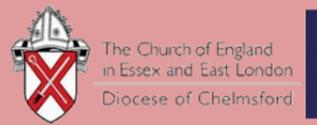




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## [WWW.HTTPS.CH/NEWSLETTER](https://ch/newsletter) - FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The process of setting up wraparound care is well underway. A representative from Little Oaks will be attending our spring parents' evenings.

For your diaries - The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III takes place on Saturday 6 May 2023 and the bank holiday will fall on Monday 8 May 2023 to mark the occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and engagement and wish you a safe and happy half-term break.

*Sarah Rowe*

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

- 07.02.23 - Safer Internet Day
- 10.02.23 - End of Half Term
- Half Term
- 15.02.23 - Garden Makeover II - 10am to 2pm**
- 20.02.23 - Start of Half Term
- 14.03.23 - Parents' Evening
- 16.03.23 - Parents' Evening
- 20.03.23 - Science Week**
- 24.03.23 - Rocksteady Spring Concert
- 28.03.23 - Easter Service at St. Andrew's Church
- 30.03.23 - End of Spring Term
- 31.03.23 - INSET Day

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

### The remaining INSET Days for the 2022/2023 Academic Year have been confirmed:

- Friday 31st March 2023
- Monday 5th June 2023
- Friday 21st July 2023

**In addition, the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 4th May as it is being used as a polling station.**

All term dates, and INSET days for 2023/24 can be found at [www.https://ch/term-dates](http://www.https://ch/term-dates)

### WELLBEING HUB



LUNCHTIME WELLBEING HUB



Some children have been involved in the school's Wellbeing Hub. The school lunch hour can be a long one for some children so we have re-established this club to alleviate social struggles and support emotional needs. Children are allocated a designated number of golden tickets to participate in the sessions.

### SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 7th February.

During Computing lessons this week the children were reminded about our school e-safety guide, as presented by Tabecat our e-safety mascot, and the lessons learned during our '2 Johns' sessions.



The most important message we are trying to press home to the children is to talk to a trusted adult as soon as they need help or advice, or if they feel worried by anything they experience online. The best way to keep our children safe online is via mutual trust and conversation. Knowing they will be listened to without the fear that they will be banned from their devices or games, help our children reach out to us if they need us.

Please do take a moment to watch the '2 Johns' session whilst it is available, and if you have any e-safety worries please do not hesitate to contact me at school either via the office or when I'm on the door before and after school. Mr. Handy- IT Lead

### WOW WORSHIP WELCOMES YOU

Please remember all parents / grandparents / carers are welcome to join the Wow Worship every Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall.

### WORSHIP THEME

#### *Teamwork and Understanding*

*"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labour"*  
Ecclesiastes 4:9



### GARDEN MAKEOVER II

**Part 2 of our garden makeover is taking place during half term. Please do come and join us on Wednesday 15th February between 10am & 2pm to help get the garden ready for the warmer weather!**



## FANTASTIC FLIGHTS TO FARAWAY PLACES

Last week, as part of our Explore Curriculum, we embarked on a cross-curricular mini-project exploring countries across the continents of the world, and inventing and creating flying objects to take us there! Along the way we read engaging, high quality books that opened our eyes to different cultures and ways of life!

It was wonderful to see all the children's work on display in the hall on Friday afternoon - thank you to all the parents who were able to come in and see it, and to the PTFA for funding some of the resources. From hot air balloons, through time machines, rockets, paper aeroplanes, kites, and air-powered jets, to carefully constructed lollipop planes, the children produced some amazing work combining design technology, science, geography, English, maths, art and more.

This week was such a resounding success. From the children's feedback we will be planning similar project weeks, one being Science Week. Any parental input for this week would be gratefully received.

## PUPILS' CHAMPIONS

On Monday 30th January Callum from Essex Gliding Club [www.essexgliding.com](http://www.essexgliding.com) visited the school to give a talk on gliding. The children were very excited about what they heard, and there was lots of talk about giving it a go when they are old enough!

This week we also welcomed Mrs Vincent to talk about her career in nursing, and what it takes to be a nurse. We also enjoyed some equipment demonstrations!

Please contact the school, whatever your job, if you would like to talk to the children about what you do. (We will help you!)



## NSPCC NON-UNIFORM NUMBER DAY

Thank you!

Together we raised **£211.30** for the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity.

The children took part in some great maths activities too!



# ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

93.9%	WHOLE SCHOOL
94.2%	LADYBIRD CLASS
92.1%	ALPACA CLASS
91.7%	PANDA CLASS
92.3%	HAMMERHEAD CLASS
98.0%	ARMADILLO CLASS
92.4%	COBRA CLASS
96.7%	AXOLOTL CLASS
97.0%	SCHOOL TARGET

## HOW CLOSE IS YOUR CHILD TO 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year.	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year.	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year.	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year.	85%	Very Concerned

## AMAZON SMILE - THANK YOU!



Thanks to your support of our PTFA via Amazon Smile we have raised over £500 without costing us a penny!

You may have heard that Amazon are stopping the Smile program on Monday 20th February.

We are still able to collect donations until that date however, and so any purchases you make via Amazon Smile up to that date will earn money for the PTFA.

A final reminder that you can contribute in this way by signing up to support us at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and choosing Holy Trinity Halstead as your charity of choice. This is also available via the settings in the Android and iOS apps.

By signing up for this you notice no difference in your shopping experience, but Amazon will donate a percentage of what you spend to us. It's not costing you anything extra. For what you've bought, we don't even charge you are (!), but we do get a donation that helps the PTFA raise funds for all our children.

**ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT!**

- 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

It's OK to ask for Help!

## EWS Essex Wellbeing Service

Delivered by an alliance of specialist organisations, Essex residents who are registered with a GP and are aged 16+, can receive health and wellbeing support.

Whether it's help to quit smoking, social isolation support, weight management, or help with day-to-day needs; EWS is here to help employers, families and communities to stay healthy, safe and well.

Visit [www.essexwellbeing.service.co.uk](http://www.essexwellbeing.service.co.uk) or call 0300 303 9988 to get help.

## Love Your LIBRARY Day

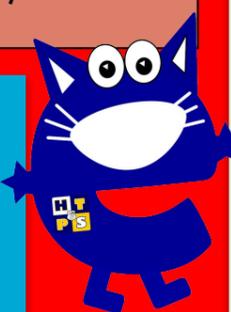
18 February 2023

Halstead Library are holding a special Mindfulness & Well-Being day between 9am and 4pm to mark 'Love Your Library Day'. There will be yoga, meditation, crystals and mindfulness activities.

They are also hosting a science event tomorrow (11th February), and regular homework clubs, construction clubs, toddler rhymetime sessions, and Book Trust storytimes.

In addition, the library provides free access to a wealth of fantastic books for all ages.

For more information visit [www.htpshalstead.com/signposting](http://www.htpshalstead.com/signposting) and scroll down!



Can you find the other 7 Tabecats?

## HTPS PTFA UVDISCO



Thank you to the PTFA for organising and running our Spring UVDISCO! We would also like to thank the staff who came along to support the event, and Darryl Paul @ Dream Roadshows for the disco itself. All funds raised will be spent on your children at school.

## E-SAFETY - THE TWO JOHNS SESSIONS

John Woodley & John Staines, The 2 Johns, ran online sessions at Holy Trinity on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

The main message to the children was "Tell a trusted adult if you are worried." The main message to parents was to make sure that children feel confident talking to you about their worries - and this won't happen if they are scared you will take their device away if they confide in you.

Thank you to those of you who were able to make the live Two Johns E-Safety session 10 days ago. We hope you found it as useful as we did.

[For those of you who were unable to make the session, and for those who would like to revisit it, you can view a recording by clicking the link here \(in the digital version\) or in the app.](#)

## PLEASE WATCH BEFORE HALF TERM!

Please do take the time to watch the video, and look out for a feedback survey we'll be sending out via the app soon.

We will continue our successful e-safety curriculum at school, and if you have any questions or concerns please do have a chat with Mr. Handy, our IT lead.

## UPCYCLING ART REQUEST

We are looking to embark on another upcycling project, this time for the school entrance, using the bottom and top of fizzy drinks bottles.

We would be grateful for some plastic bottle bases and bottle necks being brought into the office.



### Brownies

1st Halstead (St. Andrews)

Places available for girls aged 7-10. We meet on a Tuesday 5.30-7:00pm, term time only, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Introduce your daughter to a world of new adventures, challenges, and fun!  
Call Linda, Brownie Leader, on 07936141592 or look online at Girlguiding to register your daughter today!

## SUMDOG CONTEST

The latest Essex Sumdog contest ran last week with 97 classes and 719 pupils taking part!



Well done to everyone who joined in, and congratulations to class winners:

Toby B - Y3  
Max J - Y5

Freddie M - Y4  
Shay A-N - Y6

We must give a special mention to Cobra Class who came 3rd overall and had three children - Max J (11th), Holly R (32nd) & Emily V (43rd) in the Top 50. An amazing achievement!

The next contest is the England Contest in mid-March, and Sumdog is available to use at home via [tabecat.com](http://tabecat.com) and the Sumdog app. The school code is holytrinityhalstead.



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ST CATHERINE'S GOSFIELD, ST JAMES' GREENSTEAD GREEN  
AND ST ANDREW'S HALSTEAD.

Free fun for all the family

Join us for  
Messy Church!

Saturday 18 February  
3pm to 5pm

St Andrew's Hall, Parsonage Street  
Halstead CO9 2LD

Contact Rachel on 07837 167 408 for more information

## KINDNESS CUP WINNERS

The Kindness Cup is awarded to someone who has shown great kindness during the previous week.



## MANNERS MEDALS

Manners Medals are awarded to a pupil from each Key Stage who have shown great manners during the previous week. The school takes a pride in high standards of behaviour and this is just another way to celebrate great role models every week.

RESPECT.

HONESTY.

LOVE.