

# Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 10 - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

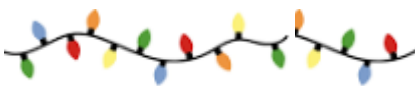
### Attendance

Attendance is extremely important and children must attend school every day unless they are unwell. If your child is absent, you must inform school via telephone or Parentapp by 9.15am to explain the reason why and the expected date of return. When your child returns to school you must provide them with a letter explaining their absence.



Class	N	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Cedar	Oak
Attendance %	98.3	97.6	88.3	97.5	98.1	98.5	95.7	99.3	93.3	100
Piece this week	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Total pieces	3	4	1	6	3	3	2	5	0	2

**Overall attendance is 95.4%**



### Liverpool Christmas Lights



A huge congratulations to Poppy from Year 6 who helped turn on the Christmas lights in Liverpool city centre this week. Poppy joined a group of lucky children, Everton in the Community staff members and former Everton player Ian Snowdon to open the Christmas festivities. Well done Poppy!

### Class Information for week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023



- **Monday** – P.E for Cedar, Oak, N, R, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5 Bikeability
- **Tuesday** – P.E. for Y1 & Y3, Cookery for Y3, Y4, Y5, Forest School for Y5, Bikeability
- **Wednesday** – Swimming for Y4, P.E. for Y6, Little Readers' Parent Workshop
- **Thursday** – P.E. for N, R, Y3 & Y5, Farm to Fork for Y4, Bikeability
- **Friday** – Spanish for Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6, P.E. for Y2 & Y6, Own clothes day for chocolate donations, Bikeability & Movie Night

### Absent Children

If your child is ill and unable to attend school please contact the school office by 9.15am on 0151 427 7466. Please do not inform school via class dojo. Thank you.

### Medication

If your child requires the administration of medication during the school day, you must call in to the school office and complete a medication form. Thank you.

## Reception School Admissions

Please be aware that Reception class admissions application window for 2024 is now open for eligible parents/carers to make their applications.

The online application portal and all of the necessary admissions information, advice and guidance can be found online at [www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions).

Application closing date is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. If you require any support with your application, please contact school on 0151 427 7466.

## FSM

Please apply online for Free School Meals and get an instant decision. Remember, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you receive a qualifying benefit, make sure you apply, so the school gets the extra funding. For any Parents/Carers who are unsure whether they are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please use the link below:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

We ask all parents that qualify for Free School Meals to make the application as it provides vital funding for school. Thank you.

## Weekly P.E. Timetable

Class	<u>Days</u>
Nursery	Monday & Thursday
Reception	Monday & Thursday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Monday & Friday
Year 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4	Monday & Wednesday (Swimming)
Year 5	Monday & Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday & Friday
Cedar	Monday
Oak	Monday

## PTFA Events Throughout December After School

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

3.15-4.30 EYFS & KS1 Movie Night

5.00-7.00pm KS2 Movie Night

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Chocolate Tombola

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Hot Chocolate, Mince Pies & Gingerbread

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Bottle Tombola

Throughout December raffle tickets will be on sale and the draw will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



A huge thank you from the PTFA for your generous donations of chocolate for our tombola. The next date for donations will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and the chocolate tombola will take place after school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Children in Need

Thank you to Mrs Cummings who organised a wonderful day of fundraising for Children in Need.

Both children and staff have had an amazing time taking part in their sponsored events to raise money for this very worthy cause.

Thank you to everyone who has donated and we are very proud to announce that so far we have raised a staggering **£2766.10**.

Wow – what an achievement!

Remember that you can still donate using the following link and code:

<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/holy-trinity-catholic-primary>

Code: 463C

A special mention to Taela-Rose from Reception who raised over £120 by taking part in a sponsored triathlon. Well done Taela-Rose!



### Girls' Football Competition

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the girls' football team will be taking part in an Everton in the Community Football Tournament at Jericho Lane. More details will follow next week. Best of luck girls.

### Friendship/Anti-Bullying Week at Holy Trinity

This week has been Anti-Bullying week across the UK. This year's theme was "Make a Noise About Bullying". Pupils across the school have been participating and engaging in assemblies and various other activities throughout the week including Odd Socks Day, which took place on Monday. Many thanks to all those who took part and helped us celebrate what makes us unique and different. Pupils have been learning about what bullying is, how to spot the difference between "banter" and bullying, how they can help stop bullying and how to get help should they or anyone they know ever experience this.

For more information and guidance for parents/carers please visit the following link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

*Weekly Prayer*

*Dear Lord Jesus,*

*Help us to develop our talents  
and to know how we can use them  
for the good of others in this coming week*

*Amen*



Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead.

— *Mother Teresa* —

*God Bless.*

*Mrs H Raley - Williams*  
Headteacher

*“Walking in the footsteps of Jesus:  
we care, we share, we love, we learn.”*

Please visit our school website:

[www.holytrinitycatholicprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.holytrinitycatholicprimaryschool.co.uk)

Please visit our twitter page:

[@HolyTrinityGar](https://twitter.com/HolyTrinityGar)

## *Dates for Your Diary*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Bikeability for Years 5 & 6

Reconciliation Classes for Year 4

Assessment Week

Reconciliation Classes for Year 4

KS1 Christmas Performance 10.00am

Christmas Jumper Day

Year 4 First Confession in Church

Y1 – Y6 Christmas Panto at Everyman

Advent Mass for Y4 & Y5 at 10am in Church

Christmas Dinner

EYFS Christmas Performance at 10.00am

Y4 Assembly for Family Members at 9.15

KS2 Carol Service in Church at 1.30pm

Advent Mass for Y3 & Y6 at 10am in Church

Y4 Viking Experience

Christmas Party Day

**FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS AT 2.00pm**

**INSET DAY**

**SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME**

Y6 Empathy Workshop

Y6 First Aid Training

Young Voices Concert

**FINISH FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME**

**SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME**

Bishop Tom Williams visit to school

Y1 & Y2 visit to Cathedral

Y6 Coping with Challenges Workshop

Y6 SATs

KS2 May Procession in Church 10.30am

Storybarn on the road for N – Y2

Storybarn on the road for Y3 – Y6

**FINISH FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME**

**SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME**

Y6 Ladywell Retreat

Y6 Leavers' Mass in Church

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER AT 2PM**

## Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School 2023-2024 Term Dates

### ***AUTUMN TERM 2023***

**Term 1a:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 40 DAYS

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**– Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

**Term 1b:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – 34 DAYS

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### ***SPRING TERM 2024***

**Term 2a:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - 24 DAYS

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Term 2b:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 29 DAYS

**EASTER HOLIDAY**– Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### ***SUMMER TERM 2024***

**Term 3a:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 29 DAYS as Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is Bank Holiday

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**Term 3b:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 34 DAYS as 1 INSET Day (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June)

### **INSETS**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## Movie Evening - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

School will be holding a movie night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.  
Details are as follows:

### **Ticket Prices:**

£3.00 per child  
£5.00 for 2x children  
£8.00 for 3+ children



Ticket includes movie plus snacks (Popcorn, cupcake, jelly sweets, and a drink)

### **EYFS/KS1 - 3.30-4.30pm:**

Will be watching The Grinch cartoon film and Elf on the Shelf film  
(total time - approx. 60 mins).

### **KS2 - 5.00-7.00pm:**

Will have option of following films and can choose one:

The Grinch  
Christmas Chronicles  
The Polar Express  
Elf

**Please complete the Parent App survey (sent out this week) if your child will be attending.**

# RESONATE YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

## Open Day

Saturday 9th December 2023

10.00am – 4.00pm

Notre Dame Catholic College, L5 5AF

Free orchestral rehearsals and workshops with professional musicians from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Register for your free place now at [www.resonatehub.co.uk/open-day](http://www.resonatehub.co.uk/open-day)



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as 'MTX') are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

### PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

## EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

### DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

### AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

### SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

### CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and still not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

### (GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

### STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

### WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour. Irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

## Meet Our Expert

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