



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

Welcome to the beginning of the academic year and a particularly warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school. I have enjoyed meeting you and your children. We hope you've all had a lovely summer break.

Several projects were completed over the holiday, perhaps most notably the installation of a new heat pump and new radiators in parts of the school. The pond area at the front of the building is a little different and of course you will see that work to replace our existing trim trail is in progress. This is a project funded by our PTA to whom we are enormously grateful. It won't be long before the children are using the equipment and benefitting from the space having being revamped. Staffing remains constant with Mr Reynolds now taking up a permanent teaching position with us. I know you will support him and all our staff who remain committed to ensuring the very best learning experience for the children.

Thank you for your support this week in helping us to ensuring a smooth transition back to the classroom. I do hope your child has spoken positively about the week. We have used the time to establish classroom routines, introduce new topics and design a new School Charter, a set of statements which guides us in ensuring the year ahead is happy for everyone. The children came up with the most wonderful ideas which reflect our vision and values perfectly. They have demonstrated throughout the week how strongly embedded our message of love and kindness is.

The usual system for dropping off children in the morning, Reception children arriving at the front everyone else making their way to classrooms by entering at the back of the school, continues to run smoothly as does the afternoon pick-up so we will continue to follow these procedures in the coming weeks. Please note, the window for dropping children off in the morning is between 8:45am and 9am after which the gates are locked. Do make every effort to be here between these times, preferably ensuring your child is through the gates by 8:55am; we want to restrict footfall through the main reception and ensure the children are in the classroom in plenty of time to complete important early morning work. We have noticed how difficult it can be for some children walking in late to a classroom when everyone else is seated and settled. It creates unnecessary anxiety. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Over the next two weeks we will be inviting you to attend virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. This will give you an opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher(s) about specific matters related to the term ahead. These will be at 4pm according to the following timetable.

Monday 8th – Year 6

Tuesday 9th – Year 4

Wednesday 10th – Year 3

Thursday 11th – Year 5

Tuesday 16th – Year 2

Wednesday 17th – EYFS (Reception)

Thursday 18th – Year 1

A link to the Google Meet session will be posted on Google Classroom by your child's class teacher which you simply click on to gain access. For those of you with children new to the school, instructions on how to access this learning platform will be sent to you so do familiarise yourself with how to log on before the meeting. Please note **that in order to gain access to the site you must log in using your child's school email address not yours**. This is sometimes where parents become unstuck. If you follow the instructions on the letter the office sends you, you should have no issue. I do hope you will be able to attend these sessions as they will provide you with relevant information which will ensure a smooth journey for your child through the Autumn Term.

Google Classroom is a learning platform primarily for the pupils. The 'Stream' allows us to post messages to the children and them to share news with their class mates. The 'Classwork' section is separated out with headings where homework is posted along with other things like Collective Worship. We also use the 'Classwork' section to post stories and photographs of special events which have happened in school. It's a lovely way to bring the whole school together through shared experiences. Do take a look!

How You Can Help your Child Manage the Routines of the Day and Access Learning:

At the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, the class teacher will offer you a range of specific strategies to support your child. Some important ones include sending your child to school each day with the correct equipment including a water bottle. When ordering a lunch for your child get them involved in choosing from the menu. Reading to them or hearing them read every day has an enormous impact. Please feel free to write in their reading diary-we enjoy seeing your positive comments. And do help them to access Google Classroom. You will start to see homework tasks posted and we encourage you to get involved in supporting your child to complete these tasks. Everything they do in school is supported by teacher input so doing the same at home helps to broaden their knowledge. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year to help your child reach their full potential.

P.E. Timetable:

This year the children will continue to come to school wearing P.E. kit on the days when P.E. lessons fall. Therefore, on these days please send your child in wearing the correct school P.E. kit, looking as smart as they did on sports day! This requires them to wear **navy** shorts/skort (or **navy** tracksuit trousers/leggings) with a white polo shirt with or without the school logo on. Only **navy** hoodies/tracksuit tops are permitted. For information on the correct P.E. kit and regular school uniform, please follow the link to our website:

[Policies \(holylrinitysch.co.uk\)](http://Policies(holytrinitysch.co.uk))

If your child attends a sports club, for instance Play Ball and iPro Soccer School, they may also come to school wearing school P.E. kit on the day the club meets if they wish to speed up the hand over at the end of the day. However, if they prefer to wear alternative gear like football kit **they must come to school in uniform and change before the club begins**. This will ensure they are smart and in the correct kit at all times during the school day.

This term P.E. lessons will take place on the following days:

EYFS (Cygnet Class): **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 1 (Swan Class): **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 2 (Kingfisher Class): **Monday and Tuesday**

Year 3 (Gosling Class): **Tuesday and Thursday** (in Term 1 & 2, swimming sessions will also be on Tuesday – please refer to the swimming letter. Your child should come to school with their swimming gear.)

Year 4 (Teal Class): **Monday and Thursday**

Year 5 (Cormorant Class): **Monday and Tuesday**

Year 6 (Moorhen Class): **Monday and Thursday**

Thank you for your support in naming all your child's kit and sending them in looking smart and ready for learning whatever day of the week it is.

On a regular basis throughout the year our PTA will be running pre-loved uniform sales with the first one next week on Wednesday 10th. You may have noticed a black bin outside at the back of the hall. If you have any uniform to donate to the PTA, it can be placed here. Please ensure items of clothing are washed and in a good state of repair with name labels removed. Any items purchased should have new name labels written/sewn in. Many thanks go to the PTA for managing this for us.

PTA News:

Our PTA do a wonderful job fundraising for the school and bringing the community together. I hope that those of you with children in Reception Class who went to the coffee morning organised by them on Thursday enjoyed the event and appreciated the welcome gift. There are lots of events planned for the coming months so do look out for details as they are published. Your support of the PTA allows us to complete projects like the instillation of the new trim trail, all of which support the children in their learning.

Attendance:

As some of you will be aware from newsletters last year, the expectation of the DfE is that attendance for every child should be above 95%. If a child's attendance is below 90% he/she is regarded as persistently absent and anything below 50% is classified as severely absent. Attendance figures are reported on end of year report cards and low absence can trigger involvement from the Borough's Education Welfare Team and an officer making a visit to a home. Absences for anything other than examinations, illness or medical appointments are not permitted. If you have a need to take your child out of school for any one of these things you must complete a 'Request for Absence' form which you can get from the office. Absences for anything else will be marked as unauthorised.

While I appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange appointments outside school hours, any time away from the classroom is incredibly disruptive and days out of school for family events or holidays are not allowed. A lesson missed puts a child at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. We ask for your support in helping us focus on ensuring those children who are absent because of genuine illness are helped to catch up.

To help you plan holidays and events outside school time, this year's term dates have been sent out today as an attachment.

Nut Free/ Sesame Free:

Please note, we have a very strict No Nut, No Sesame policy because of a number of children on roll with severe allergies. When sending your child in with a packed lunch or snacks to eat at breaktime, please be very vigilant in this matter. This policy must also be adhered to if you choose to send your child in with treats to hand out to the class on their birthday.

As part of our science and Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) programmes, we promote healthy eating. To support us in delivering a consistent message please send your child in only with healthy snacks, i.e. fruit to eat at break time. We provide the children in Reception and KS1 (Y1 & Y2) with a healthy snack.

Hot meals are of course available every day from our catering team. Thank you for taking note of the fact that meals need to be ordered at home at least 24 hours before they are required. This helps our catering team when placing orders.

Contact and Medical Details:

In the interests of safeguarding, please ensure you keep the office informed on any changes to your child's medical or dietary needs and emergency contact details.

Clubs:

We are delighted to be able to offer a number of extra-curricular clubs again this year which we hope will interest and excite the children. Do look out for flyers from club providers which the office or they will send out periodically. Some have gone out already. Please note, places get booked up quickly, so to secure a place and avoid disappointment book as soon as you are able.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Club	Year Group	Day/Time	Contact Details	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	No requirement to book, simply drop off anytime between 8am and 8:30am. Payment of £2.50 per session should be made through your ScoPay account	Arrive through the back door of the hall
After School Provision	All	From 3:15pm	Book directly: holytrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com	See WrapAroundCare4U for details: information sent out via email
LAMDA Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8am	Book directly by contacting Zoe Lister Free taster session on 9.9.25	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:00am
Spanish Club	Year 4	Monday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Art Club	Year 3 & 4	Monday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school Start date 8.9.25
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall. Start date 8.9.25
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mr Lucas Start date 9.9.25	Arrive at the side gate promptly at 8am ready to be let in by Mr Lucas
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Spanish Club	Year 3	Tuesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school Start date 9.9.25
Cooking Club	Year 1 - 6	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Hand Chime Music Club	Y3 & Y4	Tuesday, finish time 4:00pm	Led by Miss Smith Limited spaces – please email the office to confirm a space (Start date to be confirmed)	Collect from the front entrance of school
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Mad Science Club	Year 1-6	Wednesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school Start date 17.9.25
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall Start date 10.9.25
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Netball Club	Year 2, 3 & 4 (numbers limited)	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Thomas	Collect from the back gate
Maths Club	Year 5 & 6 (by invitation)	Friday before school at 8:15am	Organised by Mrs Neal with a rota of children invited to attend every few weeks	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:10am
Spanish Club	Year 5	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school Start date 12.9.25
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk Children attending this club are permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish.	Collect from the back gate Start date 19.9.25
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	To find out more, go to: Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust berksmusictrust.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Pick – Up:

If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please email or phone the office in plenty of time to inform us. Do also let us know in writing if you grant permission for your child to walk home on their own.

Parking:

Because of the narrowness of School Lane and the lack of parking space along it, from time to time issues arise. If there is need to park a vehicle either in the lane or somewhere close by, please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways. Please also avoid parking close to junctions or on pavements which forces those walking, sometimes with younger children in buggies, to step onto the road. We have been informed that the electricity board is carrying out works along School Lane for the next couple of weeks; I trust you saw the email, sent out earlier. It may be that you wish to avoid using the lane until they have gone. We anticipate chaos! Thank you.

Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests:

If you have a child in Year 6 and you have registered them with Buckinghamshire Country Council, you will be aware that transfer tests are scheduled for next week. The familiarisation test will be carried out on Tuesday 9th and the transfer test two days later. The children will be taking the test in a number of classrooms in the morning once registers have been done. We expect to receive the results of these tests in October.

Plea from the Office:

Mrs Lewington, our officer manager, with the support of Mrs Sewell-Hatch does a wonderful job keeping things running smoothly. Both are incredibly obliging and keen to assist you in any way they can. A lot of their time this week, however, has been taken up delivering items to children which they have forgotten to bring in in the morning. This has prevented them from dealing with other more pressing issues. Please can you do your utmost to send your child in with everything they need for the day so the office staff are able to focus on school matters, notably checking morning registers to ensure that all who should be here are. Thank you.

Happy Birthday Holy Trinity:

Tomorrow Holy Trinity School turns 167. Do remember to raise a glass!

Finally, we were all sad to say goodbye to Mrs Nicol at the end of last term after she had been here for over thirty years. She has asked me to share the following message with you:

*I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for the kind wishes and generous gifts I received on my retirement last term. I have really loved teaching your wonderful children over the years and my time at Holy Trinity has been incredibly special. I will miss everyone greatly but I have so many lovely memories to treasure. Wishing you and your children every happiness and success as you begin this new school year. With love and thanks
Diana Nicol*

Important calendar dates, including when the Nativity and Sports Day are happening, are listed below. These dates will be added to on a regular basis. Please do take a moment each week to scan the newsletter to keep abreast of what is going on.

Have a wonderful weekend and we shall all look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday.

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 are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school.

8 th – 18 th September	‘Meet the Teacher Meetings’
9 th September	Year 3 Swimming sessions begin
9 th September	Bucks CC Familiarisation Test (11+)
10 th November	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
11 th September	Bucks CC Transfer Test (11+)
23 rd September	Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (4:30pm)
24 th September	PTA Meeting (time and venue tbc)
25 th September	‘My First Class Photo’ Maidenhead Advertiser in to take a picture of Reception Class (please inform us if you do not wish your child to feature)
26 th September	Macmillan Bake-Sale
6 th – 9 th October	Y6 Bikeability
7 th October	Y2 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow)
8 th October	Y4 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow)
10 th October	PTA Quiz Night
13 th – 17 th October	Science & Technology Week
14 th & 16 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
17 th October	Flu Vaccination Programme

21 st October	KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
22 nd October	EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm

27th – 31st Oct

HALF TERM

4 th November	PTA event (details to follow)
7 th November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Night
11 th November	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm in school
14 th November	Children in Need
17 th – 21 st November	Maths & Computing Week
19 th November	Open Evening
3 rd December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
5 th December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
6 th December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
17 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
17 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

22nd December – 2nd Jan Christmas Holiday

2 nd – 6 th March	Book week
3 rd March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day