

INFORMATION UPDATE BY HOLY TRINITY GOVERNORS

29.04.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very positive start to the summer term. Now the school has been informed about our new reception intake, the Early Years team are already planning for their positive induction. We are also beginning to carefully plan and discuss transitions for all other year groups to ensure children feel confident and well prepared for the next stage in their learning journey.

Our Year 6 pupils are continuing to work incredibly hard as they prepare for their SATs. We have been extremely impressed by their determination, resilience and tenacity - keep going, Year 6, we are very proud of you all

As the weather becomes warmer, please can we remind families of the following:

- Sunglasses should only be worn in school if needed for hay fever or medical reasons.
- Children should bring a clearly named water bottle to school each day.
- Please apply sunscreen before school, as staff are unable to assist with application during the school day.

A friendly reminder to all families about our school uniform policy: hair accessories should be plain and navy blue, white, or black in colour. Pupils are also not permitted to have SMART watches which is in line with new mobile phone and digital technology government updates. Thank you for your support in helping our pupils look smart and ready for learning each day.

Finally, we are always looking for additional reading volunteers to support our children across school. If you are able to spare some time to listen to children read, please contact the school office - your support can make a huge difference to children's confidence and progress in reading.

Warm regards,

S Rowe



Rolo visited us for the first time to see the children in each class. He was very calm and gentle and enjoyed sniffing his way round. He will hopefully visit again soon!

Building Futures Together for Every Child

Please remember we are looking for new members to join our friendly governing body. Please get in touch if you would like to consider the role.



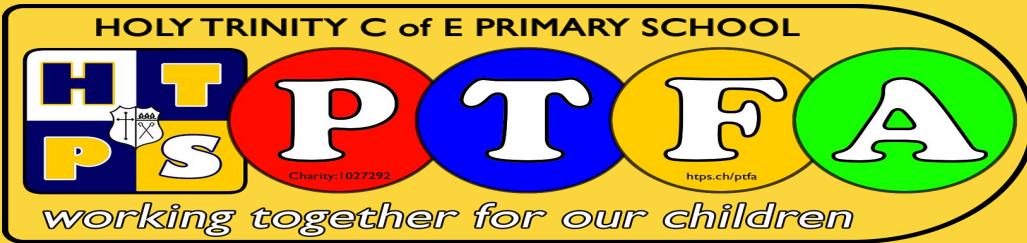
School Governors' BIO

I am Jo Roulson, one of the Parent Governors at HTPS, and I have lived in Halstead for the last 40 years. My eldest daughter left HTPS last September and my youngest daughter is in Year 4, and both have really enjoyed their time at the school.

My career background is within the corporate environment, and I currently work in a Global Mobility role for Deloitte, one of the big 4 firms. I ensure that all individuals who travel internationally for their job are compliant in terms of tax, immigration etc.

Both my career, and my role as mum, mean that I am good at communication, negotiating and problem solving. I have enjoyed getting more involved with the school via the role of Governor, seeing all the great work that goes into making our school the best that it can be.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly in person with any questions as I am generally at the school most days or, if you'd prefer, at jroulson@governors.htps.ch



Please
Support Us

The PTFA are hoping to raise enough money to get a forest school / lunchtime hut built on the school grounds. As you can imagine an ambitious building such as this one we need to raise a lot of funds. Please help us as much as possible!

OUR VISION

RESPECT HONESTY
LOVE

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



On Thursday, Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Layer Marney Tower. We learnt all about the Great Fire of London, explored Layer Marney Tower and enjoyed the beautiful grounds in the sunshine.



Year 3 had a wonderful visit from our friends at Colne View Care Home. Together, they spent time planting flowers in containers, creating something beautiful to share. As they worked, the children and residents chatted about their favourite flowers and exchanged helpful gardening tips.

These visits are always so special. Our children continue to develop empathy, respect and understanding through these meaningful interactions, while bringing great joy and companionship to the residents.

We continue to make strong progress through the Global Neighbours Programme as we work towards achieving the Gold Award. Recently, our Equality and Social Justice Team has been leading this work with enthusiasm and purpose, developing ideas around how pupils can use their courageous voices to raise awareness of both climate justice and social justice issues.

During collective worship, the team shared and explored the book *The Climate Kids*, which encouraged pupils to reflect on how some countries are disproportionately affected by climate change despite contributing the least to the crisis. This prompted thoughtful discussions around fairness, responsibility, and global inequality.

Through a social justice lens, pupils also explored the story *The Name Jar*, which focused on the importance of being proud of our heritage and the significance of our names. Discussions highlighted how names that may seem unfamiliar to others should always be treated with respect, alongside the importance of valuing and celebrating all cultures and backgrounds.

Looking ahead, the team plans to further develop this work through charity initiatives and by learning about influential individuals and organisations working to address and mitigate the climate crisis. These opportunities will continue to empower pupils to become informed, compassionate, and active global citizens.

WORSHIP THEME

Empathy and Tolerance

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...

Romans 12:4-6

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Health Advice Drop- in for 5-19 year olds

Day and Time: Every Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Location: Acorn Family Hub Delivery Site, Beridge Road, CO9 1JH

Drop-in sessions to get advice and support for your school aged child with a member of our school health team, where you can discuss things which may be concerning you.

Areas of support

- Managing worries, low mood, stress or anger issues
- Bullying and friendship issues
- Diet / Nutritional support
- Improving sleep
- Day and night wetting
- Behavioural concerns
- Personal hygiene
- Sexual health
- Information and signposting regarding medical conditions

t: 0300 247 0014

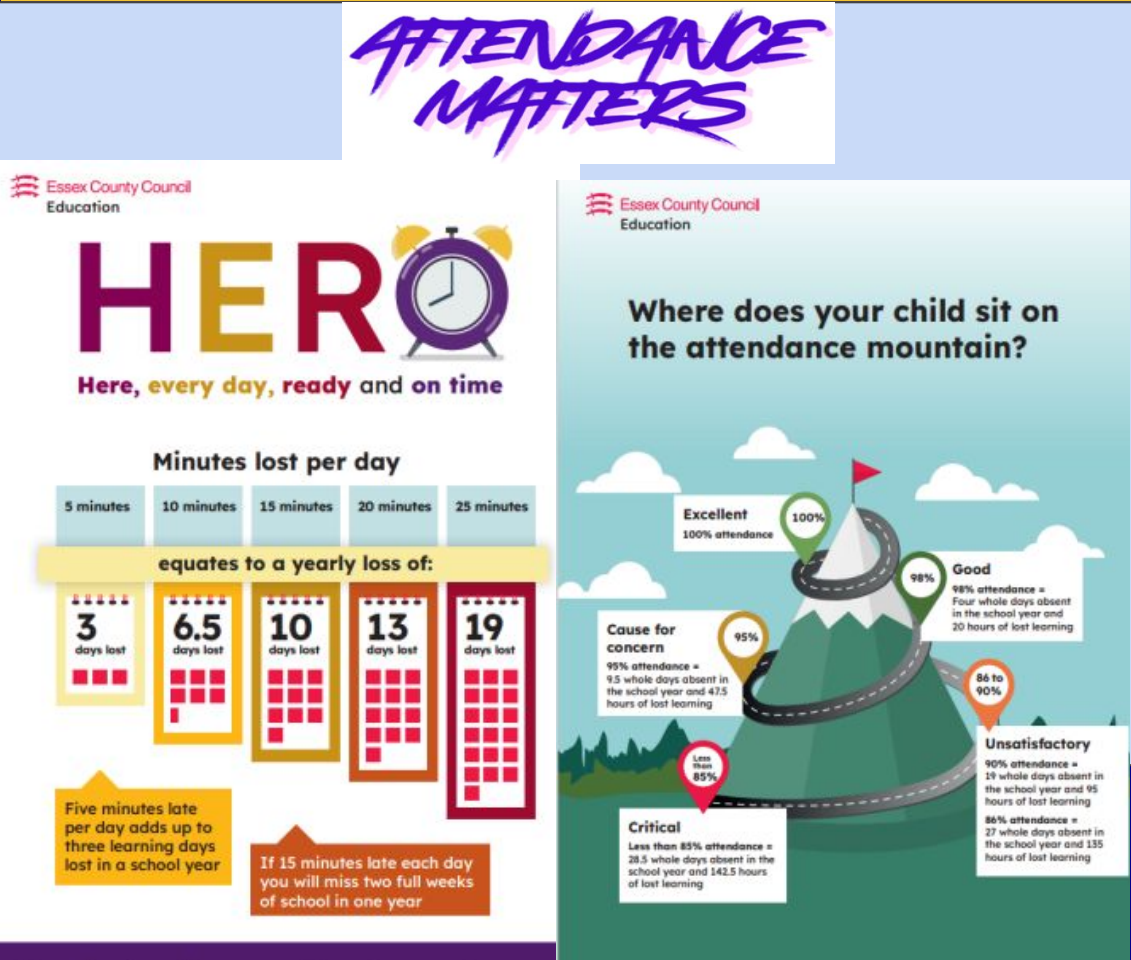
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Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners



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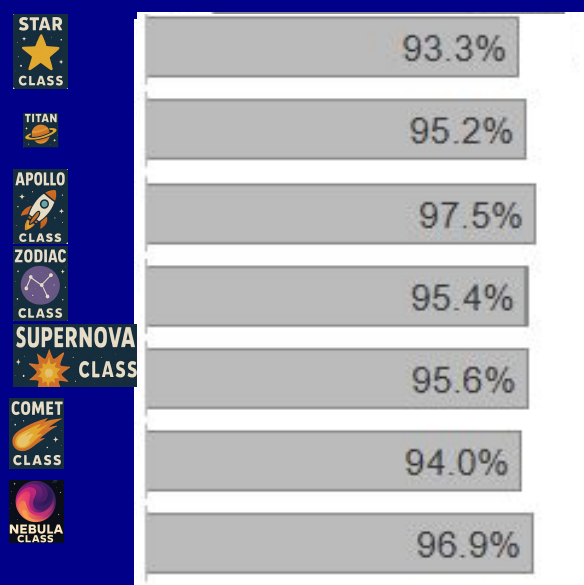


CALENDAR DATES - <https://ch/calendar> & APP

30.03.2026	Easter holidays start
01.05.2026	Non-Pupil Day
07.05.2026	School Closed for Polling Day
11.05.2026	Year 6 SATs test week
15.05.2026	Year 6 Bowling Trip
25.05.2026	Half Term holidays start (1 week)
01.06.2026	Term starts
01.06.2026	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks
11.06.2026	New reception intake 'Stay and Play' sessions.
15.06.2026	School class photos
17.06.2026	Sports Day (KS1 AM and KS2 PM)
22.06.2026	Reserve Sports Day
23.06.2026	Food and Farming Day
29.06.2026	Multicultural Arts Week
20.07.2026	Non-pupil Day
21.07.2026	Summer holidays

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

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

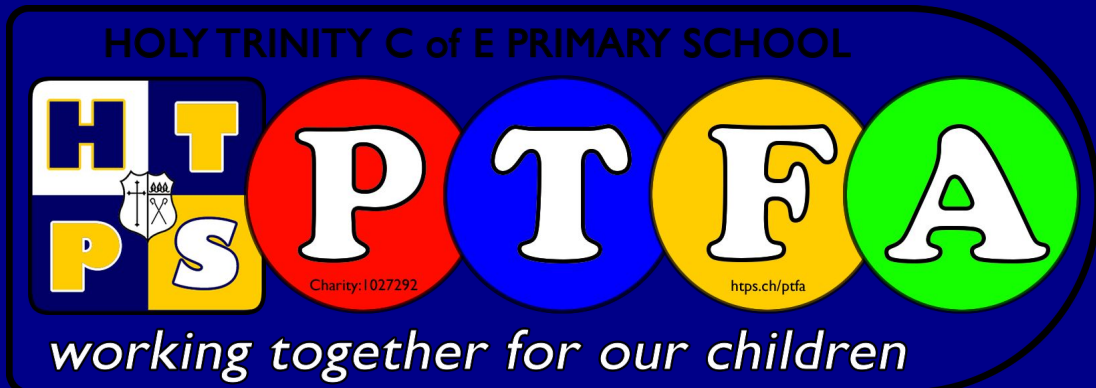


Essex national average for attendance is 95.3% and schools are expected to be at or above this figure. Well done to **Apollo Class, Supernova Class, Zodiac and Nebula Class** who have data above this threshold this term. In every class a child will be given a certificate for high attendance rates and 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.



Our new welcome boards are being well-received by both children and adults. They help parents stay in the loop with learning in class, encourage a positive start to the day and for some provide a distraction from a difficult moment of separation. Watch this space for further enhancements during the morning drop-offs!



We are sorry to share that our annual Summer Fete will not be taking place this year. Unfortunately, due to a continued shortage of volunteers and support, we are unable to safely and successfully run the event.

As a PTFA, we rely heavily on the support of our school community to organise and deliver events that benefit all children at Holy Trinity. Without additional volunteers, it becomes increasingly difficult to continue providing these opportunities. We are currently exploring an alternative event and hope to share details with you very soon.

Every Holy Trinity parent and carer is automatically a member of the PTFA, and we would warmly welcome any support you can offer — whether that's helping to organise events, volunteering at activities, or sharing new ideas. Even a small amount of time can make a big difference.

We also have an exciting upcoming project that will further enhance the learning experience for our children at Holy Trinity, so please keep an eye out for upcoming fundraising events and opportunities to get involved. Thank you for your continued support.



NEW - Holy Trinity Food Bank

We have started a small food bank. Please take an item or two if you would like to and also please donate items if you feel you would like to support us.

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