



### Our Guiding Light

Jesus said ....

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my Disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13-34-35)

## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

As we all prepare to enjoy a half term break when hopefully the sun decides to shine, there are a number of things to celebrate before the holiday begins. It has been a busy and successful week for our school.

### The Ascot and Maidenhead Dance Festival:

As many of you will have seen, this week Holy Trinity children have shone at the annual Dance Festival which took place at Braywick. This year the theme was 'Our Green Planet' and over the two days 750 children from 21 schools across the authority took part. Yesterday the whole of Year 4 took to the stage as did other children from across KS2. Three of our girls performed as part of the Junior Dance Company on both days as did nineteen boys who for the first time ever were part of the newly formed Boys Physical Theatre Group. Everyone danced superbly. I was incredibly proud of our school who, led by Mrs Lucas, demonstrated what an outstanding contribution we can all make by working hard, showing real commitment and coming together as a team. For me it was a highlight of the term.

### Children's Mental Health Week:

Over the last few days we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. Miss Law led an assembly on Monday and ever since we have been considering the theme 'This is my Place' by thinking about how we all belong. It has been a positive experience for everyone.

### Safer Internet Day:

Coincidentally, Safer Internet Day fell this week as well, on Tuesday. KS2 joined a BBC Live lesson to learn about AI Chat Bots which was interesting. You too can see what they learnt by clicking on the link: [Safer Internet Day 2026 – Live Lesson - BBC Teach](#)

### Rocking with Furze Platt Senior School:

On Tuesday afternoon Year 6 enjoyed the opportunity to see Furze Platt's production of 'We Will Rock You'. We were made to feel very welcome and everyone seemed to enjoy the show. It was particularly good to see a number of former Holy Trinity pupils in the cast and working backstage.

### Celebrating Love with Father Stephen:

On Wednesday Father Stephen led an assembly on the theme of love ahead of Valentine's Day tomorrow. We explored different forms of love and considered how friendship and kindness can be a way of showing others we care. Each child was presented with a letter, as were the staff, containing messages that were poignant and special.

### Book Week and Maidenhead's Big Read:

In thinking ahead to next term, it won't be long before we are celebrating Book Week. Many thanks to those of you who have indicated that you would be willing to come in and speak to the children during the week on topics book related. It would be most helpful if you could email in your interest so I can be sure to find you a slot on our timetable. Thank you.

The Maidenhead Big Read team are also gearing up for World Book Day with a range of events taking place in the town. To see what is happening, go to: <https://mailchi.mp/e9c459098a5e/mbr-newsletter-18098878>

### Holy Trinity Newspaper:

Our Year 6 news editors have been busy working on reading material recently. This week you will have seen the latest edition of Trinity Times on sale after school at the back gate. Copies, costing 50p, will also be available after half term after which prize winners will be announced. The team of Year 6 children have done a wonderful job putting together stories which are sure to interest everyone.

### PTA News:

Please take note of the date when our next PTA meeting is; all are welcome to attend. At the last meeting it was agreed that funds should be spent on upgrading classroom Interactive Smartboards. Year 3's arrived this week and has already had lots of use. You may also have noticed the new security light at our back gate. This too was funded by the PTA and we hope it makes your access onto the site easier when picking up from Wrap Around Care. We are enormously grateful to you for making these things happen.

### Junior Bake-Off:

Last week and this you have been sent a flyer about the new series of Junior Bake-Off, a Channel 4 programme celebrating Britain's young baking talent. I received an email last week from the TV production team about the fact that they are looking for contestants between the ages of 9 and 15. Interested bakers can apply by going to: [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk) before Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the closing date.

**Toilet Etiquette:**

Over the holiday, we would be most grateful if you could spend a little bit of time talking to your child about 'toilet etiquette', notably flushing the chain after use and only using the toilet paper required! We seem to spend quite a bit of time flushing and/or unblocking toilets and fixing toilet seats that have fallen off!

**School Lunches:**

Can I remind you to ensure that you spend a moment ordering lunches over the holiday so our catering team know how many meals to cook, particularly for the first Monday back. If you can also ensure that all uniform and other property is clearly named it would be incredibly helpful.

**Settling Early Bird Accounts:**

Early Bird accounts should be settled before the new term starts. Thank you.

Enjoy the half term holiday and we shall all look forward to seeing you bright and early on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for the start of Term 4.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February****HALF TERM BREAK**

24 <sup>th</sup> February	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Boys Away Football Match v White Waltham C of E Academy (selected children informed by letter)
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Trip to The Lookout (please refer to letter sent out)
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Active 60 Festival at Braywick am (Year 1 to participate – refer to letter sent today)
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Home Football Match vs Oldfield, (selected children informed by letter)
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book week
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations (whole school – details to follow)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Parent Consultations (whole school with the exception of Y4 – details to follow)
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Parents Evening only
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball match v Holyport CE Primary School (home), selected children informed by letter.
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Home Football Matches vs Lowbrook Boys and Girls, (selected children informed by letter)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Ball
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Ascot Bake-Off Finals (Year 5 participating)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Rock Steady Concert, school hall 9:30am

**30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April****EASTER HOLIDAY**

27 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA meeting 8pm Kings Arms
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Opens
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 trip to 'The Lion King' (details to follow)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Cookham Festival Schools' Event (tbc)
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May****HALF TERM BREAK**

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Closes
5 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Disco
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6)
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal & Concert for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Fortnight
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	HT Fest
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Spanish Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)