



# The Holy Trinity Times



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

## Upcoming Events

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Greek Theatre - Year 3

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Harvest Festival

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Grounds Force Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
School Photographer

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
STEAM Fair - Year 6  
HTSA AGM at Holy Trinity  
School at 7:30pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
KS2 Stationery Shop

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Flu Vaccinations & YR & Y6  
Height & Weight Checks

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
MUFTI Day for Xmas Hamper  
Donations

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

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

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Mexican Fiesta - Year 6

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
INSET Day & Half Term starts

4<sup>th</sup> November  
School Returns



Dear Parents,

## Welcome to our September Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter of this school year. It has been a joy to welcome our children back to school, and especially to greet our new Reception students and the youngest members of our community who have joined our brand-new nursery class on site. A big thank you to those parents who helped move the nursery equipment and furniture from Tringham Hall to the school, you saved us a lot of money and time!

We know that the start of a new year can feel daunting for some children, and staff have worked hard to provide reassuring routines and resources to support the children. We are impressed with how well they have settled into their new year groups and at parents evening later this half term you will have the opportunity to find out how your children are doing. For those parents who are receiving support from our SENCos please note that Ms. Byng is the SENCo for Nursery and Key Stage 1 (Reception - Year 2) and Mrs. Taylor for KS2 (Years 3 - 6), unless you have been informed otherwise. Please ensure you direct your queries to the right person.

Since the beginning of term, we've noticed a rise in the number of children arriving late to school. We understand that mornings can be challenging, and we're here to help. If you need any support in getting your child to school on time, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you know your child will be late for any reason, we kindly ask that you call the school office as early as possible. As part of our safeguarding procedures, the office is required to contact the families of any children who have not arrived at school and whose absence hasn't been reported.

As a healthy school, we ask that packed lunches do not include sweets or chocolate bars - chocolate-covered biscuits are fine. Due to some serious allergies we are also a nut-free school. Please check that cereal bars and snacks are nut-free to ensure we keep all pupils safe.

Do your children cycle or scoot ahead of you on the pavement? A concerned parent has reported several near misses where young children have almost veered into traffic. Please stay vigilant and ensure your child remains close and under supervision at all times.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.

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/>

## School Matters!





# THANK YOU *Thank you so much!* SO MUCH!

As mentioned in our letter last term, Holy Trinity - like many schools across the country - is working hard to maintain high-quality provision despite increasingly limited financial resources.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to everyone who has supported us during this time. Your kind letters of encouragement, generous donations - whether financial, through our Amazon Wishlist, or in the form of time and services - have been great to receive. Some of you have even gone the extra mile to help us source grants for specific projects. Your contributions have made a real difference, and they are genuinely appreciated by both myself and the team.

The HTSA raised a large amount of money last year which meant we were able to put a much needed new floor down in the school hall. This work was completed over the summer and the children are now able to enjoy this new space during Worship Assemblies, PE lessons and lunchtimes; it makes the hall a lighter, brighter and more pleasant place to learn and relax.



Please continue to support the HTSA as they raise much needed funds for school. Our bonfire and fireworks event is coming up shortly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, this is a wonderful community occasion and one of the largest fund raising events of the year. However, in order to be a success it relies on a large band of volunteers. Please sign up and give some time to help, the clearing up team is always thin on the ground so it would be great to have some people who can stay behind at the end to help too.

Remember every parent at Holy Trinity School is a member of the HTSA - the AGM is being held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm - this is a chance to find out how you can get involved and make a real difference to the school your children attend.

# September WOW moments ...



Eco  
Warriors

We are delighted to share that Holy Trinity School has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag for the second consecutive year! This internationally recognised accreditation celebrates our ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental education. Eco-Schools is a global movement spanning 101 countries and involving nearly 19 million young people, and this achievement places our school among a worldwide community of eco-conscious schools making a real difference. We are incredibly proud of our pupils, staff, and families for their dedication to creating a greener future—thank you for being part of this journey!



## Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

### Mabel's Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. It was a great way to keep reading skills progressing over the long break, and we were really pleased to see such enthusiastic participation.

As a thank-you for their efforts, everyone who took part enjoyed a special snack and story time with Mrs Ambrose and Mabel—a lovely way to celebrate their participation in the challenge.





Our Golden Line - Loved, Inspired, Nurtured and Empowered continues to weave itself around our school both visually on the walls and through every conversation, look and action.

We would love to share some more moments on our photo display. Can you and your child/ren think of a time when they have felt loved, inspired, nurtured or empowered?

Please share a picture of this time and send to school either as a printed photo or in an email and we will share this moment with the rest of the school.

# More September WOW Moments...



## West End Show

A Dazzling Display of Creativity from Year 2 and 3! ✨

We are thrilled to share that our talented Year 2 and Year 3 pupils showcased their artwork in the fabulous West End Show in September — and what a spectacular exhibition it was! From bold colours to imaginative designs, their pieces lit up the venue with joy, originality, and youthful brilliance. Displaying artwork they had created during Year 1 & 2, their work stood proudly among the best, capturing the attention and admiration of all who attended.

Special congratulations go to Mya and Rocco who both won first prize in their age categories.

We couldn't be prouder of our young artists.



Their creativity reminds us that expression knows no age - and that sometimes, the most powerful art comes from the smallest hands.



## Year 4 Roman Day



Year 4 had a fantastic time celebrating Roman Day! The children immersed themselves in Roman culture by creating beautiful mosaics, crafting laurel wreaths, and learning to read and write Roman numerals. They also discovered some fascinating facts about Roman life, sparking lots of curiosity and excitement. It was a fun-filled day of hands-on learning, creativity, and historical exploration - well done to all our young Roman citizens!



## Magnetic Safety (Child Accident Prevention Trust)

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) warns that more than 300 children a year are rushed to A&E after swallowing magnets and one in ten needs life-saving surgery. When strong magnets stick together inside the body, they can rip through a child's gut, cutting off blood supply and causing life-threatening injuries. Even toddlers have needed hours of emergency surgery, and some children are left with lasting internal damage. Magnets don't just come in toys – they're also found in jewellery kits, fridge magnets, puzzles, dartboards, fidget toys and desk gadgets. Worryingly, some magnets sold online are 17 times stronger than the UK safety limit.

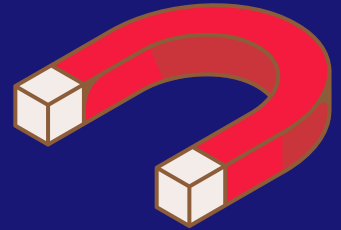
Reminder for parents:

Buy only from trusted brands and retailers.

Be cautious with cheap copies and online marketplaces.

Keep magnets and products containing them out of children's reach.

Find out more and download a free safety poster at [capt.org.uk/magnet-safety](http://capt.org.uk/magnet-safety)



*Don't forget we have our Harvest Celebration  
this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Donations gratefully received!*

**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