

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School



Friday 8th December 2023

A message from Lisa Eadie, Headteacher



The end of term is already upon us and what a term we have had!

It started with welcoming new staff and children at the beginning of September and was then very closely followed by our OFSTED inspection.

What a great achievement our Good grading was in all areas - with a super report detailing that Holy Trinity is like "a big family". After years of hard work, by present and former staff, this was a wonderful recognition of the school.

This term now ends with the end of an era of being part of the Redstart Learning Partnership and on 1st January we will be joining the ACE Academy Trust. I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff who have been involved with Redstart - in particular Suzanne Flack and Caroline Lancey.

I have only been a part of Redstart for a short amount of time but I know the commitment from Suzanne, Caroline the central team has been unwavering in its commitment to offer the very best for Holy Trinity pupils. Thank you.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to Mr Northover as he begins a new job with Sixth Form pupils teaching dance. In his place, Miss Emily Bilboe will be teaching Year 1. Mrs Johnson, from the office, is also transferring to the ACE Central Team and will no longer be on site at Holy Trinity, Her professionalism and expertise will be sadly missed. We are also welcoming Miss Hardie to the new Year 2 class along with Zara from the Pod to join our LSA/Pastoral team.

Wishing all our parents, carers, pupils and staff a restful Christmas break and Happy New Year! I look forward to welcoming everybody back in January.

The Photo of the Week



This school is part of the The Redstart Learning Partnership, a Multi Academy Trust of primary schools in Somerset.

Dates for your Diary

- Fri 8th December—TSA Christmas Fayre
- Mon 11th—Reception Christmas songs 2.45 pm
- Tues 12th—Nursery Christmas Songs 2.30pm
- Wed 13th—Open Classrooms 3.15-3.45pm
- Thurs 14th Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Service 2pm at the Church
- Friday 15th December Last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day
- First day of term Wednesday, 3rd Jan.

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A message from The Redstart Learning Partnership

I've had such a wonderful last few weeks. It's been such a delight to join you at so many fabulous nativity plays, beautiful concerts, amazing Christmas Fairs and lovely church services across the Trust. Christmas is always my favourite time in school - it is truly magical and creates so many memories for all the children. I am sure, like me, you can recall your Christmas nativity so I know the events now will remain with the children for many years to come. I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a fantastic 2024.

Suzanne Flack (Mrs), CEO

The Redstart Learning Partnership

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

We have had a wonderful term in nursery and it has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made. This term has been full of celebrations.



Stars and Comets

It has been a very busy few weeks! In Drawing Club we have focused on the stories 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. When exploring these stories we had tea parties and made vegetable soup. We have also explored the animation 'Pink Panther' which we found very funny. We are starting to write words and numbers in Drawing Club to go with our amazing pictures.

In maths we have learnt all about circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. We have also learnt 1 more and 1 less with numbers to 5.

We have also learnt about the Christmas Story and compared the differences between now and then.

We can't wait to share our Christmas songs with you on Monday! Have a wonderful Christmas.



Glaciers and Icebergs

This term we have welcomed Miss Valentine and Mrs Slaven to our Year 1 team. They have settled in well and the children have greatly benefited from their support.

We have been practising for our Nativity performance- we hope you enjoyed it!

In English we have been learning about capital letters for days of the week, in Science we have explored our senses and in History we have been finding out all about Captain Scott. We have put all our learning together to create a postcard as if we were Captain Scott. The children enjoyed pretending they were going to Antarctica and dressed up as explorers to imagine the sights, sounds and other experiences of the adventure.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mr. Northover. He has been amazing at teaching everyone the songs and dances for our performance and we will all miss him very much.

The children have watched a welcome video from Miss Bilboe and we are all very excited to begin learning with her in the new year.

Atlantic

It has been a very exciting few weeks - **Year 2** have really enjoyed our 'Travelling through Time' topic and have learnt a lot about how transport has changed over the years. A particular hit was making paper aeroplanes and watching videos showing people's first attempts at flying before planes. The class also really enjoyed learning to draw lighthouses and finding out about Grace Darling.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D/ 3D shapes and symmetry, as well as lots of different strategies for adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.

In DT, we have designed and made our own toy vehicles.

We have also been very busy over the last few weeks learning all the songs and dances for our Christmas Show. I hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it.

We are looking forward to 2024 and finding out more about the Pacific and Atlantic during our new topic on 'Hot and Cold'. Have a lovely Christmas break everyone and a Happy New Year.

Sahara and Kalahari

What a superb first full term it has been in Year 3! The year group has settled in really well and are impressing the adults with their continued hard work and effort.

The children have enjoyed learning about the prehistoric ages and are excited to be creating their very own stone age model in the final week. We are looking forward to our visit to The Somerset Museum next Wednesday where we will be completing a Stone Age workshop and exploring many prehistoric ages artefacts.

In English we have continued our theme of The Stone Age and have been using the text 'The Stone Age Boy'. Year 3 have been focusing closely on using adverbs, prepositions and commas in lists when re-writing the story from a different character's point of view.

As we near the end of the Autumn term we have a few exciting things to finish off with. On Tuesday we will be visiting a local care home in the afternoon and singing a selection of Christmas songs and reading to the residents. On Wednesday we will be having our Stone Age curriculum day at the museum. On Thursday afternoon we will be walking to Trinity Church for our Christmas service and finally Friday afternoon we are going to be watching a festive film!

A thank you from the Year 3 team and we wish all of our parents, carers and pupils a restful Christmas break and Happy New Year!

Amazon and Congo

We have had a wonderful term in Year 4! The children have really found their feet and are consistently impressing staff throughout the school with their wonderful behaviour and attitude to learning.

The children have had a wonderful time learning about the ruthless Vikings, learning about their ways of life - the children have designed their own longboats which are displayed proudly in their classrooms.

In English we have been looking at the text 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell, focusing on writing our own part of the story, and finishing the term by writing a non-chronological report based on their favourite dragon.

In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division, where the children have been able to showcase their brilliant knowledge of the times tables to support them in developing their mathematical skills.

From all of us in the Year 4 team, we wish you a peaceful Christmas and New Year!

Mississippi and Nile

What a fantastic term it has been for Year 5! The children have really enjoyed their swimming lessons, especially having the equipment out during the last lesson. There were flippers, floats and lots of laughter.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Stuart era; the Gunpowder Plot has been a great topic of conversation. The children have also looked closely at the work of Van Gogh, studying his painting technique in 'The Starry Night'. Children have worked hard to replicate his style and have incorporated it into their own paintings of The Great Fire of London.

In English, the children have been delving into their senses to create a powerful setting description of a ferocious storm. They are currently writing their own prequel stories to the animation 'The Lighthouse'. In Maths this term, the children have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000, comparing and converting fractions, as well as exploring prime numbers, multiples, factors, squared and cubed numbers. It's been a busy term!

We have also had a great time at our Swimming lessons this half term. The children have really enjoyed the experience and many have made amazing individual progress in their swimming!

Kilimanjaro and Everest

This month, both year 6 classes have had a Stand Against Violence day. Stand Against Violence uses the story of Lloyd Fouracre to teach children the importance of talking about their feelings and resilience. It is a poignant day which contains an important message, presented in a sensitive way. They enjoyed doing drama, focussed on how we can portray different emotions based on the way we use the tone of our voice and body language. They also enjoyed making masks to represent the feelings we sometimes cover up. This aided discussions on how we should talk about emotions to help prevent them from boiling over. One important message from the day was that it is ok to "FAIL" since this is considered our "First Attempt In Learning".

In Maths we have been learning about fractions, including how to simplify, add and subtract them. We are now beginning multiplying and dividing fractions. In English we have been learning about book reviews and diary writing. We have written a diary from the perspective of Rose Blanche, which ties into our current history topic learning about WW2.

Year 6—Drama & Mask Wearing



PE and Sports

The year 6s have really enjoyed their term of fencing at Trinity Fencing Club this term. They have all learnt a huge amount and loved dipping their toes into the world of fencing! As a group they have really developed their skills, understanding and respect which is all part of the sport.

Well done to all the members of the club!

Online Safety

Help and advice can be found on our website: <https://www.trinityprimary.co.uk/2436/parents-online-advice>

Further helpful links:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/internet-connected-devices/>

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

Internet matters

Checklist:

- Agree on boundaries**
Be clear about what your child can and can't do online. Write down what they can and can't do, and make sure they understand. Remember to talk about the rules of behaviour. They can change. Agree with your child what you can do to help them. It's okay to say 'no'.
- Put yourself in control**
Get parental controls on your laptop, smartphone and any internet-enabled devices. Set your own controls for your child. If you have a mobile phone, make sure you have parental controls on it. If you have a tablet, make sure you have parental controls on it. If you have a smart TV, make sure you have parental controls on it. If you have a smart speaker, make sure you have parental controls on it.
- Explore together**
The best way to help your child is to talk to them about what they do online. Find out what they are doing. If you can, sit with them and see what they are doing. If you can't, ask them to show you. If you can't, ask them to show you. If you can't, ask them to show you.

Search safety

When you search for something online, make sure you search in a safe way. Use Google and other search engines. In a safe way, you can find what you need. You can also find out about things that are not good for you. You can also find out about things that are not good for you.

Check if it's suitable

When you search for something online, make sure you search in a safe way. Use Google and other search engines. In a safe way, you can find what you need. You can also find out about things that are not good for you. You can also find out about things that are not good for you.

Stay involved

Encourage them to use their tech devices in a shared space. This means you can see what they are doing. It also means you can help them if they need it.

Talk to siblings

It's a good idea to talk to your child's siblings about what they are doing online. This means you can help them if they need it. It also means you can help them if they need it.

Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet matters is a free online resource for every parent to use. It will give you the best tips to protect your children online. It will give you the best tips to protect your children online. It will give you the best tips to protect your children online.

44% of parents have used Internet Matters

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Learn about it: Teach your child some simple rules

- Don't give out your name or any other personal information.
- Don't give out your address or any other personal information.
- Use privacy settings on your devices to keep your information safe.
- Be a good online friend. Don't bully or tease anyone online.
- Don't give out your name or any other personal information.
- Check what you are doing online. Make sure you are doing what you should be doing.
- Encourage them to use Public Family WiFi. This means you can help them if they need it.
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use.

Talk about it: Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Be curious. Ask your child what they are doing online. This means you can help them if they need it.
- Be positive. Don't yell or get angry. This means you can help them if they need it.
- Be available and listen. This means you can help them if they need it.
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use.

Deal with it

When you see something that is not good for your child, you should report it. This means you can help them if they need it.

Stay safe at secondary school

Encourage your child to use their tech devices in a shared space. This means you can help them if they need it.

Visit www.internetmatters.org for more advice.

Jump Back Up July 2023

SATURDAY

1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry

8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today

15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step

22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down

29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right

SUNDAY

2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"

9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture

16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts

23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support

MONDAY

Be willing to ask for help when you need it

10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them

17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today

24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human

TUESDAY

4 Find something to look forward to today

11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation

18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead

WEDNESDAY

5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'

19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath

THURSDAY

6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground

13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself

27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)

FRIDAY

7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy

14 Get outside and move to help clear your head

21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life

28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Worried about how you're feeling?



Check out [youngminds.org.uk/find-help](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help)

YOUNGMINDS



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".





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/3GSAP9W>




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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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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)

