

# OUR VISION

RESPECT HONESTY

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



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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This bumper newsletter shows just how much has been happening in school over the last few weeks. Our recent assessment weeks have highlighted the children's focus, hard work and perseverance as they rose to the challenge. Staff have supported pupils carefully to ensure this time does not feel daunting or stressful.

This week I have spent time in every class, observing teaching and learning in depth. I came away feeling very positive, having seen the impressive levels of pupil engagement, alongside the care and dedication staff show in planning and delivering the curriculum in each class. I see children's positive learning behaviours beyond the classroom too, including in the clubs and intervention groups, some of which I too take part in. It is a privilege to be part of such a nurturing and ambitious learning environment.

Our Archie Project, with its intergenerational focus, continues to reap rewards by strengthening our character and PSHE provision and developing empathy in line with our school values. Year 4's Viking Day brought history to life, while Recycle Week helped to highlight the very real issues of pollution and global warming alongside the important reminder that small steps can make a big difference.

You will also see that personal development remains important. Our Inclusion and Equality Team is continuing to pursue climate and social justice projects, helping pupils to understand how they can make a positive difference to the lives of others in different communities.

A quick safeguarding reminder: a few members of staff have raised concerns about the pedestrian gate being opened from the inside by parents at the end of the school day. Please can we ask that this responsibility remains with school staff only, so that our safeguarding procedures remain as robust as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Looking ahead, our next World Book Day will be packed with exciting activities, including:

- Design a National Book Token competition (with prizes available)
- Bookathon – a dressed-up 'Daily Mile' run
- James Campbell (Author Visit) – bespoke videos for KS1 and KS2
- A class swap at the end of the day to share reading
- Dance workshops linked to well-known books
- Storytime and hot chocolate with Mrs Rowe for star readers

We are also continuing to strengthen our focus on reading, writing and maths through short daily practice and regular check-ins. Please do keep encouraging a little reading at home and times-table recall each week - it makes a real difference. We are also updating our online safety and attendance reminders; thank you for keeping contact details up to date and informing the office promptly about absences so we can work together to support every child.

Warm wishes,

*S. Rowe*

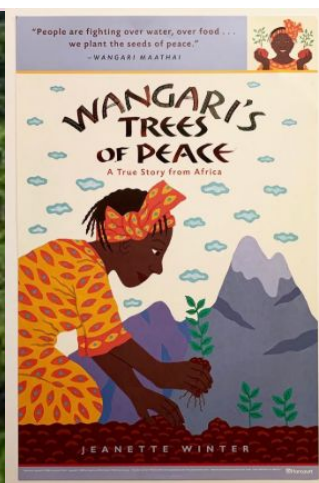
## Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



## MENU CHANGE

On the first Monday back the red option is macaroni cheese, not pizza.

Please check your orders and amend accordingly.  
Thank you from the catering team.



## Book Selection for Recycling Week



Well done to a Chloe, Lotte, Aria, Lilly and Sophia in Year 5 who independently organised and ran a stall to raise money for the charity Just One Tree who work hard in the field of reforestation, planting new trees around the world. Every pound raised plants one new tree sapling. So the group has helped to plant more than 50 new trees. Great work!

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Recycle Week was a great success, helping to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and the global effort to reduce global warming. Pupils engaged enthusiastically in discussions and activities, developing a stronger understanding of how small actions can make a big difference to our planet. As part of the week, children also designed and made rockets using their DT skills, showcasing creativity, problem-solving, and excellent teamwork. Congratulations to all of our prize winners for their efforts, and thank you to the entire school community for working together to provide resources and complete the family quizzes.

Below are some pictures of Year 3 visiting Colne Valley Care Home as part of the Archie Project. What a difference the children are making to some of the residents!



Year 4 participated in an exciting Viking workshop, led by a real life Viking 'Thorulf Hammerson'! The workshop covered a wide spectrum of Viking life and times from home-life to navigation, gods to battles and having Viking fun. From invaders to settlers, Portals to the Past's workshop, really did bring this fascinating period of history to life for the children and the adults too! We spent the day learning about Viking life, completing quizzes, playing board games, exploring Viking weaponry and seeing it in action! We found our Viking roar in a re-enactment of a Viking battle! The children really impressed us with their efforts at dressing up as Vikings and they created a wide array of accessories and we even had a Viking long boat. Thank you to all of the Year 4 children and adults for helping to make this day so special with their creative efforts.



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## WORSHIP THEME LOVE

‘We love because He first loved us.’

1 John 4:19



Ash Wednesday Event for Everyone  
Craft and Christ- All Welcome  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 11am - 12:30pm  
Book at  
[halsteadparish@gmail.com](mailto:halsteadparish@gmail.com)  
Free

### BALANCING ACT Supporting child mental health

Workshops for parents of children from reception to Year 7

#### Supporting Your Child's Mental Health

4th March 2026, 1:00 pm

- Included in this training:
- An introduction to mental health and what supports or impacts it
  - What we can do to promote and support good mental health

This session will take place virtually

It will last approximately 1 hour

RECORDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE

[Book your place via this link](#)

Kerry Williams MNCS Accred. Counsellor/Supervisor/Family Liaison Officer  
Jacky Wragg MA SEND, Educational Consultant

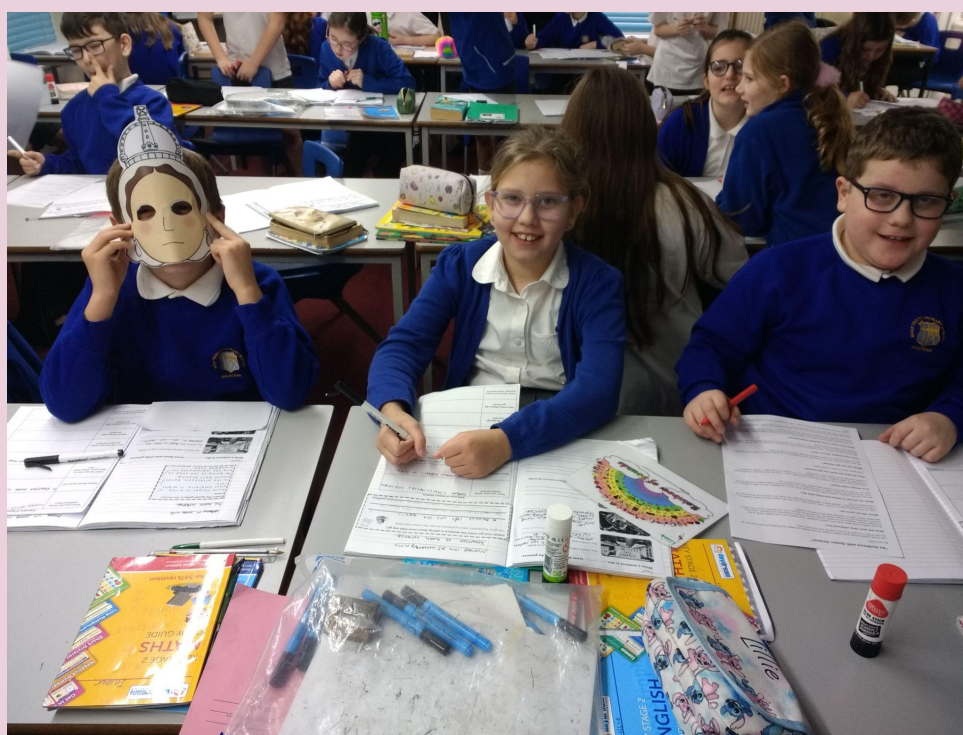


Well done to Connie who played her keyboard in Wow Assembly recently!



Year 6 were fortunate to be invited to see The Ramsey Academy's production of Oliver. They reported that it was wonderful to see many of the star actors being ex-pupils from Holy Trinity.

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

Essex County Council Education

### 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

- 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

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

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

STAR CLASS	93.7%
TITAN CLASS	95.7%
APOLLO CLASS	94.6%
ZODIAC CLASS	93.2%
SUPERNOVA CLASS	90.4%
COMET CLASS	93.6%
NEBULA CLASS	93.8%

Essex national average for attendance is 95.3% and schools are expected to be at or above this figure. Well done to **Titan Class** who have data above this threshold 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.

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working together for our children

We are holding our disco tonight, and we are looking forward to seeing some fabulous dance moves from everyone! These events would not be possible without our amazing volunteers, so thank you all for your continued support.

We will be bringing back the tuck shop after half term with some new treats, and we hope your children will enjoy the weekly items on offer.

We also have some big projects ahead and some new fundraising ideas—watch this space! Every penny raised goes directly back into school to help enhance the children's experience at Holy Trinity.



### 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.

Scan for more info:



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## February half term Holiday activities

at Halstead Leisure Centre

Activities include:

- **Pool Party - Monday 16 Feb** with foam floats & music
- **Affordable Football** Reduced football pitch hire prices for juniors
- **Tot's Bounce** Bouncy castle, inflatable & soft play sessions
- **Teen Rebels** Supervised gym sessions for teens
- **Arts & crafts sessions**
- **Floats & Fun sessions**
- **Badminton sessions**



Book your session online, via our app or contact our Reception team

Halstead Leisure Centre  
01787 472480  
[www.freedom-leisure.co.uk](http://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk)



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