



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2025

November

25th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations

26th 3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations

December

8th 6pm Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church

9th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers - Otter Class

6pm Year 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church

10th Year 1 Performance to Parents/Carers - Mouse Class

12th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day

16th FTS Pantomime treat

18th 9-11:45am Let's Get Creative morning
3:20-4pm Open Afternoon

19th Last Day of Term

22nd-2nd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2026

January 2026

5th Spring Term begins

16th-20th Half Term break

23rd INSET Day. School closed to the children.

30th-10th Apr Easter holidays

Summer Term 2026

April 2026

13th First day Summer Term 2026

May 2026

15th JP Photographic - Class Group photographs

Parent/Staff Communication



We hope you have all been able to attend a parent consultation appointment with your child's class teacher this half term. Parent Consultations will be on offer again in February/March and other opportunities to see your child's learning are at the three open afternoons which we advertise in our newsletter and which take place at the end of each term.

You will also get a summary of your child's strengths and ways forward in their annual report at the end of the year, with an opportunity to meet to discuss the report after this is sent home should you wish to. However, you are able to make an appointment to see your child's teacher at any other point in the year when you would like to see your child's learning or speak to your child's teacher about their progress and wellbeing.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Queries at Drop-off



It is really important that teachers are able to welcome children in to their classroom at the start of the day, so any urgent messages can be quickly passed to the member of staff on the door.

However, if you do not need to know immediately, please pop to the School Office, or email or call the Office, to get a message passed on to the teacher.

28th November 2025

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Advent



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Otter Class – 97.23%

Whole School Attendance is 95.66%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.91% across all schools in the week commencing 03 November 2025. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.09% across all schools.

No Nuts



Please be aware that any products containing nuts could be a risk to other children in school with a nut allergy, so please avoid giving your child **anything** containing nuts to eat in their snack or lunchbox. This includes Nutella or Peanut Butter. Thank you.

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Upcoming Events at Holy Trinity Church

The Living Theatre Presents
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Abridged By
Charles Dickens

Holy Trinity, Horsham
17th December at 7.30pm
Bar Opens 7pm £15 Adult £10 Child
Tickets at: www.thelivingtheatrewhitwell.org

125 CELEBRATIONS WEEKEND
celebrating 125 years of
Holy Trinity Church

HORSHAM BOROUGH BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7.30PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM)
WINE BAR - RAFFLE
TICKETS £15 (children under 12 are free)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Saturday 13th December
10am until 3pm
During the day there are intervals of music, activities for children. Refreshments will be served throughout the day in the hall. This is a non-ticket event. All donations are most welcome.
FOLLOWED BY...

FIREPIT CAROLS
Includes the Re-Dedication of the Holy Trinity Bell Tower
5PM UNTIL 7PM
Mulled wine, hot soup, hot dogs & mince pies

10AM
125 THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Sunday 14th December
Community Thanksgiving followed by a Bring & Share lunch.
Details nearer the time.

For more information please visit
www.holytrinityhorsham.co.uk

Christmas Appeals

Horsham District Foodbank | HorshamMatters
Meeting Needs and Improving Lives

Christmas Appeal

The Horsham District Foodbank wants to ensure everyone has a Merry Christmas this year and are asking for festive donations this Christmas.

They would be grateful for the following items:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Long-life milk
- Custard
- Fruit Juice/squash
- Jam and spreads
- Tinned macaroni cheese
- Condiments (Ketchup, mayo, pickle)
- Hot chocolate
- Long-life desserts
- Savoury snacks
- Toilet roll
- Festive Treats (Selection box, Christmas chocolates, mince pies, Christmas puddings)

If you wish to make a financial donation, please scan the code:

Holy make it a Merry Christmas for everyone

Charity number 1116253

Be a Star and donate a gift

Be a Star!

THE SALVATION ARMY

Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

Donations of New Toys and Gifts (unwrapped please) can be brought to The Salvation Army, Booth Way, Horsham, RH13 5PZ (Weekdays 9am-2pm)

or at our donation station at
Ballard & Shortall Funeral Director, 1 Wellington Road, Horsham, RH12 1DD (Weekdays 9am-1pm)

Please consider donating to our work, through our JustGiving Page.

This will enable us to purchase gifts where there is a shortfall, and to purchase the teenagers' gift vouchers, and food vouchers for each family unit.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/horsham

THE SALVATION ARMY
Horsham Salvation Army

Thank you

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The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters, 1 Clumpton Park, London SE1 8PZ.

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

Every child over the age of 5 is entitled to milk at a subsidised price per term. If your child has recently turned 5 and you would like them to continue receiving milk each day at school please contact CoolMilk directly at www.coolmilk.com to register them and pay straight away.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term:

3rd Sept - 19th Dec 2025

- Half Term 27th Oct - 31st Oct
- Christmas break 22nd Dec 2025 - 2nd Jan 2026

Spring Term:

5th Jan - 27th March 2026

- Half Term 16th - 20th Feb
- Easter break 30th March - 10th April

Summer Term:

13th April - 22nd July 2026

- Half Term 25th - 29th May

INSET Days 2025/2026

- Wednesday, 3rd Sept 2025
- Monday, 3rd Nov 2025
- Monday, 23rd Feb 2026
- Tuesday, 21st July 2026
- Wednesday, 22nd July 2026

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Spring Term 2026 Before and After School Clubs



Please look out for information that will be shared by ParentMail about Spring Term 2026 clubs soon. Clubs are bookable on a first come, first served basis either directly with the external club leader or via the School Office (MultiSkills only).



TechyTots



Did you know....?

“Parents who *engage* their children in books prepare them to become committed and enthusiastic readers: they can transform their attitudes to reading. Their children learn to focus and share the enjoyment of the story; they learn how stories start and finish, and how a plot unravels and is resolved; they learn that books can transport them elsewhere”

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050849/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July_2021_Jan_22_update.pdf)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Spend some time thinking about how you and your child(ren) read at home - when, where, for how long etc.

When you sit down to read to your child, or to listen to them read, how long do you tend to spend on this?

Think about how long your child can focus for. This might be different on a school day from a weekend, and it may vary before and after school, or from day to day.

Is there a place that is best/worst for concentrating on a story?

Learning to read is hard work for most children! For many children, it can be better to have a short, focused ten-minute reading session - little and often! What do you think would work best for your child?

Let your child stop reading when they're tired and have had enough - you can always go back to it later. Keep the atmosphere fun and positive, by chatting about what your child is reading and helping them if they get stuck.

Don't forget to give them lots of praise for their efforts!