

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School



Thursday 28th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher



We joined the Academies for Character and Excellence (ACE) on 1st January and this term have trialled the approach to an enquiry-based curriculum in the Reception, Year 1, 3 and 5 year groups with great results. The children have taken great pride and care in their new journal recording and I hope families have had a chance to see this learning during the open classrooms held yesterday.



A school highlight this term has to be the visit from Paralympian David Hill. The children had a wonderful morning of exercise with him and then enjoyed a very inspirational assembly where David shared his journey of achieving sporting excellence despite having a disability. **The children's sponsored fundraising raised over £1000 for school sports equipment** which is being spent on more lunchtime, active resources. Thank you.

The EYFS areas have had a big overhaul this term with the Stars and Comets classrooms having a clear out and refurbish with some exciting new learning zones. Well done to the EYFS team for facilitating this.

We hope everyone has now managed to sign up to Class Dojo in Years 1 and 6. This is our new method of contacting you about class information and gives you a messaging system to contact your class teacher. Whole school news is also going to go out more regularly via Class Dojo - if you are having any problems signing up please speak to us so we can support you.

Finally, thank you to all the staff who work so hard to provide the best teaching and learning for our children. Wishing all our staff, parents/carers and children a happy Easter break.

The Photo of the Week



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 28th March—Easter Service (2.00pm)
Last day of term

Mon 15th April—First day of term

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Free School Meals

We're very aware life is more challenging in many ways.

To help ease the burden, please check if your child is eligible for free school meals by visiting this link:

<https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-life/free-school-meals/>

Alternatively, paper copies of the form are available from the school office.

Please call in if you would like any support.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is high priority at Holy Trinity Primary School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well, both physically and mentally. The school follows the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area.

Please note the changes in our safeguarding team. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Daniel Schoner. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) are Anna Arnold and Gilly Notley.

Our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy can be found online at: www.trinityprimary.co.uk/1404/safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child, you can either talk to our DSL or DDSLs or you may phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

There is lots of online safety advice on our website www.trinityprimary.co.uk.

Contact Information

If you change any of your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that we may update our records. It is imperative that we have up to date details at all times.

Attendance outcomes infographic

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Nursery

It has been an exciting half term in nursery. The children have been noticing signs of Spring in our garden and we have been busy getting our allotments ready to plant some vegetables when we return to school. We have been exploring different techniques for painting and printing and have worked together to create a colourful Spring collage. We have been finding out about Holi, a Hindu festival and experimenting with using powder paints, something which is traditionally thrown during these celebrations! The children have really enjoyed our focus story 'One mole digging a hole' by Julia Donaldson and it has inspired lots of number work. We finished our half term by hunting for numbered eggs around the nursery. We would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all in April!

Stars and Comets

Reception have had a great few weeks learning all about Spring and new life.

We started off with a welly walk and investigated signs of new life and new growth. We have been looking closely at flowers and the shapes we can identify in some floral artwork pictures. We created collages and shape-art inspired by the book 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle.

One of our favourite activities has been experimenting with different painting techniques; we used printing, sponging, stamps, paint flicking, and finger painting to create a range of different textures and patterns. We then used our samples to piece together our own artwork flowers which we will be displaying at our Art Gallery event this week.

We will also be holding a silent auction to raise money for Reception resources and can't wait to find out how much money our collaborative artwork will make!

Have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you all after the break.

Glaciers and Icebergs

The children enjoyed learning about the monarchy through our enquiry sessions. They learnt facts about the royal family and thought about the qualities a good leader needs. In PSHE we have been learning about taking care of things- from our class and school environment to plants and babies. We said "goodbye" to Miss Valentine and are looking forward to meeting her new baby very soon. Our new enquiry question- How can we keep Max dry? Is based on the famous story Where the Wild Things are. We are learning about different materials and will design, build and evaluate a shelter for Max. Don't forget to look out for photos of the children's learning on Class Dojo. We look forward to seeing you at the Church on Thursday. Have a lovely Easter.

Atlantic

We have had a very busy, exciting half term. Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about two famous nurses from the past - Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale - and we can remember lots of facts about them. They also thought about the different ways we could find out about the past and looked at different sources of information.

In English, we have been doing lots of writing linked to our class book, Lights on Cotton Rock and have enjoyed using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We wrote our own stories about Heather's new adventures in space.

In Maths, we have been learning to measure in metres and centimetres. We have also been practicing the 2,5 and 10 times tables and have started learning about fractions.

We have also been experimenting with growing cress under different conditions and were surprised at how quickly it grew.

We have really enjoyed our Forest school session with ROAM. We toasted marshmallows, went on a scavenger hunt and created woodland clay animals. We had such a great time!

Please keep an eye on our class dojo story for more exciting updates on our learning.

Sahara and Kalahari

What a fantastic half term we have had in Year 3! This half term, we have started a new enquiry **answering the question: "How can mood and emotion be conveyed through art?"** all leading up to our final expressive pieces showcased at our art gallery event. During our enquiry, year 3 have learnt all about how colour, shapes and lines can convey a certain mood alongside learning how to critically review ours and others artwork.

In maths, we have started learning all about fractions where children have begun exploring how to compare and order unit and non-unit fractions - we have been thoroughly impressed by their ability to pick up a new concept so quickly and efficiently!

Next term, we will begin a new enquiry into rocks and fossils.

Thank you to all parents who have signed up for Class Dojo, we have 100% connection across both Year 3 classes which is fantastic! Please remember to check ClassDojo where you can see **all news alongside our class's brilliant learning!**

Have a lovely Easter, and we look forward to seeing you after the break.

Amazon and Congo

We have had a lovely half term in year 4. The children have engaged brilliantly with their swimming lessons, walking to and from the pool beautifully and working really hard to improve each week.

In English, we have been focusing on the story of Varjak Paw, and writing our own chapters that could be added to the story. More recently, we have been writing balanced arguments on which animal is more intelligent: cats or dogs.

In maths, we have had a strong focus on fractions, with the children exploring different types and ways to calculate fractions - they have worked incredibly hard and it has paid off!

In science, we have been looking at animals including humans, focusing specifically on our teeth and the digestive system. We completed an interesting experiment about which drinks cause the most damage to our teeth.

Our topic focus this half term has been the Normans, where we have been exploring many areas of their lives; their battles, their invasions and their lifestyles. The children have been so inquisitive and showed great interest in this topic.

Please remember to look at ClassDojo for updates about learning - we love sharing all of the **children's fantastic work with you!**

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Mississippi and Nile

What a fantastic term year 5 have had! We started the term with our Victorian topic; the children wrote some fantastic balanced arguments around whether they would rather be a child in 1894 or 2024. We had a Victorian Day in school; we went to visit the old workhouse in Taunton; had a workhouse experience in school and got to explore some Victorian artefacts sent from the museum.

We have moved onto our topic about living things and their habitats now and are exploring the question 'What is unique about the life cycle of a tortoise and a snail. Gary (Miss Glenn's snail) and Trinny (Mrs Eadie's tortoise) have come along to help us with this one! We have also been incredibly lucky to have Miss Oaten in to visit us to discuss babies as we explored the foetal development of mammals.

In Maths, we have been working really hard on our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. We are also getting very quick with our times table recall!

Kilimanjaro and Everest

This term we have been learning about Titanic, culminating in writing a newspaper report of the tragedy. Alongside the history, we have completed an art unit and we have been really impressed by the final pieces that the classes have produced.

In English, we have been studying the beautiful picture book "The Viewer." This has inspired some fantastic discussions and some excellent suspense writing.

We enjoyed a visit from PCSOs Kat and Jack. They talked about bullying and the impact of anti-social behaviour. The children then completed an activity to identify unacceptable and unlawful behaviours.

Last week, some of the children went to Channel Adventure. They took part in team building activities, learnt how to paddleboard and made their own pizza with varying degrees of success! The rest of us had a great day at Forest School. Unfortunately, the company running the day had to cancel (to be rebooked for later in the year), but we went ahead with activities which included den building and obstacle course design. Mr Knowles ran a session on netball skills and the children worked in groups to create artistic impressions of Titanic or re-enactments of the dramatic demise of the "unsinkable" ship. A day filled with kindness, team work, collaboration and laughter.

PE, Sports, PHSE and after school clubs

Premier Sports have been running three after school clubs this term and more clubs will continue after Easter. They will be able to use our wonderful field for some of these sessions as the weather improves.



Nerf gun club - what a fabulous club

Year 6s SATs booster clubs have been run this term by the year 6 staff and hopefully your child is benefiting from this extra support. These will continue after Easter.

Miss Brooks has been running a KS1 art club on Tuesdays and is offering an Environmental club during the Summer Term. My thanks to parent, Karla Wide, for running a brilliant dance club for our pupils on Wednesdays - the staff were able to watch a wonderful dance performance last week. Cheerleading club is also continuing, run by Emma Brown on Fridays. Thank you to all the staff and parents who give up their time to run these extra activities.

Mr Knowles has been accompanying children to after school sporting events with other schools - it's lovely to give our pupils the chance to compete in these events.

Advice and Support

Do you or your family need help and support? If you require immediate support please contact one of the organisations on this list for support, NHS direct on 111 or if it is an emergency call 999

[MindLine Somerset](#) Emotional support helpline – for everyone (24/7)

Call 01823 276892

Mindline is a confidential listening service which provides a safe place to talk if you, or someone you know, is in distress. We can also give basic information about mental health and local support services.

[The Somerset Big Tent](#) is a platform that enables children and young people to navigate through a range of Quality Assured Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise Organisations that provide services to support children and young people aged 8-18 in Somerset with their Wellbeing.
<https://www.somersetbigtent.org.uk/>

[Samaritans](#) – for everyone, (24/7)

Call 116 123

Email jo@samaritans.org

Provides confidential, non-judgemental emotional support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide. You can phone, email, write a letter or in most cases talk to someone face to face.

[Childline](#) – for children and young people under 19 (24/7)

Call 0800 1111 – the number will not show up on your phone bill

ChildLine is a private and confidential service for children and young people up to the age of nineteen. You can contact a ChildLine counsellor for free about anything - no problem is too big or too small.

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[SHOUT](#) – for everyone, (24/7)

Text 'SHOUT' to 85258

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It is a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

A Texter will be put in touch with a trained Crisis Volunteer (CV) who will chat to them using trained techniques via text. The service is designed to help individuals to think more clearly and to take their next steps to feeling better.

[Papyrus](#) – for people under 35

Call 0800 068 41 41 – Monday to Friday 10am to 10pm, weekends 2pm to 10pm, bank holidays 2pm to 5pm

Text 07786 209697

Email pat@papyrus-uk.org

PAPYRUS is the national UK charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. You can contact them for help and guidance for yourself or for someone else in your care.

[Kooth](#) - online chat, Monday – Friday 12pm – 10 pm and Saturday – Sunday 6 pm to 10 pm.

Safe and anonymous online chat support for young people – friendly counsellors, self-help and community support.

[Somerset Direct](#)

Information on children's social care and safeguarding

0300 123 2224

[Young Minds](#)

From eating disorders, to abuse, anxiety, and depression – suggests support for a huge range of difficulties for young people and their parents/carers. <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

[MeeToo](#)

A safe and secure forum for young people to discuss issues affecting their life. Anonymous advice from experts regarding mental health, self-harm, relationships and friendships. Only available to the following postcodes- BA20, BA21, BA22, BA6, TA1, TA2, TA3, TA10, TA18

<https://www.meetoo.help/>

[Elefriends](#) – For everyone (online)

Elefriends is a supportive online community where you can be yourself. Elefriends is run by [Mind](#).

 **Somerset Council**

Will your child start or transfer school in 2025?

Have your say

School Admission Arrangements 2025/2026 Consultation

This consultation is taking place between 8 December 2023 and 26 January 2024.

The consultation allows parents, other schools, religious authorities, and the local community to make any comments on the proposed admission arrangements.




To view the arrangements and to comment, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/3G5AP9W>




SOMERSET CHRISTIAN CAMPS

7TH - 11TH AUGUST & 14TH - 18TH AUGUST 2023

WEEK LONG SUMMER CAMPS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2 - 6


- Sleeping under the stars**
When the children arrive at Camp on Monday morning, they are placed into a tent group with up to ten other children, led by our committed and energetic tent leaders.
- Jam-packed with fun**
Every day is filled with a whole host of exciting activities: high-energy games and sports, swimming & water games, talent shows, individual sports tournaments, crafts and a trip away too!
- Big Church**
Each evening we will learn to know the God who made and loves us through high energy games, quizzes and stories.





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FEELING ANGRY?

That's okay! Just remember:

- Don't ignore your feelings.
- Don't keep it bottled up.
- Remind yourself you are safe.
- Moments Pass.
- Tell someone, "I need a break, I feel angry, I need a moment".



Somerset Christian Camps exists to provide fun and friendship for children and young people for two weeks of August each year. It also provides children with the opportunity to explore Christianity further, both through evening meetings full of singing, stories, fun and quizzes (Big Church) and quiet times for questions each morning. The children are placed in tent groups of eight or nine children, led by two adults whose aim on Camp is for the kids in their care to have a fantastic week! The spirit of Camp is kept lively by the running of a healthy competition during the week, where points can be earned for nearly everything, from working hard at craft, to being the first tent asleep in the evening - it all works together to ensure everyone is involved and having a good time. From Monday morning when the children arrive, to Friday evening when they gather their things to head home, the children will take part in a huge variety of sports and craft, trips and games, making life-long friends along the way.

We still have spaces available for this coming summer!

Notice Board



Lara Cowling
PIANO LESSONS

Spaces now available at Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

I have had the pleasure of teaching children in Holy Trinity for over 10 years
Lessons are 20 or 30 minutes

Come and try the fun and add happiness and smiles to your day!

Available from Year 1, any standard welcome
Lessons have continued through lockdown using Skype

Please contact me for more information
larala_c@ymail.com or 07833 171684



GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons available at Holy Trinity primary for beginners and continuing learners from year 2 to year 6. Friendly relaxed lessons at your pace by visiting guitar tutor John Snowden. Also offer online zoom lessons if this is of any interest, please email JOHN@GUITARSNOWDEN@GMAIL.COM TEXT MOB-07591810453 for more details

Staying in touch

Don't forget to sign up for our new school Instagram and Facebook pages to stay up to date with news and reminders.

Facebook (HolyTrinity)



Instagram (holytrinitytaunton)

