OUR VISION

RESPECT HONESTY LOVE

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

Holy Trinity C of E (VC) Primary School

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WWW.HTPS.CH/NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have started a collection for Mr Beswick in school to mark all the hard work and commitment that he gave to the school during his time working here as site manager. If you would like to make a contribution towards a leaving gift, please send some money in a sealed envelope.

The Arts is a focus for us this term and so we have arranged an exciting themed week that is going to include a variety of workshops and activities for the children such as Mandarin workshops, Indian Dancing and contemporary dance workshops as well as songs from around the world. Year 5 have also heard from a new link school in Thailand. Being considerate and tolerant to others either locally and globally is an important part of the children's journey at Holy Trinity and is part of our Global Neighbours project.

Just a little reminder that our Wow Worship on Friday is open to all parents, grandparents and carers of children at the school. It is a great opportunity to find out about some of the events happening at school as well as hearing all the glowing comments by teachers in the school about the children's efforts in attitude and in learning. Thank you for the positive feedback received lately about this weekly event. If you have any further positive comments about what the school is doing, we would love to hear it!

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Sarah Rowe S. Rowe

Wellbeing Wall Created by all the Children from Recycled Lids During Wellbeing Week 2023.

We are really pleased with the results of our Wellbeing Wall. All children wrote a special message to each other about living well together and being a friend.
'Love thy neighbour as thyself' (Mark 12:31) is an important phrase that we encourage children to live by and fulfills our Christian vision of being inclusive and kind.
You will see pieces of artwork on this theme by our pupils in the next edition of the Halstead Parish Magazine.

Thank you to Mrs Kemp, Mrs Jones, Mrs Cook and Mrs Nethersole who helped assemble the wall and add the finishing touches.

INCLUSIVITY IN ACTION

This week the Collective Worship Committee have been working on communicating The Lord's Prayer in British Sign Language. Children learnt that this prayer is important to many Christians around the world.

CARETAKER REQUIRED

Salary on Scale 5 Points (range 9 to 12) depending on experience and skills.

Full / part-time will be considered.

Please enquire at the school office for full details.

Closing Date 15.02.2024

Around the World in Music and Dance Event

Week Beginning 12th February
Showcase Events for Parents

Thursday 15th February EYFS (details shared via Tapestry / Piota)
Friday 16th February
- Year 2: 1.40 - 2pm (including change over)
- Year 6 (Onyx and Opal): 2.00pm - 2.30pm
- Year 3 and 4 : 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Monday 26th February Year 1: 2:45pm
Wednesday 28th February Year 5: 2.45pm
(change due to Bikeability sessions.)

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BALANCING ACT

Supporting child mental health

Workshops for parents

NOTLEY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Workshop Series

6th March – Introducing the balancing act
13th March – Balancing boundaries & encouragement
20th March – Balancing emotions and reactions

All sessions are virtual and will run from 1pm to 2:15pm

Please attend all 3 sessions

RECORDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE

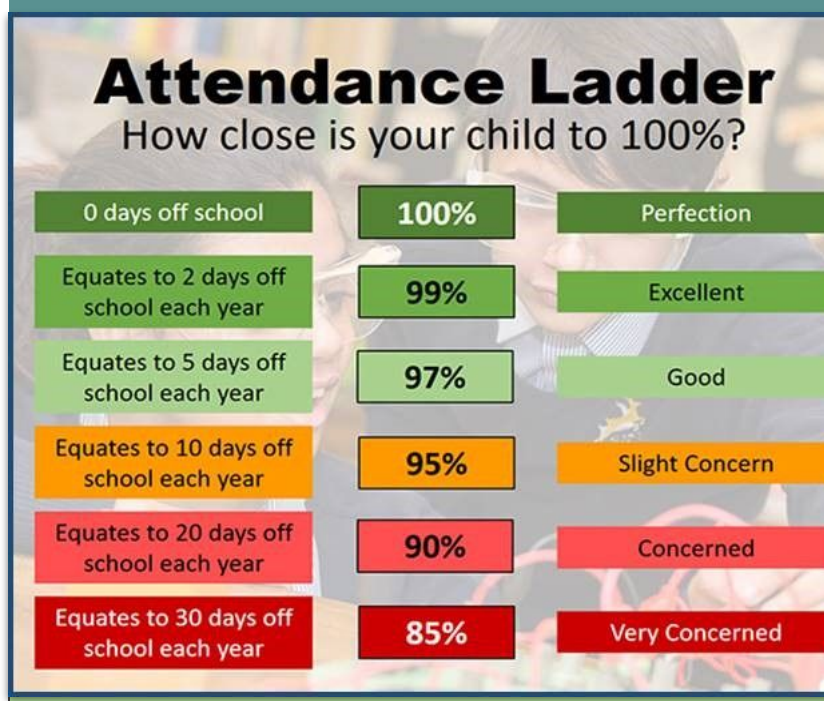
Book your place via this link

Kerry Williams MNCS Accred. Counsellor/Supervisor/Family Liaison Officer
Jacky Wragg MA, SEND, Essex Partnership SENCO/ Supervisor/ School Support

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of late marks on our registers.

Please can I remind you that attendance is monitored and persistent late marks and general overall poor attendance will be addressed.



Please may I make a polite request on behalf of the office team - there have been several late lunch boxes / clothing being brought in by some parents. This means that at times the office is unmanned whilst these are being delivered to classes. This is not ideal as it is quite a time-wasting exercise in a busy school. Could I ask for you help in trying to avoid this from happening. Thank you.

Cross Country

The Key Stage 2 cohort attended a level 1 cross country event at Ramsey Academy on Monday 29th January. We had some great results from the group, having 9 individuals finishing in the top three over the 8 races and there were some excellent team results as well. We now have to wait for the results to see which children will progress to the level 2 finals. Well done to all who raced, the children's enthusiasm, behaviour and attitude was fantastic!

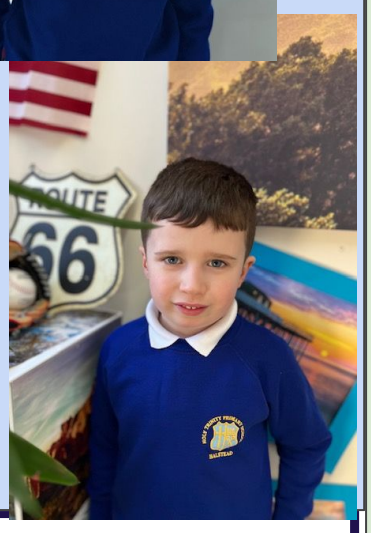
Thank you Adrian Neill and Solar Graphics for helping us with the design and installation of a plaque on the outdoor classroom storytelling chair in memory of former Headteacher, Jon Smith.

Y1 Emerald Maths1.jpg

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

Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



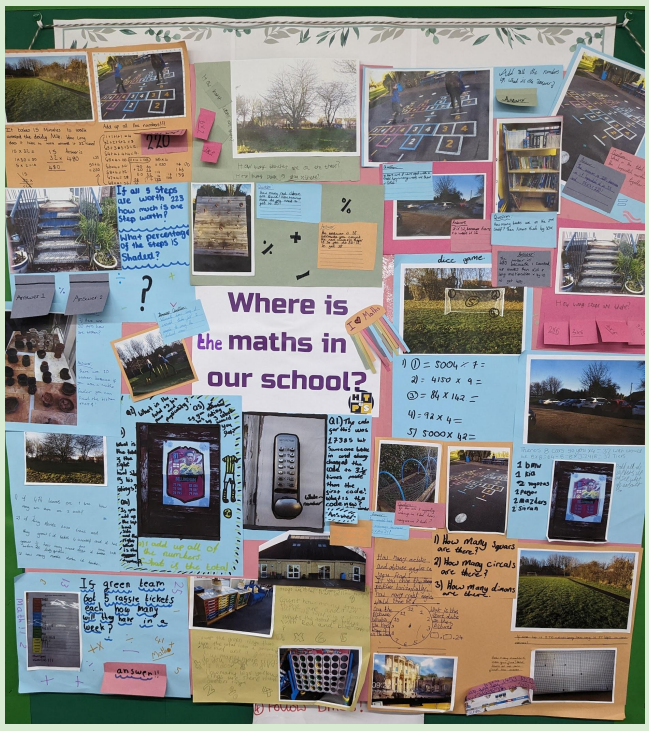
EWS Essex Wellbeing Service

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.essexwellbeingservice.co.uk or call 0300 303 9988 to get help.

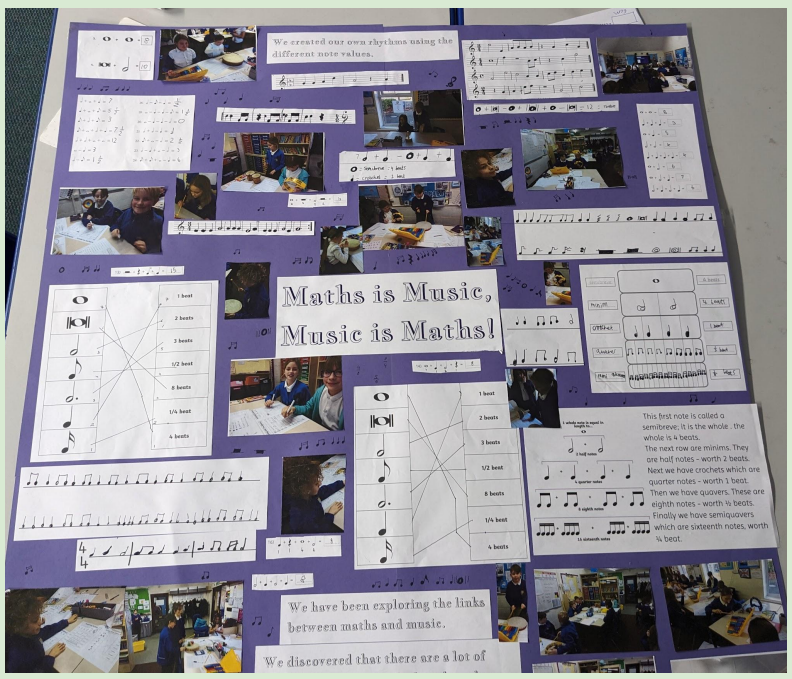
Essex Year of Number

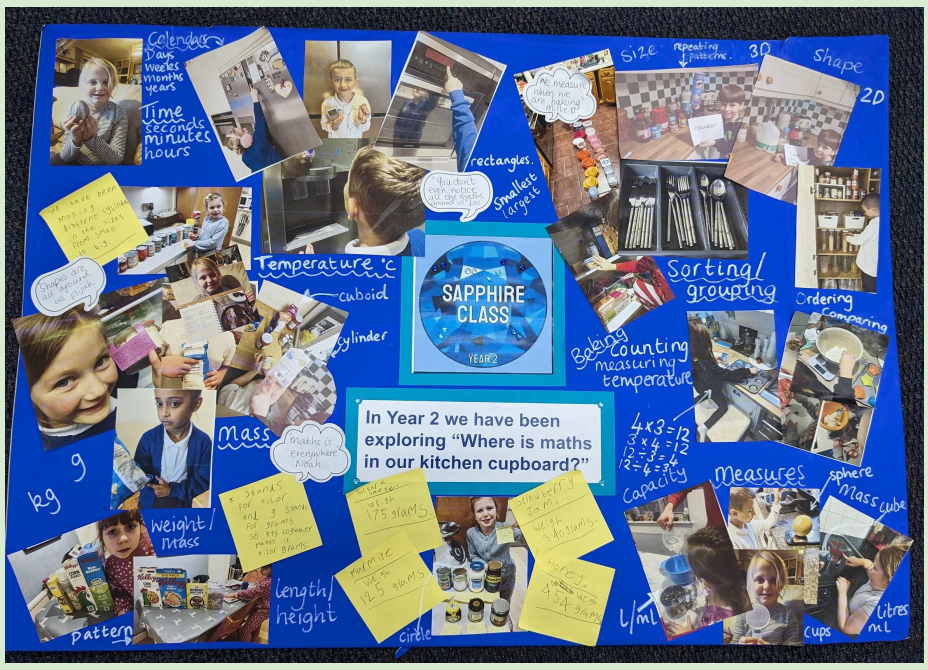
Essex Year of Numbers is a countywide campaign that aims to inspire a love of learning, with a focus on numeracy. The events aim to give every child's maths skills a magic boost.
Last week, each class spent the morning exploring how maths is 'all around us'.
We are entering the Lord Lieutenant's Competition that has been set by Essex County Council.

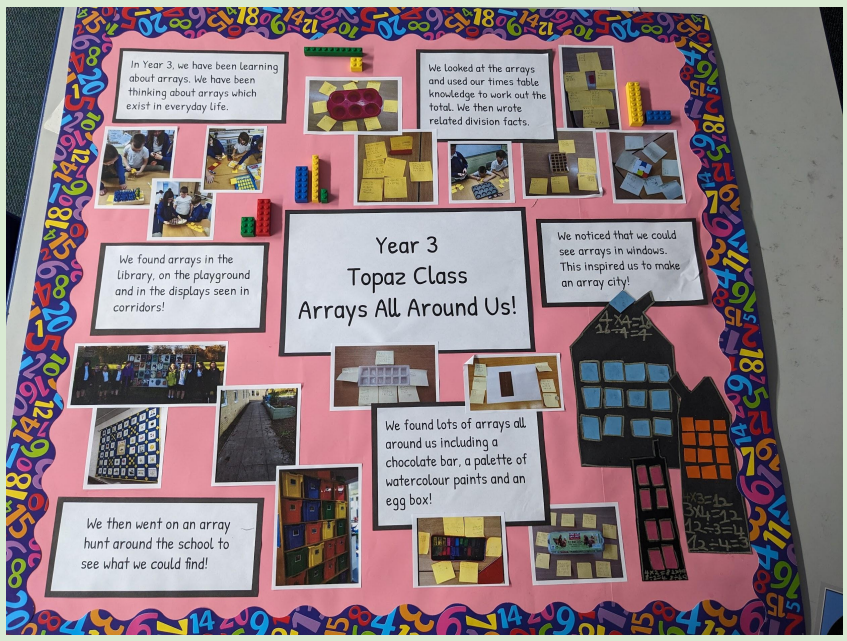


Maths in:

Baking
Kitchen Cupboards
Music
Nature
Olympics
School grounds
Arrays all around us
Sport/PE.







PANCAKE DAY

School Council Tuck Shop

TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

Competition by School Council

How to enter:

Share a new pancake recipe with unique topping and filling

-poster entries-

to be shared with international chefs

50p each

unicef

ASPIRE TO INSPIRE

HOLY TRINITY C.E PRIMARY IS LOOKING FOR MORE SPEAKERS ABOUT JOBS AS WELL AS MUSICIANS TO PERFORM FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Contact the school if you can speak to either a class or whole school.

We would be grateful for home bakers' contributions of different types of pancakes with no Nutella or nut products to be brought to the office on Tuesday morning.

CALENDAR DATES - https.ch/calendar & APP
NEW DATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND IN BOLD

06.02.2024 Safer Internet Day
12.02.2024 Around the World in Music and Dance Week
Thursday 15th February EYFS (details shared via Tapestry / Piota)
Friday 16th February

- Year 2: 1.40 - 2pm (including changeover)
- Year 4: 2.00pm - 2.30pm
- Year 6: 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Monday 26th February Year 1: 2:45pm
Year 5 Wednesday 28th February
(change due to Bikeability sessions.)
13.02.2024 Pancake Tuck Shop (money raised for UNICEF)
19.02.24 Half Term break
14.02.2024 Ash Wednesday Service at St Andrew's Church KS2
05.03.2024 Parents' Evening
07.03.2024 Parents' Evening World Book Day (optional Dress Up)
22.03.2024 Braintree Sings Event
26.03.2024 Easter Service 9.30am KS! 2pm St Andrew's Church (all welcome)
28.03.2024 Easter holidays

NEW ARRANGEMENTS fOR SERVICES FROM CONSULTATION WITH ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Reverend Katie would like to say how fantastic it was to see so many people attend the Christmas Service. However, a review of the congregation capacity was necessary due to health and safety regulations.

The Ash Wednesday Service for Key Stage Two pupils will be without parents / carers and is a service solely led by the church team.

Reverend Katie and I have discussed how best to organise the Easter service and have agreed to try an arrangement whereby Key Stage One have their service in school at 9.30am and Key Stage 2 have their service in church at 2pm. Both Reverend Katie and I want to have a service that first and foremost offers the best experience for the children, while being compliant with fire regulations and yet still provides the opportunities for family engagement. We will continue to review the organisation of these special services to make them as successful as possible.

HOLY TRINITY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

HTPS PTFA

working together for our children

Your PTFA would like to thank you all for taking part in our App surveys regarding the disco pricing and events you'd like to to be considered in the future.. 2024 is shaping up to be a really fun-packed year for PTFA fundraising events.

Disco

We are really looking forward to our first discos of 2024, which are taking place on:

Friday 16th February
EYFS and KS1 from 17:45 until 19:00
KS2 from 19:15 until 20:30

The price has increased slightly to £3.50 per child and the price includes a drink and snack.
In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are no longer issuing physical disco tickets.
Instead we will be using class lists to reference payments and take parent's contact details.

Payment

You can pay for your child's disco place any day after school during the week beginning 12/02/2024.
As always, we will also be taking payment on the door too! Cash or Sum Up payments please.

Request for Help

If you are able to help at either or both discos we would absolutely love to hear from you. It's a great way to get involved and to watch your little one having fun with their friends too!

Mother's Day

Celebrate this Mother's Day with a beautiful gift for your special person.
Buy a gift of wild flower seeds and a pot to plant your seeds at home with your adult. Each pot and seeds will cost £2.50.
Forms are being sent home next week and will need to be returned no later than 26th February 2024 please.

What Are We Raising Money For?

After an amazing year of fundraising during 2023 your PTFA have used some of the monies raised to subsidise each pupil's class trips in 2024. We hope this will insure that every pupil is able to take part in a learning experience outside of the classroom.

In the past your PTFA have used the funds raised to provide books, playground equipment, pantomime experiences and science days to name but a few. There are also regular yearly commitments, like new starters book bags, the Year 6 BBQ and many others which are always funded through the PTFA fundraising events. Your support is so greatly appreciated. Thank you all so much.

Ways To contact Your PTFA

The next PTFA meeting is taking place at school on Monday 5th February 2024 from 6pm.
Please feel free to pop along, we would love to meet you and hear any suggestions you may have for future events. It really is a great way to get involved and make some lovely friendships too.
You can always contact us via email:
ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com
Or via the PTFA Facebook page too:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/htpsptfa/?ref=share_group_link

Road Safety

Cllr Chris Siddall, Essex County Councilor for Halstead, and I have shown a highway engineer from Essex Highways around the roads and made them aware of the ongoing safety concerns. They have not yet responded with any solutions. I will let you know if there are any calming measures suggested from the visit.

WORSHIP THEME:
The Words of Jesus
"I am the truth, the way, the life" (John 14:6)

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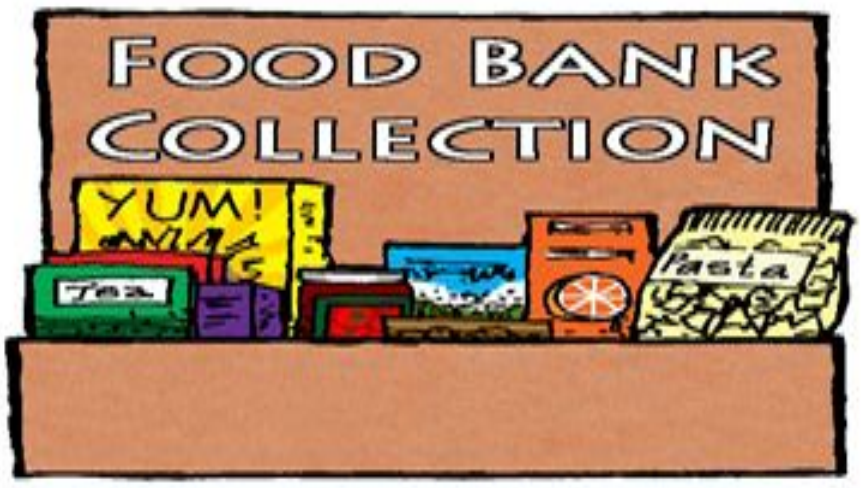
REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

FOOD BANK

Braintree District Food Bank at Halstead

Did you know that the Braintree District Food Bank is open at St Andrew's Church Hall, Halstead, on Mondays 10am to 12pm (not on Bank Holidays). Foodbank is always there and ready to help in times of crisis. We can offer food, toiletries and other household items, together with a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee. On the other hand, if you are able to support us by giving food items, please do bring them to St Andrew's Church Hall on a Monday morning. If it would be more convenient to donate money, please use the donate button on our website (top right). For more information and to request a voucher (to be able to access food from the Foodbank), call the Project Manager at 01376 330694



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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 20 January
Saturday 16 March
Saturday 18 May
3pm to 5pm

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

Contact Rachel on 07837 167 408 for more information.

Welcome to Essex Library Services
Read, learn, connect.

halstead.library@essex.gov.uk.

S.E.N.D. Coffee Morning (Free Event) Halstead Library on Friday 9th February at 9:30 AM

This is an opportunity to speak to other parents/carers and agencies about your child. We will find out where you are on your journey and how we can support you, offer advice, benefit of experience and your next steps. This could include (but not exclusively): Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Autism (ASC), Specific learning difficulties, Speech language and communication needs, Physical disabilities, Social and emotional mental health needs, Sensor.
Children welcome
Refreshments available

GATEWAY
SOUL FOOD
MORE than a MEAL

The Soul Food initiative at St Andrew's aims to support those who are hungry or in need of a meal. We work with the food bank and other agencies providing support for those who need it. Each week volunteers prepare and serve meals to give away.

If you need help contact our community officer via the St Andrew's parish office. The Gateway Project gives our Community a chance to work together and join in fellowship, growing meaningful relationships. We have been blessed by the growth of the initiative so far. Our January 2024 Communal Meal was really special with a visit from our face painter and some table magic by a youngster who will be returning later in the year to show us more new tricks….people didn't want to leave that Sunday! Our next Communal Meals will be on the 2nd Sunday of every month throughout 2024.
Love Rachael and the Soul Food Team.