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RESPECT HONESTY
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Primary School

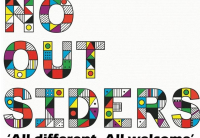
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Friday 18th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share a variety of enriching activities that took place during Wellbeing Week last week. This included mindfulness techniques designed to promote mental health and resilience among our children. Additionally, we were fortunate to host Kids Inspire-led sessions focused on understanding and regulating emotions, which provided essential skills for our young learners.

The Magic Lantern also facilitated an interactive and physical session on global artists and arts movements, ensuring a rich and diverse experience for our children. Required assessments were timetabled in last week too but we believe that this blend of activities helped make the best of their learning experiences.

In sporting news, we are pleased to witness a resurgence of sporting events and tournaments, not only within schools in Halstead but also in the wider area. Our netball team has made an impressive start by winning the Ramsey Cup last week. With a football tournament on the horizon, we are hopeful for further sporting achievements to celebrate; we will keep you updated on the outcomes!

Lastly, we would like to remind parents of our upcoming Harvest services on Tuesday: Key Stage 2 will take place at St Andrew's Church at 9:30 AM, while Key Stage 1 will be celebrated at school at 2:30 PM. Additionally, parents' evenings are scheduled for next week - be sure to mark your calendars!

Warm regards,

S. Rowe



Hello Yellow Dress Up Day for YoungMinds

WORSHIP THEME
Love

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34



**Free mental health support
for children and families**

Learn about what we do in your community:

- Community outreach workshops
- Early intervention therapy support
- School engagement programmes

Email communityengagement@kidsinspire.org.uk

Our current areas are Essex, Ipswich and West Suffolk.

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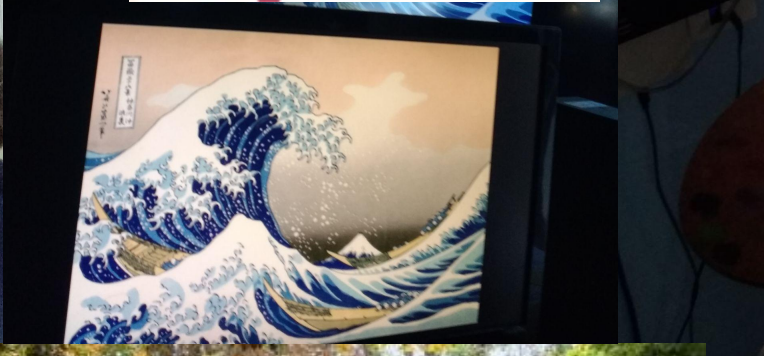
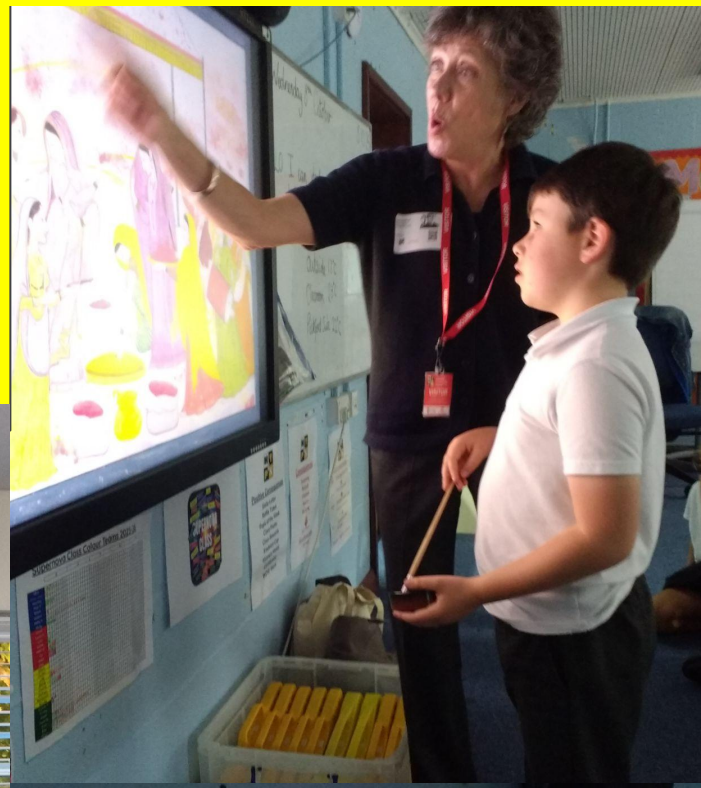
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Wellbeing Week
2025



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Harvest appeal



Help support Braintree Area Foodbank

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



We are having to buy food to fill our food boxes. A monetary donation will help us to do this
Search for us on JustGiving

Learn about what we do



We have a group of speakers ready and willing to come along and talk about the journey of a tin from donation to a food parcel
Please call 01376 330694

Shopping list

- Breakfast cereal
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cup soups
- Biscuits
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam

Braintree Area Foodbank

Including Great Notley, The Heddingham's and Witham

www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk



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Words for a Greener World Schools Short Story Competition

Essex Book Festival has teamed up with Essex Year of Opportunity to bring you the Words for a Greener World Short Story Competition - open to all schools in Essex.

It's simple. All your students need to do is write a story of **up to 500 words** based around the theme of **Climate Change** by **Friday 12 December**.

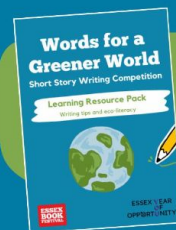


Who can enter

Open to **7 - 16 year olds studying in Essex**.
Age categories: 7 - 11 years and 12 - 16 years



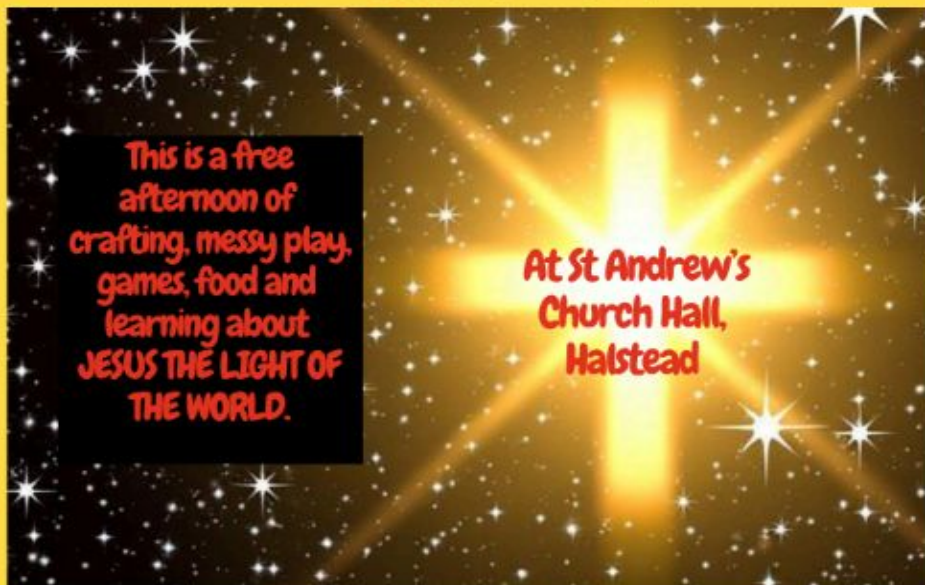
Entries must be submitted via the school. Homeschoolers can enter too. Each participating school to select a max of two entries per class, which will then be put forward for the countywide longlist.



Each participating school will be provided with a **FREE** digital resource pack providing tips and techniques to help inspire and teach children how to write a great story, with a special focus on eco-literacy.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
MESSY LIGHT PARTY ON
SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
2.30PM - 4PM**



Everyone is welcome to attend this event!
To book a free place or for more information email:
messychurchhalstead@gmail.com

Prizes

For each age category (7-11 years and 12-16 years):

1st place

Bundle of 'Greener World' books for the school, provided by independent bookshop, Red Lion Books

£25 Red Lion Books gift voucher

Winning story to be published on Essex Book Festival website

Runners up x 3

£10 Red Lion Books gift voucher

Runners up stories to be published on Essex Book Festival website



Timings

The Words for a Greener World schools short story competition is open from 26th September and will **close on 12th December 2025**.

All longlisted entries will be invited to attend an **Awards Ceremony on 28 February 2026** when all winners and runners up will be announced.

How to enter

Stories can be submitted via our [online entry form](#).

For full details including terms and conditions, resource pack and online entry form, visit essexbookfestival.org.uk/words-for-a-greener-world/

Or scan this QR code



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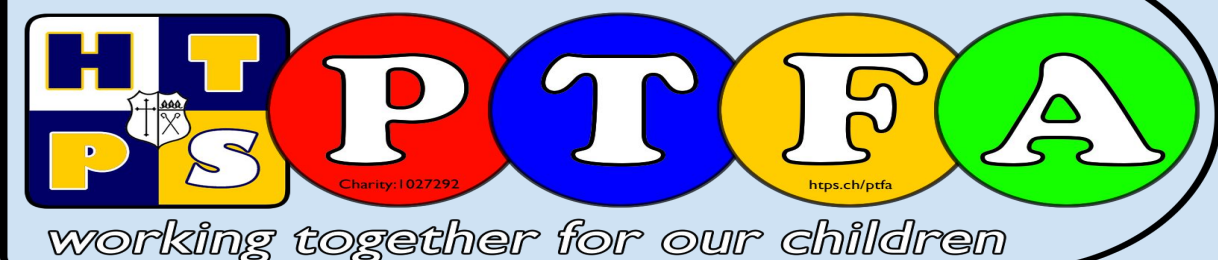
We are delighted to share that our Year 5 and 6 children were invited to participate in the Ramsey Cup Netball tournament on Friday 10th October. This exciting event saw our pupils demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship and skill, showcasing impressive levels of teamwork, passing and shooting throughout their matches. Competing against teams from St Andrew's and Richard De Clare our students truly shone on the court.



Holy Trinity finished as champions, securing victory in three out of four games. The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by all participants was commendable, making it not only a successful day for our school but also a memorable experience for everyone involved. We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the players for their commitment and teamwork. It was a fantastic tournament overall and we look forward to participating in future events. Well done everyone!

Mr Wiskin P.E Lead

HOLY TRINITY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



On Monday, our Year 3 pupils visited Colne Valley Care Home as part of the Archie Project. The children engaged warmly with the residents, singing songs that brought smiles to everyone involved.

In addition to singing, the students participated in a beach ball conversation game, which promoted interaction and conversation between the generations. This activity was enjoyable and encouraged meaningful exchanges.

Throughout the visit, the behaviour of our pupils was exemplary. Their empathy and gentleness towards the residents were commendable, reflecting the values we aim to foster in our students. To conclude the day, everyone enjoyed drinks and biscuits, making it a pleasant experience for both students and residents. We look forward to continuing these connections in the future.



We are pleased to inform you that we held our Annual General Meeting on the 29th of September, during which we voted for the new committee members for the forthcoming year. We are delighted to announce that our chair is Hayley Cross, vice chair is Tracie Hoskins, secretary is Melanie Wigmore, and treasurer is Tracy Lake. If you would like to become involved with the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA), please do not hesitate to approach any of us.

We have established our commitments for the year and are excited to share that the date for our next disco is set for the 14th of November. We have a variety of fantastic plans in store to raise funds, all aimed at enhancing the experiences of our children at Holy Trinity C.E Primary School.

Additionally, we are currently seeking stallholders for our Christmas Fayre. If you or someone you know is interested, please email us at ptfa@holyltrinityhalstead.com for further information. Thank you for your continued support!

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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!

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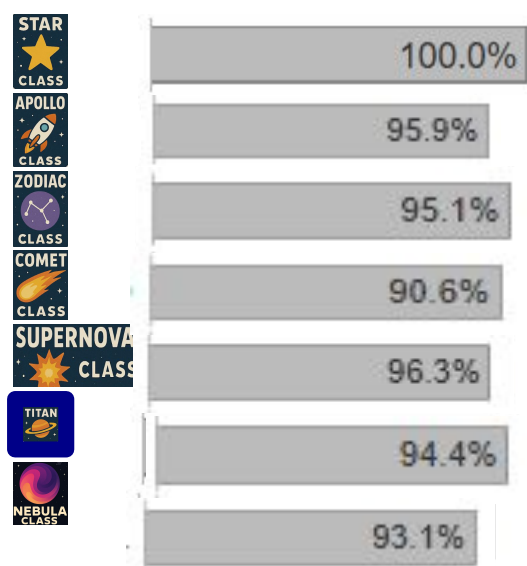


Thursday 6th November
Wednesday 12th November
Tuesday 18th November

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

- 20.10.2025 Flu Vaccinations
Parents' Evening
- 21.10.2025 Harvest Festival (09.30 for KS2 at St Andrew's Church and 14.30 KS1 in school)
- 23.10.2025 Parents' Evening
- 24.10.2025 Non-Pupil Day
- 27.10.2025 Half Term
- 03.11.2025 Non-Pupil Day
- 06.11.2025 Open Day 9.30am and 1.30pm (Book via office)
- 07.11.2025 Maths Dress-Up / Non Uniform Day - theme Rockstars and Numberblocks.
More information to follow.
- 09.11.2025 Remembrance Day Parade and Service 2pm.
- 12.11.2025 Open Day 9.30am and 1.30pm (Book via office)
- 14.11.2025 PTFA Disco
- 18.11.2025 Open Day 9.30am and 1.30pm (Book via office)
- 21.11.2025 Non-Uniform Day with bottle donations for PTFA Christmas tombola
- 28.11.2025 Christmas Bazaar
- 09.12.2025 Key Stage 1 Nativity at the Empire 10.00am and 1.30pm
- 10.12.2025 School Christmas Dinner
- 16.12.2025 Key Stage 2 Christmas Service 2pm (tbc)
- 19.12.2025 Last day of term
- 22.12.2025 Christmas holidays start

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Data does not include pupils on part-time timetables.

Essex national average for attendance is 94.8% and schools are expected to be at or above this figure. Well done to **Star, Apollo, Zodiac and Supernova Class** who have data above this threshold. In every class a child will be given a certificate for high attendance rates and for improving attendance. Please support us in improving Holy Trinity attendance rates where possible.

Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



School Council meeting in the new wellbeing area.

Easy Fundraising



Please support the school by getting this app:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=400365&invite=1zh9rm&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=share-tray
It's free and easy to use - effortlessly raises money for the school!

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