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**'The Best for Every Child -a Unique Child of God'**  
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Dear Parent / Carers

Our Christian Value this term is **Perseverance**.

Our Ethos Statement this week is: *"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and protector of faith."* Hebrews 12:1-2

### Training Days for 2025/26

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Mon/Tue 20/21<sup>st</sup> July**

### Spring Term

Last week we enjoyed a wonderful Art Week with the theme We Have Far More in Common, and the children produced some fantastic work. This week, they have continued to develop their ideas and complete pieces for display. The creativity, effort and pride the children have shown has been brilliant to see, and it all comes together in our art gallery after school today. I would like to thank all staff for their time, care and enthusiasm in supporting Art Week, and in particular Mrs Thornton, whose organisation and vision have been central to making the week such a success.

This week, Year 5 also enjoyed a planetarium experience, which enhanced their learning and brought their understanding of space to life. The presenter commented on how polite and engaged both the children (and staff!) were throughout. Experiences like these enrich the curriculum and help to spark curiosity and deepen learning.

In the coming week, starting today, letters will be sent to families with details of our new school app, so please check your child's bag. This is being introduced in response to feedback from parents who told us they would like all school communication in one clear and user friendly place. The app will grow gradually over time, with more features added slowly, so please bear with us as it develops.

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## Pupil of the Week

<p>RB</p> <p>In RB class this week we have chosen Bea Cosgrove-Hines as our pupil of the week. Bea has been working incredibly hard especially with her handwriting and the presentation of her writing. Bea has been following our STAR listening and remaining focussed on the task in hand. Keep up the good work! Well done! 😊</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>In RC, our pupil of the week is Mila Hawkyard. Mila has been working really hard in maths this week, putting her hand up to answer questions and doing some excellent independent work in her book. Mila also volunteered to be the vicar in our reenactment of a baptism in RE and did a lovely and respectful job. Well done, Mila! 😊</p>
<p>1T</p> <p>1T's pupil of the week is Sophie. Sophie has been working hard in Phonics to learn our new sounds. Her confidence in blending sounds has really improved and she is becoming more fluent with her reading. Sophie is also becoming more confident during lessons and will sometimes share her answers. She also impressed me with her water colour painting for Art Week. Well done Sophie! 😊</p>	<p>1RC</p> <p>Our pupil of the week is Hendrix Child. Hendrix has impressed us this week on our visit to Holy Trinity Church. Hendrix listened carefully to Mrs Swann and participated in a respectful and responsible manner. Hendrix is also incredibly creative during discovery time, designing and making a variety of models and inventions. Well done Hendrix! 😊</p>
<p>2J</p> <p>2J have had another great week in school. They have been whizzing through learning how to multiply in maths and have been demonstrating some wonderful rhythms in music. However, my pupil of the week is Arabelle. Arabelle earnt her pen licence a couple of weeks ago and since then her writing has gone from strength to strength. She's been using adjectives, verbs, adverbs and sentence openers in her work to great effect and she's learning her times tables very well in maths also. Arabelle has great focus and stamina when working independently. Keep it up Arabelle! 😊</p>	<p>2S</p> <p>We have chosen Theo Newsome as our pupil of the week in 2S. We've been so impressed with the effort Theo has been putting into his work this term, especially his English. He's written some fantastic sentences and read them out really clearly to the class. He also wowed us with his knowledge of times tables and has flown through the questions in maths this week. Keep up all your fabulous work Theo, we're really proud! Well done! 😊</p>
<p>3R</p> <p>This week, AJ is our pupil of the week in 3F. He has shown a fantastic understanding of a wide range of imagery in our English lessons and has applied them to his own writing, making it exciting and engaging for his reader. He has even been reading a dictionary at times in order to develop his vocabulary, and he loves to share new words with the class! During all lessons, AJ shows brilliant star listening and always puts his hands up with great ideas and questions about our topics- his enthusiasm for learning is fantastic! Keep it up AJ ! 😊</p>	<p>3W</p> <p>This week in 3W we have chosen Josh as our pupil of the week. Josh is an always child, making good choices and always producing his best work. I have been particularly impressed with his English work where we have been writing about our topic of the Stone Age. Josh has an excellent writing style and this week his work has included simile, metaphor, personification and onomatopoeia. Well done Josh, keep up the good work. 😊</p>

<p>4W</p> <p>Well done to Gracie Skaife, 4W's pupil of the week! Gracie is a fantastic member of our class and is always enthusiastic in everything she does at school. This week, she has been working extremely hard, tackling tricky perimeter problems and making a super start to our unit on persuasive writing. She has also demonstrated her fantastic creativity in art. Gracie is always keen to join in with class discussions, and in RE, I am particularly impressed with how she makes thoughtful links between Christian values and everyday life. Well done, Gracie 😊</p>	<p>4S</p> <p>This week in 4S our Pupil of the Week is Thomas! Thomas has really shown lots of effort in all of our lessons this week. He particularly has impressed us with his growing independence and perseverance when things don't go right the first time. In computing, Thomas kept trying and experimenting with different things until he figured out what to do! He was able to create and draw different numbers by giving the computer instructions, which was tricky and required us to keep trying again when things went wrong! Well done Thomas, keep up the super work! 😊</p>
<p>5L</p> <p>My 5L Pupil of the Week is Alfie Hopkinson for a brilliant effort with his learning this week. I have been particularly impressed with the quality of Alfie's English work as part of our poetry unit based on The Highwayman. Alfie has used wonderful descriptive sentences to help paint a picture in the reader's mind. I know how proud Alfie is of his writing as well, this week! Alfie has also shown great enthusiasm in our Science lessons, learning about Earth and Space and becoming fully immersed in our Planetarium experience this week. Well done Alfie, I want to see your confidence grow and grow! 😊</p>	<p>5K</p> <p>I have chosen Phoebe Munden as pupil of the week for her brilliant narrative description about the Highwayman this week. She has tried incredibly hard to include a variety of features to make her writing more descriptive and has used high level vocabulary to create imagery in the reader's mind. She also read her work out beautifully to the class. Well done Phoebe! 😊</p>
<p>6C</p> <p>Sebbie Wilson for his great work in Year 6. This week he has put in effort into all tasks, including cracking the algebraic code by writing and understanding formula written in algebra. He has also made some thoughtful comments when discussing the lessons and messages from Bible stories. Sebbie has also added his artistic flare to aid in the production of our collaborative art task for the art exhibition. Keep up the super work Sebbie - well done! 😊</p>	<p>6E</p> <p>Erin is our pupil of the week this week. I have really enjoyed seeing her confidence grow and recently she has been putting up her hand a lot more, offering thoughts and (most importantly) asking for help or reassurance when she needs it. As a result, her work is always improving, especially in her writing, and she knows it too. The improvements she has made are ones I would like her to continue with throughout the remainder of the year. Well done, Erin and keep it up! 😊</p>

### **Dates for your diary**

Fri 6 Feb – Number Day (see below)

w/c 9 Feb – Childrens' mental health week

Fri 13 Feb – Dress to Express (dress down day)

w/c Mon 16 Feb – half term

Tue 24 to Fri 27 Feb – Scholastic Book Fair

Tue 3 Mar – Yr 3 and 4 Maths Stay and Play (see below)

Thur 5 Mar – World Book Day (costume/dress down, info to follow)

Tue 10 Mar – Year 1 trip to Nell Bank

Wed 11 to Fri 13 Mar – Year 5 residential to Newby Wiske  
Fri 13 Mar – Year 3 trip to Tropical World  
Wed 18 Mar – Parents Consultations (later)  
Thur 19 Mar – Parents Consultations (early)  
Tue 31 Mar – Year 4 trip to Murton Park

### **Y3 and Y4 Maths Stay and Play**

After half term on **Tuesday 3rd March**, we will be hosting a Maths stay and play for Y3 and Y4 parents/carers. This is an annual event to learn more about how and why we teach times tables in school, and for you to have the opportunity to play some games with the children and get some ideas for further support at home to help the children learn their times tables.

The session will comprise of a presentation by Mrs Casling (Maths lead) 9.00 - 9.20am in the hall, then an opportunity to get into class and play some maths games and try some activities with the children until 10.00am. We'd love it if you can join us.

### **Number Day – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Advance notice! On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, we will be celebrating Number Day, an annual event at Holy Trinity. The day involves lots of number fun in school, and this year we are teaming up with Science to think about all the links between maths and science.

You can go 'all out' with a costume and come as a coin, a calculator, a dice, something science themed...or just wear something with a number on it - a football shirt, a t-shirt, make a creative headpiece - whatever you're comfortable in 😊



### **PTA Provisional dates**

**Monday 9th Feb - Friday 13th Feb: Children's mental health week** - we will be selling a range of positive affirmations for children to buy for themselves or for friends.

**Friday 27th Feb - Love yourself Disco** (4:30-5:30 for Reception & KS1 5:45-7pm for KS2)

**Thursday 5th March - World Book Day** + bring in gifts for Mothers and Others gift shop

**Monday 9th March - Mothers & Others gift shop event**

**Wednesday 1st April - Easter Egg healthy heroes whodunnit treasure hunt** - after school

**Sun 28th June -Summer Fair**

**Fri 19th June** - Fathers' Day -thanks for helping me grow plant event (TBC)

**Friday 19th June - World Cup disco**

### **Advance diary dates**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Class photos

Sports week will be w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June bad weather back up)

Y5/6 - Mon am

Y3/4 - Tue am

Y1/2 - Wed am

Rec - Fri am