



School News

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The Prayer

Lord Jesus, Divine Healer,
I come before You with faith and trust.
Look with compassion on all who are sick,
who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
Touch them with Your merciful hands,
restore their health, and fill their hearts
with peace.
Bless the caregivers, who bring Your love to
those in need.
Give them strength to continue their work,
patience to help with kindness, and
wisdom to make the best decisions.
Mother Mary, wrap them all in your
mantle of love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Message from the Headteacher

This week, pupils from all year groups enjoyed a creative and inspiring visit from mosaic artist Becky Paton. Over the course of Tuesday and Wednesday, Becky worked with every class to design and assemble a beautiful mosaic based on the artwork that had been sent in.

The finished piece will be installed in the garden at Chipping Norton Hospital, where it can be admired and enjoyed by the whole community. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to learn new artistic skills while contributing to a lasting piece of public art. Thank you to Miss Hickman!



Our Year 6 pupils proudly represented Holy Trinity at the recent CNS Hockey Festival, enjoying a fantastic day filled with sport, teamwork and enthusiasm. Throughout their matches, the team displayed outstanding determination and sportsmanship, showcasing impressive skills and a consistently positive attitude both on and off the pitch.

It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with each game, supported by excellent encouragement from staff and peers. A huge well done to all involved for making the festival such a fun, memorable and successful experience.



Have an enjoyable weekend.

'Well Done'

to the following pupils who received
special awards this week:

Reception - Nneoma

Year 1 – Bertie Year 2 – Luna

Year 3 – Bella Year 4 – Kyle

Year 5 – Evie N Year 6 - Oscar

Attendance Award

Year 6 - 99%



Highlighting Handwriting

At Holy Trinity, handwriting is a whole-school priority this year. We know clear, fluent, joined handwriting plays a vital role in children's learning, confidence and overall academic success.

When handwriting becomes automatic, children are able to concentrate more fully on spelling, sentence structure and developing their ideas, rather than on the physical act of writing. Strong handwriting skills also support pride in work, independence and resilience.

To support this priority, all classes will be following a consistent approach to teaching handwriting, with regular opportunities to practise correct letter formation, joins and presentation.

We greatly value your support at home. Encouraging good posture, pencil grip and neat writing in everyday tasks such as homework, would support the expectations from school.

For the next few weeks in the newsletter, we will showcase some super handwriting from each class in turn and the expectations for that year.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to give our children the strong foundations they need for future learning.

In Reception, children are taught to...

- Sit with good posture, feet on the floor and paper positioned correctly
- Hold a pencil with a secure tripod grip
- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed
- Form lowercase letters correctly, starting and finishing in the right place
- Use capital letters appropriately (e.g. for names)



2026 is the National Year of Reading, with the slogan 'Go All In!' and at Holy Trinity we intend to!



National Year of
Reading 2026

Why is reading SO IMPORTANT?

Reading helps children dream bigger, think smarter and grow stronger minds. Every time they open a book, they open a door to new ideas and new possibilities.

What are we doing? Every month we shall promote and encourage reading with exciting events, opportunities and activities to bring the fun back to reading. We shall advertise and share these events in this newsletter.

In January, we are launching the Year of Reading to the children, and then in February, we shall be sharing the latest 'top ten' children's book bestsellers and asking the children to vote on their favourite. We shall also be celebrating 'National Storytelling Week' and of course in March, it is World Book Day. Watch out for details to come!

What can you do at home? Parents/carers - your role is vital. When children see you reading, listening and showing interest in books, they feel encouraged and motivated. A few minutes spent reading together can create lifelong memories and lifelong learners.

This campaign is not about pressure — it's about enjoyment and progress.

Top Tips for Making Reading Fun

Follow your child's interests

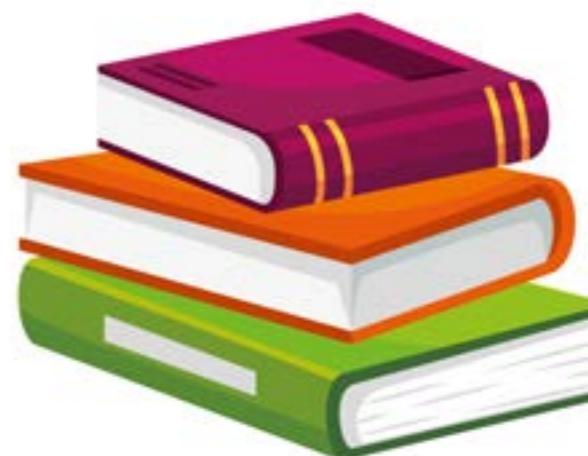
Choose books about topics they love — animals, sports, adventure, jokes or facts. Enjoyment comes first!

Create a cosy reading space - time and

A comfy corner with cushions, good lighting and favourite books can make reading feel special.

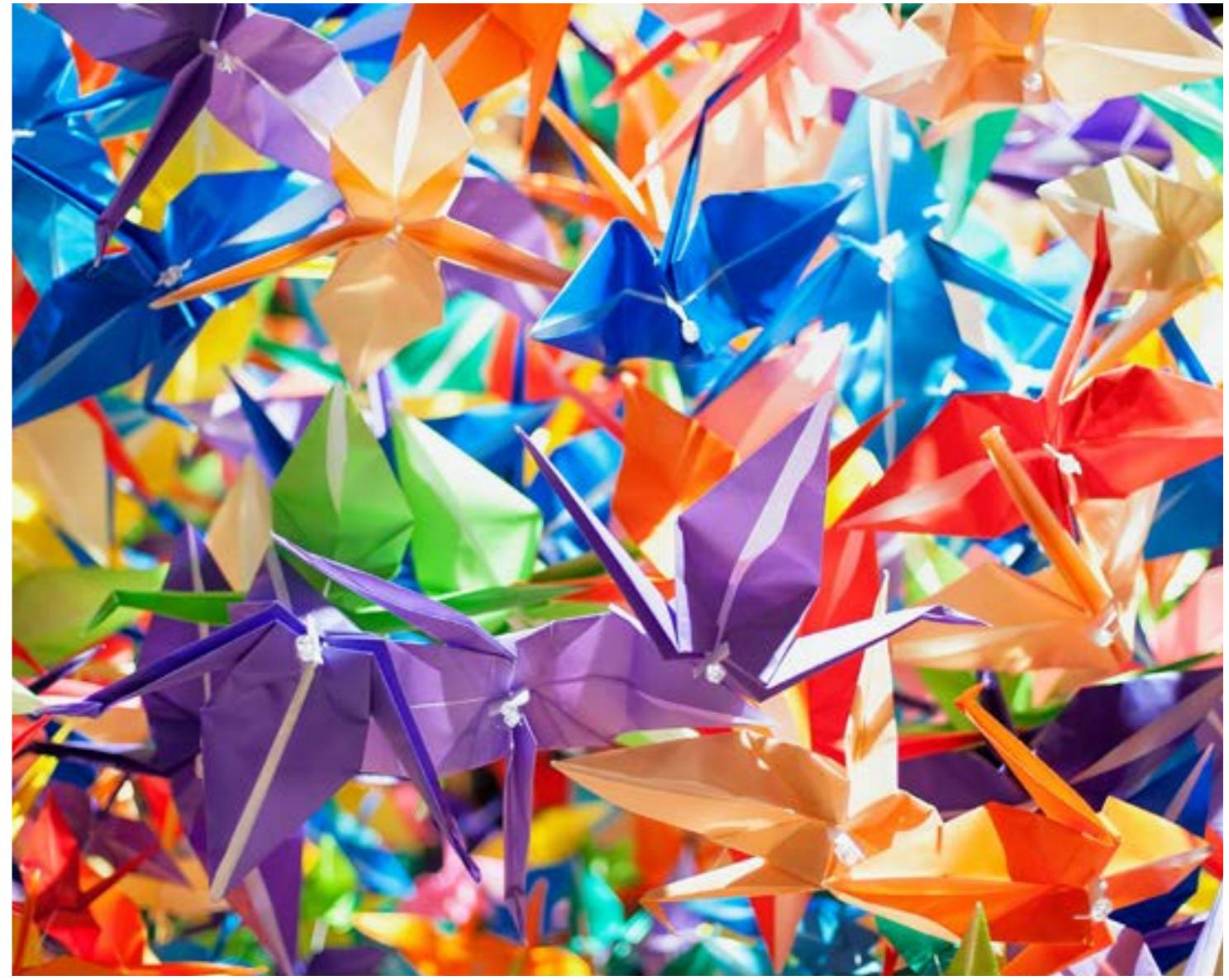
Make books accessible

Have books within easy reach at home; in the living room, in the car, in bedrooms.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term	
Monday 2 nd February	Year 4 Candlemass Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th February	Year of Reading: National Storytelling Week (NEW)
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February	Safer Internet Week (NEW)
Half Term	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February
Wednesday 25 th February	Year 5 & 6 Brave, Kind Minds (NEW)
Friday 27 th February	Reception & Year 2 Chinese New Year Celebrations
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 1 Dance Festival 1.45 - 2.50pm at CNS
Thursday 12 th March	Year 6 Yenworthy Meeting 3 - 3.30pm (NEW)
Friday 13 th March	Reception Mother's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 2 St Patrick's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am
	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 18 th March	EYSF & Year 1 Book Fair - 3.15 (NEW)
Thursday 19 th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 20 th March	Year 2, 3 & 4 Book Fair - 3.15 (NEW)
Monday 23 rd - Thursday 26 th March	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 23 rd March	Year 5 & 6 Book Fair - 3.15 (NEW)
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 2 & 3 Multi Skills Festival 1.30 - 3.40pm at CNS
Friday 27 th March	School Closes at 12.05pm for Easter
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th April	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 3 Tennis Festival 2.50 - 4.30pm at CNS
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 4 Modern Foreign Languages Festival 3.00 - 4.45pm at CNS
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May	SATS Week
Wednesday 13 th May	U10 Rugby Tournament 2.10 - 4.40pm at CNS
Friday 15 th May	PTA Disco
Wednesday 20 th May	NO PENS DAY! (NEW)
	Years 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Championship 2.30 - 5pm at CNS
Half Term	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May
Friday 5 th June	Reception Vision Testing
Sunday 7 th June	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 17 th June	U11 Cricket Tournament 12.50 - 4.45pm at CNS
	Year 2 Cricket Workshop 10 - 11.30pm at CNS
Thursday 18 th June	Year 1 Father's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am (Change of Date)
Friday 19 th June	INSET
Monday 22 nd June	INSET
Wednesday 24 th June	National Writing Day (NEW)
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 2 nd - 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Days at CNS
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 5 Orienteering Festival 2.50 - 4.30pm at CNS
Friday 17 th July	School Closes at 12.05pm for Summer



The
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 Chipping Norton

Origami workshop

Join us to practice the mindful art of paper folding. Whether you'd like to learn a new skill or rediscover a love of origami, our free workshop is suitable for all. Drop-in

Second Saturday every month
11am to 12pm

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Half term Storytime

Saturday 21st February at 11am

**Come and join in with our fun half term storytime!
Age 4-7 years, must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Booking recommended. Please ask at the desk, phone 01865 815134,
or email us at chippingnorton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

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