

Weekly Newsletter

18th March 2024

We are committed to safeguarding children.


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Attendance Update

Unfortunately our whole school attendance continues to take a downturn and we are sad to learn that our school is now in the bottom 10% of schools nationally.

Please help us to increase our attendance. Our Attendance Special has been emailed out to all parents - please read it carefully. Click on the newsletter image to go straight to the webpage.

So far our best monthly average has been 93.9%. Can we beat this in March?



ATTENDANCE SPECIAL
Spring 2024

Welcome to our first attendance newsletter of the year: the aim is to promote the importance of attendance across the school community. It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children's attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers.

You may have heard in the press that there is currently an attendance crisis in the UK. Overall absence in schools in England has risen more than 50% since 2019, while persistent absence – when pupils miss 10% or more of sessions – has more than doubled, prompting widespread concern and a range of interventions by government ministers.

We have had a visit from our newly appointed Attendance Officer at Torbay Council. The profile of attendance is a key priority for schools and as such they have instructed us to start to implement stricter measures for unauthorised absences of 5 days or more.


Our school is... currently in the **bottom 10%** of schools across the country for pupil attendance which is very concerning.

I have attached a table of pupil numbers in each category for each year group.

	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	82.5 %	90.8 %	82.4 %	90.3 %	88.4 %	81.1 %	88.8 %
Persistently Absent	7	6	7	2	3	8	4
Below average	8	3	15	2	6	11	2
Excellent	12	9	16	17	17	13	16
100%	1	1	1	6	7	2	3

The school is also being monitored closely by the Educational Welfare Officer. Support will be offered to all families where attendance is causing a concern. However where this does not have a positive effect on a child's attendance then we have no option other than to follow the Local Authority's legal route.

**Our School
Attendance Target
is 96%**



News!

Work began to install new play equipment and soft surface this week!

Some children were sad to see the old equipment go and there were tears but it has been exciting to watch the workmen at playtimes and we are looking forward to having lots of new fun on the new play equipment when it is completed!



What we did last Week!

OLOTA 0 - 2 Warberry

OLOTA 1 - 2 Warberry

The team played in wet and muddy conditions, but that didn't put them off. They got stuck in and were very unfortunate to lose. Player of the match, Nadia, demonstrated great dribbling skills to relieve the defence of any pressure and was very unlucky not to score. Today's captain Zenna had a very good game in midfield and demonstrated good leadership qualities. Our only goal came from Charlotte, her shot was well struck from inside the box and was unstoppable. Today we decided to try players in different positions, the girls played very well and should be pleased with how well they are progressing. The girls now focus on their league game on Monday.



This week's Gospel Value

Integrity



Jesus told us we needed to 'practise what we preach'. Not just say the right thing but do it too! Integrity is when we do this even when we know no-one is looking - doing the right thing for the right reason!

Sometimes it can be hard to tell the truth, especially when we've got something wrong or made the wrong choice.

Can you make sure that all your words are truthful every single day this week?

Dear God ,

Please help me to match my actions to my sense of right and wrong.

Please help me to be more like Jesus, always having integrity and always being truthful and honest.

Amen

PTA Fundraising

On Friday, the children were invited to take part in Crazy Hair Day to support our Easter raffle by bringing in Easter treats.

The children looked fantastic with their wacky hair and really enjoyed seeing how their friends had decided to come into school.

Thank you for your donations and for supporting the school. Raffle tickets available every day after school.

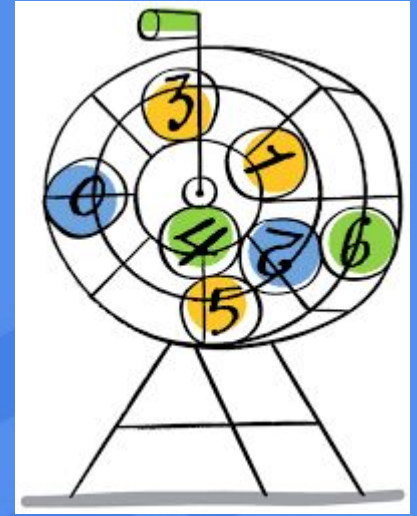


PTA Fundraising

Tickets for the Easter Raffle will be on sale after school this week.
£1 a strip



It's not too late to join in with the family bingo, taking place on Friday 22nd March 4-6pm.
Tickets available.



PTA Fundraising

1,2,3,4, we declare a penny war.

Each child will have a bottle or jar in class, the class that raises the most money will be rewarded with a special treat.

Ready, steady, go!!

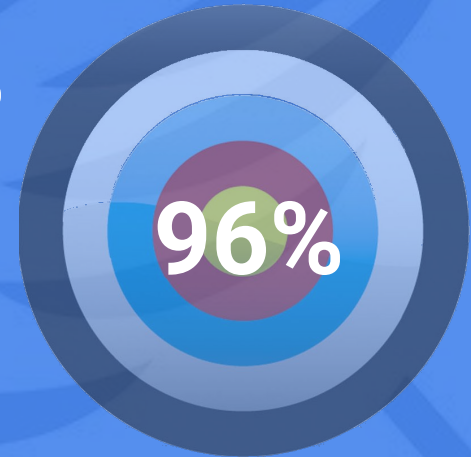




Whole school attendance this week 93.8%

Current overall attendance 92.7%

This week's trend ↓0.7%



Holy Angels After school Club



A reminder that After School Club will **NOT** be available on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March.

Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.



House Points - Weekly



Bevan House

697

Stephenson House

504

Pankhurst House

804

Thompson House

551



Awards last week

Class R

Maisie H
Aimee
Regan

Class 1

Emeliya
Ashwin
Damian

Class 2

Oceana
Olivia
Milly C

Awards last week

Class 3

Jeremy

Autumn

Alana

Class 4

Beren

Ayla

Isaac

Class 5

James

Finn

Nadia

Class 6

Sid

Mehak

Olivia

Holy Angels After school Club



If you require an After school club place for your child in Holy Angels Pre-school, it is important that you book them in prior to your child arriving at the pre-school door. After School club has a maximum number of children it can accept and there are occasions when it has been full and places are not available. Also, for your child's safety, it is important that Pre-school know to expect your child.

Further to the above, please let the school know if you have booked your child into After School club at Holy Angels Pre-school. Again, for their safety we need to know where the children are going at the end of each day.

School Meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.65.

All meals must be ordered by midnight the day before via ParentPay.

Please note that parents whose children are entitled to Free school meals or universal infant free school meals must also order their children's lunches in advance.

Summer - After School Clubs Yr R-6

Monday - Multi Skills/Sports R,1,2,

Tuesday- Basketball 3,4,5,6

Wednesday - Boys Football 3,4,5,6

Thursday - Girls football 3,4,5,6

Friday - Cricket 4,5,6

The clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account now.



Nut free school!



Please be reminded that the school is a nut free zone.

Please check your child's packed lunch before sending it in. Children are not permitted to eat products containing nuts on the premises.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe, resulting in anaphylaxis. This can be life-threatening.

We insist on the school being a nut free zone to protect the children in our school who have this life threatening allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.

Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be.

[More information here!](#)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 26th March	Class photographs- Tempest photography
Thursday 28th March	Way of the Cross led by year 6
Thursday 28th March	Celebration assembly 2.30 p.m.
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holidays
Monday 15th April	School re-opens



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