The Holy Trinity Times

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

Upcoming Events

Friday 5th December
Xmas Craft Day - All Years
Payment option available in your ParentMail Shop

Friday 12th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Performances
Please see details at the end of the Newsletter

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December
Nursery Sing-a-long at 12:45pm and Nursery End of Term at 1:15pm

End of Term - School finishes at 1:30pm



Welcome to our November Newsletter

Dear Parents,
As we move into the final weeks of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful learning and achievements across our school. November has been a busy and exciting month, filled with opportunities for our pupils to grow, explore, and shine. From engaging classroom projects to special events that bring our community together, it's been inspiring to see the enthusiasm and hard work from both children and staff. In this newsletter you will find some of our WOW moments for November.

Looking ahead, we have some important dates and festive activities planned as we approach the end of term. Please take a moment to review the information in this newsletter so you don't miss out on any upcoming events.

We have noticed an increase in pupils being reported as sick when they are actually on holiday. Please consider the impact of encouraging children to be dishonest. Honesty is vital for safeguarding – if a child is ever in an unsafe situation or at risk of grooming, we need them to feel able to tell the truth. Dishonesty can damage trust, and a strong, trusting relationship between home and school is essential. Just as you expect honesty from us, we ask the same in return so we can work together for the best outcomes for your children. Thank you for your support.

We have received complaints from neighbours in Great Barn Crescent that parents are allowing their children to play on their properties before and after school. Please remind your children that they must not play on lawns, driveways and properties belonging to others. Thank you

We held our Christmas Tree service this morning and I wanted to say a huge thank you to the Vosloo family for their generous donation of a magnificent Christmas tree. It has created awe and wonder in our school hall!

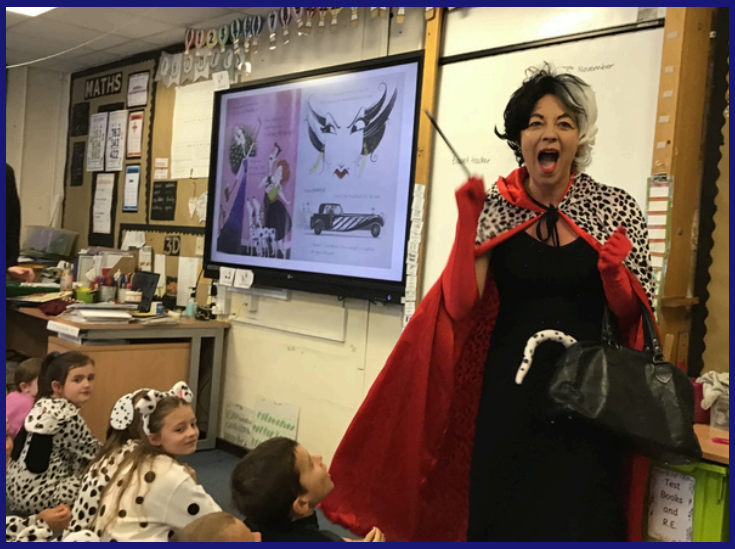
Thank you for your continued support in making our school a vibrant and nurturing place for every child. Together, we are building a strong foundation for lifelong learning.
Mrs Ambrose

More November WOW Moments...

Year 3 Dalmatian Day

Year 3 started their exciting new topic, "Heroes and Villains," with a fantastic WOW Day! Cruella de Vil certainly made her presence felt and this sparked lots of lively discussion about the film 101 Dalmatians. The children explored the fascinating history of animation and took part in creative art activities, which included making origami dalmatian dogs. It was a brilliant start to our learning journey.







Reception visit to the church

Reception children and parents walked to Holy Trinity church for a very special service to welcome them into the Holy Trinity community. Reverend Fiona led the service which consisted of a catchy hymn with actions that everyone enjoyed performing, before acting out a story from the Bible with the help of some of our Year 6 pupils. After a blessing and prayer, every Reception child was presented with their very own bible to keep and treasure - a gift from the Holy Trinity congregation.



Year 6

More November moments... Year 6 have been busy!

Year 6 Steps Into History During Inspiring Soldier Workshop



This half term, Year 6 are stepping back in time to explore Fallen Fields, a moving topic centred on the experiences of World War I soldiers. The journey began with a special visit from "Private Arthur Selby," who shared what it was like to enlist as a young man, march with his regiment, and live in the harsh conditions of the trenches. Pupils listened to stories of letters sent home—filled with hope, fear, and longing—and will now use these insights to inspire their own writing and learning. It promises to be a powerful and reflective exploration of courage, sacrifice, and remembrance









Our school prayer space provided an opportunity for our children to pray for someone they knew who needed love and peace in their lives at this time.



More November WOW Moments...

Cross Country



"Endurance and Grit Shine at This Year's Cross Country Challenge"

A huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 5 & 6 and Year 3 & 4 teams who represented our school at the recent cross country meet against other local schools.

The course was no easy challenge – it included winding woodland paths and uneven terrain – but every single runner showed incredible determination and resilience. From the first stride to the final sprint, the effort and enthusiasm were clear to see.

Most importantly, everyone had fun and supported each other throughout the event. We are so proud of the way you all tried your best and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Well done to all our runners – you truly did our school proud!



Year 6 Hola Mexico

Hola México

To celebrate the end of Y6's topic on Mexico, we shared our DT project with parents, enjoying eating some chilli inspired by Mexican cuisine.





The event was full of energy as students performed the traditional Mexican Hat Dance and sang joyfully to "La Cucaracha," bringing the spirit of Mexico alive!

More November WOW Moments...

Children In Need

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need this year. It was great to see so many colourful spots on display!



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!









The children were thrilled to head outside and experience the magic of the snow! Their faces lit up with joy as they played, explored, and enjoyed the wintry scenes together. It was a truly joyous moment that brought smiles and excitement to everyone.

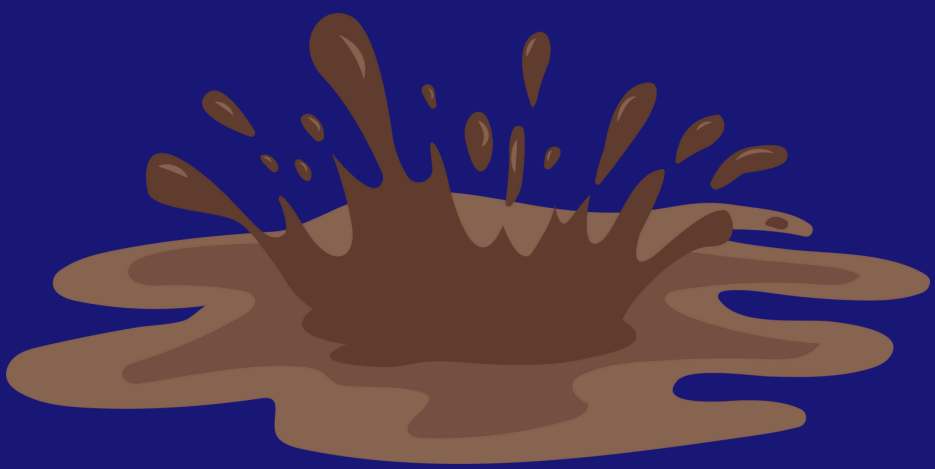
More November WOW Moments...

Year 2
Muck, Mess & Mixtures





Year 2 had a fantastic start to their new topic, Muck, Mess and Mixtures! The children enjoyed a wonderfully messy morning filled with exciting activities and hands-on fun. There were smiles all around as they explored, experimented, and got stuck into the theme in the best possible way!



JOY to the WORLD

Guildford Cathedral's annual Christmas art exhibition for 2025-2026 is themed "Joy to the World". The exhibition is inspired by the Bible verse Luke 2:10: "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people." The exhibition features creative works by pupils of all ages, from nursery to sixth form, across the diocese's schools.

Our school takes part in this event every year and our WHAM team (We Have A Mission) created these angels to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift of love and hope. Just as the angels sang on that holy night, we wanted to show how they carried the good news to all people, bringing joy and peace to the world. Each angel represents a message of light and promise, reminding us that true joy comes from sharing God's love with others.

The exhibition runs from Sunday, November 30, 2025 to Monday, February 2, 2026 at Guildford Cathedral. Entry is free and there are two hours of free parking available at the Cathedral car park. Visitors are encouraged to check the Guildford Cathedral website for potential access limitations during other events.

Why not go along and see if you can find our joyful Holy Trinity angels?

Our WHAM team have also been busy making decorations for our tree at the Holy Trinity Church Christmas Tree Festival on the 13th and 14th December. This will be another lovely event to take your children to over the festive season.





Musical News!

Our school choir are busy this weekend singing at the West End Christmas Fair at Gordon's on Saturday at 12.20pm. You can hear us in the parade square and we will get you into the festive spirit! Our Year 6 choir singers will also be performing at Foxhills Christmas Light Switch on from 4pm. They will be singing from 4.30-5.15pm so please do also come and support this free event and take a look at the magical Christmas lights!

Children from the choir in Year 3 will be heading up to sing for the residents of Greenview Hall Care Home during the school day on Thursday 11th December.

Things are very musical in school at the moment with preparations for our Christmas nativities well under way. You will certainly be in for a treat at whichever performance you will be attending!

I know there is a lot of interest in music lessons at the moment, and all teachers are currently operating a waiting list, but please do still contact them to register your interest so they can manage their lists accordingly. All information on how to do this is on our website under Information> Clubs.

Mrs Hardiman

Helping Reduce Winter Illness in School

As winter approaches, we often see an increase in illness-related absences. While some absences are unavoidable, many can be reduced through simple, proactive steps that help minimise the spread of infections.



As a school we are :

- Promoting good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Improving ventilation in classrooms

Small actions can make a big difference in keeping children healthy and learning. Please remember:

- Pupils should not miss school on a precautionary basis.
- Children can usually attend with a mild cough or cold unless they have a fever, diarrhoea, or vomiting.
- For guidance on when a child is too ill for school, refer to https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/.

The Impact of News on Children - Internet Matters



The world is one of cycles. The current generation moving through the school system, are doing so in a time of particular instability. The consequence for the media landscape has been a shift from 'light' news to a constant stream of 'heavy' content. Online this trend has been inescapable whether to drive clicks or generate controversy, increasingly our media consumption has been overtaken by gloom. This pessimistic outlook has been further enhanced by the continuing evolution of AI. News stories that would have once been unquestioned, now straddle the line of real and fake. For children and young people whose critical faculties are not yet fully developed, this can provoke a whirlwind of confusion. Confusion tends to breed negative mental health effects since one can no longer distinguish true from false. Internet Matters has recently produced a page explaining what can be done, to help children and young people navigate an increasingly murky information space. If interested, please follow the link below:
https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/impact-online-news-childrens-wellbeing/

Christmas Performance Dates...

Tuesday 9th December
Years 3 and 4 - Matinee 2:15pm and Evening 6pm

Wednesday 10th December
Years 1 and 2 - Matinee 2:15pm

Thursday 11th December
Reception performance 2:15pm
Years 1 and 2 - Evening 6pm

Friday 12th December
Years 5 and 6 - Matinee 2:15pm

Monday 15th December
Years 5 and 6 - Evening 6pm

Christmas Charity Winners...



A huge well done to all the children that presented a charity for consideration for our charitable giving this Christmas. I am pleased to announce that the donations parents and family make at the Christmas performances will be shared between the British Heart Foundation and the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association UK. Your children voted for these charities and were touched by the stories told in the presentations. I hope you are able to find some money to donate to these worthwhile charities when you come along to a performance this Christmas.

British Heart Foundation

PWSA UK
PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION UK
pwsa.co.uk

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the whole school community for continuing to support the finances of the school. As a staff we continue to be overwhelmed by your generosity in both time and money.

Our Amazon Wishlist has been brilliantly supported and as a result our classrooms are well stocked. A huge thanks to the parent who organized for their place of work to purchase a large quantity from our Amazon Wishlist, this was thanks in part to Hardings Print Solutions. I wonder if any other parents work for companies that might be able to help schools out as part of their charitable giving?

Another of our parents generously donated money to the school, for anyone getting their hair cut at her salon in half term, Emma Rose Hair Design. This raised over £300 for the school, what a brilliant way to support us!

I know that the staff themselves are planning a fundraiser later in the school year - look our for details early in 2026.

The HTSA are proving to be a small but mighty force! They have already held two fantastic community events which have raised a great deal of money for the school. The Fireworks event alone raised over 9 and a half thousand pounds. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and skills to make these events such a success. I know a huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes.







FREE ENTRY

Join us at the

WEST END

CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Saturday 29 November • 11.00am to 3.00pm
Gordon's School, West End, GU24 9PT

- BBQ
- Bar with mulled wine, beer and hot chocolate
- Coffee Shop
- Stalls full of gifts, crafts and seasonal goodies
- Raffle and Tombola
- Large snow globe - sponsored by Seymours
- Bungee Trampolines
- Fun Games for all ages
- Glitter tattoos
- Live Music & festive tunes all day
- Dodgems – sponsored by Martin's Tyres

MARTINS TYRES

Seymours

All welcome, please come and join us and get into the festive spirit!

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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