

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 14 - 21st 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 %	94.2	97.1	92.2	96.1	87	96.5	95.7	97.9	80	95.6
Piece this week	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total pieces	4	6	1	8	4	6	2	7	0	4

Overall attendance is 95.1%

Thank you

A huge thank you to our families for the kind messages, cards and gifts which the staff have received for Christmas. Your children have been an absolute credit and I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of such wonderful children. As parents/carers, the support and generosity you have all shown has certainly not gone unnoticed and has been most appreciated by all. Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and we look forward to welcoming all our families back on the 9th January 2024.

EYFS Christmas Performance

A huge congratulations to Nursery and Reception classes who delighted both their family members and teachers with their Christmas Nativity. Their dancing and singing were joyous to watch and listen to. Thank you children for reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas and for making everyone feel festive, we are extremely proud of you all.

Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to those who were able to attend the KS2 Christmas Carol Service on Friday. I hope you are all in agreement that it was a wonderful service that led us beautifully into the season of Christmas. Thank you to Fr. David and to those children who read with such confidence. It was a pleasure to see the Church so full and everyone enjoying the children's singing. Well done children.

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 .

Application closing date is **15th 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 Tombola

Both the chocolate and bottle tombolas were a huge success. Thank you to everyone who contributed in one way or another.



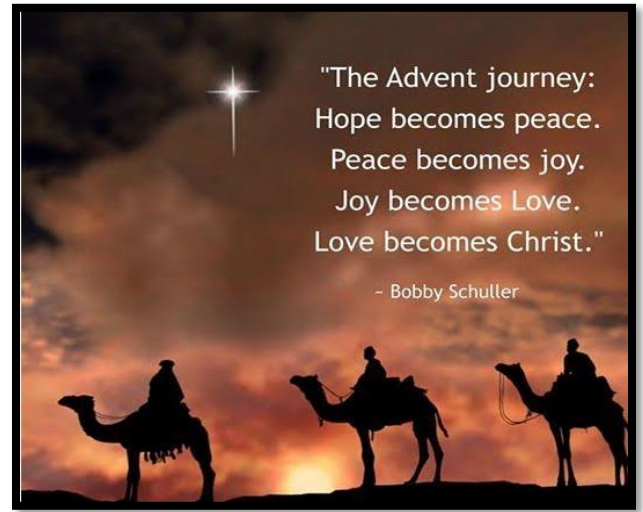
Christmas Mass Times



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

Christmas Hampers

Thank you for all your kind donations for our Christmas Hampers. They have been delivered to members of the local community. Your generosity and love was very much appreciated.



Weekly Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

*Please protect all our families with your loving care.
Help us to be patient, kind, understanding,
generous and welcoming to anyone in need -
especially this Christmas.*

Amen



*Have a happy and holy Christmas and a
wonderful New Year.*

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

Please visit our twitter page:

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

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 8th January 2024

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Thursday 18th January 2024

Thursday 25th January - Friday 2nd February 2024

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Tuesday 29th February 2024

Thursday 7th March 2024

Tuesday 19th March 2024

Friday 5th April 2024

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2024

Friday 17th May 2024

Monday 20th May 2024

Tuesday 21st May 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

Tuesday 9th July 2024

Thursday 18th July 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

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 4th September – Friday 27th October 2023 – 40 DAYS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY– Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023

Term 1b: Monday 6th November – Thursday 21st December 2023 – 34 DAYS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 22nd December 2023 – Monday 8th January 2024

SPRING TERM 2024

Term 2a: Tuesday 9th January – Friday 9th February 2024 - 24 DAYS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Term 2b: Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March 2024 – 29 DAYS

EASTER HOLIDAY– Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

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

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

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

INSETS

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

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School 2024-2025 Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2024

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

HALF TERM HOLIDAY– Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Term 1b: Monday 4th November – Thursday 19th December 2024 – 34 DAYS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 20th December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

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

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

Term 2b: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April 2025 – 30 DAYS

EASTER HOLIDAY– Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

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

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

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

INSETS

Monday 2nd September 2024 and Monday 6th January 2025



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Putting our Community First



**APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN!**

APPLY FOR A SHARE OF £25K FUNDING

Calling all community groups and organisations. Got an idea for young people in Garston to benefit from?

Merseyside Police are awarding grants of up to £5,000 to help you deliver a youth-led project in the local area.

For more details of the criteria and an application form, email

Garston.PB.Event@merseyside.police.uk.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience; these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.



ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.



PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.



Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 8+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.



ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.



ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years; your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutcliffe is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and testing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



National Online Safety

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WORD ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023



Wishing you a blessed Christmas from your School



**"The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that
we are loved immensely and uniquely by God"**

Pope Francis

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor-made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like ping-pong phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Mina is a lead design and delivery for the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is protected.



The National College



National Online Safety

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It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

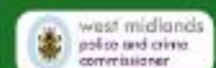
Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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APOLLO ACTIVE
NORTH WEST

2ND JANUARY

3RD JANUARY

4TH JANUARY

5TH JANUARY

ALL TIMES 1-5PM




FREE

*Priority places for kids
eligible for benefits-related
free school meals

Multi-Sports, Arts & Crafts & Food Activity Programmes



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