

OUR VISION

RESPECT HONESTY LOVE

We are an inclusive, aspirational school that builds a kind and resilient community.



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School Newsletter 168 - FRIDAY 30th JUNE 2023 - [www.https://ch/newsletter](https://ch/newsletter)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Create Curriculum term, every class has been undertaking a global citizenship project linked to Art. The intention is for children to build confidence to discuss social action for change in the world, being courageous advocates. These lessons have given children opportunities to speak out against injustice or issues that affect them and their world. This idea is linked to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which is part of the Rights Respecting Schools Programme. After all, our children are the voices for the future and we encourage them to be determined and aspirational!

Some themes have included deforestation, improving recycling logos, provision for sport opportunities for all children and water sanitation in countries around the world. This has included quality persuasive writing and debate around global issues that they feel strongly about. Hammerhead Class chose Article 24 (Health & Health Services) with a focus on: "Every child has the right to the best possible health...clean water...and a clean environment..." To put this into concrete action they will be trying to raise £80 to 'Pair-a-Privy' for the charity 'Money For Madagascar'. The money will provide a life-saving single toilet cubicle, a 'tippy tap' hand washing solution, and hygiene education for children who currently have no access to toilets and clean water whilst they are at school.

The project is going to culminate in some sculptures that we will exhibit outside the hall before and after the last Wow assembly on Monday 17th July. Please see above that the existing school Christian vision which has been made easier for children to read and understand.

We are really looking forward to all the exciting events coming up to mark the end of another academic school year. I really hope that we will see as many of you as possible supporting the events to make them memorable for the children, especially our Year 6 Leavers.

Have a fabulous weekend

Sarah Rowe

WORSHIP THEME - Joy

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

30.06.23 - International Asteroid Day.
03.07.23 - Music Tuition (September) Registration Deadline
03.07.23 - Class Photo Order Deadline
04.07.23 - Sublime Science II
05.07.23 - Bring-A-Bottle Non-Uniform Day
07.07.23 - PTFA Summer Fete after school on the field.
10.07.23 - EYFS Sports Day (AM)
11.07.23 - KS1 Sports Day (AM)
11.07.23 - PTFA Meeting @ School 7pm
13.07.23 - KS2 Sports Day (PM)
14.07.23 - Rocksteady Concert 2.15pm
14.07.23 - PTFA Summer Discos
17.07.23 - End of Year WOW Assembly 2.15pm (Monday)
18.07.23 - Y5/6 Performances 1pm & 5pm
19.07.23 - Non-Uniform Day for Team Point Winning Team
20.07.23 - End of School Year
21.07.23 - INSET Day

04.09.23 - INSET Day
05.09.23 - INSET Day
06.09.23 - Start of the 2023/2024 Academic Year

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

The remaining INSET Day for the 2022/2023 Academic Year has been confirmed: Friday 21st July 2023

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

PERIPATETIC MUSIC PROVISION

ROCKSTEADY

If your child is interested in joining in with Rocksteady please visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or ask for a form from the office. There is currently a waiting list for some bands/age groups, but there will be a number of spaces in September when the current Year 6 pupils leave. Rock Steady costs approximately £30/month for weekly half hour group sessions and the end of term concert for the school! All instruments are provided and no previous experience is required.



LEARN IT!

If your child wishes to have more traditional-style music tuition at school Essex Music Education Hub can offer lessons in a range of instruments. To register for acoustic guitar, keyboard or singing lessons in September visit <https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1398#/courselist/25> by the deadline of Monday 3rd July.



PTFA BRING-A-BOTTLE NON-UNIFORM DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY!

To make sure that our ever popular Bottle Tombola is again well stocked, we are excited to announce that the school have agreed to "Bring a Bottle" Non Uniform Day!

On Wednesday 5th July come in Non Uniform and donate a bottle to the PTFA collection points in the playground. Wine and beer, soft drinks, sauces, shampoos etc. - all donations are welcomed so long as they are unopened and the contents are still in date!

Please remember - glass bottles or any alcohol should be handed in by an adult. More PTFA news on page 2!

HTPS PTFA NEWS

A massive thank you to all who kindly display one of Michael's boards advertising the Summer Fete.
You've helped us to raise £500 already which is absolutely incredible!
Thank you so much!

URGENT APPEAL

It's the PTFA Summer Fete next Friday 07/07/23
Are you able to help us set up a stall from 1.30pm?
Are you able to man a stall for us from 3pm?
Are you able to help us tidy away from 6.30pm?

Even if you can spare 30 minutes that would be fantastic.

We need all the help available!

Please let us know if you can help via email or Facebook, or come and see one of us in the playground.

We're so grateful for your help!

TEDDIES

We are currently looking for donations of teddies for our Teddy Tombola at the Summer Fete.

If you have any Teddies you'd like to re-home, please bring them into the school office or let us know and we can collect if it helps.

Please may we ask that all Teddys be donated by Wednesday 5th July.

RAFFLE TICKETS & PRIZES

Roll up! Roll up!

The PTFA ladies will be selling raffle tickets daily all next week, from Monday 03/07/23, outside the school office. Just 50p per number!

Our theme this year is "Big Day Out"

Here are just SOME of the great prizes on offer so far;

**Michael's are donating our 1st prize
a family ticket to either Legoland or Chessington.**

Through The Courtyard, Pebmarsh
beautiful Lotus flower fire pit worth £100
£50 cash

PTFA Summer Hamper
Colchester Zoo - 2 child admission
Namco bowling - family of 4 - 2 games
Marks Hall - family admission
Colne Valley railway-family admission
Lily Pearl Boutique - clothing voucher
IC Brows - waxing and tinting voucher
And many many more!!

If you have a business, or know of a business, that could donate a raffle prize please let us know.

In return, as a thank you, we would acknowledge your business on the App, Newsletter and Facebook page.

Help for us, a little advertising for you - it's a win, win!!

Please continue to contact us via email

ptfa@holyltrinityhalstead.com

and keep posted via our Facebook page

HTPS PTFA official.

If you've not joined the PTFA official Facebook page already then please input this link to join

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/htpsptfa>

Our next meeting is 11th July 2023 from 7pm at Holy Trinity Primary School.
We'd love to see you there!

Holy Trinity Primary School Halstead

HTPS PTFA All Welcome!
Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association

Summer Fete

**Raffle - Refreshments - Bar
BBQ - Teddy Tombola - Stalls
Games - Stocks - Ice Creams
Stilt Walker - Bottle Tombola
Inflatables - and more!**

07.07.23

3.30 - 6.30 on the school field www.htps.ch/ptfa

HTPS PTFA

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Parent Teacher & Friends Association

DISCO

FRIDAY 14TH JULY 2023

**£3 per child
Includes a
drink & snack.**

Tickets with contact details
must be provided on arrival.
All children must be collected
from the school hall.

**INFANTS
5.45-7.00**

**JUNIORS
7.15-8.30**

**Tickets on sale
at school during
disco week.**

With thanks to Darryl Paul
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SUMDOG EAST OF ENGLAND MATHS CONTEST Friday 13th July - Thursday 20th July 2023

All our children have been entered -
if your children would like to
take part they just have to login and play!

In this contest classes at Holy Trinity are competing against classes at other schools across the East of England.

- Your class's score is the average number of correct answers across those of you who take part.
- There's a maximum of 1000 questions for each of you - so accuracy is more important than quantity.
- You can play at school or home, at any time during the contest week.
- You only need to play for about an hour to get a competitive score.

Our school code is holytrinityhalstead and you can play via the Sumdog apps for iOS & Android, or via the link at www.tabecat.com

We will keep an eye on scores, but as the contest finishes after we break up for the summer we won't be able to announce class winners in WOW Assembly this time.

SUBLIME SCIENCE RETURNS

Next Tuesday we will be welcoming back Sublime Science who will again be working with pupils from across the school. Prepare to be slimed!

NEXT YEAR! You should by now all know the class and teacher your child/ren will be in next year. As usual, over the coming weeks we will be providing all children with tailored help with the transition to their new classes. The 2023/2024 Academic Year starts at Holy Trinity on Wednesday 6th September 2023.



Years 5 and 6 have been busy rehearsing their end of year performance of Shakespeare Rocks.

"Shakespeare Rocks!" is a fresh, funny, musical, and up to date look at the life and times of William Shakespeare, with a cast of hilarious historical characters, amusing glimpses into some of his works and how he came 'To Be'."

Performances will take place on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 18th July and ticket information will be sent home shortly.



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**LAUNCHING
SEPTEMBER 2023**

**BREAKFAST CLUB
FROM 7.30am – 8.45am**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

3.15pm – 6.00pm
(shorter and post-activity
club sessions available)

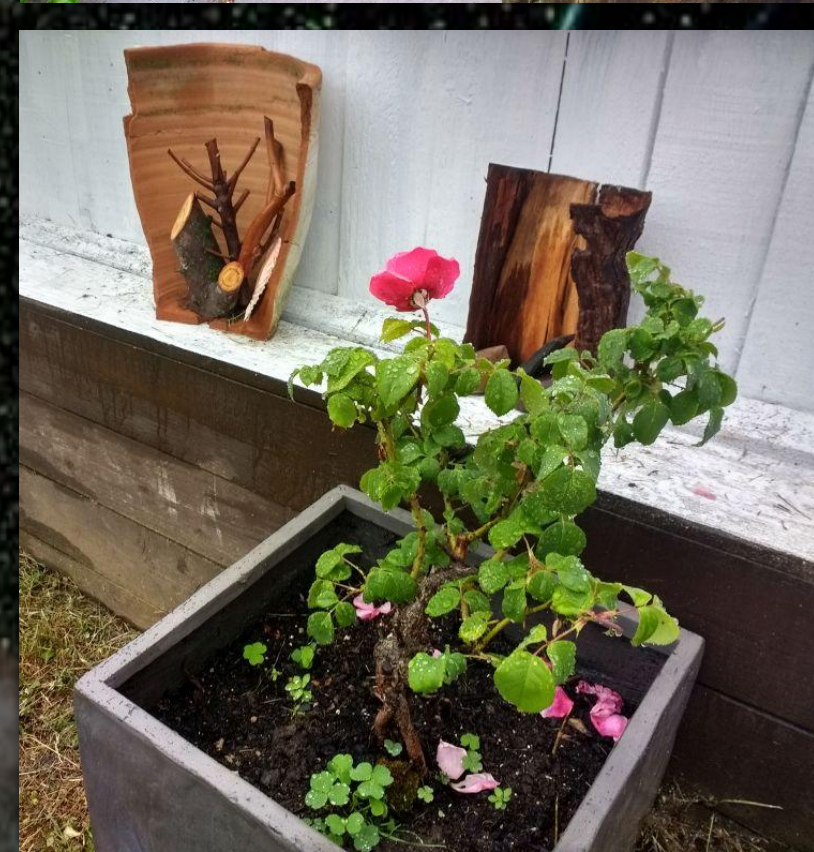
Wide range of activities on
offer to suit all children

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SUNFLOWERS AND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Mrs Butterley's sunflower competition is moving very quickly. Two weeks ago there was almost nothing to see, but now they are getting quite big. Well done to everyone keeping the plants watered.

We are grateful to Halstead in Bloom and Mrs Butterley for donating many of the plants that are making the school grounds look so amazing at the moment. That they haven't wilted in the recent dry spell and heat is due to the skills and hard work of Mrs Butterley and her teams of conscientious Year 5 pupils (with a special mention this week to: Cassie, Charlotte, Emily, Evie, Frankie, Holly, Isaac C, Jack W, & Lulu.) Thank you to everyone who helps!



CRICKET TEAM

A huge well done to our school cricket team who finished in second place at Witham Cricket Club tournament earlier this month. They won 4 out of their 5 games against some big Witham schools with a larger pool of pupils to select from. Both individually, and as a team, they did the school proud.

SPORTS DAYS

A reminder that parents are invited to attend Sports Days again this year:
EYFS - Monday 10th July - 9.30-11.00am
KS1 - Tuesday 11th July - 9.20-11.00am
KS2 - Thursday 13th July - 1.30-3.00pm
Please make extra sure that children have hat, drink and sun cream on these days.



REFLECTION AREA

The children have collaborated ideas in this quiet place (above) to extend their thoughts born from collective worship themes. In the last fortnight, tokens of peace, kindness, and patience have been created and can be picked up and passed on to help others. The children have displayed doves of peace that share their own methods for inner stillness. This is an area being reinvented all the time and a great place for children to find some calm during a busy break or lunchtime.

KINDNESS CUP & MANNERS MEDALS

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



SUMMER READY

Thank you for sending in your children so well prepared for the warmer weather. Although there are supposed to be some cooler days ahead please do keep making sure your child is sent to school with named water bottles, hats and sun cream right until the end of term. Sun cream should be applied PRIOR to coming into school each day. We are unable to store suncream in school, nor can it be applied by staff.

WOW ASSEMBLY

Because of the PTFA Summer Fete and the Rocksteady Concert today was the penultimate WOW assembly of the year.

There will be an extra, end of term, WOW on Monday 17th July at 2.15pm.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend - we love you joining us!

ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

This term's concert will feature five bands and is on Friday 14th July starting at 2.15pm. Parents are welcome to attend and watch the show!

LADYBIRDS TO HOLLOW TREES

Three weeks ago Ladybird Class visited Hollow Trees farm on their first big school visit... It was a wonderful experience and all the children were fantastically well behaved.

They loved the donkeys! They were very hungry but also friendly too - the goats came running over for their breakfast. Everyone had a bag of food and enjoyed feeding all the animals. What a great day we all had.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

We are pleased to inform you that the class photographs are ready!

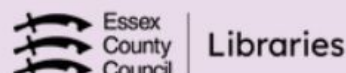
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You will then require the access code: HTHALCP23

There is one access code for all parents. The deadline for ordering photos is Monday 3rd July.

We are sure that you will agree that the standard of the photographs is excellent. Belinda Grant will back with us in the autumn term for individual photographs.



READY... STEADY... GO TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE!



Ready... Steady... Go To School is a fun challenge full of activities which will help your child to practice skills that they'll need to help them feel confident and be ready to start school in September.

The challenge is running in all Essex libraries from May to July, and includes a range of activities within seven challenge areas. These are:

- Speaking and Listening
- Being Active
- Personal, Social and Emotional Skills
- Early Reading and Writing
- Maths and Numbers
- Understanding the World
- Express Yourself

As your child completes activities, they'll collect stamps in a special booklet, and once they have all seven stamps, they'll get a certificate!

This challenge is be a great way for your child to prepare physically and emotionally for starting school, and will provide parents and carers with some top tips and useful information too!

REGULAR EVENTS

There are a number of regular events for families that are put on at Halstead Library. There is a list of future events that are 'regulars'. You can see the full list of dates by visiting

<https://library-events.essex.gov.uk/search?q=halstead>

ENGLISH SESSIONS FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS

Diversity & Inclusion / Other / Social

Halstead Library - 10:00AM on Sat 01-07-2023

BLOCK BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION CLUB, HALSTEAD LIBRARY

Diversity & Inclusion / Kids / Social / Teens

Halstead Library - 2:30PM on Sat 01-07-2023

BABY AND TODDLER RHYMETIME

Kids

Halstead Library - 10:30AM on Mon 03-07-2023

COMMUNITY TEA, HALSTEAD LIBRARY

Health & Wellness / Kids / Other / Seniors / Social

Halstead Library - 10:00AM on Thu 06-07-2023

INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

Diversity & Inclusion / Social

Halstead Library - 10:30AM on Fri 07-07-2023

BOOKWORMS READING GROUP

Book Groups & Book Chats

Halstead Library - 2:00PM on Fri 07-07-2023

HOMEWORK CLUB, HALSTEAD LIBRARY

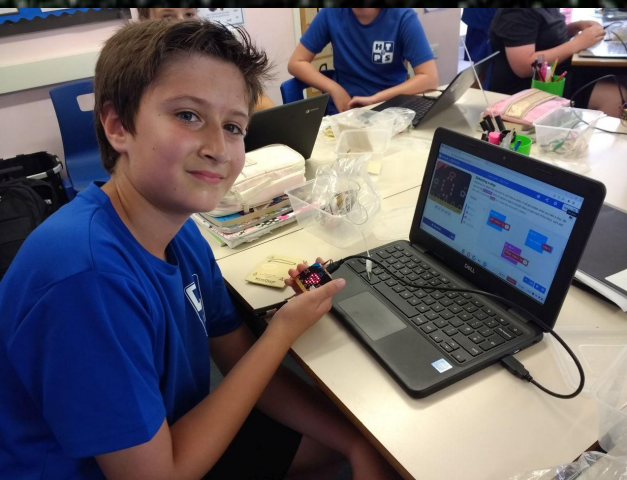
Diversity & Inclusion / Kids / Other / Social / Teens

Halstead Library - 3:30PM on Fri 07-07-2023



Y6 COMPUTING

Last week in Computing Year 6 experimented with, and programmed, Micro:Bits. These are tiny, complete computers which have a display of of 25 LEDs. After getting to grips with how they worked the children used them to create pedometers. These were tested and improved by moving around the playground in different ways and with the device held in different places, and then adjusting the code based on their findings. The class decided that in a sock, and with the 3G sensor setting, was most accurate.



Micro:Bits can be bought online for as little as £20 for a starter kit. They are a great introduction to coding a physical device, and are easier than Raspberry Pi devices for KS2 basic visual and audio outputs, accelerometers, Bluetooth etc. are all built in. A large range of add-ons are available if you get the bug!