

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 8 - 27th October 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 %	90.5	99.1	88.3	97.9	95.8	96.5	94.6	98.6	76.7	94.4
Piece this week	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total pieces	2	3	1	5	2	2	2	4	0	0

Overall attendance is 95.4%

Poppy Appeal



Throughout November, we will be selling poppies to raise funds for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. This appeal helps us remember all our fallen heroes throughout the history of war and also people who have suffered or are suffering from the affects of war. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Class Information for week commencing Monday 6th November 2023



- **Monday** – P.E for Cedar, Oak, N, R, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5, anti-bullying theatre production for Y1-Y6
- **Tuesday** – P.E. for Y3, Cookery for Nursery, Cedar, Oak, Y3, Y4, Y5, Forest School for Y5
- **Wednesday** – Swimming for Y4, P.E. for Y6
- **Thursday** – P.E. for N, R, Y3 & Y5
- **Friday** – Spanish for Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6, P.E. for Y1, Y2 & Y6

Attendance Information



Today, information was sent home regarding attendance and punctuality. Just a polite reminder that the school's attendance target is 97% and doors open for Nursery pupils at 8:30am and 8:45am for the rest of the school.

School Admissions

Please be aware that both Reception class and Year 7 admissions application windows for 2024 are 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 dates are as follows –

Reception 2024 – 15th January 2024

Year 7 2024 – 31st October 2023

If you require any support with your application please contact school on 0151 427 7466.

Cross Country Race

Well done to all the children who represented the school in the recent cross country race at Wavertree. We were extremely proud of all pupils, particularly those who ran for the first time. That is it for this calendar year – the final two races will be in Spring 2024.



Weekly P.E. Timetable

Class	<u>Days</u>
Nursery	Monday & Thursday
Reception	Monday & Thursday
Year 1	Monday & Friday
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

Beauty and The Beast

On Friday, M&M Theatre Productions brought the magic of pantomime to Holy Trinity as they performed this year's show Beauty and The Beast.

Years 1-6 enjoyed an amazing performance which saw Belle eventually fall in love with The Beast who then transformed into the dashing Prince

Aaron. The entire audience laughed and sang throughout especially when Mrs Gibson and Miss Smalley joined the cast on stage and sang along with them.



Year 2 Assembly

Thank you to the family members who attended Year 2's assembly today on the theme of Baptism. The children performed superbly and delivered the message of faith and love with confidence. Well done Year 2.

Year 1 Visit to The Walker Art Gallery

As part of their art project, Year 1 enjoyed a visit to the Walker Art Gallery. The children learnt to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. The workshop helped them develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. During the workshop, Year 1 also looked at the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers. The children's behaviour was excellent.

Black History Month

Today, pupils took part in an assembly to celebrate Black History Month. Children have been completing projects based on influential black women. The work produced by all pupils was outstanding and celebrated the life of so many inspirational women. Well done children!

Head Boy & Head Girl

Congratulations to Noah and Poppy who were voted by the children and staff as our new Head Boy and Girl. Further congratulations to Carter and Connie who were voted in as Deputies. Thank you and well done to all the other children who gave passionate speeches. They will all be our new prefects for the coming year.

The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

On 1st November, the Church celebrates All Saints Day when we remember and honour all the saints that have entered Heaven. This is followed on 2nd November by All Souls Day, when we remember and reflect on the lives of all our dearly beloved who have passed away.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

*Thank you for blessing us in so many ways.
Help us to be always grateful to you and to show our
gratitude by loving those around us.*

Amen



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



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs H Raley - Williams
Headteacher

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

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www.holytrinitycatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

Please visit our twitter page:

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

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 6th November 2023

Monday 6th November 2023

Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November

Wednesday 15th November 2023

Tuesday 21st Nov – Wed 29th Nov 2023

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Wednesday 6th December 2023

Friday 8th December 2023

Monday 11th December 2023

Tuesday 12th December 2023

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Thursday 14th December 2023

Friday 15th December 2023

Monday 18th December 2023

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Thursday 21st December 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Thursday 18th January 2024

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th 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

SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME

Anti-Bullying Play for Y1 – Y6

Anti-Bullying Workshop for Y5

World Nursery Rhyme Week

Reconciliation Classes for Year 4

Bikeability for Year 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

Christmas Dinner

EYFS Christmas Performance at 10.00am

Y4 Assembly for Family Members at 9.15

KS2 Carol Service in Church at 1.30pm

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNAF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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As a result of FNAF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

Due to FNAF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNAF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

IN-GAME SPENDING

FNAF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called "Curse of Dreadbear" (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep; irritability or a lack of concentration could also indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

Meet Our Expert

Ceryn Papp is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 13 years in the industry. Previously the editor of Tech Radar, the magazine, she is now a freelance technology journalist, writer and columnist.



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Mobile Food Pantry

At Garston Childrens Centre

Friday's from 11am

10 food items for £5

Open to Everyone

None means tested

No membership required



Free fruit & vegetables subject to availability

70 Banks Road Garston L19 8JZ

0151 233 6868

1 Pantry Visit Per Person



Where children can eat for less (or free!) this half term holiday

Beefeater

Two children get a free breakfast with one paying adult.

Morrisons

Kids eat free all day, every day with an adult meal over £4.49.

Asda

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day, no adult spend required.

Brewer's Fayre

Two kids eat free, unlimited breakfast with one paying adult.

Sainsbury's

One child's hot meal or lunch bag for £1 with an adult meal over £5.20.

Bill's Restaurant

Up to two children can eat free with the purchase of one adult main dish.

Table Table

Two children eat free every day with one paying adult.

Bella Italia

Two kids eat free, unlimited breakfast with one paying adult.

IKEA

Kids pasta and tomato sauce for 95p includes a soft drink. Any other kids meal for £1.50 from 11am



Warburtons
ASK FOR ELLEN

at a Morrisons café to receive two
FREE WARBURTONS CRUMPETS
with butter & jam

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MENU

AVAILABLE FROM
23RD October – 5TH November

Garston UTB – Community Skip Event

Saturday 28th October 2023 AM



Dear Residents

Liverpool City Council, Garston Councillors working in partnership with Onward Homes & South Liverpool Homes have come together to fund 11 community skips to your area on the above date.

Skips will arrive to the locations listed below before 9am on the day and be removed by 12 noon the same day or sooner if found to be full.

- Side of 66 Durham Street, on Brunswick Street, L19 8LJ
- Side of 118 Chesterton St, on Brunswick Street, L19 8LD
- Side of 76 Lyon St, positioned on Chesterton Street, L19 8LA
- Side of 52 Lyon St, positioned on Canterbury Street, L19 8LA
- Side of 12 Lord St, jnt of Hardy Street, L19 8LW
- Side of 10 Aston St, jnt with Lord Street, L19 8LR
- Facing 29 Window Lane, L19 8EJ
- Side of 9b Canterbury Street jnt of Stanley Street
- Locke Street – Parking Bay, L19 8EH
- Nr 44 King Street, L19 8EQ
- Facing 67 King Street, Jnt Sinclair Street, L19 8EE

PLEASE REMEMBER: No fridge freezers, tyres, liquids, gas bottles, settees. Think of others when filling the skip break down large items.

As we are approaching the bonfire period, please ensure your wheelie bins are safely secured within the grounds of your property. The cost to replace a stolen/burnt out bin is currently £25.00 payable by you the customer.



Liverpool
City Council



South Liverpool
Homes

Onward



Garston – Community Skip Event

Saturday 28th October 2023 AM



Dear Residents

Liverpool City Council, Garston Councillors, working in partnership with South Liverpool Homes are funding the provision of 9 community skips to your area on the above date.

This is an ideal opportunity to have a good clear out especially as not everyone has a car to visit the local recycle centre.

Skips will arrive to the locations listed below before 9am on the day and be removed by 12 noon the same day or sooner if found to be full.

- Nr 24 Windfield Road, L19 8JP
- Greenspace side of 84 Windfield Rd Jnt York Street, L19 8JW
- Turning Nr 136 Windfield Road, L19 8LU
- Windfield Green, Car Park Nr Flats, L19 8LY
- Corner of 78 York Street, L19 8JS
- Side of 24 York Way, L19 8JS
- Grassed area – Monkfield Way, L19 8JT
- Grassed area facing 11 Banks Way, L19 8JU
- Nr 29 Banks Lane, L19 8JL

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South Liverpool
Homes



Garston – Community Skip Event

Saturday 28th October 2023 AM



Dear Residents

Liverpool City Council, Garston Ward Councillors, working in partnership with South Liverpool Homes are funding the provision of 4 community skips to your area on the above date.

This is an ideal opportunity to have a good clear out especially as not everyone has a car to visit the local recycle centre.

Skips will arrive to the locations listed below before 9am on the day and be removed by 12 noon the same day or sooner if found to be full.

- Greenspace facing 41 Vineyard Street, L19 2PU
- Nr 34 Almond Court , L19 2QZ
- Nr No 11 Vineyard Street, L19 2PT
- Cavalier Drive – Parking Bay near No 1, L19 2RU

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 3

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developer Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

David Coleman is editor in chief of gaming and esports at nationalonline.com and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about technical trends, his articles have been published in a number of other gaming and tech magazines.



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**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

PRESENTS



ENGLAND ROCKS

14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2023
7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

**PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!**

**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!**

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