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Upcoming Events

30th June - 11th July
Year 5 Bikeability

1st July
2:45pm Year 6 (current year 5) - Year Group Meeting

2nd July
Family Support Worker Coffee Morning
Nursery Mini Athletics

3rd July
Year 6 School Daze Performances 1:45 and 6:15

4th July
INSET Day - School Closed

7th July - 11th July
Year 6 - Residential Visit

7th July
2:45pm Year 2 (current Year 1) - Year Group Meeting

8th July
3:20pm Year 1 (current reception) - Year Group Meeting

9th July
2:45pm Year 3 (current Year 2) - Year Group Meeting

10th July
Year 2 - Cumberland House/Beach Trip
2:45pm Year 4 (current Year 3) - Year Group Meeting
3:20pm Year 5 (current Year 4) - Year Group Meeting

11th July
HTSA Ice Pop Sale

14th July
The Holy Trinity Talent Show

16th July
Pause Day

17th July
Year 6 Leavers Service

18th July
1:30pm Finish - Last day of term

Welcome
to our June Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Yet another busy and exciting month at Holy Trinity. In this newsletter you will find the usual wow moments alongside information about the increase in Measles outbreaks, important information about the use of YouTube Kids and YouTube and the news that we have achieved the Gold Schools Games Mark.
Year 6 have been hard at work rehearsing for their end-of-year play, 'School Daze', and we're all looking forward to seeing their performance on Thursday 3rd July —it promises to be a fantastic show! Reception had a wonderful time on their trip to Windsor Castle, where they explored the historic grounds and even caught a glimpse of the Changing of the Guard.

We've also been delighted to welcome our new intake for their stay-and-play visits—it's been lovely meeting our future HT children and families, and we can't wait to see them again soon!
This week, children will also be meeting their new teachers, which is always an exciting time. We understand that transition can be tricky for some children, but please be reassured that we are here to support them—and you—in any way we can.

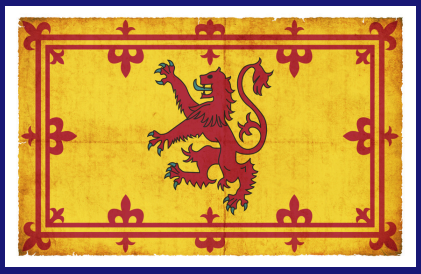
This term's school value has been truthfulness. Children have been exploring what it means to be honest in different situations and why truthfulness is such an important value to carry with them throughout life. Through stories, discussions, and real-life examples, they've learned how honesty builds trust and strengthens relationships.

We've had a fantastic Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day, filled with teamwork, and cheering from the sidelines—thank you to all the parents who came to support! Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 pupils have been enjoying daily swimming sessions, building confidence and learning vital water safety skills. Year 4 have also had the opportunity to take part in daily tennis lessons at West End Tennis Club, which they thoroughly enjoyed. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped make these events possible—your support is really appreciated.

We've been lucky with the weather so far, but with temperatures remaining high, please continue to send your children in with sun hats and water bottles, and ensure they have sun cream on before school to keep them safe in the sun.
Mrs Ambrose

June WOW moments ...

Reception



Reception enjoyed our first school trip to Windsor Castle. The children were able to notice many of the castle features we had been learning about.

The royal standard was flying high so we waved at the private apartments, just in case King Charles was looking out of his window as we passed by!

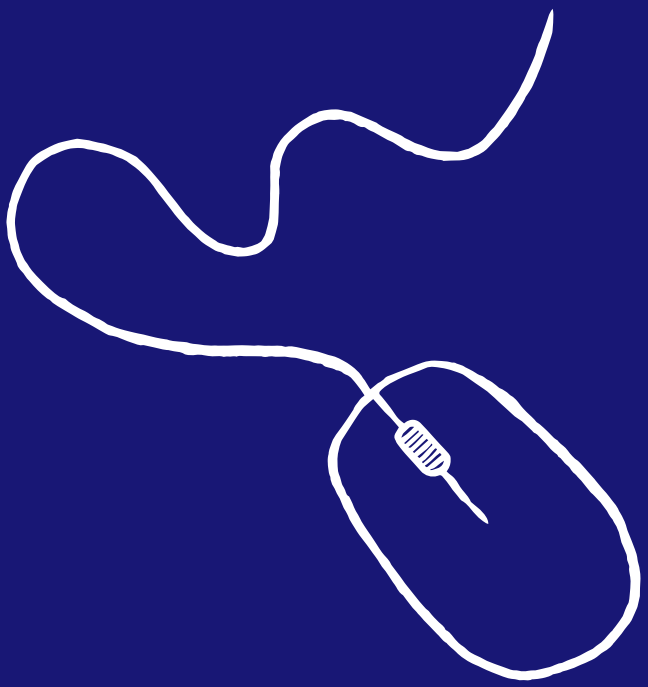
Thank you to the adults that volunteered their time to come with us.

June WOW moments ...

Year 1

In Computing this half term, Year 1 have been exploring the unit Data and Information – Grouping Data. The children have learned how to classify and group objects based on their properties, such as shape, size or colour.

They used their mouse skills to click and drag shapes into different groups, then explained how and why they grouped them. The children also explored how the same set of objects could be grouped in more than one way, and practised counting how many objects shared a particular property. Through these activities, they developed key skills in sorting, describing and recording data



More June WOW Moments...

EYFS and Key Stage 1

The sun was shining and the children were full of excitement as they took part in a morning of fun-filled activities within their classes. The afternoon brought a series of lively races, where pupils showed great sportsmanship and cheered each other on with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another and embracing the spirit of the day.

A huge thank you to all the teachers for their support, and especially to Mr Haylock for his fabulous organisation of the event. Special thanks also go to HTSA for providing much-appreciated refreshments, and to all the parents who came along to cheer and support the children—your presence made the day even more special.
A wonderful day was had by all!

More JuneWOW Moments...

Key Stage 2

This term, children in Years 3, 4, and 5 have enjoyed daily swimming lessons, making fantastic progress in both confidence and technique. The children have been learning essential water safety skills, improving their strokes, and developing stamina through structured sessions led by experienced instructors.

The excitement and enthusiasm have been clear to see, with many children achieving personal milestones and growing in self-assurance in the water. It's been a brilliant opportunity to promote fitness, resilience, and fun—all while making a splash!

WE Got Gold!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include but are not limited to:
WInning cups/medals in Hockey, Cross Country, Cricket, Netball and Football. Attending the County Finals Cricket Fielding girls teams in Football and Cricket Teaching Forest School across every year Running a number of after school sports clubs Interhouse cross country and cricket Lunchtime football tournaments Master classes in rugby, cricket, hockey, netball With so many young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, PE lessons and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Miss Elderfield, Mr Haylock and Mrs Everett for all their hard work in teaching, preparing, organising and escorting children to a wide range of sporting activities. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who have also been able to attend and support .

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

Measles: how infectious is it?

Surrey County Council's Public Health Team have asked all schools and early years providers to share the following message with all parents/carers of children who attend their settings.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has recently published updated details showing an increase of measles cases and outbreaks in England. Most cases being diagnosed are in unvaccinated children 10 years old or younger.

There has also been an increase in measles in Europe and worldwide over the last year. With summer arriving and the onset of travel for holidays or to visit family, UKHSA are highlighting that this could lead to an increase of measles in England Measles outbreaks continue with risk of holidays causing surge - GOV.UK.

Measles spreads very easily and can be a nasty disease, with complications that may lead to hospitalisation and life-changing consequences for some.

What is measles and why is it so important we're all up to date with our MMR vaccine? – https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2025/05/23/what-is-measles-and-why-is-it-so-important-were-all-up-to-date-with-our-mmr-vaccine/

Please check that your children and all your family members are protected against measles. It is never too late to catch up with the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The vaccine is safe and effective. Around 99% of those who have had two doses will be protected. For further information please visit https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION 4+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

18 CENSORED

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

BUY NOW!

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

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Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Educators

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by "preschool" (4 and under), "younger" (ages 5 to 8) and "older" (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you'd like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

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