

HOLY TRINITY



Primary Phase Newsletter

Autumn term 2, 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 second half of the autumn term. We have a busy half term ahead and the attached letter regarding Christmas events will hopefully help you to keep up to date with everything.

This half term, we are continuing to handing out certificates for children who are specifically meeting the Holy Trinity Behaviour Standard for Respect.

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.

An exciting curriculum

Class	Topic
Nursery	Autumn to Winter, Christmas
Reception	Autumn to Winter, Christmas
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?

Parliament Week

We continue our exciting curriculum with a focus on UK Parliament Week this half term. This is an annual event that enables children to learn more about democracy. Classes will complete a range of activities over the week.

**UK
PARLIAMENT
WEEK**
18-24 NOV 2024

Bikeability/Ramp Up

Year 5 children have had the opportunity to complete in Bikeability, learning how to stay safe while riding on the roads, and Year 4 took part in Ramp Up – an exciting opportunity to learn new skills to be active on scooters.



School Council and Junior Road Safety Officers

Our School Council and Junior Road Safety Officers are all in post. They all look great and are already getting on with their new roles



The JRSOs are currently running an 'Autumn Street Safari' photo competition – we look forward to seeing the entries! All information is on Class Dojo and the deadline is Friday 8th November. We had recorded with an average engagement of **80%** during September! Well done everyone!

The School Council are busy planning our Children in Need day on Friday 15th November.

Anti-Bullying Week

This half term we are celebrating Anti Bullying Week and the theme is 'Choose Respect'. We are asking everyone to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November with their school uniform. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun and an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We can't wait to see your socks!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024
'CHOOSE RESPECT'

Anti-Bullying week 11th November - 15th November 2024.
The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. By treating others with respect, we create an environment of empathy, understanding, and inclusivity.

By understanding and practicing respect, we can cultivate positive relationships and healthy interactions with others.

Tuesday the 12th November 2024- **ODD SOCKS DAY!!** Wear odd socks on this day to celebrate what makes us all unique.

CHOOSE RESPECT
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

TUESDAY 12
Odd Socks Day 2024

WEDNESDAY 13
World Kindness Day!

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone for all your kind donations to Barnsley Foodbank for our Harvest collection. We filled the van! Your generosity is much appreciated and was greatly received. Thank you so much! A big well done to our very helpful pupils who worked hard to bag everything up.



Information for parents

Keep following us on X (previously twitter) and our school Facebook account to see pictures of what we are up to. Please go to @HolyTrinity316 on X or click here [Facebook](#) for the Facebook page. Also, please ensure you are on Class Dojo as we send reminders about events on there too!



We are holding a Reception Open Afternoon session for parents who are wanting to find out more about us for school places in September 2025. This will be on Thursday 21st November 2024 at 2pm.

HOLY TRINITY Reception Open Afternoon

We would love you to join us for our Reception Open Afternoon, where you will have the chance to meet the staff, find out some key information, ask questions and have a tour of the setting and the school.

Thursday 21st November 2024 at 2pm.

Please head to the main entrance of school. We look forward to seeing many of you there!



Parents Evening


Parents Evening will take place virtually this half term on Wednesday 13th November 2024. This is an opportunity for you to hear how your child has settled in to school this academic year. Appointment slots are 5min and information will be sent out to you about how to book. Please do not book appointments but then not turn up as staff are sat waiting at their computer screens for parents to join on the night and we don't want to waste slots that other parents could use. If the evening is not convenient or you need a longer time slot or prefer a face to face or telephone appointment, please contact the class teacher **in advance** to arrange an alternative time. Thank you for your support.

School meals

The new school menu is on the website and can be found at [School Dinner Menu | Holy Trinity \(holytrinitybarnsley.org\)](#). A copy has also been put on Class Dojo. A reminder that school meals are £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

Thank you choosing us when you shop at Asda. We currently have over £690 in the Asda Rewards Cashpot! The scheme ends on the 30th November 2024 so there is still time to collect more cash for us!



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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.

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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. Ties can be purchased from the Main Entrance to school.

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@holytrinitybarnsley.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/flavoured 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

Tuesday 12th November — Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th November – Non uniform day for Children in Need. Donations for Children in Need and bring a bottle for our Christmas Fair if you wish.

Thursday 28th November — Christmas cards to be posted in school in classroom postboxes. These will be given out on 19th December. Please note cards can only be given to class members in school.

Thursday 28th November — Non uniform day. Please bring a chocolate item for our Christmas Fair if you can.

Friday 29th November — INSET day.

Tuesday 3rd December — The Nursery Nativity takes place at 10:30am. Tickets will be available from the Nursery classroom from Monday 18th November.

Wednesday 4th December — Pantomime in school (costs paid for by the school).

Friday 6th December — Year 1 and 2 (Class 1, 2, 3, 4) Nativity takes place at 10am and 2pm. Tickets will be available from Primary Reception from Tuesday 19th November.

Tuesday 10th December — The Reception Nativity (for both classes) takes place at 10am. Tickets will be available from the Primary Reception from Wednesday 20th November.

Wednesday 11th December — Christmas Jumper Day. Children wear their school uniform but can wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school one if they wish. Please bring in cakes/buns for our Christmas Fair if you can.

Wednesday 11th December— join us for our Christmas Fair organised by the PTA. This will take place from 3:15pm – 4:30pm in the Heartspace via the main entrance of school.

Monday 16th December – Year 1 Polar Express day

Tuesday 17th December — We will be holding a singalong in the playground for all children during the day. Please ensure they have appropriate clothing to stand outside and sing!

Wednesday 18th December — Christmas dinner in school. Class parties (Nursery to Year 6). Children can come dressed in their party clothes for the day and party food will be provided by school. Father Christmas may visit some classes too!

Thursday 19th December — Classes will watch the advent liturgies delivered by secondary pupils in the morning and then watch a Christmas film in the afternoon. Children will enjoy the film with drink and popcorn provided by school.

Friday 20th December — INSET day

Monday 6th January. 2025 – school reopens.

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