



# The Holy Trinity Times



*Loved, Inspired, Nurtured and Empowered within a caring Christian community.*

## Upcoming Events

18th July

1:30pm Finish

Last day of term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
INSET DAY - No School

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
First Day of Term

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Greek Theatre - Year 3

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 5 Camp

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 6 Steam Fair - Thorpe  
Park

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
HTSA AGM

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents Evening - Early

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Parents Evening - Late

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
WW1 Soldier Workshop



## Welcome to our July Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we have arrived at the last week of the summer term and the end of another academic year. The time has passed so quickly and so much has been achieved by all at Holy Trinity.

Once again Mabel is running her summer holiday reading challenge. Hopefully you will have seen the separate letter about this. I really would encourage you to consider taking part in this competition - we notice that many of our pupils reading stagnates over the longer summer break and the children come back with a lower starting point then when they left us at the end of the summer term. This is an opportunity to encourage them to keep that reading practice going, little and often makes all the difference.

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception pupils and their families to our induction evening and stay and play sessions. We are looking forward to our new families joining the Holy Trinity community.

We also have to say good bye to our amazing Year 6 cohort and their families. We wish them all the best in their future adventures.

In this July newsletter you will find our usual WOW moments of the month as well as a letter from our TAMAT CEO, Jon Hills.

Over the summer holidays we are having a new hall floor put down, thanks to the amazing fund raising of the HTSA. We are also setting up our new nursery provision on site and look forward to welcoming our nursery pupils here in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has served our community this year, including the Governors, HTSA committee, church group, reading helpers, ground force volunteers, parents who have helped us with projects around school and of course all the amazing staff. It is this great community spirit that ensures everyone works together to help make our golden line, everyone **Loved, Inspired, Nurtured and Empowered**, a living reality. If you haven't yet read our SIAMS report I would recommend you do as it shows how we meet not only the educational needs of our pupils but their social, emotional and spiritual needs too.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to a number of staff this term, Mrs Patey, Mrs Aplin, Miss Watts, Mrs Wasserberg, Mrs Herring, Mr Doyle, Miss Aitken, Miss Levick and our student Mrs Kershaw. Some are moving onto new roles and others are retiring or taking a break, we wish them all well, they will be missed.

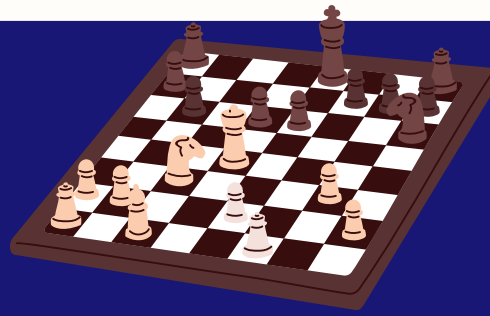
I hope you and your families enjoy a wonderful summer break, a chance to rest and enjoy one another's company and maybe even some new experiences.

Mrs Ambrose

# July WOW moments ...



The Holy Trinity chess team were invited to play a chess match at Halstead St Andrew's school. The match was played in good spirit and all players demonstrated a great attitude and fantastic application. The final result was 9-3 to Halstead St Andrew's. Paul Welling the chess teacher was very proud of all students who participated.



Chess Club



Our Reading Ambassadors had a wonderful time visiting the nursery this month! Thanks to the generous support of our school community during the recent Book Fair, we were able to purchase a selection of brand-new books. The ambassadors proudly delivered these to the nursery and spent time reading stories to the younger children, helping to inspire a love of reading from an early age.



Nursery



# June WOW moments ...



Community

## MAD DAY!



On Making a Difference Day (MAD Day), a group of Year 12 students from Gordon's school rolled their sleeves up and helped clear out the storage area at the back of the hall. Their efforts were a big help in preparing the space for the new gym floor. They also weeded and tidied outdoor areas around our school. It was great to see their teamwork and energy making a real impact on a project that will benefit the whole school. Thank you!



## BEACH DAY!



Eco warriors and friends braved the wind and rain to litter pick on Hayling beach. Thank you to the families who came along and gave up their Saturday to help clean the beach.



# More June WOW Moments...



Year 6  
Production

## Year 6 End of Term Play 'School Daze'

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their fantastic performance in School Daze. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and talent truly shone through, and the production was impressively professional.

Well done, Year 6 – what a brilliant way to end the year!



Year 1  
Cocktail  
Making

Year one made refreshing fruit cocktails and learnt how to write and follow instructions. They enjoyed tasting their creations at their own cocktail party.



# More June WOW Moments...



## Thames Young Mariners

Year 6  
Residential

Our Year 6 pupils showed incredible bravery and resilience during their residential at Thames Young Mariners. From water sports to team challenges, they embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination.

It was wonderful to see so much enjoyment and personal growth throughout the trip – a truly memorable experience for all involved!



# More June WOW Moments...



## The Talent Show



A huge well done to everyone who auditioned for the talent show this year. What a variety of skills and talents our students have. We were impressed with the courage and confidence the children showed as they performed on stage to their year groups. Congratulations to our 12 final acts who performed to the whole school on Monday morning. What a talent show it was, with singing, dancing, comedy and magic as well as violin and piano performances. A huge congratulations to Emily and Jai who came 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. Our 2025 Talent Show winner this year was Jaxon playing on the drums...what a brilliant performance and the win was very much deserved!



This week, our Key Stage 2 children were delighted by a wonderful performance of The Railway Children, brought to life by a visiting theatre group. The scenery and acting was magical and had the children completely absorbed from start to finish. It was a fantastic experience and fabulous way to end the school year!



## Theatre Visit



# June Music News...



It's been a busy term for the choir with performances at the May Fair, West End Fete and Gordon's Summer Arts Festival, alongside singing outside school. Well done choir – you have represented our school very well! Mrs Hardiman invited our local MP, Al Pinkerton to listen to us at the West End Fete. He was very complimentary of our singing and the enthusiasm we brought to our performance. We were also able to talk to him about eco issues and some of the issues facing schools at the moment.



Gordons  
Summer  
Arts



Well done to the Year 6 children who attended the Gordon's Summer Arts Event and played the chanter. They had learnt the songs in their music lessons over the year under the teaching of Iona Scotson, Pipe Major from Gordon's. Year 6 also excelled themselves with their production this year – some really fantastic singing and acting!  
Well done Year 6!



Places have now all been filled for Young Voices and we have 65 children looking forward to heading to the O2 in January. If your child is moving into Year 3 in September, they would be most welcome to join the KS2 choir on a Friday morning at 8 – 8.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Pop an email to the office in September, and we will see you there!



# And relax...It's Pause Day



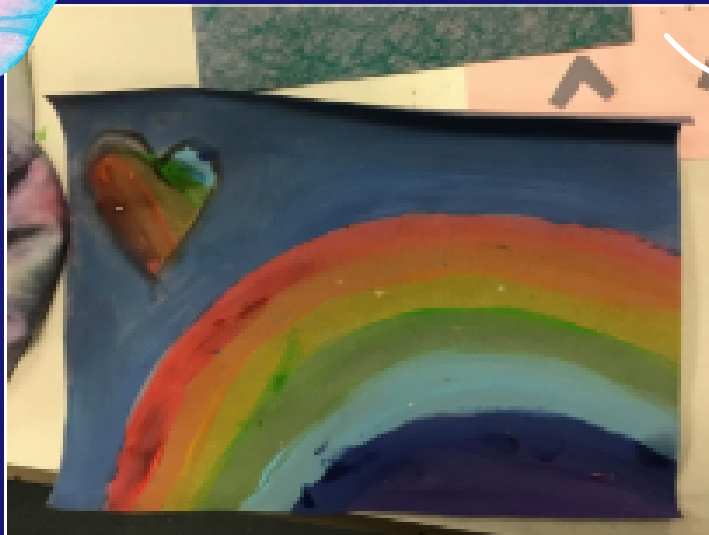
Pause  
Day

On Wednesday, the whole school community stopped and “paused” for the day for our Summer Pause Day. The focus of our day was the question that each year group has been looking at in RE this half term.



Year 1 focused on “What makes a good leader?” and discussed the impact of great leaders such as Mother Theresa, and also the qualities of a leader through Leader in Me.

Year 2 have been thinking about why we should take care of our world. Mary Adler, who normally helps out with readers each week, shared her knowledge of Brentmoor Heath and the wildlife that live there, such as the nightjar, bats, bees and the silver studded blue butterflies.



Year 3 were looking at creative ways people express their beliefs, and this half term have made Mosque Lamps. They deepened their knowledge on Sikhism thanks to Mrs Aurora, and then had a creative afternoon expressing their own beliefs in art form.

# Take a Pause...



Pause  
Day

Year 4's question was "How can we make the world a fairer place?" and they focused on getting out into the community to do some social action. They did a litter pick up to the park, whilst the other class visited Greenview Hall Care Home and shared their learning journals. A great way to bring smiles to the West End community!



Year 5 have been answering the question "How did it all begin?" and put together some excellent video presentations on their own thoughts and ideas...Creation vs Big bang!



Reception and Year 6 both looked at the same question, "Who am I and where do I begin?", identifying places that they belong to, with Year 6 focusing on transition from one place of belonging to another school.

Each class visited a prayer space set up in the outdoor classroom exploring themes of hopes, worries, friendship, new starts and transformation.



They read positive affirmations, and also learnt of creative ways to share their worries using water beads.

A fantastic "buffet" of opportunities to explore spirituality and our individual preferences.



# HIVE NEWS

**Hello from the Hive!**



The Hive children had a wonderful time on their INSET day! They enjoyed playing with bubbles and balloons, had a fun bug hunt on the field, and got creative during arts and crafts with stone painting, butterfly painting, and making play dough monsters. The hot weather has brought lots of fun water play and exciting water fights for The Hive children!

"The Year 6 children celebrated their last week with burgers and ice cream. The famous caterpillar cake was brought in by a student to wish Mr. Doyle a fond farewell. "What a lovely, polite, caring, and funny year group you have all been! We wish you all the very best on your journey to secondary school.  
— The Hive Team"

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

We still have some places left for the Holiday club  
18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 4<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you for all your support this year,  
We hope you have a fantastic summer!



You can contact us anytime at:  
[Wraparoundcare@http.tamat.org.uk](mailto:Wraparoundcare@http.tamat.org.uk)

# Planning a holiday next year ? Thinking of going in term time?

Please read the document below carefully and consider the impact a holiday may have, especially if you have taken your child out before or their attendance is already low.

## New Attendance Rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

### 1

**I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a half or full day.**

Any absence must be recorded on an absence request form. The form enables us to communicate whether an absence will be authorised or unauthorised. Holiday requests will not be authorised. If your child will miss 5 school days, they will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if you pay it in 21 days, otherwise it is £160.

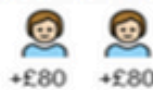
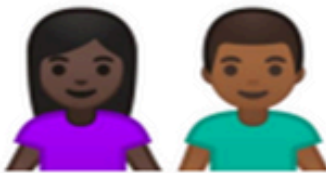


For each child a penalty is given...



**4 children & 1 parent = £320**  
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

**For a family of 2 parents & 2 children**



**£160 x 2 = £320**  
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

**What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?**

Photos on Facebook?  
Foreign mobile dial tone?  
Other children talking about your holiday?  
Amazing sun tan?  
Home visit shows no-one at home?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

### 2

**What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?**

**No, not anymore.** If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

**2<sup>nd</sup> TIME**

**2 parents and...**  
1 child = £320  
2 children = £640  
3 children = £960  
4 children = £1280

**NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> TIME**

A penalty notice fine **will not** be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents and 4 children = £20,000**

### 3

**What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?**

# YES

If your child is absent (or late after registers) for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

### 4

**What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?**

**Unless there are exceptional circumstances**

A family member's birthday  
Shopping for uniforms  
Inadequate clothing for school  
Child being used as a carer  
Problems with transport  
Visiting relatives abroad

Sickness of parent or sibling  
Sibling's school closed  
Refusing to attend, but able to  
Poor family organisation  
Family holidays  
No absence request completed  
Non-essential appointments

**Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.**



**EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

It is an enormous privilege to lead TAMAT with seven incredible schools, all very unique but with a common goal to ensure everyone is valued, nobody is held back and nobody is left behind. Over the last month I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet all the children in assemblies to share what it means to be part of a wider family and how each school's values fit into TAMAT's mission. I was impressed with their understanding and clearly how embed school values are in their school life.

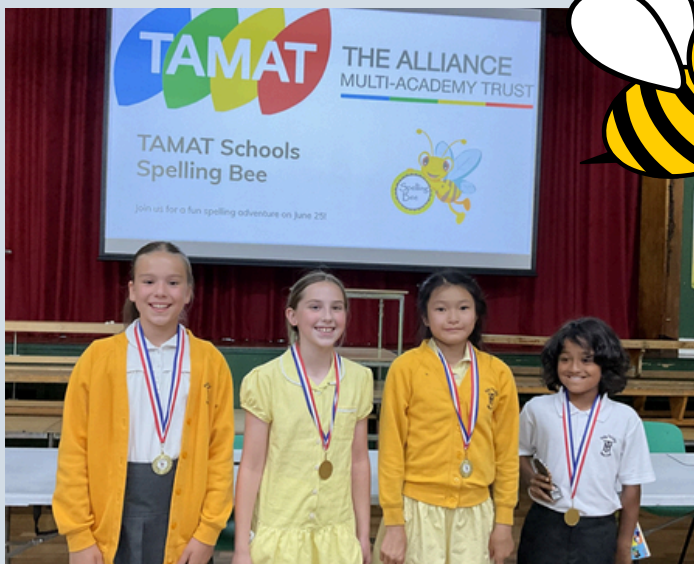
In June all children took part in a TAMAT project focusing on equality, diversity and inclusion to celebrate our similarities and differences. A group of children from each school had the opportunity to meet online via TEAMS to share what they had been learning. I was so impressed with how articulate and thoughtful the children were in their responses and in valuing everyone.



I am aware it is a very busy time of year as we head towards the end of term with sports days, summer fetes, trips, residentials and farewell events. In amongst the busyness it was lovely to see some of our Key Stage 2 schools take part in a TAMAT Spelling Bee competition to celebrate our best spellers. Thank you to Connaught Junior School for organising the event. The children not only showed their incredible spelling skills but also courage in taking part in front of a large audience.

As we head towards the end of term, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for our schools, you do make a huge difference. It has been a challenging year but also very successful thanks to the hard-working staff who I know you really value. I hope you all have a wonderful break when it arrives.

Kind Regards  
Jon Hills - TAMAT CEO



The winners of our Year 3,4,5 and 6 Spelling Bee event in school, represented us at the TAMAT Spelling Bee competition. It was a great event where our students did us and themselves proud and we came away with a Year 3 winner too. Well done Sulaiman!

 **PODCAST**

— The —  
**Wellbeing  
Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —



## This week's content

Week commencing 7th July

PODCAST: Tackling the SCREENDOMIC with Dr Sanjiv Nichani OBE, Consultant Paediatric Intensivist and Senior Lecturer at the University of Leicester

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