

HOLY TRINITY



Primary Phase Newsletter

Autumn term 1, 2024

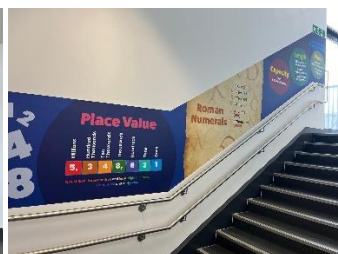
At Holy Trinity, our Christian values form the foundation of all we do. We believe in the uniqueness of every person as a child of God. This is reflected in our emphasis on the Parable of the Lost Sheep which underpins our commitment to each pupil's wellbeing and growth, wherever they are on their learning 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 school new year! We have had a fabulous start to the year in primary and we are so pleased to have everyone back. A lot of work was completed over the summer with the whole primary phase being decorated (all toilets, classroom, corridors and cloakrooms), new water fountains fitted and new blinds. New artwork has also been fitted! We have The Parable of the Lost Sheep on the windows near the dining hall, maths work on the stairs and our English texts at the bottom of the stairs. Below are some photos – we hope those of you who were able to pop in on Tuesday enjoyed seeing them.



The children have really settled in so well to the rules and routines. We had assemblies on our behaviour policy, uniform and our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Ambition.

As always, attendance will be monitored closely and families will be contacted if attendance and/or punctuality give us cause for concern. Please ensure you let us know if your child is not going to be in school and the reason for the absence. A reminder that information about the new regulations has been shared before the holidays and is on the school website and a link for more information is here [Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

Changes to Penalty Notices for School Absence

The new National Framework comes into effect on the 19th August 2024.

Penalty Notices can be issued for:

Leave of Absence - Penalty Notices can be requested by schools for leave of absence in term time for 5 or more days. This can be consecutive absence, or non- consecutive. The LA retains discretion to issue a penalty notice before the threshold is met.

Unauthorised Absence - Penalty Notices can be requested by schools when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. In these circumstances a Notice to Improve may be sent to the parent by the Local Authority on behalf of the school prior to the notice being issued.

First Offence – The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be: £80 per parent, per child paid within 21 days. This increases to £160 per parent, per child if paid after day 21, until day 28. Any non-payment of the Penalty Notice may be referred to the Magistrates Court.

Second Offence (within three years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Any non-payment of the Penalty Notice may be referred to the Magistrates Court.

Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years) – The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented straight to the Magistrates Court under s.444 of the Education Act (1996) or other legal interventions considered. The Magistrates' Court can order fines up to £2500 per parent per child.

Further information on the changes can be found in our [5 Minute Guide](#)

Staffing

In addition to the information sent out in July, we appointed Mrs Milward-Bird as a Teaching Assistant in Reception and Miss Butler as a Teaching Assistant in Class 7.

Harvest Festival

This will take place in school on Friday 11th October. We would love to see as many of you as possible in school. More details will follow shortly.

An exciting curriculum

Class	Topic
Nursery	Rules, routines, behaviour, hygiene, All about me, Harvest and Autumn
Reception	Rules, routines, behaviour, hygiene, Amazing and wonderful me, Harvest and Autumn
Year 1	Why can't nan play the Xbox?
Year 2	How can we save the planet?
Year 3	Why is the UK a unique place to live?
Year 4	How did the Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings invade, raid and settle in Britain?
Year 5	What were the achievements of Ancient China?
Year 6	Why did we win the First World War?

PE

Please check your class newsletter for your PE days and a reminder that children are to come in school PE kits that day. Our school uniform is on the website should you need to check the correct kit and it is also outlined later in this newsletter. A reminder that children cannot do PE with plastic retainers in (these are the only earrings allowed in school) – please ensure all earrings are removed on PE days. Miss Tillson leads on PE and through organising all our afterschool clubs, lunchtime provision and sporting events, this year we are thrilled to announce we have been awarded the Gold Games Award in the primary phase (progressing from Silver last year). Huge congratulations to everyone in school!



After school clubs and lunchtime activities

Through our sports funding, we have continued to buy in The Active Club to support lunchtime activities with our children every day. The children love taking part in the various games! After school clubs will start soon and information on how to book will be sent out shortly.

School Council/JRSOs/Playground Leaders

We are busy in school looking at the applications for Playground Leaders, Junior Road Safety Officers and School Council members. The children have been really keen to take on these extra roles of responsibility and we are excited to see what they will achieve this year!



Well done everyone for encouraging your child to either walk or Park and stride instead of driving the whole way to school last year. We are taking part in the scheme again this year – however this year, **children have to walk/park and stride 3 times per week in order to achieve the badges.**

Swimming and Brass lessons

Swimming will take place this year for children in Year 5 on Wednesdays starting next week. Please ensure children have everything they need and ensure all plastic earrings are removed. The swimming staff will not let anyone in the pool who is wearing earrings.

Whole class brass lessons begin in Year 4. This year, one class will be learning the trumpet and the other class will be learning the trombone.



We hope the children enjoy these experiences, paid for by the school.

Bikeability/RampUp

Children in Year 4 will be taking part in a Ramp up session on scooters. RampUp is an exciting outdoor scooter session aims to inspire and teach Year 4 pupils road safety, as well as improving their scooting skills. They will have 30min of road safety and 30min of ramp riding. More details to follow.

Children in Year 5 will take part in Bikeability sessions later this month, helping develop their biking skills and teaching them how to be safe on the roads. More details to follow.

Roald Dahl Day

Next week on Friday, children will be listening to stories written by Roald Dahl to celebrate this day.

Information for parents

Classes will be sending out their half termly newsletter via Class Dojo and these will also be on the school website.

In addition, we are holding a couple of information sessions for parents. These are:

- A Year 6 SATs meeting on Tuesday 24th September at 3:15pm. More details will follow for parents in Year 6.
- A Year 1 Phonics meeting will be held for parents in Year 1 to come into school to find out more about how we teach children to read in Year 1 and information about the phonics check that takes place at the end of Year 1. This will be on the 4th October at 3:15pm. More details will follow for parents in Year 1.

Keep following us on X (previously twitter) to see pictures of what we are up to. Please go to @HolyTrinity316 or click on the link on the school website.



School meals

The school menu is on the website and can be found at [School Dinner Menu | Holy Trinity \(holytrinitybarnsley.org\)](#). 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 \(barnsley.gov.uk\)](#)

ASDA rewards scheme

We have joined the ASDA Rewards Cashpot for Schools scheme and are wanting your help in earning money for our school! Follow the steps below to help us raise extra money for our PTA. Search for Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England School or use the postcode S71 2LF to select us. The scheme ends on the 30th November 2024. Thank you in advance for your support!



Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

[Cashpot for Schools Terms & Conditions](#) [Asda Rewards terms & Conditions](#)

<p>1</p> <p>Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app</p> <p><small>Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.</small></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com</p> <p><small>Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.</small></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Asda does the rest</p> <p><small>The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.</small></p>
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Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

Classrooms

Below are some photos of the classrooms. Staff have worked hard to ensure the children come back to a welcoming and engaging environment, despite the extensive works that took place over the summer.



Uniform

Please can parents support our school and our school policies by ensuring that pupils are in full school uniform at all times. Please ensure names are in jumpers and cardigans – it makes giving them back to the right children so much easier and saves you losing items. A reminder that we have a rail of good quality second hand items which are **free** to you! Please find the rail in the primary entrance.

School Uniform:

- Mid-grey trousers, shorts or skirts (which must be knee length and not tight)
- Long or short sleeved white shirt
- Clip-on or elastic school tie
- Navy blue v-neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Blue checked dress (no tie needs to be worn with this)
- Black shoes (no trainers or boots allowed)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights

PE kit:

- 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)
- School hoodie

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.

Little Angels

Booking for our before and after school provision is via the ParentPay app. Please visit the school website or contact Toni Millward, the manager, via email on littleangels@holyltrinitybarnsley.org for more information. Please ensure sessions are paid for in advance and booked with plenty of notice. We do get full and then cannot accommodate late requests.



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@holyltrinitybarnsley.org), contact us via the text service (01226 610168) or send a message via Class Dojo.

Dates for your diary

Year 6 SATs meeting	24 th September 2024
Year 1 Phonics meeting	4 th October 2024
Harvest Festival	11 th October 2024
Break Up for Half Term	25 th October 2024
Back to school	4 th November 2024
Flu Nasal Spray	4 th November 2024 (Reception to Year 6)

K. E. Falconer

Mrs Falconer
Head of Primary Phase





**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/2025
ACADEMIC YEAR**

September (21 days)						
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October (19 days)						
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November (20 days)						
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February (15 days)						
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March (21 days)						
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April (11 days)						
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May (16 days)						
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June (21 days)						
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July (16 days)						
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- Denotes Bank Holidays
- Denotes School Holidays
- Denotes Inset Days

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff