



**Holy Trinity  
C of E (VC)  
Primary School**

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**16th October 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have felt such gratitude and pride walking around the school in recent weeks. Children are hard at work, learning the best they can in their new classes. On top of that, Animal Day, the STEM engineering workshops and Wellbeing Week has brought a vibrant and dynamic feel to the school. There has been an abundance of young, smiling faces giving all the staff a heightened sense of purpose and fulfillment.

I am pleased to inform you that Daniel Williams has taken on the role of Chair of Governors for this academic year. Myself and the rest of the governing body are sure that he is well placed to support the school and the vision for the future. Please come forward for an informal discussion if you would like to be involved in this group as we still have two vacancies.

Thank you to all those who have expressed an interest in volunteering in school. We still have opportunities for any parent or grandparent who can give some of their time to support either garden maintenance or class support for our young people.

Yesterday, the children had a representative from the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service come in to talk to the children about safety around Halloween and Bonfire Night. There was useful advice shared ahead of both events and the children listened very well.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest services next week. Years EY to Year 2 will be in school for a morning service and Key Stage Two will be taking part in a service at St Andrew's Church in the afternoon.

Kind regards,

*S. Rowe*

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

NEW DATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND IN BOLD

Autumn Term and Spring Term Dates (Further dates will be added soon)

- 15.10.2024 Individual photographs
- 16.10.2024 Individual photographs
- 17.10.2024 Individual photographs
- 21.10.2024 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
- 24.10.2024 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
- 23.10.2024 Harvest service (KS1 in school 9.30 am KS2 in church 2pm)
- 28.10.2024 Break up for half term holiday (1 week)
- 13.11.2024 **Open Day for new Starters 9.30am and 1.30pm**
- 21.11.2024 **Open Day for new Starters 9.30am and 1.30pm**
- 29.11.2024 **Non-Pupil Day**
- 11.12.2024 Christmas dinner
- 12.12.2024 **Nativity performance in The Empire 5-6pm (tbc)**
- 17.12.2024 Christmas Service (KS1 in school KS2 in church)
- 20.12.2024 **Non Pupil Day**
- 21.12.2024 Christmas holidays
- 17.02.2025 Half term holiday (1 week)
- 06.03.2025 World Book day
- 07.04.2025 Easter holidays (2 weeks)

All term dates, and INSET days for 2024/25 can be found at [www.https://ch/term-dates](https://www.https://ch/term-dates)



## Engineering For Kids

Every class had a great time using their engineering skills in STEM workshops last week.

One activity was to use their problem-solving skills as well as art and design skills to make marble mazes. Thank you to the PTFA who financed this event.

Please remember there is now a club running by the same company on Mondays after school. Please use this link to find out more: [Afterschool Club](#)



# OUR VISION

RESPECT HONESTY

LOVE

Hello Yellow

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

We raised £109.46 in supporting this charity. Thank you.

During our focused wellbeing days all classes took part in yoga sessions, some made dream catchers, and others took part in meditation with cuddly toys. P.E included walks around the daily mile with Panda Class playing some fun games with the parachute. Upper Key Stage Two joined an online talk with Virtual Soccer Schools, along with hundreds of schools. They listened to Reece James (Chelsea Captain) talk about dealing with pressures & resilience in sport & how to cope when things get tough. The wide range of activities across the school made for a calm and positive day.

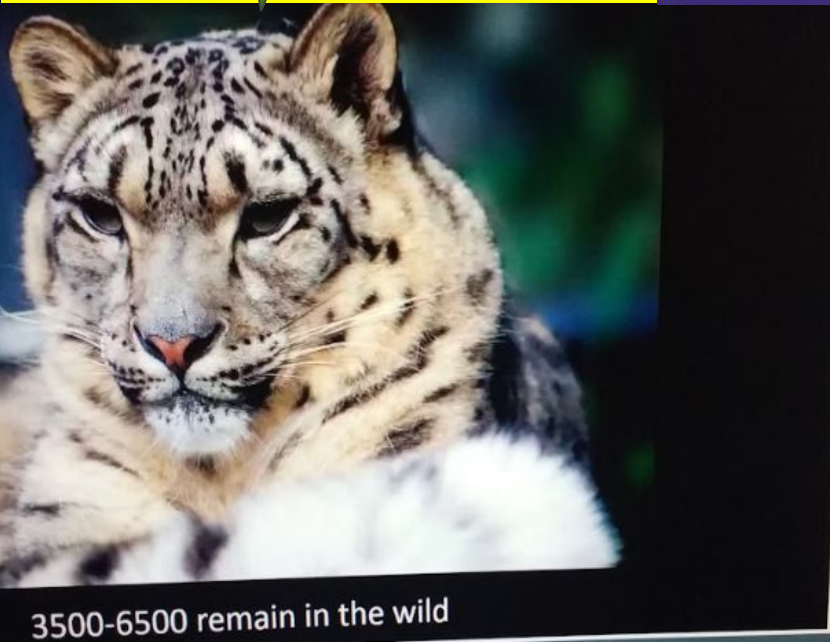
On 10th October the school took part in World Mental Health Day. Children were invited to wear something yellow and support the charity Young Minds. This charity provides young people with tools to look after their mental health. It aims to empower adults to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives and give young people the space to get their voices heard in a safe space. I am sure all of you know someone who has a story where issues in mental health have impacted children's lives.



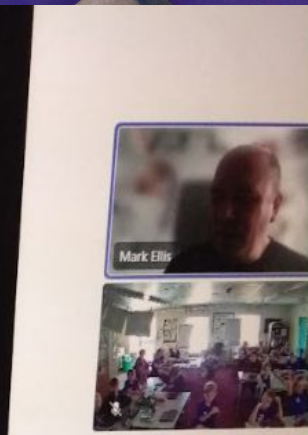
Holy Trinity continues to support families who need support in this area and will continue to do so.



We are one of a selection of schools to win a Marks and Spencer friendship bench in a prize draw!



3500-6500 remain in the wild



World Animal Day  
in Year 6

**OCTOBER 4**

In year 6 on world animal day we raised over 32 pounds to adopt a scarlett Macaw called Simon. Simon is blind and lives in an aviary at the Kiwa centre. We will get regular updates on Simon and how much difference we have made to his life. We were awarded with a certificate of thanks from the Kiwa centre and also several notes about Simon and how he is at the moment. In our classroom we made awareness posters about saving macaws. We used oil pastels and pencils to make our amazing posters!

By Isaac (Macaw class)

What we found out about Scottish wildcats. Scottish wildcats are a special kind of wild cat that live in Scotland. They look like big tabby cats with thick fur and bushy tails. They live in forests and hunt for small animals like rabbits and mice. Sadly, there are not many Scottish wildcats left, because they are in danger of disappearing. People are trying to help them by protecting their homes and making sure they stay safe. We wrote reports and created silhouette pictures.

By Lilly - year 3

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 Halstead's Guy Fawkes Trail

A display of Guy fawkes made by the community

Halstead Public Gardens  
10am-3pm



Open to all

Bring your Guy Fawkes to Halstead Public Garden  
**before 9.30am & collect at 3.00pm**

contact Linda 07936141592  
[linda.hilton@outlook.com](mailto:linda.hilton@outlook.com)

see Halstead Gazette for further details  
[www.halsteadtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.halsteadtowncouncil.co.uk)  
halstead guy fawkes trail

**Braitree Area foodbank**

## HARVEST Festival

### SHOPPING LIST

- Coffee
- Cereal (small box)
- UHT Milk or milk alternative
- Tinned Hot Snack (Ravioli, Macaroni Cheese etc)
- Tinned Hot Meat (Stew, curry etc)
- Tinned vegetables
- Packet of instant mash
- Tinned rice pudding

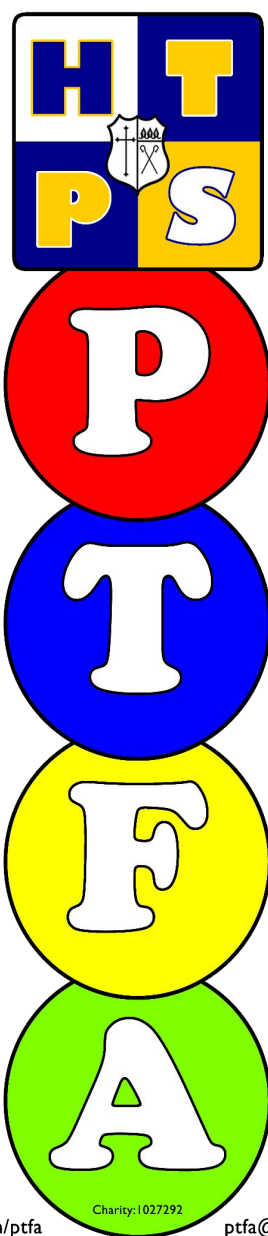
We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

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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working together for our children...

The PTFA would like to welcome all of the new starters and parents to Holy Trinity. We would also like to welcome back all of our existing students.

Each year the PTFA works in partnership with the school to fund various activities throughout the school year. The commitments we have made this year are as follows:

- To provide book bags to each of the new children in reception class.
- To pay £10 per child to subsidise school trips.
- A whole school, Empire Cinema trip at Christmas.
- A Selection box for each child at Christmas and Easter Eggs at Easter.
- To fund the Year 6 Leavers' BBQ.
- To source and provide a contribution to the Yr 6 leavers' hoodies.

The School also have a list of items called the 'wish' list. The STEM workshops were raised to us at our annual general meeting (AGM) and everyone in attendance voted in favour of funding these workshops. The PTFA also apply for grant funding to fund projects, an example of this being the new sails on the school field. Throughout the school year we run a series of events to help raise money for the above causes. The proceeds from the School discos, Christmas Bazaar and the Summer Fete are all used to enhance each of the children's time here at Holy Trinity.

We also ensure, there are free tickets available for those that may be experiencing financial hardship. To enquire about these, please speak with the school office team. We are always keen to get parents ideas and involvement within the PTFA and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the PTFA team and how you can get involved. Please be assured that we would be grateful for any help or ideas, no matter how big or small.

Here is what some of our members say about being a part of the PTFA:

'I joined the PTFA 3 years ago, I love seeing the children's faces when the Easter Bunny comes or when Father Christmas visits. It is so rewarding being part of the PTFA.'

'I became involved with the PTFA at the Summer Fete in 2019. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it since! Seeing all the fun the children have and learning about the great projects the proceeds are able to fund, really made me want to be an active member.'

'I've become part of the PTFA when my youngest son joined the school, it's a good way to meet like minded people and so rewarding to see all the children enjoy extra events and special treats! An active PTFA makes our school great and I love being part of it.'

To contact us, please email us at [ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com](mailto:ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com).  
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## Reading Snug

Thanks to Mrs Clegg and the PTFA for helping us set up this reading snug on the playground. It is a very popular quiet place for children who want to take some time out from the busyness of playtime. It's a great addition to break times! Thank you to Nathan Roulson who has produced the engraved quotes inside.



## Secondary School Admissions

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday 12 September 2024 for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. Please see the secondary school's website for further details on their open days.

## Primary School Admissions

Applications for primary school places are open until 15th January 2025.



Year 5's Cake Sale

The children have raised **£146.32** in their cake sale for the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, who help provide research and care for Snow Leopards (and other animals). The children want to help end wildlife crime and protect endangered species in their natural habitat, which is what the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation works hard to do. Thank you to all those who supported this event.

## Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



# Workshops



We are offering **FREE** monthly workshops for parents/carers of children with **SEND/additional needs** in northeast Essex at Mistley Village Hall on:

- 7.10.24 - Sensory processing with Monette Dormant
- 4.11.24 - EHCNA request with Families InFocus
- 2.12.24 - Sensory processing with Monette Dormant
- 6.1.25 - DLA/PIP with DAWN Support
- 3.2.25 - Refusal to assess with Families InFocus
- 3.3.25 - FIF workshop (topic tbc)
- 12.5.25 - Sensory processing with Monette Dormant
- 2.6.25 - Transitions with Families InFocus
- 7.7.25 - Sensory processing with Monette Dormant

Booking via Eventbrite.

For more information and booking, follow us on Facebook and see our website:

[www.themazegroup.co.uk/coffee\\_morning](http://www.themazegroup.co.uk/coffee_morning)

Introducing our NEW wraparound for September

# LITTLE TREASURES

Wraparound and After School clubs

ALL WELCOME

Come and join us

7.45 - 8.45 and 3.15 - 4.15

And longer hours once fully registered

£5.50 AN HOUR AND ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE BREAKFAST OR SNACK AND A DRINK

Email us on [littletreasures.ht@outlook.com](mailto:littletreasures.ht@outlook.com) to register and secure your place

Play Fun. Explore

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**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

**WORSHIP THEME: Wellness**

"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord.

Jeremiah 30:17



2024

**Kids Church**

Come and join us at  
**St Andrew's Kids Church!**



7th July  
 4th August  
 1st September  
 6th October  
 3rd November  
 1 December

First Sunday of the month in the  
 St Andrew's Centre at 10.15 am

Children of all ages welcome,  
 pre-school children must be  
 accompanied by an adult



**Engineering For Kids**  
**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

Holy Trinity Primary School

Engineering for Kids offer hands-on and exciting engineering lessons designed to inspire and engage young minds.

Would your child like to join us as we explore the diverse world of engineering!

Each week will feature a unique lesson, from Aerospace Engineering where students create planes, kites, and rockets, to Civil Engineering where they build bridges, skyscrapers, and caves. The possibilities are endless, and so is the fun!

Coming to your school soon!

For More Information please visit our website or follow us on social media  
[www.engineeringforkids-chelmsford.co.uk](http://www.engineeringforkids-chelmsford.co.uk)



**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.

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 SCHOOL OPEN DAYS!

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**Open Days**

13 & 21st  
 November  
 AM and PM  
 Bookings Open  
 Now

THE **PTFA** PRESENT

**DISCO**

**PARTY NIGHT**

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER

**£3.50 PER TICKET**

**EYS & KS1**

**KS2**

5.45 til 7PM

7.15 til 8.30PM

We always need volunteers.

If you would be happy to be involved,  
 Please email: [ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com](mailto:ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com)



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