



Welcome to

The Trinity CE Primary Academy

With love and faith, we ascend together

Parent Handbook 2025



Team Trinity

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'Good' News for The Trinity

In February 2024, we had the pleasure of welcoming Ofsted into our school and were delighted to retain our 'Good' rating that we have been so proud of over the years.

"The school's motto, 'With faith we live, learn and grow together,' is at the heart of The Trinity Church of England Primary Academy. Pupils know how to treat one another with respect and are keen to share their learning. Parents and pupils alike are positive about the school. Many describe the school as a welcoming community where every pupil is valued as an individual."

Headteacher's Welcome

Choosing the right school for your child can be an exciting but daunting and emotional task. We wanted to take this opportunity to tell you more about our amazing school. It is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend a warm welcome to every one of you to our vibrant learning community at The Trinity CE Primary Academy.

As the Head Teacher, I am thrilled to embark on this journey of growth, discovery, and excellence alongside you.

At The Trinity, we believe in fostering a love for learning in every child. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing a stimulating and supportive environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. At the heart of our ethos are our Christian values: justice, compassion, respect, perseverance, reconciliation and courage. Each and every day we live and breathe our vision of 'With faith we live, learn and grow together'.

Our school is not just a place for academic achievement; it is a vibrant community where friendships are formed, talents are discovered, and memories are made. We encourage active participation in extracurricular activities, sports, and community initiatives, as we believe that these experiences play a crucial role in shaping well-rounded individuals.

As partners in your child's educational journey, we welcome your involvement and support. Together, let us work hand in hand to nurture the potential within each child and prepare them to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Angus Brereton (Headteacher)



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Our Vision Statement

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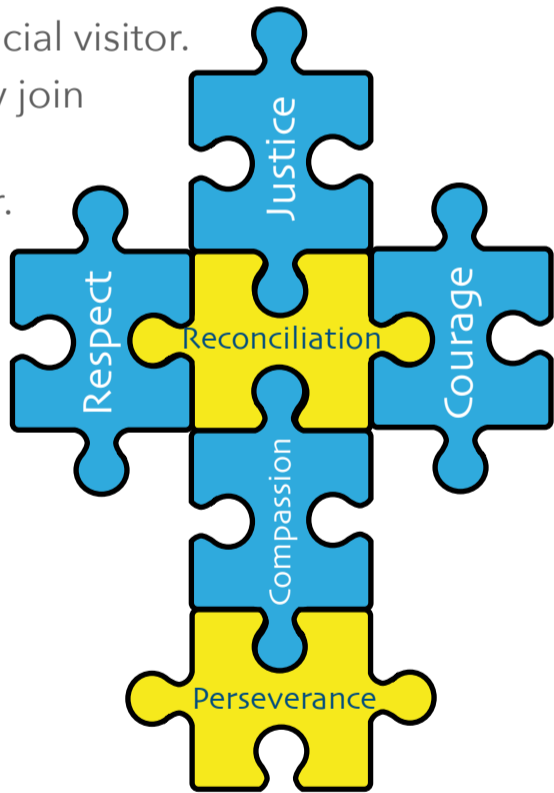
Our Vision Statement and Values

With faith we live, learn and grow together

At Trinity we have a set of values that everyone believes in - **justice, compassion, respect, perseverance, reconciliation and courage.** Our values are like a jigsaw with our vision at the heart - they don't work very well on their own. They are put together to make the sign of the cross as this is the heart of our Christian foundation.

The whole school gathers together at 9am for Collective Worship. This is led by either a member of school staff, members of our Church community or a special visitor.

Reception gradually join Collective Worship throughout the year.



TeamTrinity Code

As well as our school values, at Trinity we have our Team Trinity Code which we all aspire to achieve each day. The Team Trinity Code was collaboratively built with our dedicated staff to give our entire community consistency in how we behave and act at The Trinity. Through this collaborative approach, we ensured that every voice was heard and that our code truly reflects our shared vision for excellence.

The code was written to provide shared language around expectations, creating a common understanding that bridges all areas of school life. Whether in the classroom, playground, or wider school community, everyone knows what it means to be part of Team Trinity.

Children collect 'ascend' points for amazing learning, outstanding behaviour and making positive contributions to our school community. These points celebrate not just academic achievement, but also the character traits and values that make Trinity special.



Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust - DSAT

We are proudly part of the DSAT family. Our school is part of a Multi-Academy Trust that covers from Wiltshire to Dorset; a family of schools belonging to the Diocese of Salisbury. This means that our school is supported in a variety of ways by the central team and we work collaboratively with other schools in our trust. In particular, we work closely with Southbroom St James, where we share resources, ideas and have a supportive relationship.





The School Day

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Start and End of Day

Our school gates open at **8:30am** and close at 8.40am. All children go straight into their classroom and start the day with an 'early morning activity' (EMA). This is planned by the teacher and might be linked to previous learning or something new that links to the work being undertaken that day. The official register of attendance is taken at 8:50am. This is when all children need to be settled in class ready to start their core learning.

The gates are then open again at the end of the day at 3:00pm and children are released at **3:10pm**.



A Typical School Day

A summary of our school day:

8:30 - 8:40am	Children arrive and settle into class with EMA
8:50am	Registration
8:55am	Collective Worship
9:15 - 10:30am	Core Learning time
10:30 - 10:45am	Play Time
10:45 - 12pm	Core learning time
12 - 1pm	Lunch Time
1:00 - 1:15pm	Mindfulness / Journalling
1:15 - 3.00pm	Learning time
3:00pm	Story
3:10pm	Home Time

The majority of children in Reception start full time from 3rd September. If you feel your child would benefit from a phased/part-time start then please let us know.

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Our Curriculum Offer

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OPAL

At Trinity we value 'play' and the skills it gives the children such as, sharing, collaborating and problem solving, which boosts self-confidence and friendships. At play time and lunchtime children can all play together, where they are able to enjoy a variety of play based activities. Children can construct using blocks, and other materials, share a book in our reading shed, play chess, construct Lego models, mix & make in our messy kitchen, play football on the field, shoot basketball and netball goals in our multi-sports area and dress up and perform on our outside stage.



Music and the arts

Music is very popular and the children love nothing more than singing and making music together. Our annual Nativity is a highlight for children, parents and grandparents and is always full of fun and giggles. The children learn how to use different instruments as a class. In Years 3 and 4 we have a specialist Music teacher who comes in and teaches the violin weekly, so all children have the opportunity to learn an instrument over a period of time.



PE, Sports and Swimming

Our children love their PE lessons and they do PE twice a week.

There are free sports clubs after school and these Reception can join from the Summer term. In KS2 your child will have the opportunity to develop their swimming skills and water confidence. We take part in lots of sport festivals and competitions, including netball, football, rugby, dance, cricket, cross country, athletics and swimming.

In the summer we have an Alternative Sports Event where we have a climbing wall and other sports available for children to try. We also have a Sports Day where parents are invited to come and support their child.

Dedicated Early Years class

We are extremely lucky to have a dedicated Early Years class so our teachers can focus on the exact needs of your child at their stage of learning. The children in Reception can play inside or outside at any point throughout the day.

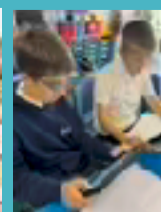
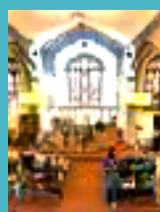
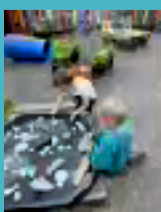
At lunchtime the Early Years children can play with the older children on the main playground helping to build friendships across all ages.

We pride ourselves on building strong relationships with the children and getting to know their strengths and interests. We then use this information to plan and enhance the provision with activities and opportunities to support their individual development and next steps in learning through our topic and child-initiated approach.

Languages

At Trinity the children have language lessons in Key Stage 2 and they get introduced to Spanish.

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Meet Our Early Years Team

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Our Early Years Team

Mrs Farmer teaches Monday to Thursday.
Mrs Spencer teaches on Friday.
Mrs Dowling is in the classroom every day.

Transition to School

We will visit your child at their nursery setting during the Summer term and we can always organise a meeting with parents if there are things you'd like to discuss.

We will invite your child to 4 visits to school. This will enable them to familiarise themselves with the classroom and the adults working within it.

We will invite you for a Stay and Play session on **Tuesday 2nd September from 2.30-3.30pm.**



Mrs Farmer



Mrs Spencer



Mrs Dowling



Starting School

Your child will start full time from Wednesday 3rd September.

You are welcome to bring your child into the classroom through the outside area gate each morning to support them to settle. It will also enable us to get to know you.

What will my child need?

- Reading folder for carrying a sharing and reading book.
- Water bottle
- Lunchbox or order a lunch through Sue Brady catering
- Waterproofs
- Wellies
- Spare clothes and socks

Buddy System

We have a very successful buddy system within the school where Year 6 children buddy up with a EYFS child and form a cross-year friendship. They form really strong bonds through reading, playing and supporting each other and those friendships are so beneficial for both children.

Big Brush Club

At The Trinity we are involved in the government's tooth brushing scheme. Children are provided with their own toothbrush and clean their teeth after lunch each day.

Parent Workshops

We invite parents into school throughout the year. The first is a phonic workshop for parents to learn about how we teach reading and writing through phonics.

We organise workshops where parents can come into the classroom and join in the learning. These are really popular and parents and children enjoy tea and croissants before joining in with some learning.

We are lucky at The Trinity to have an outside area attached to our large indoor classroom as well as a large field, Forest School area, pond and playground. The Early Years classroom has its own garden opportunities, so children spend time watering and tending to our vegetables and plants whilst learning as they go. Children can access the outside area throughout the day, playing games, making dens and developing mathematical and other skills. We also have three chickens, which our Reception class have watched change from hatchling to chicken over time. The children help to feed and clean them out.



Forest School

Every week the children get to learn in our forest school on the school grounds, visiting the pond, splashing in muddy puddles, collecting mini-beasts or looking for Autumn leaves. We explore outside in all seasons so children will need a waterproof suit, gloves and hat.



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Class Organisation

For the academic year 2025 - 26 our class names are:

- EYFS - Mount Snowdon
- Year 1 - Ben Nevis
- Year 2 - Mount Triumph
- Year 3 - Mount Fuji
- Year 4 - Mount Kilimanjaro
- Year 5 - K2
- Year 6 - Mount Everest

These class names were chosen following a whole school home learning project where children and families can enter their name suggestions for each class.

Home-School Communication

As partners in your child's educational journey, we welcome your involvement and support. Together, let us work hand in hand to nurture the potential within each child and prepare them to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future.

We use the following methods of communication:

- Email
- Newsletters
- Facebook and Instagram
- Tapestry in YR
- Seesaw Y1 to Y6
- Reading Records
- School Website
- Parents Evenings



School Staffing

Mr Angus Brereton - Headteacher
Mrs Becky Owens - Deputy Headteacher & SENCo

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Mrs Tamara Bain - Finance Officer
Mrs Sarah Smith - Admin Officer
Mrs Sam Elsworth - Admin assistant
Mr Simon Smith - Caretaker

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Mrs Zoe Pletts - Parent Support Advisor

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Our Teachers/ Teaching Assistants are:

Mrs Farmer	Miss Kearley
Mrs Spencer	Mrs Dowling
Mrs Craig (on maternity leave)	Mrs Finlay
Mrs Cawley	Mr Webb
Mr Scurr	Miss Morris
Miss Llewellyn	Mrs Booth
Mrs Dummett	Mrs Scattergood
Miss Dyer	Mrs Blakeney
Mrs Marchment	
Miss Strange	

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Our Play Team:

Miss Kearley - Play Co-ordinator
Mrs Farmer - Curricular Lead
Mrs Rodney - Play Leader / MDSA
Ms Kocagol - Play Leader / MDSA
Mrs People - Play Leader / MDSA
Miss Cotter - Play Leader / MDSA

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The Kitchen Team:

Sarah Teixeira
Sue Brady catering





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Absence from School

Please make sure your child does not arrive late for school. Lateness interrupts learning and causes anxiety for children because they arrive in the classroom having missed some core teaching. If you do find you've arrived after the gate closes at 8.40am, please sign your child in at the office.

Holidays

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Time off school to attend unavoidable or one-off events, like weddings, funerals, etc, needs to be requested from the Headteacher through a 'request for term time absence form' which can be obtained from the school office.

Illness

If your child is poorly and needs to be kept off school please call the school office to report the absence. If the office staff are unable to answer the phone there is an answer phone system for you to leave the details of the absence.

Trinity Uniform

White Polo Shirt
Turquoise school cardigan or jumper
Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers, shorts
Black shoes
White or grey socks
PE Kit
Plain white round neck t-shirt
Plain black shorts/tracksuit trousers/leggings
Trainers
School jumper/cardigan

Children can wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE and this will be shared with parents via Tapestry/Seesaw and school website.



Our PTFA are vital to support the school with trips, resources, morale and so much more! If you are interested, please email trinityptfadvizes@gmail.com
Please see two lovely quotes as to what it means to be part of our PTFA:



"The PTFA do such an important job in raising money for the facilities for the school and without this support the children wouldn't have many of the fun events and amenities we provide.
It's really important for parents to help in any way they can, as their time given to help at events will hugely benefit their children during their time at The Trinity.
I love seeing the smiles on the children's faces at the events we run, from the first glimpse of Father Christmas at the Christmas event, to their joy when the water bombs come out at the summer party!
Every little helps, so no matter how much or little time parents can spare, every little helps."

"The PTFA has been a brilliant way of getting involved with the school whilst also raising money which provides the "little extras" for all the children in school to enjoy. It is so rewarding seeing the children use the equipment we have raised money for, from the trim trail in the playground to the stage used for the plays and nativity shows. I enjoy seeing the enjoyment and excitement on the children's faces as they queue up at the discos, get covered in paint at the colour run or line up to throw the water bombs at the summer party water fight.
Any help is welcomed and very much appreciated as without it the PTFA aren't able to put on these events for all the children in the school to enjoy."

