



Generosity

Compassion

Perseverance

Courage

Friendship

Truthfulness

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Termly Value

This half term, our value is compassion. A Christian Perspective on Compassion:

Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.

Reflecting as a whole school community Some questions to consider:

In what ways do we encourage members of the school community to show kindness and respect to one another?

- How do we foster links with charities for the homeless or those in need? Do we have links with elderly people in our locality?
- How are new members of the school community nurtured and supported in their first term?
- How does the school help, and encourage pupils to understand and empathise with members of their community who have suffered traumatic experiences, eg. bereavement?

Message from Mrs Thompson

Well, we have had an absolute fantastic week at Holy Trinity. Our Infant children told us the Nativity Story, Born in a Barn, while our KS2 children amazed us all with their talented musical performance in church. This was topped off with a visit to see Jack and the Beanstalk. Our children have been incredible, and they never fail to amaze me with their kindness and enthusiasm. We would all like to wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas as a much-deserved rest. Thank you for all of your support, we really do appreciate it. Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Mrs Thompson

Collective Worship

Every year, around the world, people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day, 25 December. It's a day – and season – filled with Christmas carols, tree decorating, gift-giving and parties. And, among all the celebrations, you may be wondering: what is the real meaning of Christmas? Or, why do we have these Christmas traditions? What do they have to do with Jesus?

Our lives, country and world are far from perfect. There are always challenges and struggles we face both personally and collectively. The good news of Christmas is that even when the world or our circumstances change – the message of Christmas is timeless. Because Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is about how he came to give us love, hope and joy. That message doesn't change from year to year. When there is so much bad news and devastation in the world, this is good news worth celebrating.



Weekly Prayer

Dear God,
May love come alive within your heart as Christmas times draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate and bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal and faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world
May he bless you all season long.
Amen

Let
us
pray

Attendance Awards

Here is our class attendance this week. This does not include children who are isolating at home. Whole school attendance this week was **96.79%**. We were very close to our target of **97%** this week. Well done everyone!

Reception:	83.75%	Year 3:	88.89%
Year 1:	90.35%	Year 4:	95%
Year 2:	95.73%	Year 5:	94.58%
Well Done!		Year 6:	89.19%

Attendance



Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves
- Learn how to be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

A two-week holiday in term-time means the **highest** attendance your child can get is **94.7%**. This is 65 hours of missed school time.

We are delighted that 106 children have reached our attendance target for this term with 97%+. 47 children received a certificate for 100% attendance and 59 children received a certificate for 97% - 99.9%.

Well done – this is a great achievement!

Headteacher Award

Year 1: Salman for accurate cutting using scissors.



Class Awards

Here are the children who have really impressed their teachers this week, either in their learning - **Golden Pupil**, or by keeping our Golden Promises - **Stars of the Week**.

Reception

Stars of the week: **Everyone** in Reception is a star this week for being so well behaved at the Pantomime yesterday, well done!!

Year 1

Golden Pupil: **Everyone**, for your amazing concert performances, well done!!
Stars of the week: Afonso & Oscar

Year 2

Golden Pupil: Jessica
Stars of the week: Shafiyat & Ernest

WELL DONE!

Year 3

Golden Pupil: Dhyan
Stars of the week: Kaison & Austeja

Year 4

Golden Pupil: Adidev
Stars of the week: Zahirah & Julia

Year 5

Golden Pupil: Tion
Stars of the week: Amelia K & Dakota

Year 6

Golden Pupil: Ryan D
Stars of the week: Julija & Jamie W



I would like to say a huge and special thank you to all of our wonderful staff at Holy Trinity. They go above and beyond every day and I feel blessed to work alongside such wonderful, caring people. We have a great team who work so well together and they all deserve the biggest thank you. I wish every single member of staff, governors and PTFA a very happy Christmas.



The following children are all celebrating their birthday. We would like to send you best wishes from your Holy Trinity Family.

December

Reception – Mila & Evelyn

Year 2 – Shafiyat

Year 5 – Naiara

January

Reception – Eric

Year 2 – Ava

Year 3 – Janaki

Year 4 - Caitlin



Our Week in Pictures

This week, parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were treated to your children's wonderful performance of their Christmas concert Born in a Barn. We think they all did an amazing job, well done everyone involved.



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

What an amazing afternoon we all had at the pantomime! The children had so much fun and were very well behaved, a real credit to all our parents and our school.





Junior Christmas Concert

We had the pleasure of watching the KS2 Christmas Concert on Thursday morning over at the church. Thank you to everyone that attended. The church was filled with beautiful songs and readings from our very talented children.



KIDS CLUBSOUTHPORT AT HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY



NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CLUB



Join Kids Club Southport Holiday Club this New Year at Linaker Primary School
FREE sessions available for your child!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to have partnered with Sefton Council to offer your child **4 days** Winter Holiday Club which is running from 2nd to 5th January 2024. Half day sessions are from 9 till 1 or 1 till 5, and full day sessions run from 9 till 5. **Your child must receive benefits-related free school meals to qualify for the free sessions.**

We have some fun activities planned to keep your child entertained.

This year our themes will be 'Healthy Body' and 'Arctic Animals'
Places may be limited so don't delay and register your interest today!

To secure your child's place this January:

If you are new to the club and would like to book a place, please register your child by entering the following into your browser: kidsclubsouthport.co.uk. You can then choose to create a new account by clicking on 'enrolment' at the top. Once all sections are complete, please call or message Sue on 07951 540919 if you want to book a free place. Other places can be booked direct by parents and must be paid for by 15th Dec.

What's on offer?

Our Festive Holiday Club offers your child a fun-filled time, delivered in a safe and supervised environment. As well as social interaction with friends in a safe space, children will enjoy lots of fun activities. In between times on all 4 days there will also be lots of fun indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) free play. We will not force children to take part in the set activities if they do not wish to be included.

Each day a hot, healthy meal will be served to children. A snack and drinking water will also be available during the day.

Hope to see you in the New Year, have an amazing Christmas!
Sue



Winter Challenge 2023

<p>Activity 1 Winter Reading Challenge Go to the website below to create your profile. Read 3 or more books and complete the challenges set. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits. wintermini.org.uk</p>	<p>Activity 2 Active Challenge Take part in one of the Sport England challenges, you could try the socks in a box challenge, the wall ball challenge or any others you like the look of. Don't forget to send a picture. https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/socks-in-the-box-60-second-challenge</p>	<p>Activity 3 Create some characters. Save some used cardboard toilet rolls and create some characters with them. You could decorate them as a snowman or penguin or create your own characters. Here's some ideas: https://whatmomslove.com/kids/christmas-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids/</p>	<p>Activity 4 Tasty treats! Have a go at making a winter tasty treat...you could make marshmallow penguins or snowmen biscuits... https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/fun-food-for-kids/creative-food-tutorials/winter-themed-recipes</p>
<p>Activity 5 Scavenger hunt! Why not get outside for a walk and take pictures of as many of the following things that you come across: Shadows, a tree stump, a puddle, a squirrel, a worm, fallen leaves, a spiders web, a log, some ice, a feather, a road sign, some birds. I look forward to seeing what you've seen.</p>	<p>Activity 6 Write a winter themed story Use your imagination to write a winter themed story. Think of an idea, create your main character then decide where the story is set. Have a beginning, middle and end! https://readingeggs.co.uk/articles/2015-06-19-story-writing-for-kids/ I can't wait to read them all!</p>	<p>Activity 7 Create a snow globe Have a go at making a snow globe by recycling a used jam jar or similar, find a small figure that could go in it and follow the instructions on this website https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-snow-globe Don't forget to send a picture.</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit. Send evidence of your activity to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!

Above is the Winter Challenge Sheet.

Listed are some lovely activities for yourselves and your children to get involved in.

Students can choose to do one or more of the challenges and then you can send us an email with the evidence stating their name and school and we will add the credits for what is completed.

Children that have taken part in the holiday challenges will then receive a certificate after the Christmas holidays.

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

You **MUST** apply for a Reception school place online before the **15th January 2024**

sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

Sefton Council 

If you have a child that is due to start in Reception September 2024, then you must apply using the link below **BEFORE** the 15th JANUARY 2024.

If you already have a child that attends this school, that does not automatically mean that any other sibling due to start school Reception already has a place here, you **MUST** complete the form and submit it before the deadline. You will need to follow the link and create an account in order to complete the form.

https://emswebaccess.sefton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

RECEPTION SCREENING

A letter has gone out to all Reception parents regarding the School Health Screening programme. During your child's time in Reception, the Sefton School Health Team will visit school to screen your child's distance vision, hearing, weight and height.

You have until Friday 22nd December to notify them if you do not wish your child to be included in any aspect of the screening programme whether that be all or just a particular part of it.

To do this, please call 0151 247 6354 or mcn-tr.seftonschoolhealth@nhs.net. If you do not do this within the 2-week timeframe, then your child will automatically be included in the programme and you will be notified of the results.

Do you look after someone who couldn't manage without your help?

We'd like to hear from you!

Sefton Council is creating a new all-age Carers Strategy, which looks at:

- Employment and financial wellbeing for carers
- Services on offer to help you
- How we can support you in your caring role.

We want to hear from people who look after a family member, friend, or loved one and have your help to shape the final strategy.

Our consultation is running from

23rd November 2023 - 18th February 2024

Open to anyone aged 5 and above in a caring role.



Have your say online,
over the phone or at our
in-person events.

Find out more

Sefton Council 

CARERS TRUST
Sefton Carers
Centre

sefton.gov.uk/carers
0151 934 2888

Sefton Council have been working in partnership with services for unpaid carers to develop the draft of Sefton's All Age Carers Strategy and have started to consult.

This is an ALL-AGE strategy including young carers (age 5 and above) Please could anyone this relates to follow this link [Your Sefton Your Say](#) and take part. The consultation is open now until 18th February 2024. The poster above gives details of any alternative ways to get involved.

Thank you.



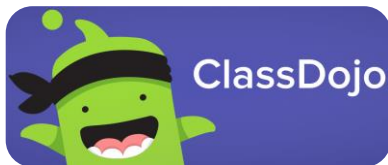
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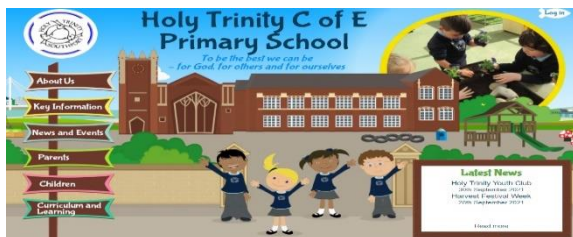
Date	Event
Monday 25th December – Monday 8th January	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 9th January	New Term Begins
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	Half Term
Friday 29th March – Monday 15th April	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 16th April	New Term Begins
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday 27th May 0 Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	New Term Begins
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Year Service. Last day of term.



There are many ways to contact us at school. Please let us know if you have any any worries, concerns, or questions – there is no such thing as a silly question! We would also love to hear about any positive news you have, that we can share about your child.



If you would like to pass any messages to your child's class teacher, you can pop a message on Class Dojo.



Visit our school website here:
<https://www.holytrinityprimary.co.uk/>



Contact our office on:
01704 538366



Email us:

office@holytrinityprimary.co.uk

School Contacts

- **School Nurse:**

Our School Nurse is Mrs Liz Keighley. You can contact her or the other nurses directly at Merseycare on 0151 247 6354 or you can contact the school nurse directly at: mcn-tr.hoghton0-19team@nhs.net or speak to the office.

- **Learning Mentor/Safeguarding Coordinator:**

Our Learning Mentor is Mrs Jude Rankin and she is available to speak to most mornings and afternoons on the Junior Yard Gate. Mrs Rankin works closely with families that require support and oversees our attendance. If you find yourself struggling or have any issues or concerns, please speak to Mrs Rankin or the school office so that school can support you. You can call on 07970 389 365 or email Judith.Rankin@ldst.org.uk. You can also speak to the office to arrange a meeting.

If there is an urgent or safeguarding issue please make sure to contact to school office if you cannot speak to Mrs Rankin

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

*To be the best you can be:
for God, for others and for ourselves*





Christmas

AT HOLY TRINITY

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Sunday 3rd December, 6pm
Advent Carol Service

Wednesday 13th December, 3.30pm
Carols by Candlelight with Holy Trinity School

Sunday 17th December, 3pm
Nine Lessons & Carols

Thursday 21st December, 10.30am
Holy Trinity School's Christmas Service

Friday 22nd December, 6pm
Christingle & Carols

Christmas Eve, 11pm
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Eucharist at Dawn, 8.30am
Sung Eucharist for the Nativity of Christ, 10am

Holy Trinity Parish Church
Hoghton Street
Southport





Holy Trinity Choir Now Recruiting!



 **HOLY TRINITY**
SOUTHPORT

Do you love to sing?
Then Holy Trinity Choir is for you!

There are lots of opportunities to sing and perform throughout the year. Members of the choir also have the chance to learn a musical instrument, earn pocket money, make new friends, come on our annual singing holiday, and much more!

If you think you'd like to join the choir, get in touch with Mr Mansfield, the Director of Music at Holy Trinity. We'd love to have you singing with us!

danmansfield19@yahoo.co.uk