



# Holy Trinity C of E (VC) Primary School

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## [WWW.HTTPS.CH/NEWSLETTER](https://ch/newsletter) - FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 2022

In addition to everything else that normally goes on, this week we have had Years 4 & 5 go on their visit to Barleylands and the first of this year's Books & Biscuits events. Our Harvest Collective Worship was this year held in the school hall. Sadly, there is not enough room for all parents to attend, but we will be returning to St. Andrew's Church for our Christmas Service on Thursday 15th December and we look forward to welcoming you all to our festive celebration.

Thank you to everyone who brought in food for our local food bank. It will make a huge difference to many during these uncertain times.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**SARAH ROWE - HEADTEACHER**

### SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2022-2023

This year, our school's key drivers are focusing primarily on writing and reading comprehension skills for ALL children alongside the overall curriculum offer. All children, whatever ability, will be catered for through quality first teaching and focused interventions with learning support assistants. We will continue to offer 'diving into the blue' challenges for children wanting to challenge themselves and master an area of learning.

This term, we are particularly highlighting for children the ways we learn most effectively, using the concepts of precision teaching and repetition. Therefore, children are being given the opportunity to recap skills and concepts in every lesson. Teachers will be happy to answer any questions you have about your child's learning experiences during the forthcoming Books and Biscuits events.

Please support us as much as you can implementing school learning strategies at home. Your input is really appreciated and does make a difference! We hope to develop further enrichment opportunities throughout the year via theme days and links with other schools, trips and visiting educational companies.

### ROAD SAFETY

We are seeking ways to improve road signage near Chapel Hill. Since we are pursuing lines of communication on this matter. If any of you would like to bring to the school documents such as letters in support of school markings / signage, we can forward them onto the relevant department.

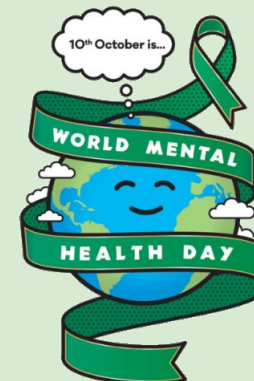
### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are pleased to let you know that we raised £157.50 last Friday from our MacMillan Coffee Morning and cake stall. Thank you to everyone who supported this event!



### CALENDAR DATES <https://ch/calendar> & app

07.10.22 - Plaidurday  
10.10.22 - Yoga & Mindfulness Day  
18.10.22 - Parents Consultation Meetings  
**20.10.22 - Individual Photos**  
20.10.22 - Parents Consultation Meetings  
21.10.22 - PTFA Autumn Disco  
21.10.22 - End of Half Term  
Half Term  
24.10.22 - Mini-Garden Makeover  
31.10.22 - Start of Half Term  
09.11.22 - Open Day for September 2023 Intake  
**14.11.22 - Kindness Day and Anti-Bullying Week**  
17.11.22 - Open Day for September 2023 Intake  
07.12.22 - Infant Nativity Performances  
08.12.22 - Christmas Jumper Day  
09.12.22 - Rocksteady Concert  
14.12.22 - Christmas Dinner Day  
15.12.22 - Christmas Church Service (Parents Welcome)  
16.12.22 - Pantomime  
20.12.22 - End of Term  
Christmas Holidays  
05.01.23 - Start of 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.**

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

On Monday we will be marking World Mental Health Day with the children taking part in yoga and mindfulness workshops.

All children across the school will therefore need to come to school in their P.E kit.

### SENSORY ROOM

We are currently reorganising and redesigning our sensory room that will incorporate environment-enhancing resources to encourage calmness and wellness for our children. If anyone has natural materials such as large shells, polished stones that they can donate, we would be very grateful.

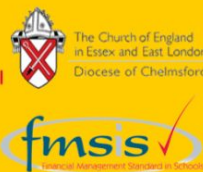
### GARDENING PROJECT

If anyone would like to come and join us in our mini garden makeover on Monday 24th October 10.00am - 3pm, please come and join us! Children can come along provided they are supervised by a parent / carer. Grandparents are welcome too. There will be some painting, digging, and planting going on. Bring your spades, garden sacks and trowels. Spring bulb donations would be gladly received too!



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

## September 2023 Intake Open Days

**Wednesday  
9th November  
2022**

**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.

It's Harvest Week! Just for fun, can you spot the 10 types of fruit and vegetable hidden on this newsletter?

### THE FIRST WINNERS OF OUR WEEKLY KINDNESS CUP!



### SPORTS REPORT

#### Key Stage One Tennis Festival

On Monday 13 Year Two children took part in the Key Stage 1 Tennis Festival at Earls Colne Recreation Ground.

They had a great time and enjoyed practising their tennis skills. They represented our school brilliantly- well done!

You can see photos at [www.https.ch/news](http://www.https.ch/news)

#### Year 6 Football Tournament

On Tuesday some of our Year 6s went to Ramsey Academy to take part a 7-a-side football tournament against schools from across North Essex. After winning 3 of their 5 games they came second overall. They were a credit to the school with their sporting attitude. "It was great! There was good communication, and a really encouraging and positive spirit in the team!"



### REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

For environmental and cost reasons we are launching a drive to reduce, reuse and recycle at Holy Trinity. On Tuesday we had a presentation in assembly from the recycling team at Braintree District Council. After half term we will be reinforcing separate recycling and refuse bins in classrooms with new signage, and the staff room and kitchen will be getting food recycling bins. We will also be asking the children who have packed lunches to take their rubbish home, both so you can see what your child is eating, and to save the school money - we are charged per bag for rubbish collection. Don't forget we also have a battery recycling bin outside the school office too so please keep bringing them in when they are no longer any use.



## The FREE Holy Trinity Halstead App



Download the app for Apple or Android!

Search 'Piota' in your app store...  
Or use the links at [www.https.ch/ool](http://www.https.ch/ool)...  
Or scan the QR code!



Search & select Holy Trinity Halstead the first time you open the app.

Menu > Settings > Notifications >  
Select 'Whole School' and your children's class/es.

Receive important news & information from Holy Trinity direct to your device.

The app also includes links to key information on the website such as photos, policies, contact information etc.



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## ATTENDANCE THIS TERM

### WOW ASSEMBLY

After the enforced break due to COVID, we would like to invite parents / carers in for our Friday Celebration Worship from Friday 4th November at 2.30pm. Due to space constraints we will prioritise the families of children who are receiving a certificate - we will let children know they are WOW on Thursday afternoon.

### CLASS REWARDS

Although we strive for intrinsic motivation, rewards are still very important to us at Holy Trinity. We have kept most systems from last year such as colour team points, WOW certificates and raffle tickets. The only difference to our system is a 50-point class reward. Children work towards 50 points and then have a class treat as voted for by their class and agreed by the class teacher. They love the opportunity to have den building/ film afternoons / baking etc. We feel this system is as effective as Golden Time in spurring on good behaviour. It also allows more curriculum time for children so that they will be able to achieve the expected standards by the end of the year. It is very unusual to hear of Golden Time in primary schools in recent times.

### BARLEYLANDS

*Thanks to the PTFA for subsidising this visit!*

Having had their visit to Barleylands in July cancelled due to the heatwave, on Tuesday the children in Years 4 & 5 finally got to go! Well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm!

### PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS TUESDAY 18TH & THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Letters for appointment times were sent home this week, please return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible so we can allocate you with a time.

### WRAPAROUND CARE

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Wrap Around Care survey on the APP. Please bear with us as we look at the data collated. There is a lot to consider but will update you as soon as possible.

### AMAZON SMILE - THANK YOU!

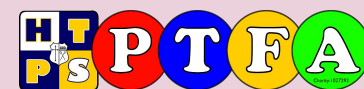
[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

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.

### PTFA AGM



Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA AGM this week. Special thanks to the PTFA Committee who have volunteered to organise the exciting range of events lined up for the year ahead. Please keep an eye out for ways you can help the PTFA raise funds for the school.

### INFORMATION ROUND-UP

**NEWSLETTER** - The paper newsletter has returned and will be sent out fortnightly. At other times we will continue to use the app...

**APP** - Please ensure you have our school app and it is updated to the latest version. Download links can be found at [www.https.ch/ool](https://www.https.ch/ool). Don't forget to go to More > Settings > Notifications and select 'Whole School' and your children's classes to ensure you receive all alerts relevant to you. The app is our main day-to-day communication route and so it is really important you have it installed and the correct in-app notifications selected.

**CALENDAR** - The school calendar remains online at [https.ch/calendar](https://www.https.ch/calendar) & can also be viewed via the Events button on the school app.

**MAIN WEBSITE** - The website [www.holytrinityhalstead.com](https://www.holytrinityhalstead.com) is still the main source of general information about the school. We are giving the website another of its regular refreshes in order to make information easier to find.

**CLASS WEBSITES** - These remain in place, linked to via [www.tabecat.com](https://www.tabecat.com). They are the main source of information about homework, curriculum newsletters, PE days etc. for your child's class.

**TABECAT.COM** - The children's website [www.tabecat.com](https://www.tabecat.com) is available 365 days a year, with links to all of the online resources we offer. Pupil logins are the same as the children use at school.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Please do follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/holytrinityhalstead](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityhalstead), Twitter [www.twitter.com/HTPSHalstead](https://www.twitter.com/HTPSHalstead) & Instagram [www.instagram.com/holytrinityhalstead](https://www.instagram.com/holytrinityhalstead). As ever, our social media accounts generally signpost to our website & app rather than having unique content. Should you need to contact the school please call or email us rather than using social media.

**SIGNPOSTING** - We will continue to add offline resources to [www.holytrinityhalstead.com/signposting](https://www.holytrinityhalstead.com/signposting) as and when we are made aware of them. New items have been already been added this term.

**SAFEGUARDING** - All safeguarding issues outside school hours should be directed to Essex County Council via 0345 6037630 or [www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk](https://www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk)

**NUT-FREE SCHOOL** - Holy Trinity has a number of adults and children with nut allergies. Please do not send any snacks or lunch items in containing nuts of any kind. Thank you for your cooperation.

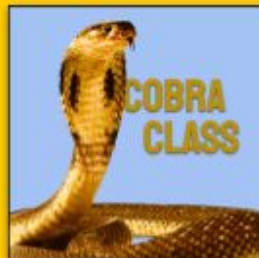
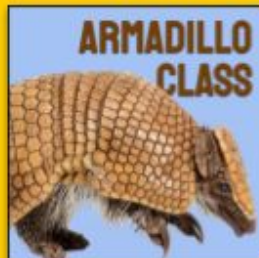
**UNIFORM** - Please ensure that names are in all items of uniform, including PE kits, coats, hats and gloves.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY: CHILDLINE 0800 111 - MIND 0300 123 3393 - SAMARITANS 116 123 - CITIZENS ADVICE 0800 144 8848 - NHS DIRECT 111



# HOLY TRINITY C of E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL HALSTEAD - ONLINE RESOURCES USAGE GUIDE - 2022/2023

The children's Tabecat page of the website ([www.tabecat.com](http://www.tabecat.com)) has links to each class's website containing information, resources and work for use at home.



Tabecat is Holy Trinity's e-safety mascot, designed & named by pupils.

The children's 'Tabecat' page contains links to our online provision and a range of resources including a safer search engine, Children's Wikipedia, and e-safety advice including 'Be Internet Legends' (below).



Email, Docs, Spreadsheets, Slides, Drawing, Classroom etc. from Google Workspace for Education

Y2-Y6 at school

Web based + iOS & Android apps

Usual username @tabecat.com & password required.

Emails are filtered and can only be sent between children & staff at Holy Trinity.

Misuse will result in removal of access.

Maths, spelling & reading games automatically set at your child's level.\*

Y2-Y6

tabecat.com link to special school page.

iOS, Android & Kindle Fire apps require school code: holytrinityhalstead

Usual username & password required.

\*On first use the questions may seem too easy or too hard. Please do not help with them as the software is determining your child's level.

Times tables-based games automatically set to your child's level.\*

Y1-Y6

tabecat.com link to special school page.

iOS, Android & Kindle Fire apps require school postcode: CO9 1JH.

Usual username & password required.

Activities for subjects across the curriculum.

EYFS-Y6

tabecat.com link to special school page.

No apps but most content will on mobile devices.

Usual username & password required

Online reading books linked to reading age.

Y3-Y6

tabecat.com link to website - search Holy Trinity in 'School Name' box.

iOS, Android & Kindle Fire apps. Tablet only.

Usual username & password required

Online reading books linked to reading scheme.

EYFS - Y2

tabecat.com link to Bug Club site require school code: mq9r

No apps & not mobile compatible.

Usual username & password required

Phonics activity course.

EYFS - Y2

tabecat.com link to special school page.

Paid app for iOS, Android & Kindle Fire require school code: 4826701

Usual username & password required.

Free coding activities.

Y1-Y6

tabecat.com link to website.

No apps, mobile device compatible.

Sign in via red 'Continue with Google' button and pupil@tabecat.com email address & password.

We will occasionally also link to external websites when we feel the content is useful for home-learning. Although all websites are checked beforehand for suitability we cannot control adverts that may be on the websites (especially if linked to the main computer-user's browsing history) and so we would advise visiting them with your child. At school we use the browser extension 'uBlock Origin' to block adverts - it is available for most browsers. On mobile devices the Opera & Brave browsers have built-in ad-blockers where Chrome does not. For YouTube we use the 'AdBlock for YouTube' extension. Please check all online resources carefully for suitability before your children use them. We recommend the NSPCC website [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) for advice on specific apps and websites, and there are other useful e-safety links on our website [www.holytrinityhalstead.com/esafety](http://www.holytrinityhalstead.com/esafety)

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2022

£3 per child to include a drink, snack and glow stick.

All children must be collected from the school hall.

Tickets on sale from the school office and the playground during disco week.

INFANTS 6.15-7.30

JUNIORS 7.45-9.00

<https://ch.ptfa>

## Love Your Library Day

Saturday 8 October

Halstead Library

Join us for a day of environment themed activities including:

- Colour in 'Love your library, Love your environment' bunting and leaf decorations
- Block Builders Construction club from 2.30-3.30pm
- Browse our books about the environment
- Free litter picking kits (while stocks last)
- Complete the letter trail around the library

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For further information visit [libraries.essex.gov.uk/events](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events)

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