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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 what a special week it has been at Holy Trinity. We are delighted that Santa and two of his reindeers took time out of their busy schedule to pay us a visit on Tuesday. A wonderful time was had by all! Wednesday saw our whole school community come together for our Carols by Candlelight service at church. We are overwhelmed by the number of people who attended to create such a beautiful atmosphere in our beautiful Church. There are more exciting activities happening next week so read on for more information and keep checking into Class Dojo every day next week. **A reminder that we finish school next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1:15pm.**

## Collective Worship

As we are moving closer to Christmas, we have been thinking about the birth of Jesus. We are all blessed to be sharing this special time of Advent together in school and we are really keen to make sure that we are spreading kindness and joy to others. We have said prayers for those who are not as lucky as we are.



## 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



## 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 **96.0%**. We were very close to our target of **97%** this week. Well done everyone!

<b>Reception</b>	89.26%	<b>Year 3</b>	98.52%
<b>Year 1</b>	92.41%	<b>Year 4</b>	91.67%
<b>Year 2</b>	98.29%	<b>Year 5</b>	94.97%
<b>Well Done!</b>		<b>Year 6</b>	96.00%

## 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.

## Headteacher Awards

Year 1: Erin, Dominik and John-Francis for writing a fantastic potion

Year 2: Henry for fantastic phonics

Year 4: Sophia, Al, Maisie & Nehal for reading a prayer

Year 6: Jeremy for writing an amazing report



## 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

Golden Pupil: Louie  
Stars of the week: Evelyn & Gehan

### Year 3

Golden Pupil: Annabelle  
Stars of the week: Cosmin & Leon

### Year 1

Golden Pupil: Oliver  
Stars of the week: Elsie & Abbie

### Year 4

There is a change this week, with more star pupils instead of 1 Golden pupil  
  
Stars of the week: Keearna, Maisie, Nehal, Sophia & Tyler

### Year 2

Golden Pupil: Thomas  
Stars of the week: Philip & Nati

### Year 5

Golden Pupil: Marlo  
Stars of the week: Matthew & Naiara

**WELL DONE!**

### Year 6

Golden Pupil: April  
Stars of the week: Jamie R & Jeremy

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

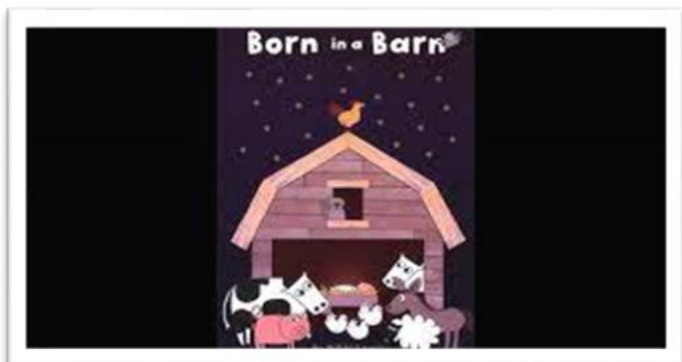
The following children are all celebrating their birthday. We would like to send you best wishes from your Holy Trinity family:

Jaiden – Reception

Holly – Year 3

Lazer – Year 3

Malika – Year 4



**Key Stage 1 Nativity** - On Tuesday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity play at 10.45am and 1.45pm in our school hall. Letters have already been sent home for this so that you can receive your tickets.



**Key Stage 2 Service** - Years 3, 4 5 & 6 will be performing at our traditional end of year Christmas Service on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30 am at Holy Trinity Church. Tickets are not needed for this event.

### **After School Clubs – Autumn 2 2023**

Day	Club	Year Group
<b>Monday</b>	Basketball	Year 2
	Netball	Year 5 & Year 6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Handball	Year 5 & Year 6
<b>Thursday</b>	Badminton	Year 3 & Year 4
<b>Friday</b>	Football	Year 5 & Year 6
	Wake up and Shake up (Mornings)	Key Stage 2





As you all know, we are taking the children to The Atkinson in the afternoon of Thursday 21st December to watch Jack in the Beanstalk. A link was sent on class Dojo earlier this week to give consent to your child walking to the event. I will also put the link below. Please can you fill in the form before Tuesday 19th December. Remember, there is no charge for this event.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U9gdjHaqak6KIGKwmO0Z-G879Wd\\_eZBNrItKBieu7oIUQTY1NkhITVhGTjJRRlcyNjNKR0M0TFY3TyQIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U9gdjHaqak6KIGKwmO0Z-G879Wd_eZBNrItKBieu7oIUQTY1NkhITVhGTjJRRlcyNjNKR0M0TFY3TyQIQCN0PWcu)

We will let you all know the picking up after school arrangements nearer the time.

Thank you



## Cricket

We are very lucky to have had Greg Pennington from Lancashire Cricket Club in this half term, who has delivered cricket lessons to each class.

Greg works on behalf of @Chance to Shine@ which is a national charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket.

Greg came in yesterday to award us with a certificate for our participation and commented on how wonderful our children and staff have been and how he can't wait to come back next year.

It is wonderful to work with these organisations who offer our children new experiences and a chance to develop new skills.

## Swimming

Monday is the last swimming session for Year 4 & Year 5. After Christmas, it will be Year 3 and Year 6 who will be swimming every Monday. A letter will be sent home to these classes next week.



## Basketball

We are fortunate to have been invited to be involved with the Game On Programme. The Game On Programme is funded by NIKE and it was created to give children across Merseyside opportunities in a range of different sports. Next half term, our children will be taking part in Basketball sessions which will be delivered by a professional coach, every Friday. We will send you more information about this in the new year. You can find out more about the Game On Project here:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ON1in2JTwY>

# Our Week in Pictures



We had a lovely day full of Reindeer activities as well as a visit from Santa and 2 of his reindeers Dancer and Cookie Dough. Cookie dough is a baby reindeer in training and will not get his special Christmas name until Christmas Eve from Santa. The children all got the chance to meet them and have their photograph taken with Santa, who even gave them all a gift.



### **Carols by Candlelight**

This event on Wednesday was a really special occasion. Our Holy Trinity family were all together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Our school and church choir joined together to sing beautifully, and our children performed so well. It was lovely to see so many of you at church as it was lit up by hundreds of lights creating such a special atmosphere. A huge thank you to Miss Daniels for organising and bringing so many members of our community together. So many people have commented on what a lovely event this was and hopefully it has really helped you to enter into the Christmas spirit.



Some of our children sang to the ladies and gentlemen that attended the Helping Hands Christmas Lunch on Tuesday. They sang beautifully and it was greatly received from all of the diners. Well done to all involved.



# Holy Trinity Choir Now Recruiting!



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](mailto:danmansfield19@yahoo.co.uk)

## APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

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

[www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](https://www.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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.



The school nurse is available on **Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> December** for you to, where appropriate, attend a consultation online via a video call.

Video calling is a convenient as a phone call, with the added value of face-to-face communication.

Instead of traveling to your appointment, you enter the clinics online waiting area. The health service is notified when you arrive, and your clinician will join you when ready.

### **Where do I go to attend my appointment?**

There is no need to make an appointment, all you have to do is **log in to the link below between the times of 9:00am – 11:30am** and wait until it is your turn to speak to the nurse.

<http://nhs.vc/schoolnursesseftonhamptonrd>

### **MP Christmas Card Competition**

You may remember that a few weeks ago, our local MP, Damien Moore, invited our children to take part in a competition to design his Christmas card for this year. So many children entered, and Damien chose 5 winning designs. A huge congratulations to Pola whose design will be sent to King Charles III – what an achievement! Pola received a personalised, signed certificate and a bar of chocolate, both from the House of Commons.





Christmas is coming

We have got lots of events lined up for the coming weeks so please make a note of these important events!

### Important Dates

- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception and KS1 Nativity (10:45 & 1:45pm)
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas Service at 10.30am
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Atkinson Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime (PM)
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Autumn Term ends at 1:15pm
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** - Spring Term begins

### Important Dates



Date	Event
<b>Friday 22nd December</b>	Infant Nativity
<b>Friday 22nd December</b>	Christmas service
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Finish for Christmas Holiday
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Christmas Holiday
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	New Term Begins
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	New Term Begins
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 0 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	New Term Begins
	End of Year Service. Last day of term.



# 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





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## Winter Challenge 2023

<p><b>Activity 1</b> <b>Winter Reading Challenge</b> 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. <a href="http://wintermini.org.uk">wintermini.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 2</b> <b>Active Challenge</b> 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. <a href="https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/socks-in-the-box-60-second-challenge">https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/socks-in-the-box-60-second-challenge</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 3</b> <b>Create some characters.</b> 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: <a href="https://whatmomslove.com/kids/christmas-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids/">https://whatmomslove.com/kids/christmas-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids/</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 4</b> <b>Tasty treats!</b> Have a go at making a winter tasty treat...you could make marshmallow penguins or snowmen biscuits... <a href="https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/fun-food-for-kids/creative-food-tutorials/winter-themed-recipes">https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/fun-food-for-kids/creative-food-tutorials/winter-themed-recipes</a></p>
<p><b>Activity 5</b> <b>Scavenger hunt!</b> Why not get outside for a walk and take pictures of as many of the following things that you come across: <b>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.</b> I look forward to seeing what you've seen.</p>	<p><b>Activity 6</b> <b>Write a winter themed story</b> 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! <a href="https://readingeggs.co.uk/articles/2015-06-19-story-writing-for-kids/">https://readingeggs.co.uk/articles/2015-06-19-story-writing-for-kids/</a> I can't wait to read them all!</p>	<p><b>Activity 7</b> <b>Create a snow globe</b> 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 <a href="https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-snow-globe">https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-snow-globe</a>  Don't forget to send a picture.</p>	 <p style="font-size: small;">© S. Eames</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](mailto: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.

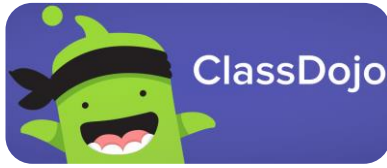
Listed are some lovely activities for yourselves and your children to get involved in.

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.

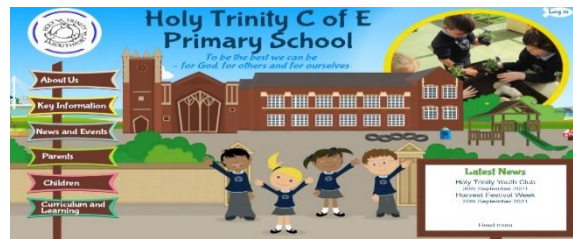
Children that have taken part in the holiday challenges will then receive a certificate after the Christmas holidays.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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*





# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Cold and Flu-like illness  
(including COVID-19)

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.