



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

I trust you are in receipt of the emails which have been sent from school this week updating you on positive cases of COVID-19 and which classes are affected. This week 5 cases have been reported.

Although guidance has changed recently, we are still advised to look out for the three main symptoms of coronavirus: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough and a loss of change to your sense of taste or smell. In these circumstances the advice is still to:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until you get your test result.

(For more information, please refer to: [Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/))

Although the legal requirement to self-isolate if contracting COVID-19 has gone, the advice to do so remains. **In the case of a child or adult at our school testing positive for COVID-19 we request that people continue to isolate for at least 5 full days following a positive case being confirmed and return to school only after they test negative on day 5 and day 6.** Please be clear that if individuals are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests **they should stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days.**

(For more information and advice on this, please refer to: [Self-isolation for those with COVID-19 can end after 5 full days following 2 negative LFD tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-5-full-days-following-2-negative-lfd-tests))

If you are unclear or need any further advice, please do not hesitate to call the office. Thank you for heeding this advice and for your ongoing support.

It remains important that if your child is off school for whatever reason the office should be emailed (office@holytrinitysch.co.uk) or telephoned (01628 523766) before 9:30am. This will help us to be sure of the reasons why pupils aren't in so that we can continue to report accurate attendance figures.

News from around the school:

After a couple of weeks full of exciting activities, it has been a sun filled, calm and studious week in Year 4! Teals have knuckled down to the serious business of decimals that has opened up a whole new wondrous area of maths. They have also been engrossed on a journey which has seen them climbing through twisty, clammy tunnels on a perilous adventure to catch a dragon! Their dilemma has been to either grab a sleeping dragon or face exile from the Viking tribe! What would you choose...?

Moorhens have been creating pieces for a 'Climate Hero' writing competition. Who else better to be the subject than our very own Mrs. Brown? The children conducted a thorough interview with her to discover all about her influences and what made her become so eco-friendly! They then transferred these facts into a dramatic narrative about the origins of the eco council. The whole of KS2 have been invited to submit an entry into an internal writing competition which Mr. Redjeb launched earlier in the week. They are required to write a poem all about themselves. The closing date is 1st April.

It's largely the work of Cormorant Class that has driven us to get busy fundraising for Ukraine. The children have planned projects to do out of school and spoken enthusiastically about them in the hope that others will offer their support. Led by the children, their written work this week has been all about charities. They have found out which receive the most support and which group of people generally donate the most. They have explored persuasive techniques and written their own persuasive texts to encourage everyone to join them in their campaign. For details of what we will be doing in school read on.

Goslings have continued to learn more about fractions this week using pizza to help them! They have also found out how to use keys in creating maps of Cookham ahead of travelling to the Stanley Spencer Gallery next week. The location of bones in the body has been the focus in science and the plan is to find time to complete their dioramas which were inspired by 'Zoom' which everyone enjoyed studying in Book Week.

Cygnets have been learning all about spring. The children went on a walk and explored the school grounds and wildlife area looking for signs of spring before completed a spring hunt checklist. They found plenty of signs of new life and back in the classroom they made comparisons with other seasons. The classroom now has a season board with art work produced by the children using different coloured pastels to reflect the sights they saw.

The study of specific topics have continued for KS2 in French and German with lots of interesting resources used to reinforce the vocabulary they have learnt. Year 6 for instance followed directions written in German to explore a treasure map in search of Easter eggs!

The children in Swan Class have tried to give precise, unambiguous instructions to a robot. In doing so, they have started to appreciate how algorithms work in computing. The children, in inviting parents to follow picture algorithms to build simple Lego models, took photos to show the required steps and compiled them into videos which were shared with home. Do look out for these.

This week Kingfishers continued their PSHE work exploring friendship. They discussed two big questions: Why is it important to listen to other people? How can I be a good listener? Using their senses and imagination, the class have also focused on expanded noun phrases in their writing, to describe a bustling city street contrasted with a calm, classical piano concert. On Thursday, they turned their hands to pottery, creating some beautiful pieces soon to be fired.

There are a number of sporting events taking place again next week. On Monday a team of Year 4 pupils, Dublin, Dolly, Savannah, Thalia, Josh, Aaron, Ted and Haris represented the school in a badminton festival at Altwood School. Set up in the hall were seven stations which tested their throwing, catching and striking skills as well as their agility, balance and coordination. This was all while having to collaborate with each other. Led by some wonderful Year 6 children from St Edmund Campion, they all had an opportunity to practise each activity before seeing how many points they could score as a team in 5 minutes. There was excellent resilience on show at stations which were particularly challenging. A lot of fun was had by all and new skills were learnt.

This week, on Wednesday, nine brave Year 6 children headed off to Altwood School to take part in a borough-wide hockey tournament. In the wind and rain, they faced five gruelling matches but they didn't let this hold them back. After a few defeats, the team banded together showing resilience and determination to pull off a draw and a stunning victory to end the afternoon. The brick wall defense of Cara, Shana, Ella and Joe were tough to be beaten, while the striking threat of Amber, Matthew, William, Jacob and Kyan was unmatched. Kyan, in particular, scored two skillful points in the final match to seal the win and round off a great day of sportsmanship and fun.

On the same day our netball squad headed off to St Pirans for a training session and some friendly matches against the girls there ahead of a big competition next week. Fortunately for them, the sports hall was available so the weather didn't hinder proceedings. Of the four matches played we secured 2 wins and everyone, including subs, had a chance to get on court. Afterwards the team was treated to hightea in the refectory during which new friendships were made.

On Thursday the year 5/6 school football teams travelled to Lowbrook for another league fixture. The A team had the better of the 1st half and took a well deserved lead with a goal scored by Hayden after an excellent through ball from William. However, Lowbrook had more possession and the momentum was with them as they equalised midway through the second after an unfortunate own goal. Both teams continued to fight but were unable to find a winner and the scoreline remained 1-1. Man of the match was Hayden for his excellent finish and his constant running in behind.

The B team started slowly and found themselves a goal down early on. They temporarily recovered to find a foot hole but despite some excellent defending from Joe and Noah, two goals in quick succession gave Lowbrook a 3-0 lead at half time. Holy Trinity were more alive in the second half and scored thanks to Oscar after an excellent burst and cross from Cole down our right wing. Our composure on the ball improved and we were unlucky not to find a second goal from William after a well worked move. Billie Mai showed some neat close control and Oscar was a constant threat. The final score was 3-1 to Lowbrook. Man of the match was Cole for showing excellent energy and adaptability playing both striker and midfielder.

We remain incredibly grateful for the support you give us in transporting children to and from these sporting events. The benefits to the children taking part are enormous so thank you for your help which means we can continue to enter so many competitions.

For news of things as they happen during the week don't forget to turn to our Twitter feed. Reports and photographs are regularly posted. If you request to follow and don't get an immediate response, do inform the office. Occasionally it is not clear who is asking to join from requests made. Thank you for your patience and for helping us to safeguard the children.



Follow us on twitter and see more of what we are up to!
[@HTSchoolCookham](https://twitter.com/HTSchoolCookham)

Book Week:

Despite several requests, payment for our Book Week activities is still outstanding up to value of over £250. If you have not yet paid £5 for the speakers we have booked, please use your Scopay account to do so as soon as possible. This will allow us to run future themed weeks.

Supporting your Child in Reading:

Thank you for all the work you doing helping your child get to grips with reading. To support you in this process 'A Guide to Book Chat' resource has been sent to you today as an attachment. Further information can be found here: [The Same Inside \(Ages 9+\) - YouTube](#)
We hope you find this useful.

Equally useful we hope was the chance you had to talk to your child's class teacher in parent consultations this week and last. As always the progress your child makes is enhanced by home and school working in partnership. We remain grateful for the work you do supporting your child at home to complete, among other things, homework tasks. Thank you for making an appointment to speak to your child's teacher and for your time in discussing their work and attitude.

Booklets offering guidance on how you can support your child in maths, reading, spelling and other elements of SPaG can still be found on Google Classroom.

Comic Relief:

Thank you for helping us to support Comic Relief today. We have raised £167 so far and will update you after the cake sale. It will then be sent off to the charity in due course. Please see the 'Brighten Someone's Day' resources sent to you as a flyer which links online safety and Comic Relief.

Fantastic FRED Experience:

I hope your child comes home today speaking positively about their 'Fantastic FRED' experience. Do look out for the parent take home resource they should present you with.

Class Photographs:

Recently Tempest Photography were in school taking class photographs. Yesterday you received an email from the office indicating how you see your child's photo and place an order. Please refer to the email or click on the gallery weblink: <https://htmp.st/HolyTrinityCEPrimary-2022>

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Club	Year Group	Day	Time	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Breakfast Club	All	Monday – Friday inclusive	Start time 8am each day of the week	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 4	Monday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Football Club	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday	Finish time : 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday	Finish time: 4:00pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Spanish Club	Year 5	Wednesday	Finish time: 3:50pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Wednesday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday	Before school at 8am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Spanish Club	Year 3	Friday	Before school at 8.20am	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Sewing Club	Year 2 – 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:35pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
Knitting Club	Year 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:15pm	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday	Finish time: 4:30pm	Collect from the back gate

Tackling the Situation in Ukraine:

Led by the children who are speaking a lot about this topic and expressing a desire to support those families affected by the crisis, we will be planning a number of events in school.

We will begin with an assembly on Monday to launch several fund raising activities. On Wednesday 23rd March your child is invited to come to school dressed in just yellow and blue with a donation, and then for the next few days individual classes will be holding fund raising events that they have organised. Your child may ask to bring in pocket money each day from Thursday 24th March to Friday 1st April to join in with the events others have planned.

From Monday 4th April to Thursday 7th April we will be making sure that every day every child runs the daily mile. Together we hope to run the 750 miles which some refugees are travelling to get from Ukraine to places of safety in Poland. Any sponsor money raised from this should be brought into school on Friday 8th April (the last day of term) so it can be sent off.

PTA Quiz – Tonight, Friday 18th March

Following on from a parent's suggestion, we have decided to donate all the proceeds from the 'Heads & Tails Game' at the Quiz this evening to the Ukrainian Appeal <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>
Good luck if you are going along.

PTA School Disco: Friday 1st April

EY & KS1 - 4.30 to 5.45pm

KS2 - 6.00 to 7.30pm

£5 per child (includes drink and snack). A booking form is available on PTA Facebook Page.

PTA Uniform Shop:

Thank you to everyone who donated, collected and sorted uniform which has resulted in nearly 200 items ready to stock our shop. The PTA plan to sell items in the school playground at the end of each term with additional sales on particular days in the year when specific events are happening in school. From after Easter there will be a permanent collection bin on the school site so you can drop off preloved uniform when it becomes available.

PTA HT Fest:

A date has been set for this year's HT Fest: Saturday 2nd July. As I explained in last week's newsletter, this year the PTA are keen for the children to design a new logo for the event. Again you have been sent a flyer containing all the information about how your child might go about submitting an idea for this. As the flyer explains, specific things must be included in the design:

- The words H.T. Fest
- 2022 or 22

Designs should be drawn on plain A4 paper and submitted to class teachers ready to be passed to the H.T. Fest team by Friday 25th March. The lucky winner will see their design on all of the posters and they can expect to receive any branded goodies with the logo on for free. Do encourage your child to take part.

PTA Meeting:

The next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 23rd March at 8pm so do come along if you are free. A Zoom link will be emailed out early next week.

RBWM Survey:

It has been several years since RBWM undertook a Borough wide school survey. In order to work towards a more sustainable way of living, it is necessary to gather data to inform Council decisions. Imogen Leonard, the borough's Road Safety Education Consultant, has therefore requested that a short survey is completed so that the views of stakeholders can be gathered. Please do so by clicking the link: <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/school-survey>

Mothers' Day Weekend Concert:

Please see the flyer about a Mothers' Day weekend Concert by Concertini with a 20% discount for Holy Trinity Families. To take advantage of the discount use the code 'HolyTrinity'.

Thank you for all your support during what has turned out to be another incredibly busy week; have a lovely weekend.

The Little Bookshop Literary Event at Norden Farm:

Please be reminded that on Saturday 19th April, the team at The Little Bookshop is hosting a Literary Festival at Norden Farm. To find out more and to book tickets go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-little-bookshop-lit-fest-tickets-291213947757>

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CALENDAR DATES

18 th March	PTA Quiz Night
21 st March	Heathrow Young Explorers in school event
23 rd March	Dress in yellow and blue for Ukraine
23 rd March	Year 3 visiting the Stanley Spencer Gallery
23 rd March	PTA Meeting
24 th March to 1 st April	Class fund raising events for Ukraine
24 th March	Year 6 girls' netball tournament, Claires Court Senior School, selected children informed by letter.
25 th March	Year 5 girls' netball tournament, Claires Court Senior School, selected children informed by letter.
28 th March	Year 5/6 A and B football matches versus Holyport (home), selected children informed by letter.
29 th March	Before School Netball Club cancelled: Junior and Senior Choir meeting together at 8am to rehearse for the Cookham Festival
29 th March	Year 5/6 A and B football matches versus Oldfield (home), selected children informed by letter.
1 st April	Deadline for Mr. Redjeb's KS2 Writing Competition
1 st April	PTA School Disco: EYFS & KS1 – 4:30 to 5:45, KS2 – 6:00 to 7:30pm
Week beginning 4 th April	Open classrooms to view work (3:15 to 4pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday 4th – Y1, Y5 & Y6 ○ Tuesday 5th – Y4 ○ Wednesday 6th – Y2 & Y3 (in a change to the date previously published) ○ Friday 8th – Reception
4 th April to 7 th April	Sponsored daily mile for Ukraine
8 th April	All donations for Ukraine brought to school
11 th April	Start of Easter break
10 th June	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
2 nd July	HT Fest (details to follow)
8 th October	PTA Ball (details to follow)