

Monday 23rd February – Back to school for Lent 2 Term

Friday 6th March – World Book Day in school; costume dress up day

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. 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 an absolute favourite amongst our whole community on Thursday afternoon – many thanks in advance to Year 3 and 4 children – we know you will be wonderful!

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 5th January 2026!

Kind regards
Mrs Julia Summers
Head Teacher



In November, we remembered...

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. Well done as well to our House Captains who represented our school so well at the Newark Remembrance Service in town. As ever, the children were a real credit to our school.



Christmas decoration winners!

Congratulations to all the children (and families!) who entered this year's Christmas Tree decoration competition. Our tree in the hall has looked wonderful with some amazing, creative decorations.

The House Captains have worked hard to judge the entries. Huge congratulations to Zuzanna in F2, Lucas in KS1, Wiktor in LKS2 and Tola in UKS2 who are this year's winners. Here's a picture of their fabulous creations...



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 FHT members who went all out once again and organised an absolutely amazing Christmas Fayre for our whole community.

Thank you to Santa who also took time out from his busy schedule to join us!

£950 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 more outdoor play equipment for the children to enjoy.

Thank you so much to all the families who attended this wonderful community event!

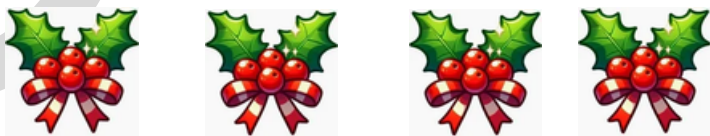
Particular thanks to Mrs Duckmanton for all her tireless work on behalf of and in support of our FHT!



A special visitor!

The children in EYFS and KS1 enjoyed a very special visitor this week at their Christmas parties. Santa himself took time out of his busy schedule to visit the children and give them some Christmas treats.

The children have had wonderful party afternoons with singing, dancing and party food too!



Everyone in Welcome to Holy Trinity Church... Christmas Mass Times 2025

Christmas Mass Times for our Parish communities:

Christmas Eve 24th December:

5.00pm Holy Trinity First Mass of Christmas
(led by the children)

6.30pm St Joseph's Carols from 6.00pm

11.30pm Holy Trinity - Carols & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25th December:

9.00am Our Lady of Victories - Carols from 8.40am

10.00am St Joseph's 11.00am Holy Trinity

Service of Reconciliation for all churches will be hosted at **Holy Trinity on Monday 22nd December at 7.30pm**

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 ICT suite, organised by our wonderful International Ambassadors who are led by Mrs Dawson. Many thanks to all parents for your support with this and to everyone who came to see the work. The winning entries are now on display in the hall and one in the main corridor for all to enjoy!



Advent Service Choir

Thank you so much to the children and families who joined us for the Parish Advent Service over at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church in Southwell last week. The children joined children from St Joseph's in Ollerton and sang beautifully. They represented the school impeccably and looked so smart as ever in their uniform. It is great to have such wonderful support for Parish events such as these.



Eco Team Update

A huge well done to some of the children on the Eco Team who, invited by Newark Town Council and Action for the Environment attended the Youth COP climate change event held at Newark Town Hall. The children were delighted to attend and share everything that we are doing at Holy Trinity to reduce our Carbon Footprint, as well as listening to other speakers and young people from other schools in Newark. They have got lots of ideas to bring back to school too! Well done children for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.



War Hammer Club

The members of our UKS2 Warhammer Club have had a great time during the Advent term. They have been so enthusiastic learning how to build and paint miniatures and then play some very exciting games too! They have also had their first painting competition and were lucky enough to have the models judged by a very famous member of the Warhammer YouTube channel! A big congratulations to Cole, Betsy and Florence for their winning miniatures!



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!

Please don't forget to use our Sustainable School Uniform Swap Shop. There is a large box just outside the Y3/4 classrooms near the church car park. Donate what can and take what you need.



Christmas Dinner Thank you!

Thank you to our fantastic kitchen staff for making a super delicious Christmas Dinner this week for everyone to enjoy and our wonderful midday supervisors for decorating the hall and making it so festive for the children! Well done everyone!



Design Technology!

The DT curriculum has been well underway over the last few weeks in school with some amazing creations being made, linked to the wider curriculum; and much enjoyment (with some minor frustrations along the way when things didn't quite go as planned!) has been had by all!

The Year 5 and 6 children have been busy creating Mars Rovers and testing them out to see whose goes the furthest. Y3/4 have been making magnetic games linking with their Science topic and Y1/2 children have been making puppets. Well done everyone!



Attendance Continued...

We had made a wonderful start to this academic year with whole school attendance well above the national average, which was incredible. Unfortunately too many bugs have taken hold and this has decreased significantly. Overall our whole school attendance to date is **95.6%** which is still in line with the National Average, but there's work to do to get back to where we were. Here's a break down of overall attendance to date.

F2: 86.5%	Y1WK: 93.9%
Y1/2E: 94.4%	Y2BH: 94.9%
Y3/4G: 94.5%	Y3/4WD: 96.9%
Y5W: 95.5 %	Y6DM: 97.4%
Y6F: 96.8%	

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

HUGE WELL DONE TO EVERYONE IN MRS DIKKEZ AND MR MURFIN'S 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).

Rock Steady Music

It has been wonderful to welcome Rock Steady Music to Holy Trinity to enhance our Music Curriculum as well as the music lessons delivered by the Music Service and offering individual tuition. The children enjoyed some wonderful workshops and now we have a number of children signed up for Band Lessons which is really exciting - we look forward to seeing them perform later in the year!



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!

