

HOLY TRINITY



Primary Phase Newsletter

Spring Term 1, 2024

At Holy Trinity, our Christian values form the foundation of all we do. We believe in the uniqueness of every person as a child of God. This is reflected in our emphasis on the Parable of the Lost Sheep which underpins our commitment to each pupil's wellbeing and growth, wherever they are on their learning journey.

"If a man has a hundred sheep, but one of the sheep gets lost, he will leave the other ninety-nine sheep on the hill. He will go to look for the lost sheep. And if he finds it, he is happier about that 1 sheep than about the ninety-nine that were never lost. I tell you the truth. In the same way, your Father in heaven does not want any of these little children to be lost."

Matthew 18:13-14

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas events. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 put on such fantastic nativities! Below are just a selection of photos.



This half term, we are continuing to develop our rewards by refining our understanding of our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Ambition. We are handing out certificates for children who are specifically meeting the Holy Trinity Behaviour Standard for **Responsibility**. Part of this strand is coming to school in the correct uniform. Please support the pupils by ensuring they are wearing full and correct uniform on normal school days and PE days. The full list of uniform is below and is also on the school website.

School Uniform

Mid-grey trousers, shorts or skirt.

Long or short sleeved white shirt

Clip-on or elastic school tie

Navy blue v-neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with school logo.

Black shoes

Grey or white socks or grey tights.

Summer uniform – Navy blue and white gingham dress.

PE uniform

Trainers (not pumps)

Navy blue shorts or a plain navy blue tracksuit may be worn for outdoor PE.

White t-shirt (polo or round neck)

Due to Health and Safety in school, **metal earrings are not allowed**. Please ensure that your child removes their metal earrings before they come to school. Plasters over the ears will not be acceptable.

If you wish your child to wear earrings, clear plastic earrings are allowed as they do not rip the ear if accidentally pulled. However, **these cannot be worn for PE** so the child must be able to remove them. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings.

An exciting curriculum

Class	Topic
Nursery	My animal friends. Pets.
Reception	Brr! It's cold here. Winter and the polar regions.
Year 1	Why does it always rain on me?
Year 2	Whose house is this?
Year 3	What was the stone age and the iron age?
Year 4	How is the land used in Sheffield?
Year 5	Who wants to live in America?
Year 6	Is the grass greener on the other side?

We had such a busy half term before Christmas. Below are just some of the things we got up to!

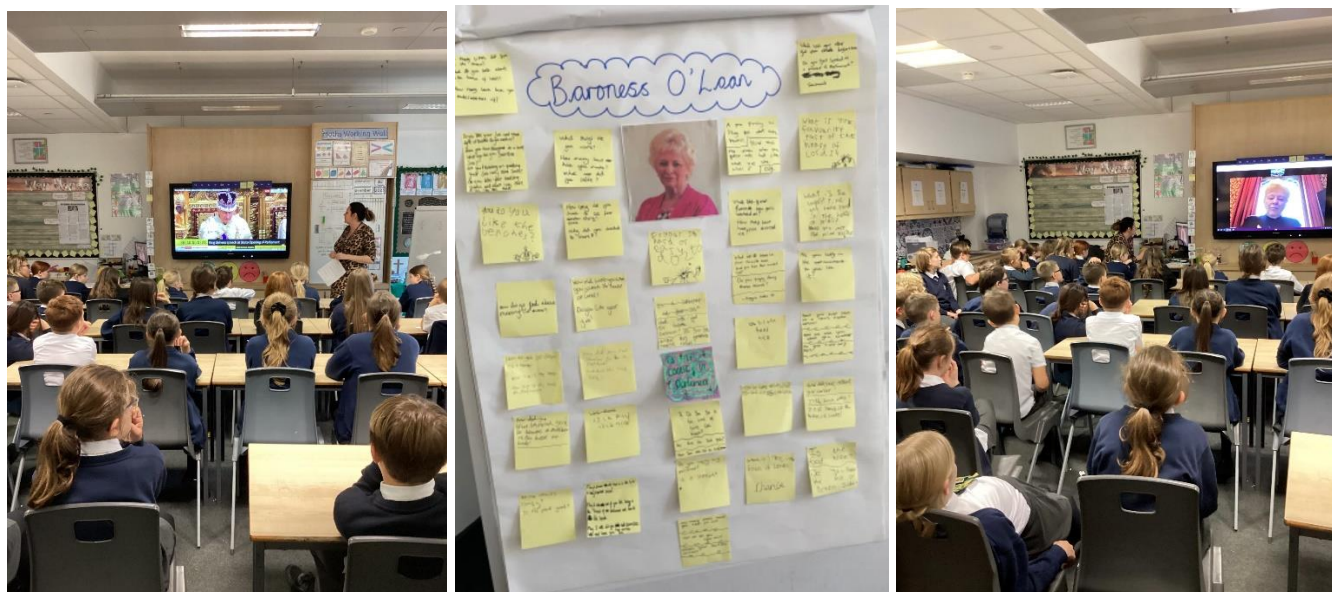
Anti-Bullying Week

We celebrated Anti Bullying Week and the children loved to wear their odd socks to show how unique we all are!



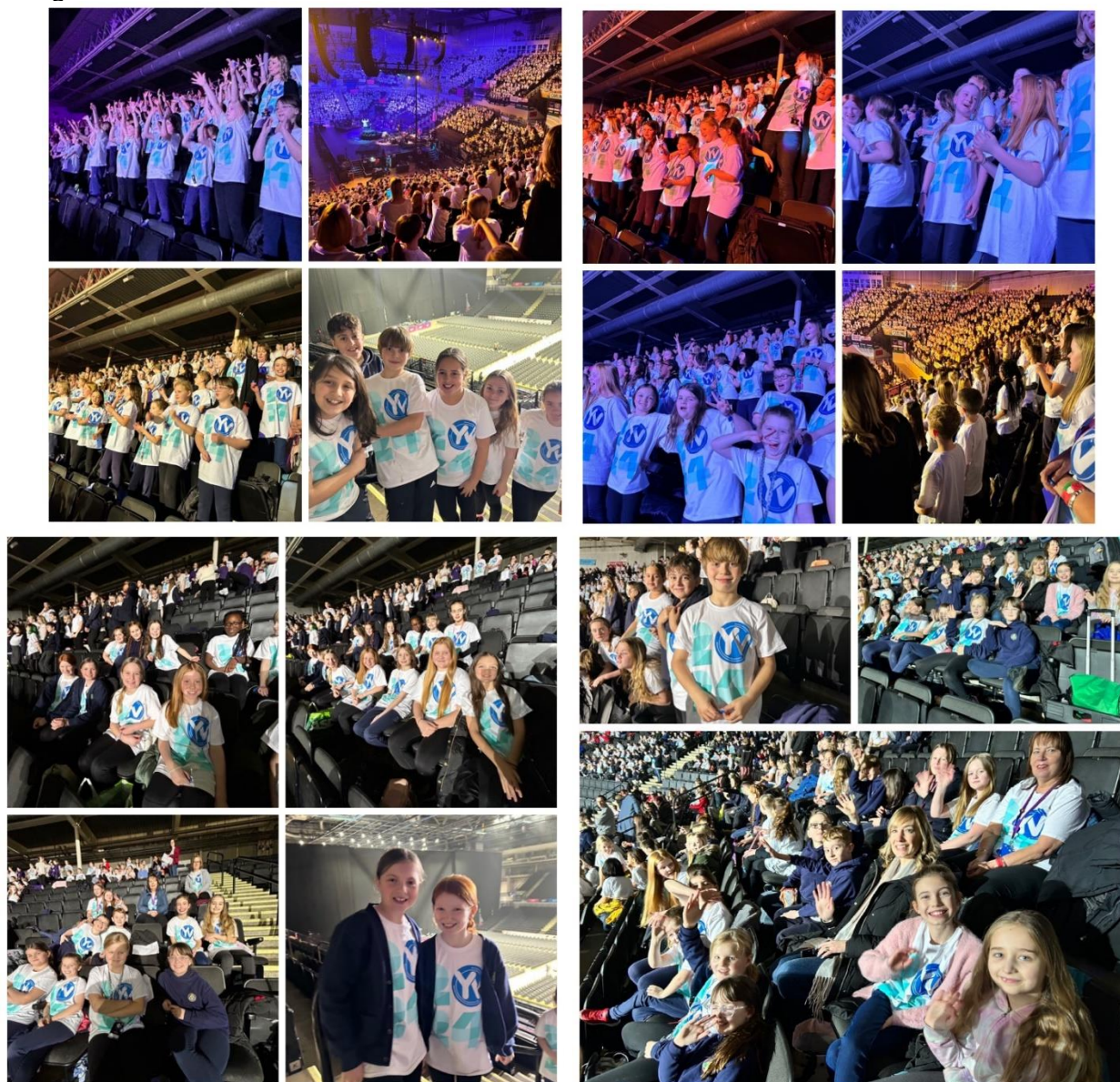
Parliament Week

As part of Parliament Week, Year 6 had the unique opportunity to interview a Baroness from the House of Lords. Baroness O'Loan answered all their questions and told them amazing stories of her life and work.



Young Voices

This week, our choir went to Young Voices at the Sheffield Arena to sing and dance to a range of songs with other schools from around the region. Everyone absolutely loved it! Huge thanks to the staff who gave up their night to take the children.



School Council/Junior Road Safety Officers

Our School Council and Junior Road Safety Officers are all hard at work in their roles. Last half term, the School Council organised our 'Children in Need' day where we raised £230!



Our JRSOs organised a 'Be Bright, Be seen' competition and gave out prizes to the creative winners!



The JRSO's also give out the badges for the Walk to School initiative. In December, we were informed of the following:

As at 8/12/24 (and compared to your baseline figures):

Your Active Travel rate was 34% and is now 76% - a rise of 124% (highest rise in the region!)

Your walking rate was 27% and is now 32% - a rise of 19%

Your Park and Stride rate was 5% and is now 38% - a rise of 660% !!

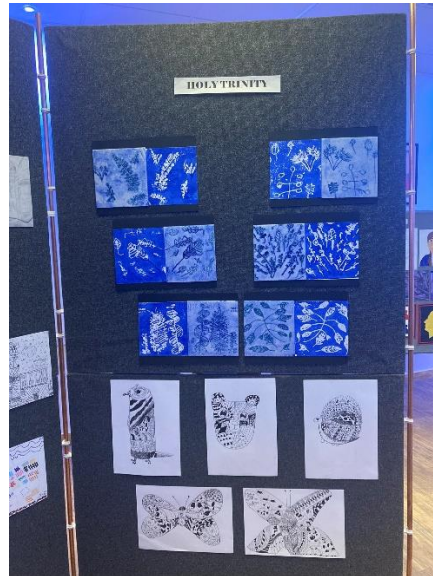
Your driven-all-the-way rate was 65% and is now 23% - a reduction of 65%

Well done everyone! Keep walking, cycling, scooting and Park and Stride to get to school!



Art

Our Art work continues to go from strength to strength and it was so lovely to see a selection of our art work on display as part of the Rotary Art Exhibition at the Metrodome. Congratulations to all those whose art work was selected for display.



School meals

The school menu is on the website and can be found at [School Dinner Menu | Holy Trinity \(holytrinitybarnsley.org\)](https://www.holytrinitybarnsley.org.uk/School-Dinner-Menu). A reminder that school means are now £2.45. This applies to Years 3-6. If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals, please go to [Free school meals \(barnsley.gov.uk\)](https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

Little Angels

Booking for our before and after school provision is via the School Gateway app. Please visit the school website or contact Toni Millward, the manager, via email on littleangels@holytrinitybarnsley.org for more information. **Please ensure you book in advance as there have been occasions where we are full and therefore have not been able to accept last minute places.**



Milk and snack

Milk is available from Cool Milk and information is available by contacting the school. Milk cannot be brought into school from home. Tuck shop is open for healthy snack (breadsticks and Snack-a-jacks) and items costs 25p. If you are sending in a snack from home, please ensure it is healthy e.g. fruit. Fruit is provided for Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) as part of a government scheme. Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle (water only please) into school daily for throughout the day.

Queries

If you have any queries about school matters please contact the school via the main office on (01226 704550), email (info@holytrinitybarnsley.org), contact us via the text service (01226 610168) or send a message via Class Dojo.

Dates for your diary

8th January 2024 - Back to school

26th January – Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk for all children in the primary phase

11th January – Height and Weight checks for Reception and Year 6

2nd February – TTRockstars day – more information to follow but dressing up as a rockstar is encouraged!

8th February – PTA meeting 3:30pm

9th February – break up for February half term

19th February – return to school

6th March – Mother's Day Liturgy

7th March – World Book Day (get dressed up as your favourite book character!)

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