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Newsletter 9 - 17th January 2025

Head Teachers Section

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, a warm welcome back and Happy New Year! We're very much in the swing of this term now and the children have returned to school showing excellent attitudes to learning, as well as towards each other.

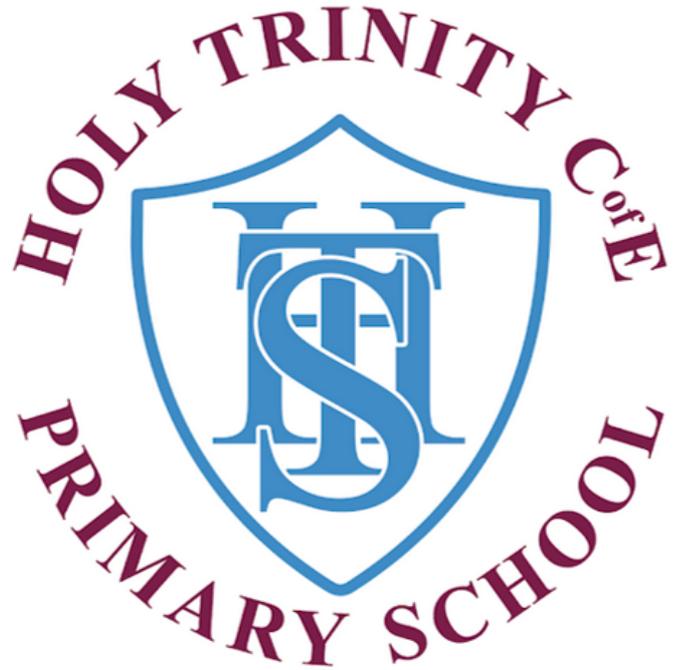
As always, there is a lot happening at school over the next few months so keep an eye on the diary dates, newsletters and any updates on Edulink as we will try and give you as much notice as possible of anything that is happening.

One big upcoming change is the move to a new website, which is due in the next few weeks. Unfortunately, our current provider is closing their UK department later in the year and we have decided to switch over early. We will give you plenty of notice of the switch-over and any changes that will affect you.

After a successful pilot, we have also decided to launch CenturyTech as our new approach to the setting of homework. Years 3, 4 and 6 will continue to use this and the platform will be introduced to other classes at the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mr David Le Templier
Head Teacher



OPAL



Thank you so much for all your support with OPAL.

OPAL is an ongoing project



and so donations will always be welcome, if you have anything you think might be useful please drop off to the school office or email Mrs Kadwell-Bray.

Currently, we are particularly looking for:

- Wellies - all sizes, especially big ones!
- Pebbles/ stones
- Off cuts of astro turf or similar
- Digital cameras/ old phones

- Suitcases
- Tuff trays
- Scooters and wheeled toys
- Spades and trowels
- Crates
- Bark/ Wood chip
- Tubes and piping
- Trellis
- Cameras
- Play and small tables
- Pool noodles
- Spades, trowels
- Buckets
- Barrels/big containers/cable reels
- Fabric and plastic bunting
- Sand
- Musical instruments
- Paint brushes



Look Who's Talking!



Well done to everyone who took part in this years "Look Who's Talking" competition. The children produced some fantastic speeches!
Good luck to everyone who has been selected to continue to the next round!

Head Lice

We have been made aware of a few cases of head lice in the school, please can you check your child/ children for lice regularly and ensure you treat as necessary. Information regarding headlice can be found here.

Young Artist 2025



Primary schools from across Cheltenham took part in Cheltenham Young Artists 2025, this is a showcase for the talents of young Gloucestershire artists with over 250 entries received from local primary and secondary schools. Laura and Ivy, from year 6, were selected by the judges to have their artwork displayed in the Montpellier Galleries and attend an award ceremony last weekend. Both girls proudly received certificates for their outstanding winter pictures. Well done girls and thank you to Mrs Meeuwissen-True for organising.



Extra Curricular Clubs - Spring Term

Our extra curricular clubs have now started, these will continue every week up to and including week commencing Monday 31st March, except crochet club which will change at February half term.

Club Name	Run by	Day	End time	Age group	Spaces Available
Crochet Club	Mrs Manners & Miss Mitchell	Monday	4:15pm	Y3, 6, 5 & 6	No
Watch Wrestling Club	Mr Anderson	Thursday	4:15pm	Y6	Yes
LEGO	Mrs Hall	Tuesday	4:15pm	Y1 & 2	No
LEGO	Mrs Pilkington	Thursday	4:15pm	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	No
Multi-Sports	Montague Sports	Monday	4:15pm	Y3 & Y4	Yes
Multi-Skills	Move More	Thursday	4pm	Y1 & Y2	Yes
Mixed Gender Football	CTFC	Wednesday	4:15pm	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	No
Coding	Mr Le Templier	Monday	4:15pm	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	No
Pokemon	Mr Le Templier	Friday	4:15pm	Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	No

Lunchtime Choir	Mrs Britton	Thursday		Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Yes
Netball	Mrs Britton	Tuesday	4:15pm	Y4, 5 & 6	No
Art	Mrs Westwood	Monday	4:15pm	Y1 & 2	No
Orchestra	Mrs Calder	Tuesday	4pm	By Invitation	By Invitation

If your child no longer wants to attend a club please let the office know so their space can be made available for someone else. As always, clubs will not run in the final week of term.

Home School Values

https://holychurchgloucestershire.schoolzineplus.co.uk/_file/media/1306/skm_c361i25010712120.pdf

Violin Lessons

VIOLIN LESSONS AT HTPS

Accepting enquiries for Spring 2025 only 2 vacancies available

Helen Calder: experienced and qualified musician, teacher and performer.

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BOOKING FORM

THE MUSIC TEACHERS' BOARD

Georgina Calder

Violin

Lives of Colour

LIVES OF COLOUR

Lets Speak Event

We're inviting you to our Lets Speak Event.

This is an opportunity for you to meet the team of Lives of Colour, unite with the community and for everyone to come together to celebrate the start of a New Year.

- OPEN CONVERSATIONS
- INSIGHT INTO UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS
- FOOD AND DRINKS
- ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 25th January 2025
5:30-9:30
St Phillips and St James Church
Grafton Road
Cheltenham
GL50 2DD

If you'd be interested in attending the above event please RSVP here: [RSVP : Lets Speak Event](#)

My Stage School

My STAGE SCHOOL

WICKED OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE HERE

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My STAGE SCHOOL

11 JANUARY

FREE OPEN DAY

FREE OPEN DAY
GLOUCESTER OR CHELTENHAM

Barnwood Secondary School
or
The High School, Leckhampton

January 11th 2025
10am to 11am

Parents observe whilst children take part in 20 minute dance, drama, singing session.

If children enjoy, they are welcome to stay on until 1pm.

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE by scanning the QR code overleaf.

ONLY THE BEST IN PERFORMING ARTS TRAINING

Year 5 and year 6 had a visit from My Stage School today, they had a 30 minute Wicked based workshop! The children had a fantastic time!

What is Beezee Families?

Beezee Families is our free, award-winning healthy lifestyle programme for the whole family. More information can be found on their website.



Forthcoming Dates

Please click to see our School Calendar with all our up and coming events.