Holy Trinity is a truly inspirational community where relationships and behaviour, based on clear Christian values, are exemplary.

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# HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### Dear Parent,

As the Diocesan Bishop of Leeds I am delighted to welcome your child to this church school, within the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

Education is at the heart of the church's mission and I am confident that at this church school your child will enjoy a high quality education within a distinctive Christian context. Our schools reflect the inclusive nature of the love of God by reflecting and celebrating the diversity of the communities within which they are located and establishing values and behaviours rooted in faith.

I am proud of the church's historic commitment to provide schools for local families within local communities. The distinctive and inclusive ethos of this school will create a firm foundation which will prepare your child both educationally and personally for their journey into adult life.

I share my interest in, and commitment to, the life of this church school with your local Area Bishop whom I am sure will become a familiar face to you and your child within the school community.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your child at this exciting time of your family's life. May God bless you and your family.

The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines Bishop of Leeds

## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL



It is with great pleasure that I am able to welcome you to our school family. Over the next few years we hope to get to know your child as well as you do, provide them with the best education and help nurture and develop their personal and social skills. In order for us to achieve this, we need your help.

You, as a parent, play a crucial and vital role in your child's education and the school firmly acknowledges this. Our school works as a team in which parents, carers, children, staff and governors are all involved in the education of our children.

We believe that children learn best in a positive, encouraging, safe and secure atmosphere. We invite you to work alongside us and be a part of your child's school life and a part of our school family. Your continuing interest in your child's education is the key to both your child and our school making progress. During the school year there are opportunities for you to visit the school, discuss your child's progress, join in activities and if you wish to offer your help and skills, this is always most appreciated.

It is important that your child becomes an independent, successful and confident learner during their time in primary school. We will do everything we can to fulfil our responsibilities and help your child reach their potential. Our school's aims and philosophy are summarised in our Mission Statement. You are most welcome to come along and visit, or ask any questions, I will be delighted to help!

We look forward to working in partnership with you as together we can ensure your child has the best possible start in life. A child only gets one chance and here at Holy Trinity we do firmly believe that every child matters. We have received a number of awards over the last few years and these, along with staff dedication and hard work, ensure we continue to aim for outstanding status.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E A Whetham & all staff of Holy Trinity Primary School







## COMPLIMENTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY



It is always humbling to receive positive feedback from parents, friends and the wider community. It gives me great pleasure to share some of these with you.

"What a fantastic afternoon. The Country Fayre was brilliant, good weather, plenty to do, and marvellous Morris dancers, it couldn't have been better!"

#### LOCAL RESIDENT

"Your students who came to visit us on Thursday were absolutely brilliant. I was blown away by their level of French and their enthusiasm, I hope they enjoyed the experience"

#### LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

"The year 4 trip to Trinity Fold Care home last week was an absolute pleasure. The staff and residents thought our

children were delightful and commented how proud we must be to have such wonderfully behaved children"

### STAFF MEMBER

"What a super harvest service. The children were delightful. They spoke clearly and with confidence and the singing was just lovely, the best I've heard in ages. Please thank the staff for their hard work, and the children for their superb behaviour. I left the church feeling uplifted and proud to be associated with Holy Trinity"

GOVERNOR AND MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY AND ST JUDE'S CHURCH

"I just wanted to say how impressed everyone in the museum was with your pupils today. The front of house staff commented that they were well mannered, bright and lovely and Lyn said it was one of the most enjoyable days teaching she has done in a long time"

## ABBEY HOUSE MUSEUM

"Just want to say a huge thank you to your 'gifted and talented children' who attended the after school drama workshop. They are outstanding in their performance and drama skills"

EXTERNAL DRAMA TEACHER





Lighting the way
to a brighter future...



## OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS



We are immensely proud of our school building and grounds. We have 18 teaching rooms, each equipped with an interactive whiteboard, 7 group rooms, a large hall and apse which can be divided into 3 separate teaching areas, a large resource centre including a library, a nurture suite and 31 place ICT suite. Although our building is on two floors, both are accessible from ground level due to the slope on the land. We also have an internal lift and a well equipped medical room.

Each class has the laptop suite of computers twice a week and we have IPADS shared across school to use within the classroom environment.

We have separate outside play areas for nursery and reception, and a large playground and trim trail. The playground has numerous markings, based on the national curriculum, which enable the children to learn at playtime and can be utilised for outside lessons. In addition we have a large sports field, and a MUGA pitch that is used for PE, after school clubs, and sports activities.

We have a fantastic outdoor 'Nature Area' with woodland and wheelchair/buggy friendly path. There is also a wildlife pond, bug houses and animal habitats for the children to enhance their knowledge of the natural world around us.

We have a 'Reflection Garden' providing a quiet peaceful area for children and adults to enjoy, and a picnic area for outdoor learning. The exceedingly high quality new building and resources now provide a truly inspirational place, where children learn and shine.

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## THE CURRICULUM



As an academy, we are able to constantly review and adapt the curriculum to suit our learners whilst covering the Foundation Stage Early Learning Goals, the National Curriculum, National Numeracy and Literacy Strategies. In Foundation Stages, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children will experience a range of teaching approaches which includes whole class, group or individual teaching depending on their individual needs and the subject being taught.

An emphasis is placed on gaining literacy and numeracy skills. The governors have agreed policies and schemes of work for all foundation and core subjects. All children, irrespective of their gender or racial heritage have the same opportunities and access to the school curriculum.

I wanted to thank you and my daughter's class teacher for the invitation to come and work with her in an R.E lesson. What a fabulous lesson. I was amazed at the children's knowledge and how lucky the children are to have such a gifted and inspiring teacher, who is so enthusiastic about learning.

PARENT







## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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Religious Education has a very important part in our school curriculum and is central to the life of our school. At the time of admission the Governors indicate to parents that there is an expectation that their child will attend Religious Education and take an appropriate part in worship at school. As this is a Church of England Academy, the curriculum includes some specifically Anglican teachings.

Parents have the right to apply, in writing, for their child to be excused from both Religious Education and Collective Worship; they must apply to the Governors through the Headteacher.

In this Church of England school it will be difficult for pupils to avoid the strong Christian tradition being evidenced through many subjects and activities. Religious Education is taught in accordance with the recommended Wakefield Diocese, and is based on the Calderdale Agreed Syllabus 2008-13.

Worship is a special and inspirational time in the school day, when the school community come together to celebrate and reflect.





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## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



We have a before and after school club, Trinity Tigers. This chargeable facility is available on application to children from reception to Year 6, and provides extended care from 7.30am to 6.00pm. Each term we run numerous after school clubs for children in Key Stage One and Two.

These vary each term and have included:

- Netball
- Hockey
- Glee
- Story Writing
- Homework
- Gardening
- Clay Modelling
- Science
- Music
- Art Club
- Debating
- Scrabble

... and many more

the curriculum offers pupils the appropriate breadth of study, much of which is improved by well attended clubs after school and educational visits planned for all pupils. 33







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# LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY

AMARY SCHOOL

The school has an active Friends of Holy Trinity Primary School Association. All parents of the school, including Nursery parents, are members of the Association and are encouraged to take an active part in their activities. We also strongly encourage parents to help in school and would actively support any parent wanting to develop the necessary skills with specific training.

We have strong links with St Judes Church, and other local schools. A Mother and Toddler group is held in our community room every Tuesday afternoon. We run a Playgroup for children over two years old. Holy Trinity have uniformed organisations – Rainbows and Brownies, and Holy Trinity and St Jude's have Guides.

Links with the local church and community are very strong....

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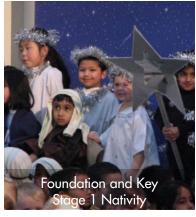
















Parents are extremely pleased with the school and cite 'family values' and 'inclusivity' being at the heart of everything that takes place... ""

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**66** Pupils make outstanding progress in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Their well rounded outlook is shaped by the academy's Christian ethos and values and its positive regard and respect for others whatever their differences in culture and religion... ""

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