

# OUR VISION

RESPECT HONESTY

LOVE

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

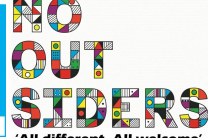
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Monday 19th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

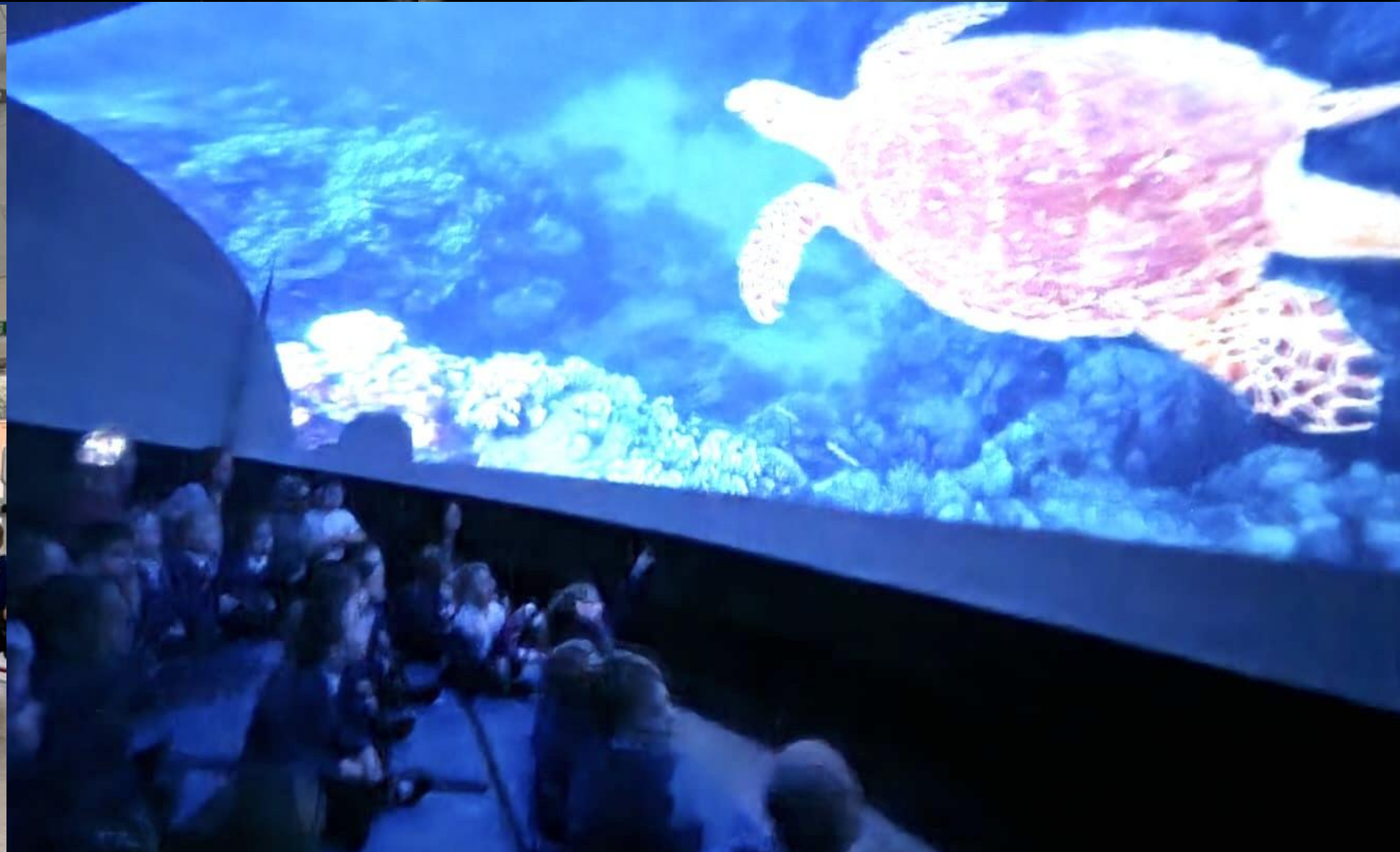
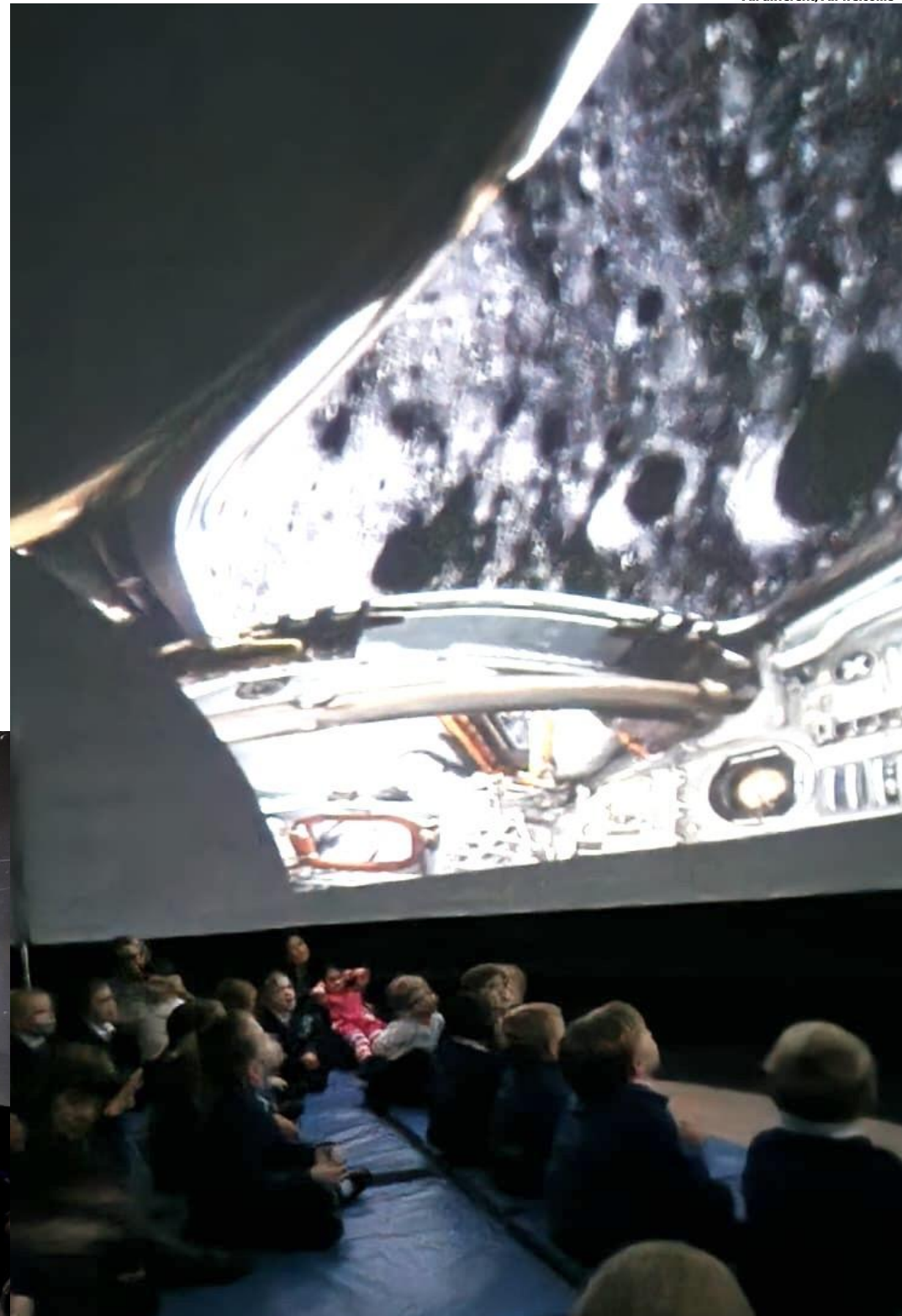
Despite the grey and chilly weather, we have made a wonderfully bright start to the term at Holy Trinity. Last Thursday, pupils took part in our Wonderdome immersive experience, exploring the planets, space and the solar system. The session was packed with fascinating facts about space exploration and sparked real awe and curiosity across the school.

On Friday, we were delighted to welcome the Night Owls Birds of Prey demonstration team. They spoke to the children about a range of species and shared key facts about how these magnificent birds live and hunt, before treating us to an impressive flying display. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to see these majestic birds up close and deepen their understanding of the natural world.

Please do take a moment to check the updated diary dates included in this newsletter. We always aim to give as much notice as possible to support you with work and childcare arrangements.

Warm wishes,

*S. Rowe*



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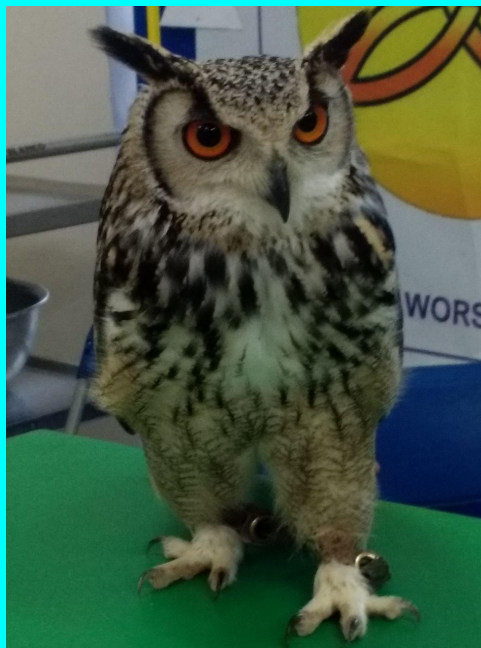
**WORSHIP THEME**  
**Fairness**

'He rules the world in righteousness  
and judges the peoples with equity.'

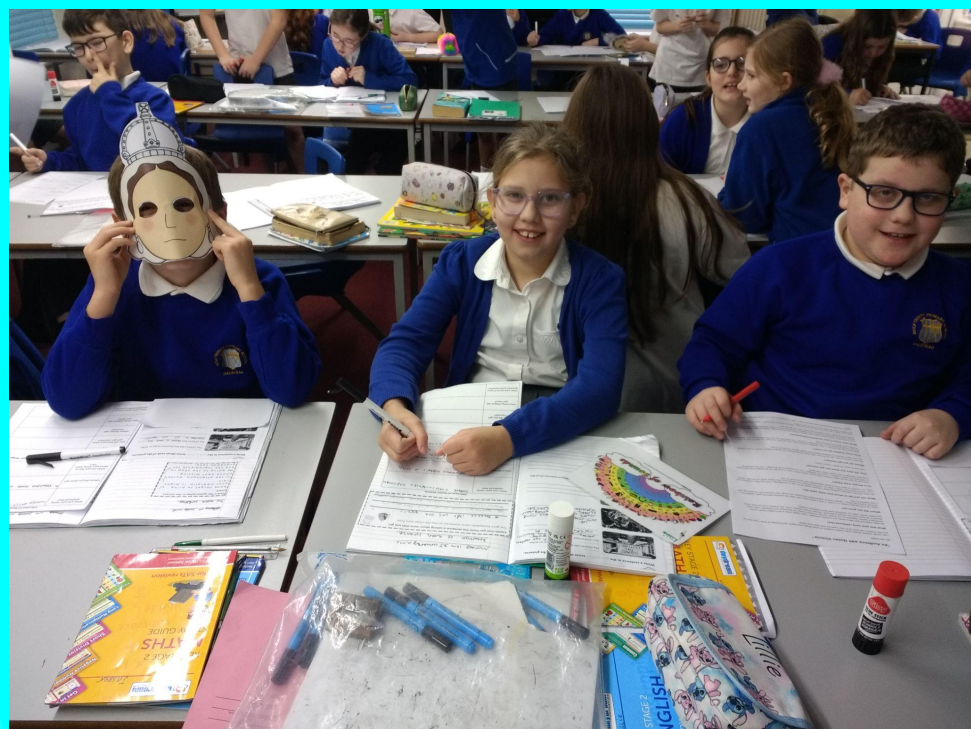
**Psalm 9:8**



Owl-mazing!



Zodiac Class have been learning about local history. We have explored photos of Halstead today and photos of Halstead in the past and compared, thinking about similarities and differences.



Year 5 Biography Writing  
Interviewing Queen Victoria

**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](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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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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# HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time

**Minutes lost per day**

5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes	25 minutes
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equates to a yearly loss of:

3 days lost	6.5 days lost	10 days lost	13 days lost	19 days lost
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Five minutes late per day adds up to three learning days lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day you will miss two full weeks of school in one year

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### Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?

**Excellent** 100% attendance

**Good** 98% attendance = Four whole days absent in the school year and 20 hours of lost learning

**Cause for concern** 95% attendance = 9.5 whole days absent in the school year and 47.5 hours of lost learning

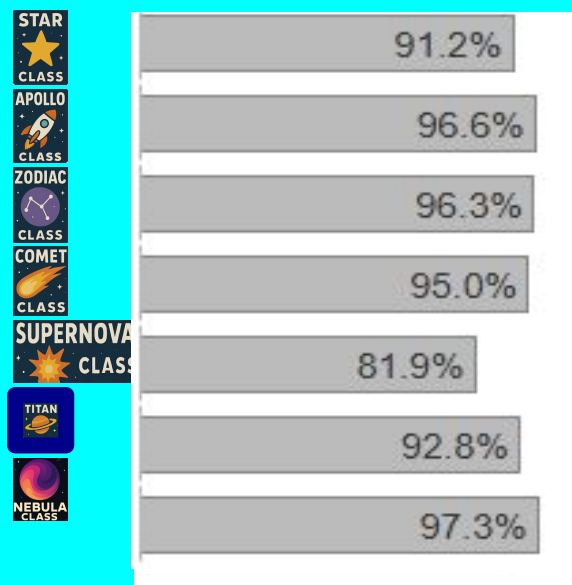
**Un satisfactory** 90% attendance = 19 whole days absent in the school year and 95 hours of lost learning

**Critical** Less than 85% attendance = 28.5 whole days absent in the school year and 142.5 hours of lost learning

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

19.01.2026	Martin Luther King Junior Day Year 5
29.01.2026	Year 4 History Portal Day Star Class Book Cafe 2.30pm
02.02.2026	Recycling Week
10.02.2026	Safer Internet Day
11.02.2026	Year 3 Book Cafe 2.30pm
16.02.2026	Half term holiday
23.02.2026	Year 6 World Day of Social Justice
24.02.2026	Young Voices
04.03.2026	Dance workshops for World Book Day
05.03.2026	World Book Day (optional book character costume)
16.03.2026	Parents' Evening
17.03.2026	9.30am KS2 Easter service at St Andrew's Church (tbc) 2.30pm KS1 Easter service in school
19.03.2026	Parents' Evening
23.03.2026	Year 3 World Water Day
30.03.2026	Easter holidays start
13.04.2026	Summer term starts

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!



Essex national average for attendance is 95.3% and schools are expected to be at or above this figure. Well done to **Nebula, Apollo and Zodiac Class** who have data above this threshold so far this term. 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.

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

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working together for our children

A big thank you to our PTFA, who began the new year by funding the Wonderdome visit. We have received such positive feedback from both pupils and staff, and we are pleased that everyone enjoyed it so much. Seeing the children so engaged and excited at events like these is exactly why we continue to fundraise.

Our next PTFA event is the school disco on 13 February. Tickets will be sold after school from Monday 9 February. We are looking for volunteers to help run both the KS1 and KS2 discos, and we would be very grateful for any support you can offer. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## 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](mailto:communityengagement@kidsinspire.org.uk)

Our current areas are Essex, Ipswich and West Suffolk.

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## Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



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