The Holy Trinity Times

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Upcoming Events

Half Term
Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October 2026

School returns
Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November
Egyptian Theatre Workshop - Year 5

Wednesday 4th November
Bags 2 School Collection
(please deliver bags before 9am)
Early Years Autumn Morning
(08:30am to 11:30am)

Friday 6th November
HTSA Bonfire & Fireworks Night

Friday 13th November
Children in Need ??
(dress up etc ??)

Monday 16th November
Odd Socks Day
(what do they need)

Thursday 19th November
Year 6 - WW1 Soldier Workshop

Monday 23rd November
Flu Vaccinations - consents required
(whole school) &
Year R & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks)

Friday 27th November
HTSA Mufti Day

Saturday 28th November
HTSA Xmas Fair

Friday 4th December
Xmas Craft Days
(please donate towards resource costs on Arbor payment item)

Welcome to our October newsletter

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week, and I hope you found the meetings informative and helpful in understanding your child's progress and achievements so far this year. Strong partnerships between home and school are so important, and we greatly value the opportunity to work together to support every child.

This newsletter is packed with examples of the many opportunities our children have enjoyed over recent weeks, from Year 2's exciting Forest School experiences and the Reading Ambassadors' Poetry Day worship to Year 6's fantastic Mexican Fiesta celebration. Please also take time to read through the reminder about attendance at school.

With the weather now beginning to change and autumn very much upon us, I would like to remind families that we continue to make the most of our outdoor spaces in all weathers. As an OPAL school, outdoor play remains an important part of the children's day, so please ensure your child comes to school with suitable wet-weather clothing, including a waterproof coat and, if possible, a spare pair of socks. We know there will be plenty of excitement as puddles begin to appear on the playground!

We are also looking forward to the HTSA Fireworks Display on Friday 6th November. This is always a fantastic community event and an important fundraiser for the school. We would love to see as many families as possible come along to enjoy the evening and support the HTSA in their ongoing efforts to provide additional opportunities and resources for our children. The HTSA need as many volunteers as possible to help this event take place safely.

As we head into the half term break, I would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable holiday. Thank you for all your support throughout this half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd November for what promises to be another exciting and productive period of learning and fun.

Warm regards,
Mrs Ambrose

Attendance at Holy Trinity

At Holy Trinity, we know that the best way for your child to make progress and be settled in school is for them to attend regularly. Therefore we prioritise attendance and we always follow up any absence. Please be aware that the Education Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless the reason is considered to be exceptional circumstances. Headteachers are required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. This absence can be for any reason not considered to be exceptional circumstances by the Headteacher.

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS UNWELL?

Sometimes, especially in the aftermath of COVID, we can be unsure of whether our children are well enough to be in school or not. The NHS has a useful web page and if you are unsure what to do when your child is displaying symptoms, please take a look as it may help your decision making: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/



Some of our October WOW moments ...

Year 2 Forest School



Years 2 and 3 enjoyed another owl-themed Forest School session, developing their tool skills by using bow saws to cut wooden discs and hammers to create leaf prints using foraged leaves. Alongside their creative work, the children learned fascinating owl facts, making it a fun and engaging outdoor learning experience.





Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed creating a parliament of clay owls too!

Year 6 Church Visit



Year 6 enjoyed walking to church for a Godly Play session with Rev. Fiona, where they learned about the story of Babylon and its significance in the Bible.

Year 6 Mexican Fiesta

More October WOW moments ...

Year 6 pupils proudly welcomed their families to their vibrant Mexican Fiesta celebration. The children delighted everyone with their enthusiastic performances of La Cucaracha and the traditional Mexican Hat Dance, inviting parents to join in the fun and share in their learning. The festivities continued with a delicious three-course meal, which the children had planned, prepared and served as part of their DT project. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to showcase the skills they had developed throughout the topic, 'Hola Mexico', while celebrating Mexican culture through music, dance and food. Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us and helped make the event such a memorable success.

















More October WOW moments ...

Year 1 Grandparent visit



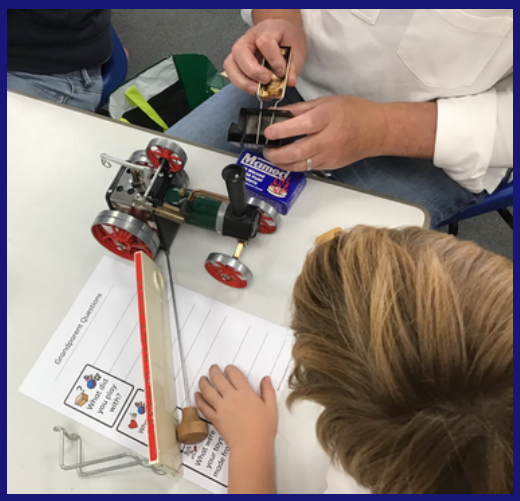












Year 1 had a wonderful afternoon welcoming grandparents and relatives into school to help bring our history learning to life. Our visitors shared memories of the toys they played with when they were children, and we were especially lucky that some even brought in toys from the past for us to see and explore. The children enjoyed asking questions, comparing old and new toys, and discovering how toys have changed over time.

We learnt so much and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who joined us for this special afternoon.

More October WOW moments ...

SPORTING NEWS...











This half term has been a fantastic one for school sport, with our pupils representing the school at a range of fixtures and festivals. Our Year 6 footballers enjoyed taking part in a football festival at Salesian School, where they showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout the event. We also had the pleasure of hosting another school for a football match and travelled to two other schools to compete in both football and netball fixtures.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who have taken part. Not only did they compete with skill and determination, but they also demonstrated our school values at all times through their respect, encouragement and positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see pupils inspiring and supporting one another, celebrating successes together and showing resilience when faced with challenges.

We are looking forward to even more matches and the start of our cross-country meets next half term.

More October WOW moments ...

SPORTING NEWS...

We were incredibly fortunate this term to welcome coaches from Surrey Cricket Foundation as part of the Chance to Shine programme, a national cricket charity that works to give children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. Over a series of weekly sessions, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed high-quality coaching that helped them develop their cricket skills, confidence, teamwork and resilience. We are very grateful to Chance to Shine and Surrey Cricket Foundation for providing this fantastic opportunity for our children. Families who would like to support the charity's work and find out more about its impact can visit the Chance to Shine website at www.chancetoshine.org

Pupils wishing to continue their cricket journey are encouraged to explore junior opportunities locally at Valley End Cricket Club, Camberley Cricket Club or Chobham Cricket Club.





Poetry in Motion

To celebrate Poetry Day, our Reading Ambassadors proudly led a special assembly all about the joy and power of poetry. They shared a variety of poems, explained different poetry forms, and encouraged children to explore their creativity through words. Their assembly was a wonderful way to promote a love of reading and writing across the school.

Reading Ambassadors

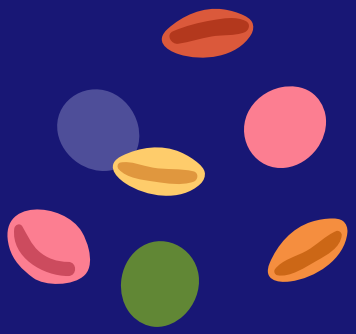


More October WOW moments ...

Nursery news...

The Gingerbread Man has been a much-loved story in Nursery this month, capturing the children's imaginations through repeated retellings and activities. A particular highlight for them was making and decorating their own gingerbread men, which they were very proud of. Luckily, unlike the gingerbread man in the story, these ones stayed put long enough to be eaten!













AI SAFELY AT HOME

Smart choices. Safer online. Brighter futures.



AI can be helpful, but it's important to use it safely!

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming part of everyday life – from homework help to creative ideas and more. It can be a great tool, but it's important to use it responsibly and safely, especially at home. Here are some simple tips to help you stay safe and make the most of AI, whether you're a student or a parent.

1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE



- Don't share your full name, address, school, phone number or photos.
- Avoid sharing details about your family, friends or where you live.

Your safety matters.

2 CHECK IF THE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE



- AI can sometimes be wrong or out of date.
- Double-check facts using trusted sources (like your school, teacher or well-known websites).

Don't just take it at face value!

3 RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S IMAGES AND WORK



- Don't use or share images, videos or creative work without permission.
- Always give credit if you use someone else's ideas or work.

Be kind. Be respectful. Give credit.

4 USE AI TO SUPPORT YOUR LEARNING



- AI can help you understand tricky topics, brainstorm ideas and check your work.
- But it shouldn't replace your own thinking, effort or creativity.

Think, learn, grow.

5 BE AWARE OF BIAS AND INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



- AI can sometimes show bias or be unfair.
- Make sure the content you see is kind, balanced and appropriate.

If it feels wrong, talk to a trusted adult.

6 THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK, SHARE OR DOWNLOAD



- Be careful with links – they might not be safe.
- Don't share AI-generated content without checking it's OK.
- Avoid downloading unknown files or apps.

Stop. Think. Stay safe.

THE 3-QUESTION AI CHECK

1. **Is it true?** (Check the facts.)
2. **Is it kind?** (Is it respectful and safe?)
3. **Is it useful?** (Does it help me learn or be creative?)

If you're not sure, ask a trusted adult!

TALK ABOUT IT

Try these conversation starters at home:

- What AI tools do you use and why?
- How do you know if something is true online?
- What should you do if you see something that makes you feel uncomfortable?

Open conversations build safer online habits.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG...

If you see something upsetting, feel uncomfortable or think someone might be in danger, it's important **to talk to a trusted adult straight away.**

You are not alone.

Talk to a parent or carer	Speak to your teacher	Contact Childline (0800 1111)

Be curious • Be kind • Be safe

Thank You



On behalf of the Bisley and West End Foodbank, I wanted to say a huge thank you for the incredible generosity your school community showed through the harvest donations. When I shared the images with the rest of our foodbank team they were completely blown away. Your donations really will help so many across the villages and in Woking. Thank you! Thank you also for inviting us in and including us in your assembley. I thought the assembley was beautiful and the children were a real asset to the school.

It was a pleasure to be part of it!

Katie from the West End and Bisley Foodbank

What do you think of our newsletter?

Does it contain the kind of information you find useful?

LET US KNOW IF WE CAN IMPROVE IT IN ANY WAY

COULD YOUR WORKPLACE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL?



Many companies, large and small, offer funding or support for local community groups, and your workplace may be one of them. As we continue to enhance the learning experience for every child at Holy Trinity, we are asking parents and carers to help us explore any opportunities available through your employers.

Corporate support can include community grants, employee nominated funding schemes, match funding for school events, or in-kind donations such as equipment and professional skills. Accessing these opportunities could help the HTSA and school progress key projects, including improving IT equipment, expanding library resources, enhancing outdoor play, updating sports equipment, and providing classroom essentials.

Does your company also offer staff any volunteering days? Many workplaces allow staff to volunteer at community and charity events and claim the hours back. If you can use a volunteering day to support one of the HTSA's upcoming events, we'd be incredibly grateful. The HTSA is registered charity and can provide the relevant details if your employer requests this.

If your employer offers any type of funding, sponsorship, or volunteering scheme, or if you're simply willing to ask, we would be delighted to hear from you. Even small contributions can make a big difference to our children's daily experiences!

If you'd like to hear more about our HTSA Fundraising Team, or consider joining us in supporting our school, we'd love to hear from you. There's no commitment required, and any level of involvement is welcome!

Please contact holytrinityschoolassociation@gmail.com or contact your class rep for more information.

Thank you for helping Holy Trinity thrive.

