

School News

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Message from the Headteacher

It has been such a busy term and year – so much accomplished and such fantastic pupils! I want to finish the year by thanking them all for bringing our school Mission alive. We have had a wonderful last week of the academic year.

On Monday we celebrated French day and enjoyed sampling food and drink at the French café and taking part in a game of Pétanque. A big thank you to Mrs Stansfield for organising this.

On Tuesday we were wowed by Year 6 as they performed their end of year show, Shakespeare Rocks. They showcased an abundance of talent and made us all really proud. Well done Year 6 and thank you to Mr Whybrow, Miss Hussian, Mrs Jones and Mrs Taylor for working so hard on putting the show together. Year 6 enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the park as part of their last week here at Holy Trinity, Early Years had their very own 'Wimbledon Day' on Tuesday and Year 5 took part in an African Drumming workshop. We ended our year celebrating our leavers mass together.

As we come to the end of the school year, I find myself writing not only to mark the end of another chapter for our pupils, but also to say a personal goodbye, as I prepare to leave my role as Acting Headteacher of Holy Trinity.

It has been an incredible privilege to lead this wonderful school this year and to be a part of such a vibrant and caring community. I have watched your children grow in confidence, curiosity, and kindness — and I couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved. Whether it's their successes in the classroom, their talents on the stage or sports field, or simply the way they support and look out for one another, the children of Holy Trinity truly are a credit to you and to the school.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you all — for your support, trust, and partnership throughout my time here. The strength of our school lies in the relationships we build together, and I've been deeply grateful for the warmth and encouragement I've received from parents and carers.

To the staff, thank you for your dedication, passion, and unwavering belief in every child. You have made it a joy to come to work each day.

To our Governors - thank you for your unwavering support over the year and for you and Mrs Buchanan having the faith in me to lead the school across the year. An opportunity I am both truly grateful for and privileged to have had.

While I am excited about the next chapter in my career, I will always hold Holy Trinity close to my heart. It has been a joy and an honour to serve as your Acting Headteacher, and I will take with me many treasured memories. Wishing you all a restful summer break and a future filled with happiness, success, and continued learning.

A message for Year 6

To our Year 6 Leavers, thank you for your contribution to the life of our school. We are proud of you and we hope you feel the same. As you leave Holy Trinity today, be sure to hold your head high – don't look back, look forward and grasp with both hands, the many opportunities that are sure to come your way in the time ahead. Be confident, be yourselves, follow your dreams and remember that God is always with you – you have nothing to fear. To parents leaving us today too, thank you for entrusting your children's education and care to us in partnership with you; we hope that you will not be strangers and we thank you for your support and encouragement over the years. We wish you all health, happiness and success in the future.

Thank you PTA

A big thank you to our PTA who have worked so hard to fundraise with events such as the annual summer fete, school disco and after school ice cream sales. They have been hugely successful. The money raised all goes to enhancing the children's education and we are looking forward to using a new oracy and news resource next term (Picture News) as well as ICT equipment that will help to support learning in class. Our PTA are really driven and we are so grateful for the opportunities their hard work is providing for our children.



The Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for our time at Holy Trinity School. We have made friends, have learnt a lot and grown so much.

Please bless our families, friends and teachers and all who have cared for us over the years. Help us to remember how much You love us as we prepare for our new adventure.

Please let us have a restful, sunny and fun

summer.

Amen





Year 6 Entrepreneur Project

In Yr 6 for our entrepreneur project, we raised money for Young Epilepsy. We did this by selling Lithuanian fridge cake, bookmarks, lemonade, bracelets, pastries, badges, popcorn, keyrings and chocolate-covered fruit. We raised over £200 and are very happy with it. We chose this charity because it is something that we can all get behind and we hope it helps. *Alice*

Catholic Life

This is especially important as as a school community, we give thanks to God for his many blessings upon us this year. We thank God for the gift of our children. We give thanks for all the learning opportunities experienced by us all this year. We appreciate the difficult times as much as the joyful times, for we know that through our struggles, we become stronger and develop.

This is a time of change and new beginning for many; our Year 6 pupils are leaving, Mrs McGeehan is leaving, and we are preparing for a new chapter in September. All of our children are leaving the familiarity of their former classroom and teacher and will prepare to progress to the next phase of their education. New beginnings and fresh starts refer to the act of starting anew and embarking on a new journey or chapter in life. These times are often accompanied by feelings of hope, excitement and anticipation for what is to come. As poet and author Maya Angelou once said, "Every end is a new beginning." These moments serve as opportunities for growth, learning and self-discovery.

'Well Done'

to the following pupils who received Learner of the Week awards:

Reception – Joseph Year 1 – Yana & Rowan T Year 2 – Tony & Molly Year 3 – Annabelle

Year 4 – Izzy Year 5 – Alfie Year 6 - Whole Class

Oracy & Handwriting awards:

Reception – Lana Year 1 – Alexandros Year 2 – Bella Year 3 – Jamelia

Year 4 – Minnie Year 5 – Elliott Year 6 - Alfie Attendance Award



Year 4 - 98% Academic Year Attendance Award

Year 2 - 96%

This Summer We Will be Reading

This summer I'll be reading UNRULY by David Mitchell on a sun lounger somewhere in France-I love history and it's packed full of quirky, crazy facts about some of our most outrageous British monarchs. *Mrs Catling*

This summer I'll be reading ALGOSPEAK - How Social Media Is Transforming the Future of Language-by Adam Aleksic. I'm interested in linguistics and how language is evolving, and I think that learning new texting and gaming phrases will make an excellent SIDEQUEST while I'm sitting on a plane, flying to Greece, surrounded by lots of NPCs. *Mrs Taylor*

This summer, I will be sitting in my garden (hopefully) reading any books that Mrs Hergt sends my way! First on the list is "The Couple at No. 9" by Claire Douglas. *Mrs Rickard*

This summer I will be loosing myself in the Scottish Highlands with a few Hamish Macbeth mysteries written by M.C. Beaton. *Mrs Flashman*

This summer I will reading Wayne Sleep's Memoir. He was a dancer with the Royal Ballet but branched out into other genres and I went to see him perform a few times back in the 80s!!! A real Billy Elliot story. *Mrs Jones*

This summer, I'll be reading The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown – I'm looking forward to getting lost in the mystery, history, and secret symbols hidden in plain sight. Alongside the book, I'll be listening to my favourite podcast, A Short History Of... by Noiser. It's the perfect way to explore some of history's most intriguing moments, one story at a time. *Mr Whybrow*

This summer I will be listening to these Audiobooks and Podcasts- Stone and Sky by Ben Aaronovitch (Crime and Fantasy) Nemesis Games by James S. A. Corey (Sci-fi), Underscore by Andrew Cartmel (Crime and Adventure) Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harai (Science), Infinite Monkey Cage (Science), Off Menu with James Acaster and Ed Gamble (Food and Celeb interview) *Mr Kinahan Brown*



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance for the week is: 93%. This is a little way off our target of 96%, however our annual whole school attendance for the academic year is 95%. We have seen a sustained increase most weeks this year with attendance and we really do appreciate all of your support with ensuring your children are in school every day and on time. We look forward to meeting our goal of 96% or more in the new academic year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Michaelmas	Term
Tuesday 2 nd September	Reception & Year 6 Pupils Back to School
Wenesday 3 rd September	All Pupils Back to School
Monday 15 th September	Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip
Thursday 18 th September	Whole School Mass
Friday 3 rd October	Year 6 Trip to the Steam Museum - Swindon
	PTA Welcome Disco
Thursday 16 th October	Whole School Flu Innoculations
	Year 6 PFMAC Concert - Oxford Town Hall
Wednesday 22 nd October	U9 & 11s Cross Country Tournament
Friday 24 th October	INSET
Half Term	Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

The Final Week in Pictures















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