

# *Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School*

## *Newsletter 13 - 8<sup>th</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 %	93.1	95.2	91.7	95.7	91.7	98.5	96.4	97.9	74.3	97.8
Piece this week	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total pieces	4	5	1	8	4	6	2	6	0	4

**Overall attendance is 95.3%**

### KS1 Christmas Performance - The Fairy Tale Land Nativity Show

Our wonderful children in Year 1 and Year 2 performed their Christmas play on Wednesday to their family members. All the children sang and spoke so well and really enjoyed showing their dancing and drama skills to the audience. Well done children, we are all so proud of you.

### Class Information for week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023



- **Monday** – P.E for Cedar, Oak, N, R, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5, ROAR Rocket training for Y5, MGL with Y3
- **Tuesday** – P.E. for Y1 & Y3, Cookery for Nursery, Cedar & Oak, Forest School for Y6, Panto for Y1 - Y6
- **Wednesday** – P.E. for Y6, Christmas Dinner Day, Advent Mass in Church for Y4 & Y5 at 10.00am, Own clothes day for bottle tombola
- **Thursday** – P.E. for N, R, Y3 & Y5, Farm to Fork for Y4, EYFS Christmas Performance at 10.00am
- **Friday** – Spanish for Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6, P.E. for Y2 & Y6, Y4 Assembly for family members at 9.15am, KS2 Carol Concert in Church for family members at 1.30pm,

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children across KS2 will be making their First Confession on Monday in Church. Thank you to Father David and their families for preparing the children for this sacrament.

## EYFS Christmas Performance

Nursery and Reception Christmas performance will take place on Thursday 14<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.

## 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.

## PTFA Events Throughout December After School

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

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

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

Own clothes day for bottle tombola

Hot Chocolate, Mince Pies & Gingerbread

Chocolate & Bottle Tombola

Throughout December, raffle tickets will be on sale and the draw will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Winners will be notified via Parentapp or telephone.



## Weekly P.E. Timetable

Class	Days
Nursery	Monday & Thursday
Reception	Monday & Thursday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Monday & Friday
Year 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4	Monday & Wednesday
Year 5	Monday & Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday & Friday
Cedar	Monday
Oak	Monday

## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day was a great success and we raised £127.00 for the Save the Children Charity. Thank you to everyone for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.



## Christmas Choir at Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Well done to our school choir who entertained travellers and staff at Liverpool John Lennon Airport on Tuesday. They sang beautifully, brought smiles to so many faces and received lots of positive feedback from those who had the pleasure of hearing them sing. We were very grateful for the generous donations received from the public and parents/carers which will go towards funding transport for our Young Voices Concert in February. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to come along and support us. It was lovely to see you there and it meant a great deal to the children and staff.

## Christmas Hampers

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



## Christmas Mass Times



FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS	7.00 pm Christmas Eve
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS	12.00 midnight, with carols at 11.30 pm beforehand
CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS	10.00 am Christmas Day
BOXING DAY	12.00 noon



### *Weekly Prayer*

*Dear Lord Jesus,*

*Thank you for the hope you bring to our lives.  
Please help us to bring hope to others  
as we journey through Advent.*

*Amen*



### *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

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	Year 4 First Confession in Church
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	Y1 – Y6 Christmas Panto at Everyman
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	Advent Mass for Y4 & Y5 at 10am in Church Christmas Dinner
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	EYFS Christmas Performance at 10.00am
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	Y4 Assembly for Family Members at 9.15 KS2 Carol Service in Church at 1.30pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	Advent Mass for Y3 & Y6 at 10am in Church
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS AT 2.00pm</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	Y6 Empathy Workshop
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024</b>	Y6 First Aid Training
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	Bikeability for Y5 & Y6
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	Young Voices Concert
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>FINISH FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	Y4 Viking Experience
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	Bishop Tom Williams visit to school
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	Y1 & Y2 visit to Cathedral
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	Y6 Coping with Challenges Workshop
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	Y6 SATs
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	KS2 May Procession in Church 10.30am
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>	Storybarn on the road for N – Y2
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	Storybarn on the road for Y3 – Y6
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>FINISH FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	Y6 Ladywell Retreat
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	Y6 Leavers' Mass in Church
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER AT 2PM</b>

## 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

## Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School 2024-2025 Term Dates

### **AUTUMN TERM 2024**

Term 1a: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 39 DAYS

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY– Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**

Term 1b: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 34 DAYS

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

### **SPRING TERM 2025**

Term 2a: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - 29 DAYS

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

Term 2b: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 30 DAYS

**EASTER HOLIDAY– Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

### **SUMMER TERM 2025**

Term 3a: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – 23 DAYS as **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May is Bank Holiday**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Term 3b: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 35 DAYS

#### INSETS

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025





## Urgent Winter Water Safety Message

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

1. Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet
2. Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

### What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

### What to do if you see someone fall through the ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone the emergency services – call 999 or 112
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

[Winter water safety | Staying safe on our canals | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](#)

# Supporting a Child with ADHD

## The extra session you asked for!



Challenge the stereotypes and get the facts with Jane Keyworth  
**Monday 18th December** (7pm to 9pm) £24  
Available to book now via the website  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)





Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent is the season of hope, culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which brings us the good news that we are loved unconditionally by God.

This Sunday's Gospel is also filled with hope. John the Baptist points away from himself towards Jesus. John makes it clear that it is Jesus that the people should follow: the hope of the world.

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

This season of hope is a great opportunity to be spiritually refreshed, to get rid of everything negative in life and make it altogether positive: to look forward knowing that God is with us. Let's use this special time to make a fresh start and to be filled with hope.

Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HOPE**.

*Dom Henry Warsbrough*



**A Word from  
Pope Francis**

*"Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God. Advent increases our hope."*

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "Look! I am sending my messenger ahead - he will prepare your way. A voice cries out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from the land of Judaea and the city of Jerusalem came to him and, as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. But John said, "There is someone else to come - someone who is more powerful than I am. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

*Adapted from Mark 1:1-8*  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B

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

**Good News  
for Everyone**

**It's a blessing to have hope.** Hope is a virtue which can sustain us through life's greatest difficulties. When we spend time learning about and listening to Jesus, we are filled with hope and strengthened, and so are able to bring great hope and good news to others.

**Connecting Home, School & Parish through Sunday's Gospel** [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)





# GOOD NEWS FOR FAMILIES



# 1

## Listening & Learning Together

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

It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "Look! I am sending my messenger ahead - he will prepare your way." John the Baptist was a prophet who lived in the desert. People from all around came to him and John told them to change their ways and prepare to welcome the Lord. As they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, the people confessed their sins. John told them, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am, and he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

**Who did John tell the people to welcome?** Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



# 2

## Wednesday's Word is ...

# HOPE



# 3

## Loving & Growing Together

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope."

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

**John the Baptist brought a message of hope to the people. His message is for us too. Hope is a wonderful gift. Ask your child what the word 'hope' means to them.** Can they remember a time when they faced a difficult situation and someone (or maybe their faith) gave them hope? Each of you say who or what gives you hope when times are tough. Can you remember a time when you gave hope to someone?

"Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope!"

*Pope Francis*

**We can grow in hope through praying and learning about Jesus.** As part of our Advent preparations for Christmas, let's consider if there is anyone we know who is sad or troubled and needs hope. In what ways can we bring hope to that person or those people? Perhaps we can: be a good friend and a patient listener, offer support and encouragement where needed; tell others about the hope that Jesus brings into our lives; let them know we are praying for them.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the **hope** you bring to our lives. Please help us to bring **hope** to others as we journey through Advent. Amen.

## FINDING FIVE

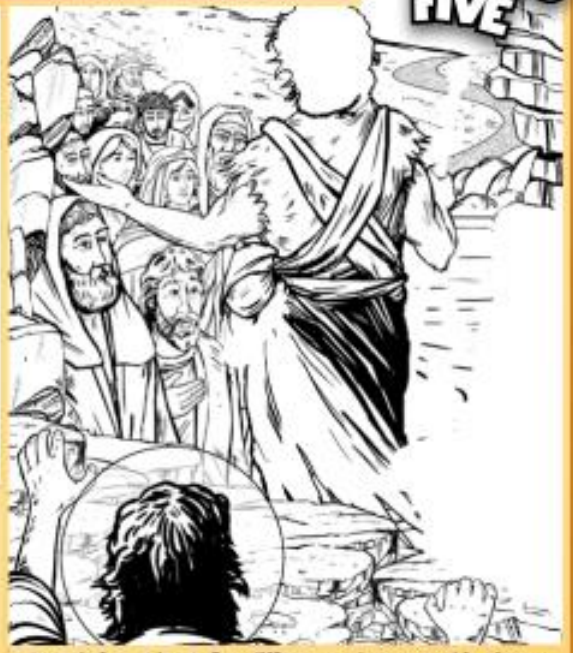
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## WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- JOHN PROPHET
- LIVED DESERT
- PEOPLE BAPTISED
- CONFESSED SINS

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



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

Cross out the letters **ilf** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"Look! I \_\_\_ sending my \_\_\_ ahead - he will \_\_\_ your \_\_\_"

For ideas about what you can do to bring hope to others this Christmas, see **MISSION TOGETHER'S 2023 Advent Calendar** at: [missiontogether.org.uk](http://missiontogether.org.uk)

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley  
**This week I will try my best to ...**  
.....



**Share the Good News**

Print and complete the leaflet with your child & **SHARE A DIGITAL COPY** with your friends

**A Free Weekly Gift for Everyone**  
Download icons: printer, envelope, Instagram, Facebook, X, WhatsApp