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## Newsletter

18/09/2024

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### Our theme in Collective Worship is Hope

Christian hope is when God has promised that something is going to happen, and you put your trust in that promise. Christian hope is a confidence that something will come to pass because God has promised it will come to pass. This week we have heard how the prophets brought a message of hope as he foretold of the birth of Jesus. Open The Book visited the Infant school and told the story of Jonah. Bethel Church led worship in the Junior school sharing how hopelessness can become hope.

### Diary Dates

#### Autumn 2024

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9:15am** Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church All families welcome

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** Year 6 Residential

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Flu Immunisations (Infants & Juniors)

**Half term holiday: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2024** (Training day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct School closed to pupils)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am** Remembrance Service Spa Gardens All Families Welcome

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** Open Book Morning - Parents welcome to browse books with their child

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** Children In Need Day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** Parents' Consultations

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Elf Fun Day! Dress up as an elf!

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Crafts Open Afternoon

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am** Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church All families welcome

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch – Infant & Junior

**Christmas holiday: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

#### Spring 2025

**Spring term starts: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** LDLT Training Day School closed to pupils

**Half term holiday: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

**Easter holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

#### Summer 2025

**Summer term starts: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Half term holiday: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Summer holiday: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

#### Autumn 2025

**Training day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

**Autumn term starts: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

#### Training Days 2024 /2025

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

#### Training Days 2025/2026

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**



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### Our Federation

#### Dear Families,

#### School Meals

I am delighted to share some exciting news about our school meals. We have recently welcomed Hutchinson as our new school meals provider, and the change has been met with enthusiasm from both pupils and staff alike.

The introduction of new menus has brought a wider choice of delicious and nutritious options for our pupils to enjoy. It's heartening to see the positive feedback we've received from our young diners, who are clearly relishing the variety and quality of the food on offer. What's particularly pleasing is that our staff members have been joining the pupils in the dining hall, savouring the new menu alongside them. This shared experience not only enhances our sense of community but also allows staff to appreciate first-hand the improvements in our school meal provision.

We believe that good nutrition plays a vital role in supporting our pupils' learning and wellbeing, and we're confident that these changes will contribute positively to their school day. We'll continue to monitor and gather feedback to ensure that our meal service meets the high standards we expect for our school community.

#### Sports Day

What a splendid afternoon we had at our Infant Sports Day! I'd like to extend my thanks to all the parents who attended and cheered on our young athletes. It was wonderful to witness the sheer joy and enthusiasm radiating from our youngest pupils as they participated in the various events. It was particularly delightful to see how eagerly they joined in, embracing the spirit of friendly competition and teamwork. And let's not forget the parents and grandparents race! The competitive spirit was certainly alive and well among our adult participants, adding an extra layer of fun to the afternoon. These moments of community and shared experiences are what make our school so special. Thank you all for being part of this memorable event.

#### Parent Feedback

Thank you for your feedback to our recent survey. Parent responses and comments are welcome and help to inform school procedures and policies.

You said...	We will...
<p><b>School Communication</b> Email, app message school newsletter and our website are the key methods parents rely on for information about school events. Communication via the school office had positive feedback.</p>	<p><b>Continue to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ use these communication methods</li> <li>✓ agree an Office Charter to embed high quality customer service</li> <li>✓ teachers will continue to use face to face meetings and email to update parents</li> <li>✓ SENDCo to be available during the school day to meet with parents</li> </ul> <p><b>Start to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ provide more detailed information for parents regarding pupil progress. This will be in the form of a data report with targets shared at parents' evening</li> <li>▪ provide the opportunity for parents' evening and SENDCo meetings to be held virtually.</li> </ul>



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### Homework

Parents comments varied - comments were insightful regarding the impact of homework on homelife. 63% of parents feel homework supports their child's learning. Many parent comments highlighted the negative impact homework has on homelife and wellbeing - many parents felt homework had encroached on other out of school activities.

### Continue to

- ✓ provide opportunities for home learning

### Start to

- introduce a home learning structure that sets out levels of home learning and keeps parents informed of their child's current focus in school ie **MUST** tasks pupils must complete such as home reading, phonics, number facts recall; **SHOULD** ie tasks that should be completed such as spelling practice, tasks exploring the class current Learning Means The World focus; **COULD** ie a half-termly class challenge around the current focus or celebration such as design and make a Christmas Tree decoration
- launch the new home learning structure - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### Open Events

Feedback on events in school was positive with parents suggesting a list of workshops they would attend.

### Continue to

- ✓ organise open events
- ✓ provide workshops to support home school collaboration

### Start to

- provide workshops where parents can work alongside their child
- vary the times of parent workshops
- provide a school run crèche during parents' evening.

### Wrap Around Care

There was interest in school wrap-around care. 57% Breakfast Club / 75% Afterschool Club of 66 respondents

### Continue to

- ✓ provide a range of afterschool clubs - sports, music, drama etc

### Start to

- explore the financial feasibility of wraparound care with LDLT Finance Officer.

### Cashpot For Schools

As one of the UK's largest federated charities, Parentkind has spent the last 68 years dedicated to supporting school fundraising. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all – every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops. The school has an account please ask families and friends to choose Trinity if they are shopping in store or online!





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### Term Time Holidays

I need to bring your attention to an important matter regarding school attendance and term-time holidays. From August 2024, new legislation was introduced as part of the Department for Education's 'Removing Barriers to Attendance' initiative.

Every moment in school is precious, and evidence shows that pupils with good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance. The school day is divided into two sessions, and there are only a few permitted reasons for absence, such as illness or exceptional circumstances approved by the school. Under the new national framework, local councils and schools may issue fines for unauthorised absences. From August 2024, the fine will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. Repeated fines within a three-year period will incur higher charges, and prosecution may be considered in some cases. Whilst we are aware and understand the difficulties some parents have in planning holidays, we currently must follow the national and local authority guidelines and as the reason for absence is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance, the absence will be unauthorised. Any requests for term time leave must be made 10 days prior to absence using a Term Time Leave Form.

We understand that some pupils face additional barriers to attendance, and we are committed to working sensitively with families to provide appropriate support. At Trinity, our goal is to ensure every child benefits from consistent school attendance, fostering their wellbeing and academic success.

### Friends of Trinity

Please support our Friends of Trinity! The Friends are an enthusiastic group of parents who are keen to organise some fundraising events in support of school.

The Friends of Trinity welcome parents, carers, grandparents, in fact, anyone who has an interest in the school and its pupils! The main aim is to provide fun activities, events and trips and make memories for Trinity pupils whilst hopefully raising some money for special projects chosen by you, the Friends, and pupils of the school.

It would be marvellous to agree a programme of events over the coming year - please join the Friends on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm in the Infant Hall. If you are not able to attend but wish to be involved please email [admin@htceschools.co.uk](mailto:admin@htceschools.co.uk) and we will forward your email.

Regards

Sue Sanderson

Executive Headteacher





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### Safeguarding

#### Our School Safeguarding Team

 <p>The Federation of Holy Trinity Church of England Schools</p>	
<b>Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility</b>	
<p>As a visitor or contractor to our school, you have a responsibility to report any concerns you may have about a child. If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child in school, you must report this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL).</p>	
	
<p>Mrs S Sanderson Executive Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	<p>Mrs A Bell-Walker Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>
<p><a href="mailto:headteacher@htceschools.co.uk">headteacher@htceschools.co.uk</a> 01765 602858</p>	<p><a href="mailto:a.bellwalker@htceschools.co.uk">a.bellwalker@htceschools.co.uk</a> 01765 602858</p>
<p><i>If you would like to speak to somebody immediately, please ask a member of the office staff to contact the DSL and / or DDSL. Direct contact can be made using the information above.</i></p>	
<p>If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child outside of school you must report this to North Yorkshire Safeguarding Board. If you are concerned that they are at immediate risk of harm, you should report this to the Police (999). You can also contact the NSPCC to report concerns or ask for advice.</p>	
	<p><a href="http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/">www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/</a> 01609 780 780</p>
<p><b>NSPCC</b> EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR</p>	<p><a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a> 0808 800 5000</p>
<p>The Federation's Safeguarding policy is available on the Policies page of the school website: <a href="http://www.htceschools.co.uk">www.htceschools.co.uk</a></p>	

### Listen up, Speak up

**It takes a village to raise a child. And it takes a community to keep children safe!**

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. Take the NSPCC's free, 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family.

[Listen Up, Speak Up](#)



[www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

01609 780 780

# NSPCC

[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

0808 800 5000

**EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR**



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### SEN

**SENDCo** Mrs Jane Penny (SENDCo. If you wish to speak to Mrs Penny, please email [send@htceschools.co.uk](mailto:send@htceschools.co.uk).

Please note Mrs Penny's working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.



I have had a busy and enjoyable first few weeks in my role as SENDCo. It has been great to meet so many parents and to work with children and teachers in school and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

One of the highlights was attending the first meeting of SENDCos for LDLT schools this week and it was brilliant to discuss ideas and share good practice - I am sure that we will see the benefit of this in school. I am particularly excited about the expertise among the group in supporting children with dyslexia and with their mental health which I am sure will help me to support many children in our school.

I am always happy to talk to parents about any worries or concerns you may have so please do not hesitate to contact me - I am in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



### Ripon Parent Carer Support Drop in

**Autism Central** is a free programme commissioned by the NHS which provides high quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families and carers.

**Daisy Chain** is the charity delivering this service in the North East and Yorkshire. As well as group and individual coaching and support, we provide regular online and in-person learning opportunities covering a variety of topics relating to autism.

#### Upcoming Sessions

<b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 9th 11.30am-12.30pm</li> <li>Monday 23rd 11.10am-12.30pm</li> </ul>	<b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 4th 11.30am-12.30pm</li> <li>Monday 18th 11.30am-12.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 7th 11.30am-12.30pm</li> <li>Monday 21st 11.30am-12.30pm</li> </ul>	<b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 2nd 11.30am-12.30pm</li> <li>Monday 16th 11.30am-12.30pm</li> </ul>

Children and Families centre Ripon, Clothierholme road, HG42DE (attached to the Outwood Academy, Ripon)  
The Coach stop can be used for parking during our session



These in person sessions are **free** and open to families living in the North East and Yorkshire NHS region.

<https://daisychainproject.co.uk/parent-coffee-mornings-ripon/>

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## Office & Community

**Arbor** If you have not been able to access the Arbor App or feel that you are not receiving school communications please email the school office so we can help.  
[admin@htceschools.co.uk](mailto:admin@htceschools.co.uk).

**Parentpay** Please can Parentpay accounts be credited prior to their child having school lunches. Accounts should be topped up to cover the cost of all school lunches taken unless you are in receipt of Free school meals. Those that are new to the school or those that have moved up to Juniors, will have received an activation letter. If you have not received a letter or you are having difficulty accessing the system, please contact the school office.



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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

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THE FEDERATION OF HOLY TRINITY SCHOOLS

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Has your child  
had their eyes  
tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information  
on looking after your child's eyes and  
booking an eye test for children

Children  
in North  
Yorkshire should  
visit an optician  
for a free eye  
test

### When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

### How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

### What will it cost?

**Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests.** If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost.**

### Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **avoid** or **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.



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## Holy Trinity Church



### Ladies' Social Evening

Fri Sep 20, 2024  
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM  
The Ripon Inn



### Men's Breakfast

Sat Sep 21, 2024  
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM  
Holy Trinity Church - Arches



### 9.00 am Holy Communion

Sun Sep 22, 2024  
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM  
Holy Trinity Church



### 10.30 Holy Communion

Sun Sep 22, 2024  
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM  
Holy Trinity Church - Nave



### Little Fishes

Mon Sep 23, 2024  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Rooms 1 & 2



### Renew Ripon

Mon Sep 23, 2024  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Holy Trinity Church - Coffee Area



### St John Ambulance

Mon Sep 23, 2024  
5:15 PM - 8:00 PM  
Rooms 1 & 2



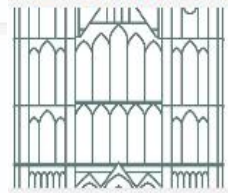
### Breakfast Club

Tue Sep 24, 2024  
8:10 AM - 9:00 AM  
Holy Trinity Church - Arches



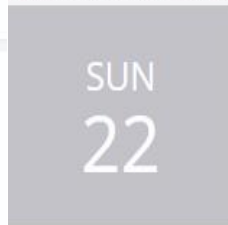
### Family Church

Sun Sep 22, 2024  
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM  
Holy Trinity Church Rooms 1&2



### Friends of Ripon Cathedral Lecture

Sun Sep 22, 2024  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



### Walk & Talk/Stay & Say

Sun Sep 22, 2024  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Holy Trinity Church



### Daily Morning Prayer - Zoom

Mon Sep 23, 2024  
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM  
Online - Zoom



### Little Fishes

Mon Sep 9, 2024  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Spa Park



### Renew Ripon - Claro Lounge This Week only

Mon Sep 9, 2024  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Holy Trinity Church - Coffee Area



### St John Ambulance

Mon Sep 9, 2024  
5:15 PM - 8:00 PM  
Rooms 1 & 2



### Lydia Prayer Group

Tue Sep 10, 2024  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Tower Room



### Tuesday Prayer Group

Tue Sep 10, 2024  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Holy Trinity Church - Room 3