

Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓ we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We have been busy preparing for the start of term and we look forward to welcoming the children on Monday (Years 1-6) and Wednesday (Reception).

A Prayer for the start of a new academic year

Loving Lord

At the start of this new academic year, please help us to trust in you.

Thank you that you know our worries and our fears already. Thank you that you will be with us each day.

Please help us to use the challenges this year will bring to develop a love of learning.

Thank you that you made each one of us unique and special, and that you have given all of us different gifts.

Please help us to appreciate and respect each other.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Arrangements for September 2022

Question	Answer
What is the drop off procedure?	<p>The Faraday Gate will open at 8.30 each day, when a member of staff will be on duty.</p> <p>The official start of the day for Reception to Year 6 is 8.45. It is expected that all children will be in school from this time. Nursery starts at 8.30.</p> <p>At drop off we are asking all families (except nursery) to enter the playground via the Faraday Road Gate, and exit the playground via the Effra Road Gate. The one-way system that has been in place will continue to operate.</p> <p>There will be labelled signs and cones for children to line up at. As soon as your child has gone to their cone we ask that you vacate the playground as soon as possible, leaving via the Effra Road gate. This helped the children to settle in so smoothly last year.</p>

	We are very happy for parents to drop their children at the gate, so that they enter on their own – this worked so well last year. Obviously, parents of Reception children will want to wait with them outside the Reception gate.																											
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Can my child bring their bike or scooter to school?	We encourage all families to walk/scoot or ride to school. Bikes and scooters can be stored in the shelter in the playground.																											
Will the children have play time?	Years 1, 2, 3 will have playtime at 10.15-10.30 Years 4, 5, 6 will have playtime at 10.35-10.50																											
How will lunchtimes be organised?	<p>Lunchtimes will continue to be staggered. Children will be seated in their classes for lunch and will play in an allocated Play Zone with their year group. Year groups will rotate around the Play Zones during the week.</p> <p>Within each Play Zone there are different activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports activities (with a Sports coach on some days) • Playground games • Trim Trail • Stage area for performances • Climbing Wall • Table Tennis • Den Building and outdoor activities in the Wild Garden • Reading, games and mindfulness colouring in the Quiet Garden <p>Reception children have their own Play Zone.</p> <p>Children will be supervised by the same staff members each day, and will include staff from their year group teams, as well as specific lunchtime supervisors.</p> <p>Chameleon Corner (an indoor Lunch Club) will be available each day for those children who prefer a quieter space.</p>																											
When does my child wear their PE 'uniform'?	<p>The PE uniform will be expected to be worn on PE days for the whole day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception – Friday • Year 1 – Monday and Thursday • Year 2 – Monday and Tuesday • Year 3 – Monday and Wednesday • 4H – Tuesday and Friday • 4T – Wednesday and Friday • 5H – Tuesday and Thursday • 5T – Thursday and Friday • 6H – Monday and Tuesday • 6T – Monday and Wednesday 																											
What will my child need to bring?	<p>We would be grateful if your child could bring the following items in their school bag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple pencil case (See examples at the end of this list. Please do not send expensive pencil cases or those with 'gadgets' as these can be a distraction in the classroom) • 3 black handwriting pens (e.g. Berol Handwriter or Frixion 0.7mm Rollerball NOT a biro) – KS2 only • 3 Simple HB pencils • 2 Fluorescent highlighter pens – KS2 only • Whiteboard Pen (ideally Show-me Fine/ Slim Drywipe Whiteboard Pen) • 15cm ruler 																											

- 30cm ruler
- Small pair of scissors
- Eraser
- Basic pencil sharpener (not mechanical)
- Pritt Stick (please buy the Pritt Stick brand as we know from experience that all others are less effective and do not last as long. This can be ordered on ParentMail if required. Please do not buy coloured glue as this shows through the paper in exercise books)
- Colouring pencils (not smelly or glitter pencils)
- Oxford School Dictionary Paperback ISBN: 978-0192747105 (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-School-Dictionary/dp/019274710X> or available from ParentMail at a cost of £5) – **KS2 only**
- Oxford School Thesaurus (Paperback). ISBN 978-0192747112 (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-School-Thesaurus/dp/0192747118>) – **KS2 only**

Example 'simple' pencil cases:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Capacity-Transparent-Stationery-Cosmetics-Travelers/dp/B08L7GBKHL/ref=sr_l_13?dchild=1&keywords=transparent+pencil+case&qid=1625488880&sr=8-13

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Quadra-Classic-Pencil-Case-Black/dp/B06XBVKMH6/ref=sr_l_6?dchild=1&keywords=plain+pencil+case&qid=1625488981&sr=8-6

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Pencil-Case-Lightweight-Waterproof-%EF%BC%88Black%EF%BC%89/dp/B07YJKT8G9/ref=sr_l_11?dchild=1&keywords=plain+pencil+case&qid=1625489006&sr=8-11

NB Children in Nursery and Reception do not need their own pencil cases.

- Named water bottle
- Fruit will be provided to children in EYFS and KS1, but children in KS2 may bring in a mid-morning snack of fruit or vegetable

Home Learning

We are grateful for your feedback regarding Home Learning, and will update you next week with our plans.

Scaffolding

You may have noticed that we have scaffolding up! The second phase of our roof repairs is currently taking place, and is likely to last for another 3-4 weeks. Please take extra care near the scaffolding. Please note that there is no access around the back of the Year 1 block into the main school building.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

At the start of the new academic year we will be offering you a chance to meet your child's new teacher, and to hear more about the expectations of the new year group. We will share the presentation with all parents if you are not able to attend the session.

Year Group	Meet the Teacher Date – all sessions will be from 8.45-9.30am
1	Wednesday 7 th September
2	Thursday 8 th September
3	Friday 9 th September
4	Monday 12 th September
5	Tuesday 13 th September
6	Wednesday 14 th September

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022
(INSETs Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd so children back Monday 5th September)
- Last day: Friday 16 December 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Spring Term 2023

- First day: Tuesday 3 January 2023
(INSET Tuesday 3rd so children back Wednesday 4th January)
- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17th April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21st July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
(INSETs Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July, so children end Thursday 20th July 2023)

Date	Time	Event
5 th September		Years 1-6 start
7 th September	8.45-9.30	Reception children start (morning only) Year 1 Meet the Teacher
8 th September	8.45-9.30	Nursery children start (staggered entry) Reception in morning Year 2 Meet the Teacher
9 th September	8.45-9.30	Reception in morning and lunch (until 12.30) Year 3 Meet the Teacher
12 th September	8.45-9.30	Reception in full time Year 4 Meet the Teacher
13 th September	8.45-9.30	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
14 th September	8.45-9.30	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
21 st September	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023
4 th October	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
5 th October	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
11 th October	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
12 th October	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
17-21 st October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 th October	14.00	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023
21 st October		Break up for half term
31 st October		Autumn 2 begins
11 th November	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
14 th – 18 th November		Anti-bullying week
28 th November – 2 nd December		Assessment week
29 th November	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
30 th November	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
2 nd December	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
6 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity TBC
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity TBC
8 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
9 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity TBC
9 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
13 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert TBC
14 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
15 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
16 th December	14.00	Break up
3 rd January 2023		INSET Day – School closed
4 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
7 th February	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th February	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 th February		Break up for half term

20 th February		2 nd half of term begins
21 st March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
27 th – 31 st March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
31 st March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
17 th April		Summer term begins
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th – 11 th May		Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
26 th May		Break up for half term
5 th June		INSET Day – School closed
6 th June		2 nd half of term begins
5 th June -16 th June		Year 4 Timetables Check Window
12 th June – 16 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
12 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning TBC
20 th July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
21 st July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards