



# Holy Trinity C of E (VC) Primary School

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## [WWW.HTTPS.CH/NEWSLETTER](https://ch/newsletter) - FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2022

I am always very proud of Holy Trinity pupils but this week I have been particularly impressed by our Year 6 representatives who did a marvellous job escorting parents around for our open days this week. Parent visitors gave several compliments!

Over the last two weeks in collective worship, we have been focusing on parables and more recently, remembering all those who have been affected by war in the past and in the present. Some of the Worship Committee read extracts from a book called 'The Wall' which is a book about remembering fallen soldiers from the war in Vietnam.

You will see our Remembrance poppies made from recycled bottles near the school car park entrance. Thank you for those who helped in this small craft project.

Last week, we welcomed Essex Fire Service who reminded the children about ways to stay safe during Bonfire Night and Halloween, all worthwhile messages for them all!

**SARAH ROWE - HEADTEACHER**

### HALL HIRE

Our school hall is available to hire for parties etc. Lovely location, plenty of parking and lots of outside space too! Hire charges are £18 per hour plus a one-off amount of £20 per booking for Caretaking. (We also request a refundable £100 deposit to cover damage to buildings, equipment etc). Please ask at the office for a booking form if you are interested in hiring our hall!

**STOP PRESS!** All children at school today designed Christmas cards for you to buy. Details to follow soon.

### CHILDREN IN NEED NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are holding a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 18th November. The theme this year is 'Be Spotacular', but any weather and school appropriate non-uniform is fine. Please send in a donation for Children In Need, to help children across the UK. Thank you!



### SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are joining in with Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 8th December. Normal uniform, but with a Christmas-themed jumper or t-shirt. Please send in a donation for Save The Children, to help children around the world. Thank you!



### WORSHIP THEME

#### Remembrance – Peace & Preciousness

## A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

### CALENDAR DATES - <https://ch/calendar> & APP

- 11.11.1918 - World War I Armistice
- 14.11.22 - Kindness Day and Anti-Bullying Week
- 17.11.22 - Open Day for September 2023 Intake
- 18.11.22 - Children In Need Non-Uniform Day**
- 18.11.22 - PTFA Doughnut Sale - 3.15pm
- 24.11.22 - 9am French Exchange Meeting Y5/6 Parents**
- 02.12.22 - PTFA Christmas Bazaar
- 08.12.22 - Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)
- 09.12.22 - Rocksteady Concert
- 13.12.22 - Infant Nativity Performances**
- 14.12.22 - Christmas Dinner Day
- 15.12.22 - Christmas Church Service (Parents Welcome)
- 16.12.22 - Pantomime
- 20.12.22 - End of Autumn Term
- Christmas Holidays
- 05.01.23 - Start of Spring Term
- 11.01.23 - E-Safety Training from The 2 Johns

Further dates/details of these and future events will be published as soon as confirmed. **New dates in bold.**





**NHS**  
Essex Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

## FLU VACCINATION CATCH UP CLINICS

**FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN**

We are running flu vaccination catch up clinics throughout Essex for primary school aged children.

For more information on the clinics and to book an appointment please contact the immunisation team on 0300 790 0597.

To find out more about the flu vaccination, scan the QR code or visit:



[nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/](https://nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/)

### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE...

We understand it is sometimes unavoidable, but if your child is being collected by someone different please let us know as soon as possible so class teachers can be informed in good time.

Regarding collection from school, if there is another adult you are happy for your child to go home with on a regular ad hoc basis we must have confirmation of this in writing. It is not enough for the other adult just to be a named emergency contact.

Finally, please could forgotten items (lunchboxes, coats etc.) be brought to the school office promptly to avoid the disruption of items having to be distributed throughout the day. Thank you for your understanding.

### AMAZON SMILE - THANK YOU!

[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

Last quarter you raised £37.67 for the PTFA by shopping via Amazon Smile - making a total of £457.08 since we started raising money this way.

We have 73 people who have signed up and are supporting us by visiting [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and choosing Holy Trinity Halstead as their charity of choice. This is now also available via the settings in the Android and iOS apps.

By signing up for this you notice no difference to your shopping experience, but Amazon donate a percentage of what you spend to the PTFA without it costing you anything! We don't know what you've bought, we don't even know who you are (!), but we do get a donation that helps the PTFA raise funds for all our children.

Holy Trinity Primary  
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Thank you for supporting  
our Harvest collection



**You collected  
48.10 kg  
to help people in  
the Braintree  
Area**



[www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk)



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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Elferidges \* Reindeer Toss  
Baffle \* Bottle Tombola \* Y6 Enterprise  
Hair Braiding \* Gamers Wheel of Fortune  
Glitter Tattoos \* Frosty Cups  
Face Painting \* Where's Rudolph's Nose?  
Teddy Tombola \* Advent Calendar  
Bar \* Wine To Water \* Reindeer Food  
Name The Teddy \* Christmas Scratchcards  
Refreshments \* Snowballs & Candy Canes  
Father Christmas Walkabout at 4.30pm

**Everyone Welcome!**

**FRIDAY 2nd  
DECEMBER**

**3.30-5.00  
in the hall**

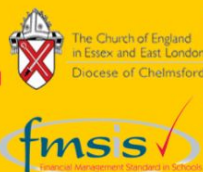
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**Is your child due to start school in September 2023?**

## September 2023 Intake Open Days

Additional visits  
can be arranged via  
the school office.

**Thursday  
17th November  
2022**

Sessions each day at  
9.30am - 10.30am  
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Please email [admin@holytrinityhalstead.com](mailto:admin@holytrinityhalstead.com) to book a date/time.

Additional tours can be arranged via the school office.

*At the beginning of each session there will be a welcome talk from Mrs Rowe, the headteacher.  
This will be followed by a tour of the school, and an opportunity to ask questions.*

You can apply for a primary school place for September 2023 from Monday 7th November 2022 until Sunday 15th January 2023.  
Applications must be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) - admissions are dealt with entirely by Essex County Council.

### THE KINDNESS CUP!

The Kindness Cup is presented to a pupil who has shown special kindness around the school during the week.



### IT'S GOOD TO TALK

CHILDLINE 0800 1111  
MIND 0300 123 3393  
SAMARITANS 116 123  
CITIZENS ADVICE 0800 144 8848  
NHS DIRECT 111  
Text 'SHOUT' to 85258  
CALM 0800 58 58 58

### COLCHESTER ZOO AT 60!

Next year our much loved Colchester Zoo is turning 60 and we are very excited to be involved in the Colchester Zoo Anniversary Celebrations. We can't believe it's been 10 Years since we took part in the Stand Tall project to celebrate 50 years of Colchester Zoo (you can see our Giraffe from the project in the entrance hall). The Zoo has a number of exciting events planned throughout 2023 to celebrate it's 60 years!

As part of these celebrations the Zoo is working with local schools to create a commemorative rockery garden. Each participating school will be represented in the garden and there will also be a sign at the garden listing participating schools. Every child at Holy Trinity will have the opportunity to decorate their very own stone for the garden. We now have the stones and the children will be busy painting them in the coming weeks. The theme of the stones will reflect the Zoo, it's anniversary and our school. We will also have one large Holy Trinity Rock. The garden will be installed in the garden ready for the anniversary celebrations and will be in place for 18 months. We are sure the children will love being part of this exciting community project and we look forward to seeing all their creative designs.

CELEBRATING



COLCHESTER ZOO

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - CHRISTMAS IDEAS!

Need some gift ideas for Christmas? Why not purchase a book (or two!) from our online book club in association with Scholastic. Just click on the link, browse and select a book, pay online and the order will be delivered to school where we will hand out when delivered. Hurry!

The deadline is the 15th November 2022.

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/holy-trinity-co9/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.  
Please place your order online by November 15th, 2022.

We will hand out leaflets to the children to showcase some of the books available to buy but please order and pay online as we will not be taking cash or paper orders.



**LOST PROPERTY** - Our lost property pile is becoming far too large due to unnamed items. Please ensure that all uniform, PE kit, coats etc. are named, and that you check regularly to ensure that the names are still visible. If an item has a name in we return it, if it doesn't there is little way we can find out the owner.

**UNIFORM** - We understand that it is not always easy to replace uniform items, but please can we remind you that jumpers, including P.E sweatshirts, should be blue as stated in the school uniform policy. Thank you.  
Our PE kit is as follows:

- Navy blue T Shirt with school logo and navy blue shorts
- Plain navy blue tracksuit (joggers and hoodie)
- Trainers or running shoes
- NO VISIBLY BRANDED SPORTSWEAR

[www.holytrinityhalstead.com/uniform](http://www.holytrinityhalstead.com/uniform)



THE IMPROVED MILLENNIUM GARDEN AREA!



A huge thank you to parent volunteers, governors, Halstead in Bloom volunteers (who also donated plants) for giving up their time to help redevelop the Millennium Garden area behind the school. Special thanks also to Mrs Butterley, who has given a lot of her time to the project and has been a big influence on the development of the area.



The PTFA are holding their after-school Doughnut Sale on Friday 18th November in the Millennium Garden Area!

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to our Y5/6 pupils who took part in, and won, a dodgeball tournament at Notley High School this week. Thank you for representing our school so well!



INTERNATIONAL LINKS - CHINA

On Wednesday morning at 8am Y5 took part in the first contact in our Virtual Exchange with schools from the Jiangsu Province in China. There are 7 primary schools in Essex involved in the project and over the year we will be able to take part in lessons and share experiences of school life, local area & culture, hobbies & playground games, songs & dance, festivals & stories, arts & crafts, etc. Chinese students learn English language as a core subject so some topics will be related to their learning.

The exchange will be highly valuable in helping children to broaden their understanding of different languages and cultures.

COLCHESTER CASTLE MUSEUM



On Wednesday Hammerhead Class visited Colchester Castle Museum as part of their work on Roman Britain. It was a really enjoyable experience and will provide lots of learning prompts for the coming half term. Well done to the children for being so enthusiastic and well behaved.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS - FRENCH EXCHANGE

Plans for a French Exchange, where pupils from Ombrosa School in France will visit for two weeks next summer and stay with our Year 5 & 6 children, are well under way.

There is a meeting for parents on **Thursday 24th November at 9am**, led by Mathilde Faure from our French partner school. During the meeting she will explain how the trip is organised, and the implications for host families.

This is an exciting opportunity for Holy Trinity and we hope Year 5 & 6 parents are able to attend.