

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully festive time we have had at Holy Trinity. Our Key Stage 1 children put on a spectacular performance of Born in a Barn at our local theatre, The Empire. They displayed such an impressive range of drama skills at such a young age - we were all incredibly proud of them.

We also enjoyed a cosy festive outing to the cinema to watch our Christmas film, so kindly funded by the PTFA. A big thank you, too, to our brilliant catering team for the delicious Christmas dinner last week - it was enjoyed by everyone. We must also mention the magical Christmas service at St Andrew's, which brought the true meaning of Christmas to the forefront of all our minds. Well done to all the pupils involved.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the Christmas Bazaar was once again a fantastic fundraiser, bringing in over £2,000 to support whole-school projects in the New Year. We are enormously grateful to the team who worked so hard to lead and organise this event.

One of the school's priority areas is reading this academic year and we would really like parents and carers to support us with this by focusing on daily reading at home through cosy bedtime stories or school scheme books.

All that is left to say is that we wish you a happy and healthy Christmas, and a very positive New Year.

Warm wishes,

S. Rowe



Reverend Sue presented bibles to Star Class and Nebula Class this week.

9 Ways Reading Benefits Children

1. Reading increases creativity and imagination.
2. Reading together builds strong family bonds.
3. Reading expands a child's vocabulary.
4. Reading opens minds to new and diverse people, places, and situations.
5. Reading is fun and helps children relax after a stressful day.
6. Reading promotes and enhances critical thinking skills
7. Reading teaches children about the complex world we live in.
8. Reading promotes positive communication in families.
9. Reading helps build character.




WORSHIP THEME

Christmas Joy

Luke 2:10

"And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'"



Christmas 2025
St Andrew's Church
Halstead
Everyone welcome!

Saturday 13 December
2^{pm} Messy Christingle, St Andrew's Hall
3^{pm} Christingle Service

Sunday 14 December
10.30^{am} Family Service

Sunday 21 December
3^{pm} Carol Service

Wednesday 24 December
5^{pm} Crib Service
11^{pm} Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 December
10.30^{am} Holy Communion

Sunday 28 December
10^{am} Team Service, St Giles Church,
Gt Maplestead

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!

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

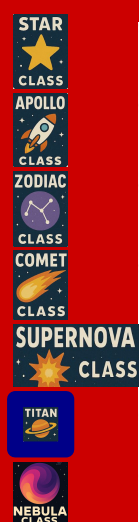


CALENDAR DATES - <https://ch/calendar> & APP

18.12.2025	Non-uniform day for team with most house points.
19.12.2025	Rocksteady Concert. Last day of term
22.12.2025	Christmas holidays start
05.01.2026	Spring term starts
08.01.2026	Wonderdome Space Experience (PTFA Funded)
16.01.2026	Owls Show in School
19.01.2026	Martin Luther King Junior Day Year 5
29.01.2026	Year 4 History Portal Day
02.02.2026	Recycling Week
10.02.2026	Safer Internet Day
14.02.2026	Half term holiday

All term dates, and INSET days for 2026 / 27 can be found on the Piota app.

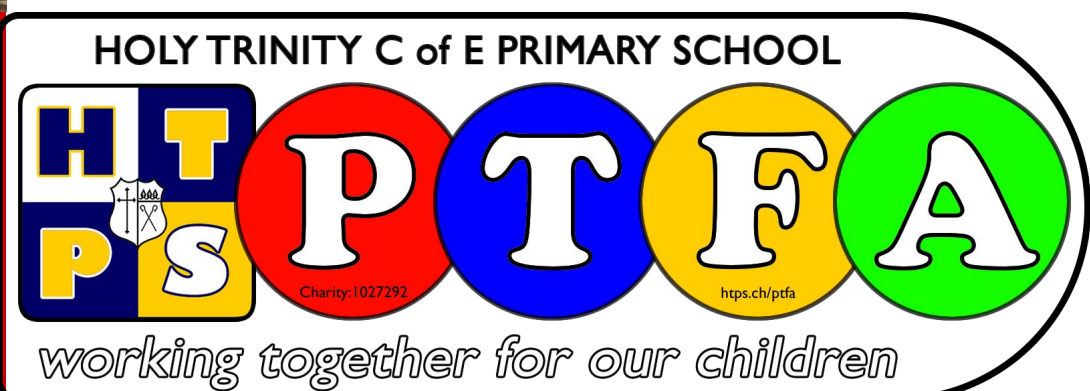
ATTENDANCE MATTERS



STAR CLASS	100.0%
APOLLO CLASS	96.6%
ZODIAC CLASS	95.0%
COMET CLASS	91.7%
SUPERNOVA CLASS	95.7%
TITAN CLASS	94.5%
NEBULA CLASS	93.1%

Essex national average for attendance is 95.3% and schools are expected to be at or above this figure. Well done to **Star, Apollo 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.

Data does not include pupils on part-time timetables or children under 5.



On 28th November we held our Christmas Bazaar – and what a fantastic day it was!

Father Christmas dropped by, our ever-popular tombola was buzzing, and there were brilliant outside stalls and catering. We really hope everyone who came along had a great time!

Our amazing Year 6's ran their own enterprise stalls, selling delicious cakes and cookies, fun games and lots of lovely Christmas goodies. Together they raised an incredible £953.23 – this money will benefit every child at Holy Trinity. A huge congratulations to the winning team, The Bah Humbugs – well done!

In total, our bazaar raised a wonderful £2,155.99. This simply wouldn't be possible without the fantastic support of our Holy Trinity families and our local community.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors: Michael's, Greggs, Websters, Hook of Halstead, Leaders, NH Hedge Cutting Services, Premier Travel, NAMCO Funscape, Bodene Massage Therapy, IC Brows and Beauty, Maurice Lake Accountants and Essex Care Products. Your support means we can continue to run events like this for our children.

Thank you all so much for your support – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



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