



## Diary Dates

### December

**Friday 15th**—Last day of term

**Saturday 16th**— FOTS Christmas fair

**Saturday 16th**— 4:30– 6:30pm—Christmas Disco—years 4, 5 and 6.

### January

**Tuesday 2nd**—Back to school

**Friday 12th**—Parent book look at new Learning Enquiry Journals

**Tuesday 16th**—Parents Meeting—Year 6 SATS

**Thursday 18th**—Author Visit—Andy seed

**Saturday 20th**— FOTS –Animal encounters experience

### February

**Friday 2nd**—FOTS Quiz( more information to come)

**Saturday 3rd**—FOTS Football Fun Session

**WB 5TH-9TH**—Children's Mental Health Week

**Wednesday 7th**—Safer Internet Day

**Friday 9th**—Last day for half term

**WB 12th—16th**—Half Term Holiday

**Monday 9th**—First day back to school

**Saturday 24th**—FOTS Chocolate Pizza Making

### March

**Wednesday 7th**—World Book Day

**Saturday 9th**— FOTS Tie Dye Session

**Friday 15th**—Red Nose Day

**Wednesday 27th**—Easter Play time tbc

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Trinity,

I don't think we have ever had so many festive events on as we have had this year.

Christmas in schools is such a special time and it has been great to see the children experience so much, love, joy and goodwill towards each other, across the school, as well as the wider community.

From carols in IKEA and care homes, to raising money for our Edukid school in Cambodia, the real message of Christmas has been put into action across the whole school community.

My prayer at this time of year for all of our families at Trinity, is a chance for you all to experience the love, joy, peace and kindness that helps us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Please take some time together as a family to enjoy each other at this magical time, that often, only children help us to see.

Have a Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Owen Wilder  
Headteacher



### Trinity church Sunday services

**9am at Trinity Primary School**

Children stay with adults most of the time and go into groups for the sermon. First Sunday of the month is an all-age service.

**10.30am at Clyst Heath Primary School**

Crèche and children's groups available for most of the service. First Sunday of the month is an all-age service.

### Celebrating achievements

Our value this term is Generosity. The last two weeks we have celebrated lots of children who have been showing our values in action. We also celebrated Sporting Achievements.. Well done to all these amazing children!



Winning house colour this half term is RED!



### Lunch Reminder

Don't forget you can start making your lunch orders from 5pm tonight! You need to login to your gateway app and click diners, make booking. These will be to be on the app for the first week back before we return. I will be unable to chase dinners for that week so any children that have not ordered will have to be packed lunch.



### Bee Happy Club Bookings

Bee Happy Club booking will be going LIVE tonight. Please make sure you book breakfast and afterschool club for the first week back. Failure to book means we can not guarantee a space on the day and you may be turned away at the door. Our numbers are very tight and staffed accordingly.

Payments will need to be made a point of booking as always.



### Newcourt Community Centre Christmas Activities

#### Christmas Disco Party – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5-7pm

Fun for the youngsters with family and friends. Get your party gear on and head down for some Christmas Disco tunes, including party games, face painting and refreshments.

Aimed at 4-11yr olds. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets £4.  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/newcourt-community-centre>

#### Christmas Lego Club -

Thursday 21st December 10am - 12noon £2 donation on door.

A chance to get creative and have Lego fun together! Refreshments available - we also have Lego packs for sale. There will be ideas on how to make Christmas trees, reindeer, sleighs, presents...and more. Pop by - see what you can create!

#### The Tales of Robin Hood

Friday 22nd December 11am

On sale now £3 a ticket – all children receive a free gift to take home!

Book up for a family theatre treat. Puppetry fun for everyone!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/newcourt-community-centre/t-lnzgva>

**Christmas Party Fun**  
Monday 18th Dec  
5pm-7pm Tickets £4  
Christmas Disco tunes, party games, face painting and refreshments. Ages 4-11

**Lego Club Fun for All**  
Thursday 21st Dec  
10am - 12noon  
£2 donation on door  
Fun Christmas themed ideas, refreshments and prizes.

**The Tales of Robin Hood Friday 22nd Dec**  
Be swept along in the adventure as dynamic puppetry and colourful acting bring these much loved tales to life.  
11:00AM Doors open 10.50am.  
All tickets £3. Fun for all the family! Scan Me

Tickets bookable online via Ticketsource or call us on 01392 873560

We have termly meetings with the Educational Welfare Officer to ensure we are maintaining required levels of attendance and supporting families when required. Schools attendance levels need to be at 95% or above. Our current attendance level is **96.22%**

**Reporting an absence** - If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office on 01392 790151 before 9am on the first day of absence— please do not call the caretakers mobile for this reason. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please allow **48 hours** before he/she returns to school.

### Attendance

Follow us on Facebook @TrinityPrimaryExeter to keep up to date with all the latest school news!

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



# Christmas 2023



### EDU KID

At our school instead of charging for tickets to see our nativities we ask for a donation to help towards our twined village in Cambodia. The money goes towards helping pay for teaching, resources and clothing in the local school.

We have set up a QR code and link for if you would rather pay by card to show how much you enjoyed the children's performances.

<https://pay.collctiv.com/edukid-41968>



Scan to Pay

EduKid

## Learning update

### Owlets Nursery



Over the past few weeks in the nursery we have been getting into the Christmas spirit and immersing ourselves into our learning enquiry 'How do people celebrate Christmas?' We have shared the story of the nativity and the children have been practicing their singing and actions ready for our performance. We even had a practice on the stage before showcasing our beautiful skills in front of all of our grownups!

Within the provision the children have been designing and creating a range of Christmas decorations and crafts, using skills such as drawing, colouring, cutting, sticking and painting. We have been supporting the children to keep going when these skills get tricky, using our metacognition tools to support resilience and learning.

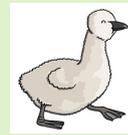
We have read ALOT of Christmas themed story books, using our book advent. including a story called the Christmas Pine, all about the journey of a pine tree at Christmas time!

Well done, Owlets! What a fabulous end to 2023, thank you for being the loveliest cohort and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!





Learning update  
Foundation classes



Over the last 2 weeks we have been exploring our new learning experience and working towards answering the question 'Why do some Christians take part in Nativity plays?' The children have been busy rehearsing their own Nativity play but before we got started, the children learned that not everyone in the world has the same Christmas traditions as we do in the United Kingdom. Mrs Trevelyan talked to us about her experience living in Greece and that at Christmas time they decorate boats with beautiful lights. We read the book 'Joy to the World- Christmas around the world' and discovered how even more counties like Finland, Columbia and Ethiopia celebrate differently at Christmas time.

The children have been learning about the first Christmas and the true meaning behind it. They have listened to stories about the Nativity and explored who the characters are. As well as this the children have learned about Advent and even got the opportunity to make a Christingle! We can't wait until we finally perform our Nativity for all of you.





## Learning update

### Year 1 classes



We have had a fantastic few weeks in Year 1!

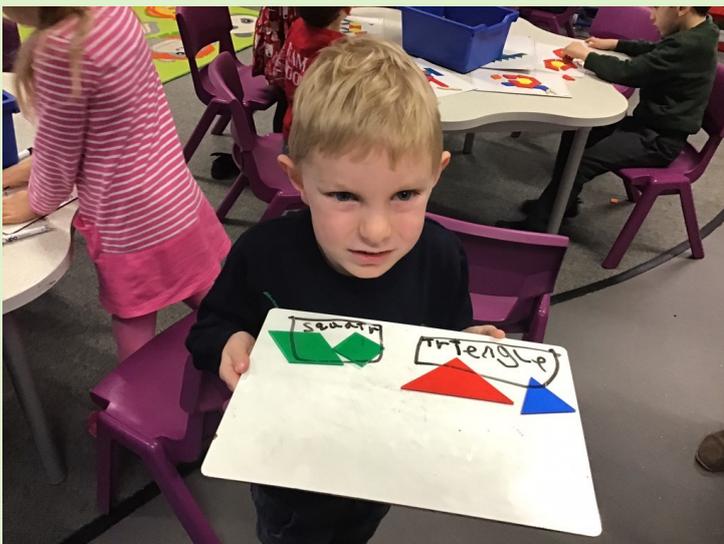
Our practise paid off as we had our amazing Nativity this week which was such a success, thank you for all who attended and for the children - they had put in so much hard work and were so brave on the day in front of such a big audience!

We have completed our learning enquiry of 'Can I capture my memories using digital technology'. The children were all recorded saying the memories which they had ordered onto a timeline.

This week, we have been 'celebrating differences' in our jigsaw lessons where we have compared similarities and differences between things and people. It discussed what 'unique' means and how it is important this is.

In maths, we have been exploring geometry with 2d and 3d shapes, focusing on their names and properties.

We have also sorted these into groups, i.e. circles | squares.





## Learning update

### Year 2 classes



We cannot believe that we have come to the end of the first term in Year Two. We are very proud of how all the children have embraced Year Two and the new challenges that come with it.

Year 2 have dived into all our learning experiences and have been using the new ACE approach.

This week we have finished our learning experience 'How has Exeter High Street changed?' We have worked as history detectives to explore the different eras of Romans, Victorians, wartime and now. We have found out lots of interesting facts about Victorian and wartime Exeter and how the high street changed dramatically after the Exeter Blitz. We have then used our knowledge to create a timeline with key features, dates and photos. Why not ask your child for an interesting fact?

In our Maths over the last 2 weeks we have been focusing on shapes and their properties. We have been identifying, sorting and classifying both 2D and 3D shapes. We have used lolly pop sticks to help us remember how many sides a shape has and used marshmallows and cocktail sticks to help us remember about the vertices. We have also looked at symmetry in shape. Shapes are all around so why not have a shape walk and see which ones you can spot?

We have loved all the activities that this festive time brings and have enjoyed learning about the nativity story in RE. We also enjoyed our Christmas jumper day and the Christmas lunch. We have also had great fun at the panto in school. The children did a great job with our Christmas sing-a-long. We hope you enjoyed it.

Amazing learning Year 2 and we wish all of you a peaceful and happy holiday.





## Learning update

### Year 3 classes



As the run up to Christmas continues, our Year 3 have been extremely busy with their learning. Most notably, we have all enjoyed the fantastic school trip to Kents Cavern. The children were exemplary ambassadors for the school. We had a jam-packed schedule. Firstly, we loved learning on the woodland trail. We also handled artefacts, both genuine and replicas. The highlight for many, however, was exploring the cave. We learnt all about stalactites and stalagmites as well as experiencing the pitch black. It was such a memorable experience for our children and they showed their school value of courage in abundance.

Other aspects of our weeks have included drafting and editing our own version of *Stone Age Boy*. The children have wowed us with their historical knowledge which they have woven through their narratives. Keeping with the Stone Age theme, the children have been reading *Stone Circles* in Guided Reading. They have been practising the skill of retrieval to extract information from the text. In addition to this, we have started our maths unit on multiplication and division. The children have understood division as sharing or grouping. They have been brilliant learners, using resources to show their understanding.

As well as this, the children have learnt how to play bench ball. The children worked together to get their whole team to the other side of the court. The children have also learnt about (and have subsequently made) Christingle this week in Collective Worship.





## Learning update

### Year 4 classes



Children have now finished their final write and decided as to whether King Alfred did or did not deserve his title as 'great'. They have produced a balanced argument, explaining the positive and negative things during King Alfred's reign, using primary and secondary sources to support this argument. Children have used adverbials of place, time, and manner, as well as nouns and pronouns to create this argument. Our trip to Tiverton museum was a huge success, and the children really enjoyed looking at some of the artefacts related to the Anglo-Saxons.

In maths, we have had a consolidation week. Our learning has recapped and all learning from this term, including addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, shape, and place value. In our number sense programme, we are continuing with our 5 times-tables which will continue when we come back in January.

Our ball skills sessions with Mr Bayliss have allowed children to progress really well, playing netball and basketball matches in some small-sided games. Children have really showed their understanding by demonstrating the pivot to create passing opportunities and worked on their dribbling skills without double-dribbling.

We are also coming to the end of our music topic of composing and religion topic of Hinduism. Finally, we have finished our guided reading this week with a story about the history of Christmas.

As we come to the end of this term, we would just like to say a massive well done to everyone in year 4. The work ethic and enthusiasm has been fantastic, and we are already looking forward to getting back into it after the Christmas break.





## Learning update

### Year 5 classes



We've had a fantastic last couple of weeks in Year 5! The classes have had a great time learning about the ancient Greeks. We have learnt that ancient Greece was a civilisation made up of multiple city-states, looked at the weird and wonderful world of the Greek Gods and Goddesses, learnt about what life was like in ancient Greece, compared the ancient Greek Olympics with the modern Olympics, and the development of early democracy in Athens.

For our final outcome of our learning enquiry the children have written some fantastic 'myths' set in ancient Greece, bringing in aspects of their learning into their narratives. The children have been learning to use expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions in their writing.

To finish off the children have designed their own ancient Greek pottery featuring their heroes and mythical creatures from their myths. Alongside this we have been making great progress learning to add and subtract fractions!

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit with a fantastic pantomime visit, and have been having great fun practising for our Christmas singalong which was a great success last night!

We hope everyone has a fantastic and well deserved Christmas holiday!





## Learning update

### Year 6—Kestrels

It has been such a positive term in Kestrels and the class have worked so hard. Most of the last two weeks have been spent researching World War 2 and writing our final piece on an event that they thought of as being pivotal and significant. The writing has been fantastic with the class writing as experts on a range of events including Dunkirk, D-Day, The Battle of Midway, Pearl Harbour and El Alamein.

As well as this, as mathematicians, we have been developing our understanding of Ratio. This is often a bit of a step up in Year 6 learning but the class have been incredible and have got to grips with it really well.

Outside of this, the class have been getting into the Christmas spirit – we have done some wonderful singing and it was great to finish the term with a sing song on Thursday afternoon.

The class have been wonderful this term and have made an incredible start to Year 6. I hope they all get a restful break and are ready for 2024.



## Pearl Harbour

On December 7th, 1941, a pivotal turning point took place in Hawaii. This important event is known as the attack on Pearl Harbour. The devastating turning point changed the course of the war. In this explanation text, you will explore what Pearl Harbour was, why it happened, and the results it had on the war.



Pearl Harbour was a United States naval base located on the island of Oahu. The attack on Pearl Harbour was a military surprise attack carried out by the ruler of Japan - Hideki Tojo. Their aim was to stop the United States from interfering with their future plans of taking places in the Pacific.

So, why did the attack on Pearl Harbour happen? Japan wanted to resume it's chances of taking over the Pacific. They believed that by wounding Hawaii, America couldn't send an army to stop them from taking over the Pacific. The attack on Pearl Harbour was planned for months before they did it!



The results of the attack on Pearl Harbour were significant. The Japanese were able to sink many battleships and destroy lots of aircrafts. More than 2400 people were killed and 1100 injured. This act of aggression led America to join the war.



In conclusion, the attack on Pearl Harbour was a major turning point in WWII. It happened because Japan wanted to weaken America so that they wouldn't interfere with their future plans of taking over the Pacific. The results were that America joined with renewed determination. This event changed the course of the war and contributed to the Allied victory.

## The Battle Of Midway

On the 3rd of June to the 7th, 1942, the battle of Midway took place in the Pacific Ocean. It was mainly fought in the air and had huge consequences on the war. This decisive battle was fought between the Imperial Japanese Navy and the US Pacific fleet. Over the four day battle, there were three thousand, three hundred and seventy-four casualties and from both sides. The battle had a lasting effect on both sides until the end of the war. The Americans lost many ships, but not as many as the Japanese did. In this explanation text, we will be looking at why the battle happened, what happened and the results the battle had on the war.

