



The Holy Trinity Times



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Welcome to our January Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to our January newsletter. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and happy break and that 2026 has begun well for you all. It has been a real pleasure welcoming the children back to school and seeing the enthusiasm, smiles and energy they have brought with them into the new term.

Already this year, there has been a wonderful buzz around the school. The children have settled quickly into their learning, and we are proud of the positive start they have made—both in the classroom and beyond. This newsletter shares some useful information for the weeks ahead, as well as celebrating some of the fantastic activities, achievements and memorable moments that have already taken place since the start of the year.

Thank you for your patience while we have been working through the changes with Arbor - in particular lunch orders. The office have been working really hard to sort out the problems, liaising with Arbor daily. The ladies have really appreciated the positive emails received from parents who are aware of the challenges and have been supportive, thank you.

We have been talking to the children about always looking at and answering an adult when they greet you in school. It has been lovely to hear lots of 'good mornings' on the school gates as the children arrive. We hope they transfer this into social situations outside of school too.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and successful term working together.

Mrs Ambrose

Upcoming Events

Saturday 7th February
Ground Force Morning 9-12

Friday 13th February
HTSA Fab Feb Hair Day
School finishes at 3:15pm

16th - 20th February
School closed - Half Term

Monday 23rd February
School Closed - Inset Day

Tuesday 24th February
HTSA Meeting
Hare & Hounds 7pm

Friday 27th February
Year 1 - Winchester Science
Centre Trip

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day
More info to follow

Thursday 5th March
Years 1 & 2 Reading Meeting
More info to follow

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/>





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January WOW Moments...

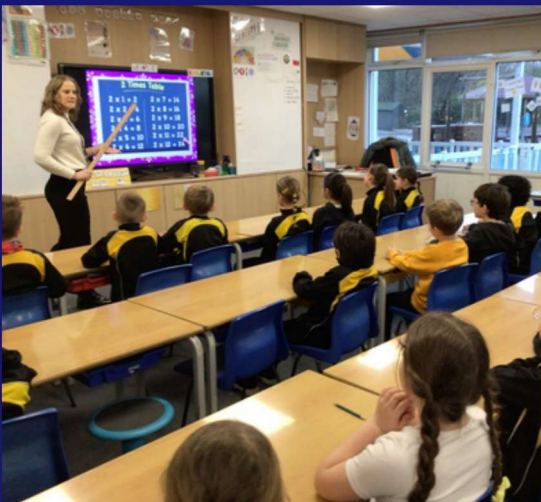


Year 2 trip to Milestones

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Milestones Museum, where they enjoyed discovering what life was like in the past. The children explored old streets, shops and homes, bringing history to life and supporting their learning for the topic "Street Detectives." It was a fun and memorable day full of curiosity and excitement!



Back at school, the children took part in a Victorian morning, stepping into the shoes of pupils from over a century ago. They experienced strict classroom routines, practised handwriting on 'slates', and learned about the differences between modern and Victorian schooling. It was a memorable way to deepen their understanding of history.



More January moments...



Chess Club

Check Mate!



On Friday 23rd January, children from the school chess team took part in a chess tournament at St Dunstan's school in Woking. There were 8 schools participating and the event was played in great spirits.



Year 5 visit to RGS

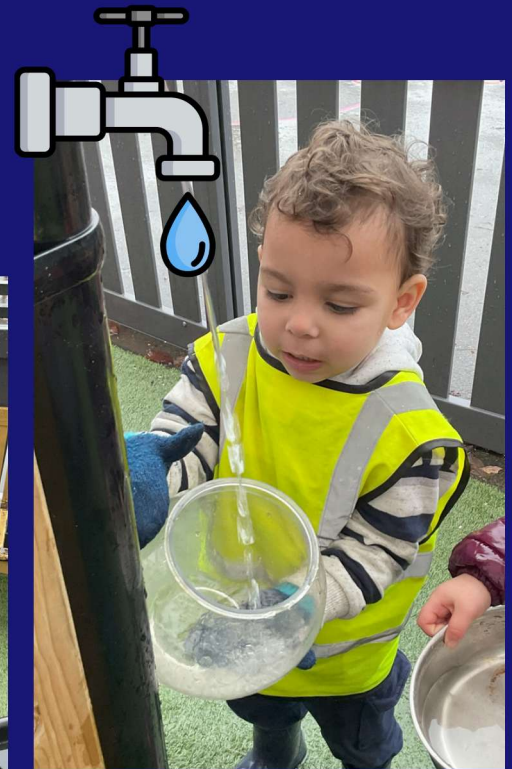
'Off with her head', the Year 5s were lucky enough to be invited to the Royal Grammar School in Guildford, where they were immersed in Tudor history and participated in music, art and drama lessons. They looked at Tudor architecture and were treated to a visit of the Headmaster's chained library.



More January moments...



It's raining it's pouring...

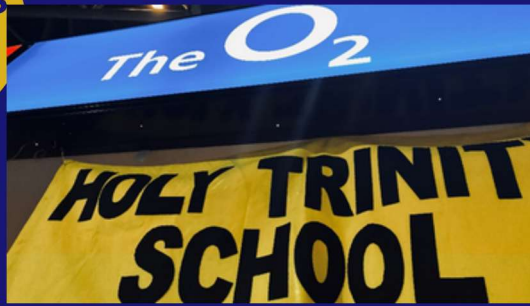


The children in Nursery thoroughly enjoyed the rainy days this month, taking part in purposeful outdoor play as they collected water in small containers and explored the puddles forming around them. This simple activity offered rich opportunities for sensory exploration, cooperation, and imaginative play and worked together to fill their buckets. Their engagement demonstrated how natural weather experiences can support early curiosity, independence, and joyful learning through play.

More January moments...



Young Voices
at the O2



Sixty-five of our choir from Years 4 - 6 went up to the O2 in London on Thursday 22nd January to join with over 8600 children to sing at Young Voices. After singing medley's of Sea Shanty's, Disco hits and Pop favourites, we were joined by the current Elphaba in the West End for an epic Wicked Medley. We also joined with over 300, 000 choirs world wide for a LIVE Wicked sing along. You can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FV5YvelUSpO>

The children sang their hearts out and represented Holy Trinity amazingly! What an incredible experience! Many thanks to those who helped staff the trip. If your child would like to be part of the KS2 choir, please inform the office – we meet on a Friday morning at 8-8.30am in the Hall.

TAMAT Music Concert

Information will be coming soon for Year 5 and joining us for the first time, Year 2, about the TAMAT Music Concert. It will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 from 4.30 – 7pm at Collingwood College. Parents will be able to attend the concert from 6-7pm. For now, please put the date in your diary.

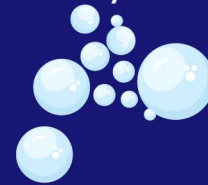
More January moments...



Reception

Tiny Toes and Big Smiles in Reception

On Monday, Reception had some very special visitors as part of our topic on Babies. The children were very excited to welcome Willow (Noah's little sister) and Kit (Koda's little brother) who came into the unit to have their baths. Reception children watched in awe as the babies splashed and played in the water. The experience enhanced their learning experience and the children asked really sensible questions such as 'what does the baby eat?', 'how old are they?' and 'can they crawl yet?' A huge thank you to Mrs Davis and Mrs Colley-West for coming in and showing us how to bath a baby.



Year 6 Forest School

Year 6 had their forest school sessions this month and built a temporary mud kitchen out of some donated pallets. Mrs. Newington is hoping, with the help of The Men Shed, to design and create a bespoke mud kitchen for our Forest School classroom.



The year 6 were so excited to find these little stag beetle grubs. They handled them with great kindness especially after being informed that stag beetles are endangered. Mrs. Newington has a duty to record their finding, with the People's Trust of Endangered Species. The larvae were relocated within some dead wood, in a safe place.

Thank you...

New addition to
our nursery
class....

thank
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A huge thank you to the
HTSA for funding the
new tables and chairs for
our nursery class.



Books for the
Philippines...



Thank you for your
generous book
donations. They will
soon be filling the library
at our link school in
Bulata. The books were
collected on Wednesday
with help from our Eco
Warriors.





Our Reading Ambassadors...

Our Reading Ambassadors delivered a special worship all about the Year of Reading, encouraging everyone to “Go All In” and enjoy the magic of books. They shared how reading can spark imagination, build confidence, and open doors to new worlds. Their message was simple: every child can be a reader, and every page is a chance to learn, explore, and dream. Take a look at the Book Trust book missions for 2026 and consider taking part.



2026 book missions

January Read a book that makes you laugh! <input type="checkbox"/>	February Tell someone about a book you love <input type="checkbox"/>	March Join the World Book Day celebrations <input type="checkbox"/>
April Read a book because you love its pictures <input type="checkbox"/>	May Read a poetry book or a verse novel <input type="checkbox"/>	June It's a summer of sport! Read a sporty book <input type="checkbox"/>
July 7 July: A new Children's Laureate is here! Read one of their books <input type="checkbox"/>	August Read a book outside! What's the most unusual place you can find? <input type="checkbox"/>	September Send a letter or a drawing to your favourite author or illustrator <input type="checkbox"/>
October Read a scary book for Halloween! <input type="checkbox"/>	November Read a non-fiction book and tell a friend a cool fact <input type="checkbox"/>	December Swap your favourite book with your friends <input type="checkbox"/>

My favourite books of the year are...





Sports at HT!



Surrey Schools Sportshall Athletics Success

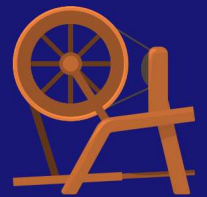


On Tuesday 20th January our Year 5/6 athletics team took part in the Surrey Schools Sportshall Athletics competition at Guildford Spectrum, where they faced a challenging range of indoor track and field events. The pupils showed fantastic determination, superb teamwork, and brilliant sportsmanship throughout the day.



We are incredibly proud to share that the team finished 5th overall, a fantastic achievement in a strong field of schools. An extra special congratulations goes to our javelin superstars—both the girls' and boys' teams won 1st place outright in their events!

The Sleeping Beauty Pantomime brought lots of joy and laughter...



A huge thank you to the HTSA and Father Christmas for giving the children a wonderful pantomime experience right in their own school hall. The children absolutely loved the story, the songs and the silliness (oh no they didn't... oh yes they did!). The cast even persuaded Mrs Ambrose and Mr Saunders to get up and dance along, making it a truly memorable occasion. A fantastic way to brighten a grey, wet season and start the new year with smiles all round.

Roblox: settings that help keep children safer

Roblox can be a creative and enjoyable space, but because games and social spaces are created by users, children's experiences can vary widely. Many children start playing in primary school, often sharing games and conversations with much older users. Settings help, but they work best when combined with regular conversations and adult interest.

Key settings to check

Setting

What it affects

A safer starting point

Account age & content level

What types of games and experiences your child can access, including older-teen content

Set the account to your child's real age and choose a lower content maturity level

Age verification

How Roblox groups users into age brackets

Make sure age verification reflects your child's real age

Text chat

Who can send and receive messages

Limit chat to friends only or turn it off for younger children

Voice chat

Live voice conversations during some games

Turn off unless you are confident and actively supervising

Party / group chat

Group conversations that continue across games

Restrict or disable for younger users

Friends & contacts

Who can add your child as a friend

Restrict requests and review the friends list regularly

Private servers

Who can invite your child to private game spaces

Allow invites only from people your child knows offline

Public multiplayer games

Playing with large numbers of unknown users

Encourage smaller or friend-only spaces where possible

Screen time limits

How long your child can play each day

Agree clear daily limits that work for your family

In-game spending

Buying Robux and premium items

Set spending limits or require approval for purchases

Parental activity tools

Summaries of what your child plays and who they interact with

Link a parent account and review activity together

Why this matters

Most problems on Roblox don't come from the games themselves, but from social interaction — messaging, voice chat, group spaces and contact with people your child doesn't know. Safety settings are most effective when children understand why they are in place and feel able to talk about what they experience online.

Helpful conversation starters

- What games are you enjoying at the moment?
- Who do you usually play with?
- Has anything online ever made you feel uncomfortable, confused or upset?

Keeping conversations open makes it much easier for children to ask for help if something doesn't feel right.

Further information: <https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age>



SAVE THE DATE
PARENT
WORKSHOP
SUPPORTING
CHILDREN
IN THE
DIGITAL AGE

25TH MARCH 2025

JAMES FRASER
EDTECH SPECIALIST

2PM



Are you able to help us?

As part of our swimming provision for pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 we have a pop up pool on site in the summer term. We use tents as changing areas for our pupils; one for the boys and one for the girls.

Over the last few years we have been fortunate to use guide tents lent to us by the local guiding group. However this year we are hoping some families can help. We are looking for tents that we can borrow for a three week period that are large enough for a group of pupils to stand up in and get changed. We would love them to be put up and taken down too - staff will be willing to help!

Let us know if this is something you could help us with.

Little moments can change a future - volunteer and support families in our area



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Home-Start



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Congestion, Consideration and Safer Parking

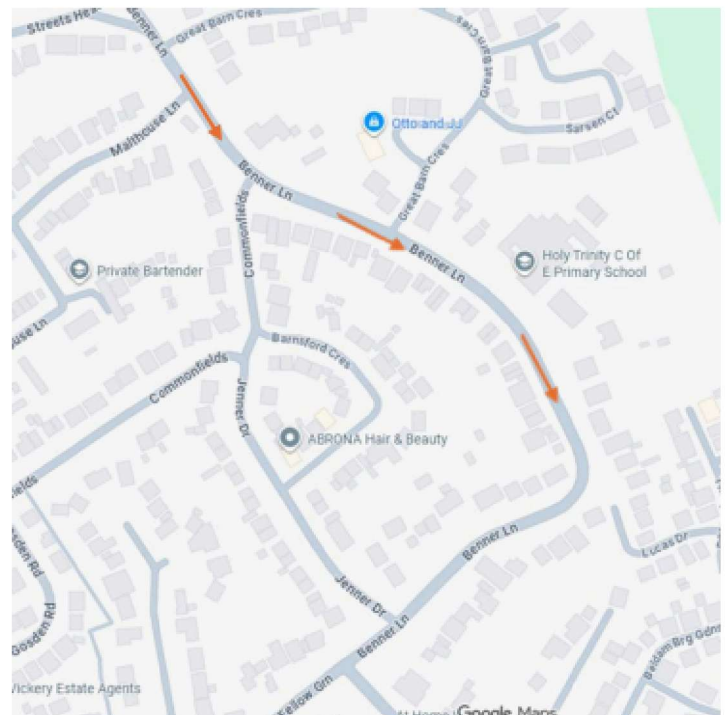
With **450+ pupils** arriving and leaving daily, it's understandably busy around school at **drop-off (8.25am)** and **pick-up (3.15pm)** times. We deeply appreciate the **patience and understanding of our local residents**, and we're committed to making the area around school safer and calmer for everyone.

What can you do to help?

Please share the following information with anyone collecting or dropping off your child/ren:

Please Follow the One-Way System

We operate an **unofficial one-way system** during peak times to ease congestion. Most parents approach the school along **Benner Lane with the school on the left-hand side**. While residents are not obliged to follow this, awareness may help improve traffic flow around West End.



Use the Pedestrian Crossing

Encourage children—especially those who walk independently—to use the crossing for safety.

Park Responsibly

Please avoid:

- Dropping your children off right outside the school as this double parking, even for a short period, blocks the road
- Parking or dropping off anywhere near the pedestrian crossing point
- Blocking driveways or **parking in private parking spaces**
- Parking near junctions, which obstruct visibility
- Double parking, which creates hazards for pedestrians and drivers

We also encourage parents to **park a little further away and walk** the rest of the way.

No Idling

Turn off engines while waiting. Idling produces harmful fumes at child height and affects their health.

Avoid U-Turns

U-turns outside school disrupt traffic and pose safety risks.

Let's Work Together

Your cooperation makes a real difference. By following these simple guidelines, we can create a **safer, calmer environment** for our children, our neighbours, and our wider community.

Thank you for being part of our caring school community.

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