

# Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> December 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 %	95.2	97.1	91.7	98.2	97.7	100	96.4	96.4	85.7	91.1
Piece this week	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total pieces	4	5	1	8	4	5	2	5	0	3

Overall attendance is 95.3%

**Congratulations to Year 4 on achieving 100% attendance they will be rewarded with an own clothes day on Wednesday 6th December 2023.**

### KS1 Christmas Performance

The KS1 Christmas performance will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10.00am for parents and family members. Entrance will be via the main gate on Banks Road. Gates will open from 9.40am and will close at 9.55am, please be on time for the children. Thanking you in advance.

### Class Information for week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023



- **Monday** – P.E for Cedar, Oak, N, R, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5
- **Tuesday** – P.E. for Y1 & Y3, Cookery for Y3, Y4, Y5, Forest School for Y5
- **Wednesday** – Swimming for Y4, P.E. for Y6
- **Thursday** – P.E. for N, R, Y3 & Y5, Farm to Fork for Y4, Y4 Swimming lessons
- **Friday** – Spanish for Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6, P.E. for Y2 & Y6, Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you from the PTFA for all your bottle donations today. Our bottle & chocolate tombola will take place after school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## 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 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**

Chocolate & Bottle Tombola

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

## Upcoming Choir Events



Our Young Voices Choir have been busy practising their Christmas repertoire which they will perform at Liverpool John Lennon Airport on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 10am. We will be raising funds towards transport for our Young Voices Concert at the Manchester AO Arena, which the children will be performing at in February. Children attending can bring Christmas Jumpers and festive headwear to wear whilst they are performing. They can also wear their P.E tracksuits for extra warmth if required and will need a warm coat to wear. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Our choir have also been invited by local councillor, Sam Gorst, to perform at the Garston Village light switch-on, which will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. More information about this will be sent home with those children involved next week. Members of our school community are welcome to come along and support these events where able to. Good luck to the children who will be taking part in these events. I hope they enjoy the experience and know they will bring 'Christmas Joy' to all who have the pleasure of hearing them sing!

## PTFA Christmas Movie Night

Thank you to all the PTFA and staff who organised and helped at movie night last Friday. It was a great success and the children all enjoyed themselves.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day, on this day we will be raising money for the Save the Children Charity. Children can give their donations to their class teacher or to the staff on the yard in the morning.



## First Confession Practice

The children who are making their 1<sup>st</sup> confession will be attending Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December with school staff. Please ensure your child has a warm coat as we will be walking to Church. We will be leaving school at 10.30am and will return for dinnertime.

## Christmas Hampers

We are now collecting food for our Christmas Hampers to gift to the elderly. Your child/ren can hand their food donation to their class teacher. Thanking you in advance.

*Weekly Prayer*

*Dear Lord Jesus,*

*Help us to stay awake and  
to be aware of your presence  
in the people that we meet in this  
Advent season.*

*Amen*



"Advent is a time when  
we journey towards  
Jesus and his Kingdom  
of justice and peace."

*Pope Francis*



*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

**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**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

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

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

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

**Tuesday 29<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**

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

Chocolate & Bottle Tombola

Advent Mass for Y3 & Y6 at 10am in Church

Christmas Party Day

**FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS AT 2.00pm**

**INSET DAY**

**SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME**

Y6 Empathy Workshop

Y6 First Aid Training

Bikeability for Y5 & Y6

Young Voices Concert

**FINISH FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME**

**SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME**

Y4 Viking Experience

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

# RESONATE YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

## Open Day

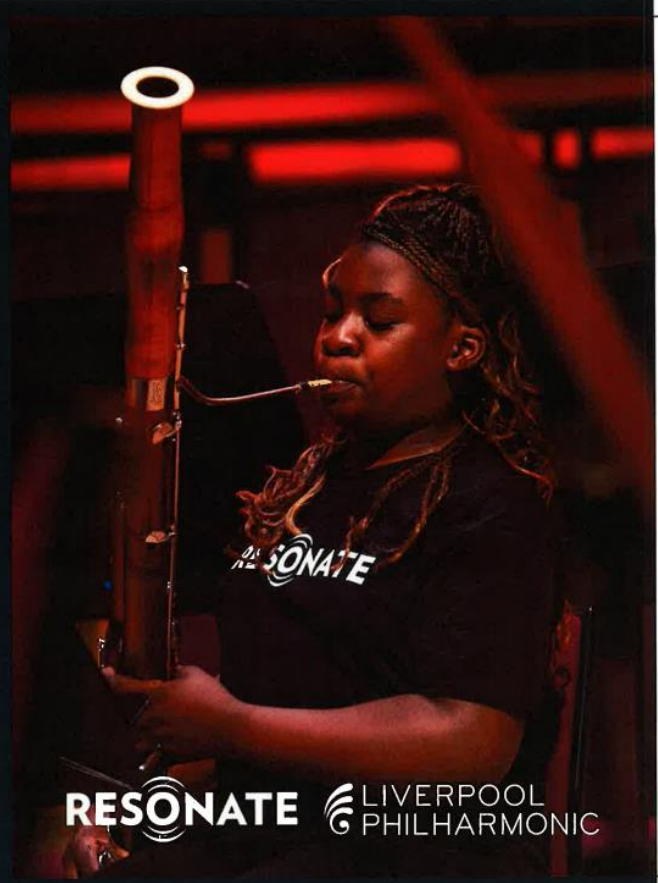
Saturday 9th December 2023

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)



**RESONATE**  **LIVERPOOL  
PHILHARMONIC**



**NATIONAL  
SCHOOL  
GAMES**  
**SANTA DASH**  
**Friday 8th December**  
#santasmiles #SGSantaDash





Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Master represents Jesus and the servants represent us. The message from the Gospel is very clear: we are to 'stay awake!'.

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

A little extra daily prayer throughout Advent is a great way to do this – to be alert to Jesus' presence around us. Prayer brings us not only closer to God but also closer to one another.

Make a great start to Advent, enjoying a special *Wednesday Word* Prayer & Share time together, discussing this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **PRAYER**.

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



**A Word from Pope Francis**

*"Dear Parents, teach your children to pray. Pray with them. Prayer strengthens family life."*

**"The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts!"**

*Pope Francis*



### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023



Jesus said to his disciples, "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you do not know when the end time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad; he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his own task, and orders the doorkeeper to stay awake. So, stay awake – because you do not know when the Master of the house is coming; it may be evening or midnight, cockcrow or dawn. If he comes unexpectedly, he may find you still sleeping. What I am saying to you now, I say to everyone: Stay awake!"

*Adapted from Mark 13:33-37  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B*

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in church: all are very warmly invited**

**The Year of Prayer**

**The Wednesday Word - it's Good News for Families**

As Advent begins, Pope Francis invites us to observe the upcoming year as a 'Year of Prayer', in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year – learn more at [cbcw.org](http://cbcw.org).

Enhance the joy of Advent and enrich your family's Christmas preparations by joining in with the *Wednesday Word* Prayer & Share. Experience a very special togetherness which comes from this weekly tradition of *Family Time* prayer.

**PRAYER & SHARE  
OVERLEAF**





# Wednesday Word Prayer & Share



## 1 Listening & Learning Together

Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them"

Jesus said to his disciples, "Be on your guard, stay awake. When a rich man travels abroad, he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge and orders the doorkeeper to keep a good watch. So, always be ready - because you do not know when the Master of the house is coming; it may be evening or midnight, cockcrow or dawn. If he comes unexpectedly, he may find you unready for him. What I am saying to you now, I say to everyone: Stay awake - be ready!"

**When will the Master of the house return?** Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



## 2 Wednesday's Word is ...

### PRAYER

## 3

## Loving & Growing Together

"The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers." *St Thomas Aquinas*

Ask your child what the word 'prayer' means to them. Does your child like to pray aloud or quietly, alone or with others? What is their favourite prayer? It may be a well-known prayer or one that they have made up by themselves. You might like to share one of your favourite prayers with your child. Each of you name your favourite Christmas carol. Why not come along to church to join in this Advent? All are warmly invited.

"Dear young people, Christ asks you to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter." *Pope Francis*

Advent is a time to get ready to welcome Jesus - to draw closer to God. Prayer helps us to do this. We can pray anywhere, at any time. Each say where you like to pray. Maybe at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside or elsewhere? What would you like to pray and ask God for this Advent? Who will you pray for? It could be your family, a friend, a teacher, your priest, or maybe someone in need, near or far. Besides praying, how else might you help them?



Can you complete 'The Lord's Prayer': Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day ... ?

## Gospel Gallery

W S T H I S A S R K D S  
 S Z N D A W A K E W J E  
 D A W E K A G S A Z E J  
 Y S B E G I N S D K S U  
 A D D K S I S N Y W U R  
 Z W A K G L S T D R S E  
 W Z A E J N U N S I H T  
 A S B K R D N E S S K U  
 E U D U E A D V E N T R  
 K S T E V D A D J S J N  
 W E Z U R N Y A D N U S  
 R J U V A D Z E K A W V

### WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- THIS SUNDAY
- ADVENT BEGINS
- AWAKE READY
- JESUS RETURNS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u b c** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

usacybing bevecryonve cawaukeb Wuchabt

"\_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_ to you now,  
I say to \_\_\_\_\_: Stay \_\_\_\_\_!"



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

**Prayer is spending time with God, talking and listening, sharing your life with God.**

This Advent, try adding an extra prayer each day and become more awake to the joy of being closer to Jesus.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

**This week I will try my best to ...**

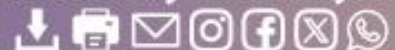
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## SHARE the PRAYER

Print and complete the leaflet with your children & SHARE A DIGITAL COPY with your friends ...

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Community Network  
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# Supporting families

## pre, during and post-diagnosis

Would you like to know more about autism, ADHD, specific learning difficulties, or sensory processing difficulties to better understand and support your child/young person?

Come along to our **FREE** to attend meetings and workshops

- ✓ Learn about neurodevelopmental conditions.
- ✓ Identify practical strategies that work for you and your family.
- ✓ Meet other parents in similar situations.
- ✓ Ask questions and talk to our team who can help and support you.



Visit our website to find out how we can support you and your family and view our calendar of events.



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