



Generosity

Compassion

Perseverance

Courage

Friendship

Truthfulness

## 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

Christmas is definitely in the air this week at Holy Trinity! We had a really festive fun day yesterday when we all had our Christmas dinner. A huge thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who did a fantastic job cooking us a lovely lunch.

The festivities really kick in next week with our Reindeer Workshop and Carols by Candlelight. Both of these events will give us all amazing experiences and great memories. Please do your best to support our Carols by Candlelight event by joining us in church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

Mrs Thompson

## Collective Worship

This week we have thought about the second week of Advent where we celebrate peace and we lit the second candle on our Advent Wreath. During this week we are reminded that God sent his only son to bring peace to the earth.

How can we promote peace in our everyday lives?



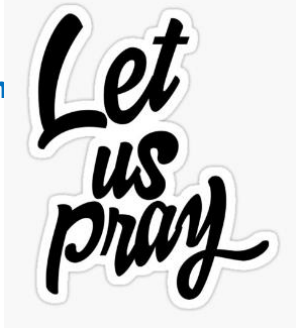
## Weekly Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to think about how we can spread peace during this special time to keep thinking about the true meaning of Christmas.

You are the light of the world, help us to keep your light shining.

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 **93.84%**. We are a bit lower than our target of **97%** this week with a few illnesses. Well done everyone!

<b>Reception</b>	96.33%	<b>Year 3</b>	93.70%
<b>Year 1</b>	91.03%	<b>Year 4</b>	94.07%
<b>Year 2</b>	91.00%	<b>Year 5</b>	95.33%
<b>Well Done!</b>		<b>Year 6</b>	95.33%

## Attendance

Once again unfortunately, our attendance has taken a hit with all of the illnesses we have had. We hope that if your child has been poorly that they get better soon. A gentle reminder to keep us updated when your child is ill so that we know when to expect them back to school. We do worry about our children when they are not at school and we are always here to support you.

### 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.



# Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



## Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

## Punctuality

I am still very concerned about the number of children who have been late this week.

- ❖ Infant and Junior gates open at 8.40am
- ❖ Teachers collect the children at 8.50am
- ❖ Register taken at 8.55am

If your child arrives after 8.55am, they are registered late.

**Being late for school has a negative impact on the start of the day for your child and results in lost learning time.**

Please ensure that your children are in the playground by 8.50am so that they can start the day off in a positive way to get themselves ready to learn.

We are here to support you so if you need any help please let us know.



**Our Attendance Heroes have been busy in school this week reminding everybody to be:**

**HERE**

**EVERYDAY**

**READY**

**ON TIME**

Be an attendance  
**HERO!**

**H**ere



**E**veryday

**R**eady

**O**n time





## 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**.

<p><b>Reception</b> Golden Pupil: Leeza Stars of the week: Eric &amp; Mason</p>	<p><b>Year 3</b> Golden Pupil: Cosmin Stars of the week: Austeja &amp; Grayson</p>
<p><b>Year 1</b> Golden Pupil: Filip Stars of the week: Evelina &amp; Justin</p>	<p><b>Year 4</b> Golden Pupil: Alfendio Stars of the week: Tyler &amp; Liwia</p>
<p><b>Year 2</b> Golden Pupil: Erik Stars of the week: David &amp; Fabian</p>	<p><b>Year 5</b> Golden Pupil: Kewan Stars of the week: Gustas &amp; Liwia</p>
<p><b>WELL DONE!</b></p>	<p><b>Year 6</b> Golden Pupil: Paige Stars of the week: Natan &amp; Rosie</p>

### Headteacher Award

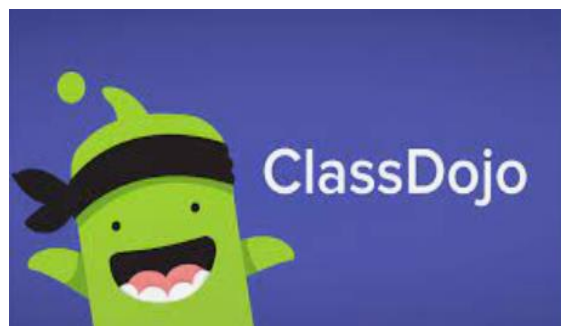
Reception: Leeza for fantastic phonics



### Class Dojo

While we give you lots of information on our weekly newsletters, we do use Class Dojo daily as a way of communicating with you. Be sure to keep checking in for reminders and updates as we don't want you to miss anything.

If you are not accessing Class Dojo or are struggling to see latest notifications, please call in to our office as we are always happy to help and support you.





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

Year 5 – Jaiden

Tion

Year 6 - Paige



### Christmas Show

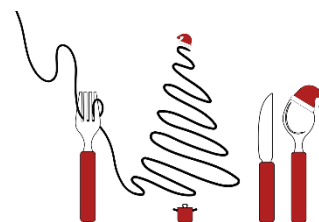


The amazing team from Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust performed a fantastic Christmas adventure for us this week. Inspired by Toy Story, we watched in anticipation to see if Little Bo Peep would find her lost sheep and if Emperor Zurg would succeed in his plans to capture the toy nativity set. Luckily, through fun, music, drama, comedy, we were given time to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you once again to Hettie, Tabz and their team as they never fail to amaze us with their talents. You can tell by the photographs that a great time was had by all!



## Christmas Dinner

We all had a wonderful time enjoying on Christmas Dinner on Thursday. We had Christmas music playing, our Christmas clothes on and we sat down to a delicious meal. A huge thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for their hard work!



Take a look at these happy, Christmas dinner faces!



# Our Week in Pictures

Our wonderful year 2 children have had a lovely week this week. They have had an Advent Hunt in Church as well as lots of fun during their weekly cricket session.



Holy Trinity Church of England Primary  
School

# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Wednesday 13th  
December

**\*\*WIN A NEW CHILDRENS MOUNTAIN BIKE, PLUS  
HELMET\*\***

2x Visits to Santa	Family ticket to the Pied Piper at Southport Little Theatre
Family Ticket to Playtown	£20 Volare Voucher
5x £10 Merseyrail Tickets	£25 Rado's World Tapas Voucher
£10 Lavender House Voucher	Meal for 2 at The Mount
2x 21 day Victoria Leisure Passes	Tropics Gift Set
Various Sweet and Wine Hampers	

And many more tbc.....

Raffle will be drawn by the Lady Mayor of Sefton at Holy Trinity Parish Church during the Carols by Candlelight Service

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Just a reminder that Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale at school. These are available at Year 3, Year 5 and after school at the gates. The raffle is drawn this Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Good Luck!!



## REINDEER WORKSHOP

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

We are excited to share with you that the wonderful PTFA have organised and fully funded an amazing Reindeer Workshop for the children this year. There will be various reindeer craft activities during the morning for the children to get involved in plus each class will have the opportunity to meet Reindeers and Santa Claus!

Also, for a small cost of £2.50 your child can have their photograph taken (this will be sent home at a later date) with Santa and his reindeers as well as receive a gift.

A letter was sent home with the children this week to with a consent form attached to be completed and sent back to us by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



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\\_eZBNrltKBieu7oIUQTY1NkhITVhGTjJRRlcyNjNKR0M0TFY3TyQIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U9gdjHaqak6KIGKwmO0Z-G879Wd_eZBNrltKBieu7oIUQTY1NkhITVhGTjJRRlcyNjNKR0M0TFY3TyQIQCN0PWcu)

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

Thank you



Whether you're the parent of a child with their own smartphone or have a curious toddler, there is a good chance that YouTube plays a role in your family's screen time. According to a recent study, 80% of parents with children aged 11 and under, let them watch YouTube, with 53% of this group noting this happens daily. **(Note: YouTube says the site is for children 13 and older)**

**At school, we are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children who are watching YouTube unsupervised. This gives opportunities for your child to access inappropriate content. One click of a button when an advert pop ups, can take you or your child to a site that would not be suitable for their age. Some of our children are telling us that they are watching 'scary things' that make them feel worried or sad.**

Please can we ask you to have think about what electronic devices and websites your child has access to. There are ways that you can make YouTube and other websites safe and secure by using the parental controls. You can follow this link for further advice and support:

<https://www.youtube.com/intl/en-GB/myfamily/>

## Gaming

With the increasing number of children having access to online gaming devices, please be sure to monitor who they are 'friends' with online. While many of them will probably friends that they know from school, some people will add themselves to chat groups without being invited. Please speak to your child about this so you and they know how to keep themselves safe.



There is some really useful advice here:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/online-gaming/>

<b>S</b> <b>Stay Safe</b> Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know. 	<b>M</b> <b>Don't Meet Up</b> Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust. 	<b>A</b> <b>Accepting Files</b> Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems. 	<b>R</b> <b>Reliable?</b> Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth? 	<b>T</b> <b>Tell Someone</b> Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable. Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online! 
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We teach our children how to be **SMART** online.

Have a chat with your child and your family about how you can all keep yourselves safe online.

**We are always here to support you if you have any questions or need any advice.**



## APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

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



[sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](https://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.



Christmas is coming

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

## **Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School**

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

### **Important Dates**

- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - PTFA Reindeer Workshops
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Carols by Candlelight at 3.30pm
- **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 (P)
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Autumn Term ends at 1:15pm
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** - Spring Term begins

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY  
SCHOOL PRESENTS

# Carols by Candlelight



**13 DECEMBER 3.30PM**  
**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US TO SING ALONG TO CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
AND WATCH OUR SCHOOL AND CHOIR PERFORM.

OUR PTFA WILL BE PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS- TO ENJOY A MINCE PIE  
AND WARM DRINK.



**+** HOLY TRINITY  
SOUTHPORT



# 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



# dates

to Remember

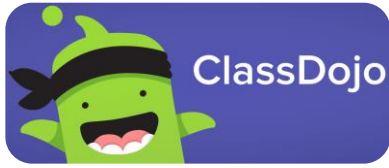
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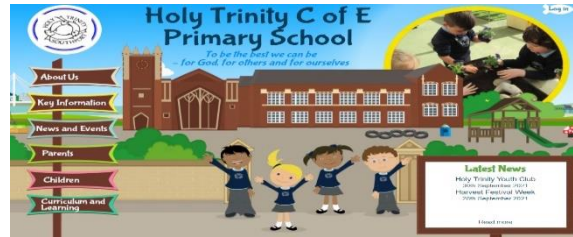
Date	Event
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols by Candlelight
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Infant Nativity
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christmas service
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Finish for Christmas Holiday
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Christmas Holiday
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	New Term Begins
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	New Term Begins
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 0 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	New Term Begins
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	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](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*