

OUR VISION

RESPECT HONESTY LOVE

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



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School Newsletter 171 - Friday 29th September 2023 - [www.https.ch/newsletter](https://ch/newsletter)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Walking around school, there is such a sense of busyness and purpose pervading through lessons covering the statutory curriculum but with that, treasured enrichment opportunities coming in to enhance the children's learning experiences. I have been immensely proud to see how children have treated other people in our community; through a visit to the Halstead Day Centre for sharing children's artwork to the way the children have conducted themselves at recent football competitions. We maintain links with Halstead in Bloom and St Andrew's Church - watch this space for another contribution from the school in the next parish magazine.

On the subject of community, please can you support us in reminding children who walk through the graveyards after school to resist jumping on the graves or playing ball games. We encourage respect as one of our values and we would like to think that this includes the church and the grounds around it.

This term we are pleased to have widened our music provision with New 1:1 guitar and keyboard lessons as well as Singing Club for the Young Voices trip. Recorder Club and RockSteady are still in place.

Annual Safeguarding training has also taken place in the last couple of weeks as well as a visit from Essex Police to give a talk on Cyber Safety to one of our Year 6 classes. They will come back later this term to run a second session. Furthermore, around Bonfire Night, we will have speakers from Essex Fire Service in to remind children about being safe around the Bonfire / Firework night season.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Service in the church that is coming soon which will be a great opportunity for the school community to come together. I really do hope to see many of you there. Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Sarah Rowe

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

05.10.23	National Poetry Day
10.10.23	Mental Health Day and Wellness Week
13.10.23	2pm French Exchange Programme Talk for Parents
12.10.23	Harvest Service 2pm at St Andrew's Church - confirmed
17.10.23	Individual photos (3 mornings) - 19.10.23
17.10.23	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
19.10.23	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
20.10.23	PTFA disco
23.10.23	Half term holiday
02.11.23	NEW DATE 9.30 and 1.30pm Open Day New Starters (please book)
08.11.23	9.30 and 1.30pm Open Day New Starters (please book)
13.11.23	World Kindness Day
17.11.23	Children in Need Day
24.11.23	Non- Pupil Day
12.12.23	2pm Nativity Performance EY and KS1
12.12.23	6pm Nativity Performance EY and KS1
14.12.23	Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church 2pm All welcome (tbc)
15.12.23	Rocksteady Concert
20.12.23	Non-Pupil Day

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

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

VISIT OUR WARM AND WELCOMING SCHOOL



SCHOOL TOUR

Tour with School Council representatives.



MEET THE TEAM

Meet members of EYFS setting.



HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Find out about the school's offer and future plans.

**FIND OUT WHAT
LEARNING IS ALL
ABOUT DURING OUR
SCHOOL OPEN DAYS!**

GET IN TOUCH

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**Saturday 16 September
Saturday 18 November
3pm to 5pm**

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

Contact Rachel on 07837 167 408 for more information.

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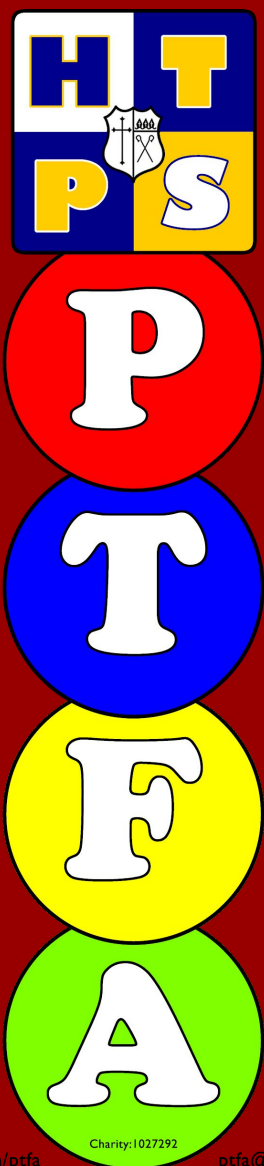
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WORSHIP THEME: Resilience

Psalms 31:24: "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord"

HTPS PTFA NEWS

HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



working together for our children...

<https://ch/ptfa>

Charity: 1027292

ptfa@https.ch

October is very fast approaching and we have two huge events taking place.

We have our upcoming AGM on Monday 16th October 2023, 6pm where new committee members are elected and all roles are up for fresh nomination.

Roles available are:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary

We'd really love to grow our committee and see some new faces at our meetings.

It's a great way to have your say regarding fundraising ideas/events, and hopefully make some lifelong friendships.

The proceeds of all fundraising events are used to enrich the educational experience of our pupils (your children) at HTPS.

The first PTFA Disco of the school term which is taking place on:

Friday 20th October.

EYFS and KS1. 17:45 - 19:00

KS2. 19:15 - 20:30

Disco tickets will be on sale week beginning 16th October.

We are always in need of volunteers at our discos.

It's a great way to get involved with the PTFA and watch your little one having fun with all their friends too!

If you're able to help please either see us at disco ticket sales in the playground or contact us via our email:

ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com

Or our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/httpsptfa/?ref=share>



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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

REGISTER NOW
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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

October 10, 2023



Caretaking Vacancy

After one round of advertising for someone to support the school in Mr Beswick's absence, we are reaching out to you to see if any of you know of anyone who would be in the position to help the school with caretaking duties through a split-shift or part-time capacity. Experience in caretaking is desired but not essential. A full job description and additional information can be passed on through contacting the school office.



Well done to our girls and boys football teams who have taken part in competitions against other local schools. The girls finished third in their tournament and the boys finished second.



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Visit to Halstead Day Centre

Halstead Day Centre were delighted to see some of our Art Club members visit them with their beautiful Art Book. They were very touched by their consideration and thoughtfulness as well as some biscuits! The book included a wide range of artwork using different media and techniques and some of the pieces were influenced by the book of poems by Joan Vicente about memory loss that encourage intergenerational connections.

We have now planned a follow-up visit nearer to Christmas, perhaps to sing some carols.

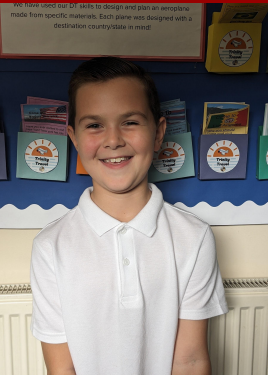


Autumnal fruit pies baked by our very own Amethyst Class, including produce found on the school grounds such as blackberries and apples.



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.



Hosting a Pupil from France Year 5 and 6

We have a fantastic opportunity for families to host a pupil from France through the fabulous programme offered by Ombrosa School in France. Other local schools take part and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and what's more there is no cost to you as a family with an allowance provided by the French school.

If you would like to find out more, please join the talk by the leader of the programme on [Friday 13th October at 2pm before Wow.](#)



We now have a Defib in school, accessible in the link corridor.





Worship Committee did a sterling job leading collective worship on the theme of resilience on Monday. Some children were nervous about speaking in front of the school but with some encouragement, team work and some resilience themselves they carried it through brilliantly. Well done to all of them!

The children were lucky enough to meet Katrina Kuzminas from the Mid Essex Buddhist Centre. They viewed many wonderful artefacts and gained a real insight into Buddhism using all of their senses. This really enhanced the children's enjoyment, learning and understanding, with many children vibrantly discussing what they experienced.



Charity Support

This week we have supported UK-Aid, an Essex-based charity whose aim is to help sick and under privileged children by passing on half-filled exercise books.

Please remember School Council are also collecting shoes that are in good condition to support Clarks Shoe-Share Scheme that sends shoes to people who do not have access to footwear and in some cases this means not being able to attend school.



Worship Committee have named our interactive reflection and inspiration area 'Caring Corner'. Here children join in with activities that revisit our school vision and collective worship themes. Some children have completed talk bubbles about their aspirations and hard work on inclusivity.

HARVEST Festival

SHOPPING LIST

<u>Essential Items</u>	<u>To Maintain Our Stocks</u>
Jam	Instant Snack (Pot Noodle)
Tinned Cold Meat	Tinned Hot Meat (Stew, mince)
Packet Custard	Packet Soup
Cereal	Pasta Sauce
Sponge Puddings	Deodorant
UHT Milk	

We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

We follow the standards set by the Food Standards Agency. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible). Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

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 info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

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Request for Soft Play Items for Lunchtimes.

We would be grateful for any of the following secondhand items to enhance our lunchtime play:

- Foam and sponge bricks and mats
- Skittles
- Small pop up tents
- Garden Style Jenga
- Weather resistant cushions
- Skipping ropes
- Chalks
- Ring toss
- Space hoppers
- Pop hopper
- Velcro darts
- Bucket Stilts/Large feet stilts