



School News

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The Prayer

Thank you, chaplaincy team, for highlighting this month of devotion to Mary - you have inspired us all.

Heavenly Father,

You lovingly chose the best parents for Your son,
Jesus on earth.

Thanks to Your generosity, Mary is a loving
mother to us all and Joseph is our caring
guardian too.

Please help us to follow their example and
guidance, especially this month.

Mary and Joseph pray for us!

Amen.



'Well Done'

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

Reception - **Emily** Year 1 – **Pippa**

Year 2 – **Peter L** Year 3 – **Lily**

Year 4 – **Tymur** Year 5 – **Charlie**

Year 6 – **Grace**

Headteacher's Award

Reception

Attendance Award

Year 5 - 99%

HT Active Award

Anthony



Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful and busy week we have had here at Holy Trinity.

Last Friday, I was so pleased to be able to award all classes the Headteacher's Award, due to the positive nature, energy and enthusiasm shown by the children throughout the school, as they returned from their Easter break. This wonderful 'buzz' of energy has been sustained all throughout this week too, with lots of hard work, fun and laughter along the way.

We held the first of two parent workshops around childhood anxiety on Monday, led by our mental health support team. There was a wealth of useful information and thank you to all those who were able to attend. The PTA also met on Monday and are busy planning for the summer fete. We are really looking forward to this.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome two local artists, Gill Bray and Cally Bond, into our school. They worked with every year group to create vibrant pop art portraits inspired by the iconic style of Andy Warhol. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced some truly amazing artwork. A big thank you to Miss Hickman for organising this. The work the children have produced will be on display on a parent open afternoon on Thursday 22nd May.

Also on Wednesday afternoon, Year 3 attended a tennis festival. They engaged in a range of tennis activities and had a great time exploring and improving their skills. The children did a great job representing the school and staff were impressed with their determination and resilience throughout.

We celebrated mass together for St. Joseph's Day on Thursday. The weather has been lovely today, for Year One's trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park! This trip reinforced their science learning about animal classification, diet and habitats and a great time was had by all. The children behaved beautifully and were full of facts and questions.

We also discussed screen free week and our whole school focus on ensuring we are always ready, respectful and safe in assemblies this week. Please see below for more information.

I hope you all have a lovely, sunny bank holiday weekend.

Screen Free Week

The first week of May is Screen-Free Week, an annual event that encourages people to explore and rediscover joy beyond screens. During this week, thousands of children, families, schools and communities from around the world will put down their devices in favour of reconnecting with the world around them. Screen time is a fact of life for both children and parents. Research shows that two thirds of children aged five to fifteen now access the internet via a laptop, tablet or smartphone, and seven out of ten also play video games online. While smartphones, tablets and laptops have the capability to make our lives easier, too much screen-time can also raise concerns for their health, both mentally and physically. Use the link below for more information and ideas on what to do during screen free week. We would love to hear all about the things you replace your screen time with, so please send any photos into class, via tapestry or dojo.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfrp3qt>

This week we launched a poster competition for our new behaviour system - The Holy Trinity Way. At Holy Trinity we are always READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE. The children are invited to enter the competition and there will be prizes for each class - the top prize being a £10 voucher for WH Smiths. Thank you to our amazing PTA for sponsoring our event by providing the generous prizes. Please see dojo for details of the Holy Trinity Way. Entries are due by Monday 19th May so we can award prizes in celebration assembly.



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance for the week is: 94%. This is a little below our target of 96%. Please continue to work with us by ensuring that your children, when they are well, are in school each day and on time. Thank you for your continued support.

PTA NEWS

Chastleton Teas on Thursday 19th June - thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have been in touch to bake a cake or volunteer on Thursday 19th June. We will collect the cakes at drop off on Thursday morning.

Summer Fete - this will take place on **Saturday 7th June**. Please come forward to volunteer, supply a raffle prize or with any fundraising ideas you may have.

Each year the PTA raises funds to spend on enhancing our children's experience, education and facilities within the school.

Don't forget, you can support the PTA in these two easy ways:

- Need name labels? Buy through Stikins and use code 10091 - we will receive 30% of whatever you spend
- Play the lottery at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holy-trinity-catholic-school> and be in with a chance of winning in the weekly draw. It's only £1 per ticket and all profits come to the school.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Rosary Term	
Thursday 8th May	<i>VE Day - Children may come to school in red, white & blue (NEW)</i>
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 2 Trip to The British Motor Museum
Thursday 15 th May	Parent Workshop Part 2 1.45pm 'Helping your child with fears and worries' Empowering parents to manage and understand their child's anxiety.
Monday 19 th May	SEN Coffee Afternoon - 2.15pm
Tuesday 20 th May	May Procession 1.45pm
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 4 Everdon Residential Meeting - 2.45pm
Thursday 22 nd May	Non Uniform Day - Bring a Raffle Prize
	Parent Open afternoon 3pm - To View Children's Work
Friday 23 rd May	INSET
Half Term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May
Thursday 5 th June	Whole School Mass
Friday 6 th June	Reception Trip to Cogges
Saturday 7 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Tuesday 10th June	Coffee Morning for New Reception Parents - 9.45am
Monday 16 th - Wednesday 18 th June	Year 4 Everdon Residential
Friday 20 th June	Sports Day
Sunday 22 nd June	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 25 th June	Coffee Morning for New Reception Parents - 9.15am
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	Whole School Move Up Day
	New Reception Parents Meeting - 11am
	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 11 th July	PTA End of Year Disco
Monday 14 th July	French Day
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 End of Year Production - 5pm
Friday 18 th July	End of Year Mass - 9am

Catholic Life



This term's values are Compassionate and Loving

Pupils in our school are growing to be . . .

Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Chaplains

This week our chaplains have been very busy. We learnt about some of the Christian symbols of Easter and refreshed the display in the entrance hall accordingly.

We then talked about the upcoming conclave and how it is the whole church's responsibility to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, regardless of our age or role in the church, so we all prayed together.

Starting May, we discussed the feast day of Saint Joseph and how the whole month is dedicated especially to Mary.

The Month of May

During this month of May, Mrs Leary and the chaplaincy team have been leading the praying of the Rosary on a Monday . All children are welcome to join and may bring their own Rosary Beads.

May Procession

On Tuesday 20th May, at 1:45pm, we will be having our May Procession in school. On this day, those children who made their First Holy Communion last year are invited to wear their communion clothes. All children are invited to bring a fresh flower in on the morning of the May Procession.

First Holy Communion

Please keep members of our Year 3 and Year 4 classes in your prayers; as they continue their preparation programme. They will receive the Eucharist for the first time on their First Holy Communion Day – Sunday 22nd June.

SEN

SEN Coffee Afternoon

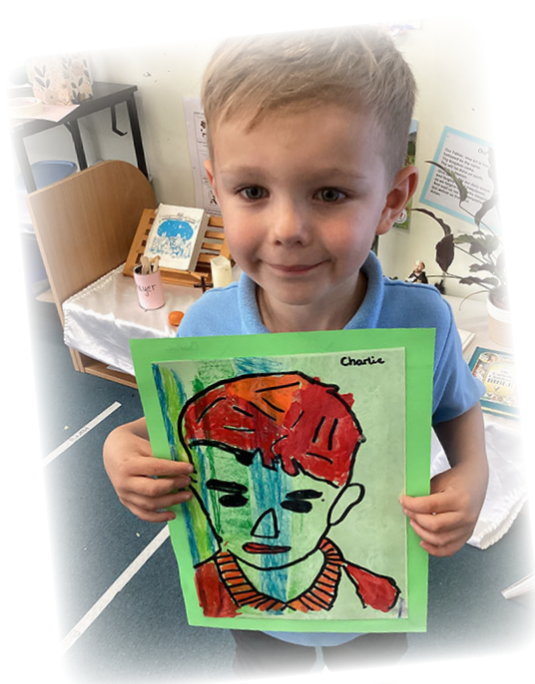
Mrs McGeehan and Mrs Wickens will be hosting our termly SEN coffee afternoon on Monday 19th May at 2:15pm. The themes of this meeting will include: transition to the next year group, a review of SEND provision this year and conversations around next steps with ideas for the summer holidays and the next academic year. This is open to all our families and your child does not need to be on the SEND register in order for you to attend. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. As always there will be warm drinks and treats provided.

MHST Parent Workshops

We had a great first parent workshop, run by the Mental Health Support Team- 'Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries': Empowering parents to manage and understand their child's anxiety. The second of these workshops will take place on Thursday 15th May at 1:45pm. If you were unable to attend the first workshop, you are warmly invited to come along to part two. We will do a summary of the first workshop to lead into the second.

Please contact the office if you would like to attend these, so we know how many chairs, coffee cups and biscuits we will need. This is a really great opportunity and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

RECEPTION'S POP ART



Year 1 Trip to the
Cotswold Wildlife Park





THE PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP

**We need volunteers to work alongside some
PTA members for our Chastleon Tea events
Plus we need lots of your delicious bakes, cakes and treats**

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 12.30-5.30

**Stints of 12.30 -3 or 3-5.30 BUT any hours are really helpful as it's a
busy event**

Chastleton Church GL56 0SU

**Last year these two events raised over £1200 which help pay
towards the whole school trip to the panto –
Its vital funds for the PTA**

Please email the pta on

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with any hours you can help or bakes you can provide





PTA Newsletter



**WELCOME
back to
SCHOOL**

**Could we borrow
your front lawn?**

Without even lifting finger and at no cost to you, support us by allowing a 'for sale' sign to be placed at your home that will advertise the summer fete. The school will receive a financial donation from Harvey Holland Estate agents for each board.

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Dates for your Diary

28th April - 330pm
PTA meeting - bring the kids!

30th April - 0845am
Rags to Riches clothing donation deadline

2nd May - 315pm
Frozen Friday - Ice creams £1 - £1.50

22nd May - Non uniform day!
Please donate a prize for the Tombola!

7th June - Summer Fete 11am-2pm
Attending? Could you help out? Face painting? BBQ? All volunteers will receive a free drink & Ice cream!

The more boards placed in and around Chipping norton town & surrounding villagea the bigger the donation! If this really easy, laid back way of supporting the school is right up your street, please email us your name and full address

The

Library

Chipping Norton



Storytime

Saturday 3rd May at 11am

Come and join in the fun! For ages 4+.

Must be accompanied by an adult.

**Booking recommended. Please ask at the desk,
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