



Dear Parents,

I would just like to highlight some amazing achievements with you, that you may not have seen.

Each year different year groups complete testing where we can then compare ourselves to other schools nationally and those in our area.

Reception – GLD - Good levels of Development

Year One – Phonics screening check

Year 2 – End of Key Stage one assessment (this used to be SATs but is no longer mandatory)

Year 4 – Multiplication check

Year 6 – SATs



Our data can be found on the school website under the curriculum tab:  
<https://www.trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk/end-of-key-stage-achievement>

### Highlights

We are exceeding national data for EYFS and Key Stage one and meeting Surrey data which comes in at a higher average percentage. Our phonics results in Year one are far higher than both National and Surrey average percentages.



Our children are getting a great start to their education which is setting them up for success as they transition into Key Stage Two ( Year 3 and above).

If we look at Key Stage Two (year 3 up) Trinity Oaks are doing exceptionally well and are now the top school in Horley for progress between Key Stage one and Key Stage Two . We are currently in the top two schools for outcomes in the Horley area.

We have come a long way and our curriculum development is resulting in improved outcomes for all.

This term we also had our school improvement partner from Surrey come to visit the school and she was very positive about all the great things that were happening at Trinity Oaks.

Our next focus is to improve outcomes further with our writing curriculum, driven by high quality texts. As you know we have asked for your help with the purchasing of books for your child (Key Stage 2) where they are able to have ownership and use for their own purposes. We are continuing to look at how we can encourage children to write using their increased vocabulary, with their author's voice.

I am so proud of the teachers and children here at Trinity Oaks and I would like to thank you as parents for your support in what has been a time of great change.

Mrs Woods



## Message from the ambassadors

We are the ambassadors for this term and so far we have really enjoyed our job. In the mornings and after school we open the gates and greet everyone. On Thursday afternoons, we stay until 4 O'clock and help the teachers with jobs. Every

Friday we run worship and give out our own certificates. Our favourite part of being ambassadors so far has been helping out after school and giving certificates.



## HEAD FOR THE DAY!

Friday 22nd March

After last year's success we have another exciting opportunity for a child to be the Headteacher for the day!

Mrs Woods will be selling raffle tickets on the gate for £1 each all week from Monday 18th March 2024.

On Thursday afternoon – during singing worship Mrs Woods will draw a ticket and announce the winner!

Their day will be made off of meetings, checking on classes, clerical work, supporting in worship and having a cup of tea (or juice!) in the staffroom!

I am sure that Mr Hunter will pass on his experience to the child who is Head for the day this year.



## Movie Night

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Please visit parent mail and sign up for child to attend.

EYFS– Room on a broom – pick up 3.45pm

Year 1 and 2 – Madagascar – pick up 4.45pm

Year 4 and 4 – Orion and the dark – pick up 4.45pm

Year 5 and 6 – DOAWK – Roderick rules – pick up – 5pm

Sign ups closed 6pm 26<sup>th</sup> February

We will be unable to accept any more bookings after this time to safeguard all children by ensuring we have accurate registers of the children still in school.

## VIP Lunch

(Mothering Sunday)

Please visit parent mail and sign up to attend.

Sausages, mash and beans with a choccie dessert!

£5

EYFS – 11.15am

Year 1– 11. 30

Year 2 – 11.45

Year 3 12.00

Year 4 – 12.10

Year 5 and 6 – 12.30



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## Horley Town Football Club

Horley Town Football Club are delighted to announce that we will be partnering with a number of local primary schools to offer thousands of free family tickets for home games throughout 2024.

In an unprecedented move locally, the club have committed to giving out 2500+ free tickets to children aged between 5 and 11 to encourage them to support their local non-league club and increase their visibility within the borough. The tickets will be valid for 2 adults and 2 children.

Trinity Oaks CofE Primary School has been chosen as one of the first schools to benefit - they have been selected to attend the Tadley Calleva home game on Saturday 24th February at The New Defence.

Trinity Oaks will also be invited to the first ever Family Fun Day on **Saturday 20th July 2024**.

**Please look out for tickets – These will be given to every child on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**



### Welcome to new staff member

We would like to welcome Mr Critchell to Trinity Oaks. He is covering for Ms Putland's maternity leave and he will stay with us until December 2024. As soon as we have news of Baby Putland, we will let you know.



### School maintenance fund

Thank you to those who have already contributed to **The School Maintenance Fund**— we currently have **£3,143** from contributions.

#### Priority Projects

The project that we are currently focusing on is ensuring that our IT equipment is up to date and we are able to support high quality planning, teaching and learning. This is alongside upgrading our WIFI to ensure that all children can access web-based learning platforms, throughout the school at all times. Both our server and Wifi ports have reached and exceeded their end-of-life dates.

We are hoping that the new server and wifi ports are all in and working by Easter. We managed to get some great deals.

We also have to replace some classroom doors to ensure that they are opening and closing properly.

In order to completed these much-needed improvements we will need **£5,360** to cover our school contribution of the total costs.

If you can support us by contributing towards the maintenance fund we would really appreciate it.

## Experiences, trips and Residential.

We have established the offer for Trinity Oaks children and we will review this every year to ensure that we are providing children with the very best experiences at the right price.

We hope that this gives parents useful information to be able to manage budgets in an increasingly difficult financial climate.

<b>EVENTS FOR THE YEAR – rough guide with approximate costings</b>				
<b>2023 - 24</b>				
	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Total
Fund raising for outside agencies - voluntary	Harvest donations - donation for items Remembrance Children in need - £1	Red nose day - £1		/
Whole school events - voluntary	School disco - £4 Father Christmas - £2 Movie night - £4 Christmas Jumper day - £1 Key Stage Christmas events	School disco-£4 Head teacher for the day - £1 per ticket Easter egg hunt - TBC VIP lunch – Mothering Sunday - £5 Pied Piper – FOTO funded	School disco-£4 Summer fair – mufti VIP lunch (Fathers’ day) - £5	/
Nursery			Trip - £25	25
Reception			Gatton Park - £15.20	£15.50
Year 1	Local walk – no cost	Local walk – no cost British wildlife centre - £11.50	Local walk – no cost	£11.50
Year 2	Christmas Journey - £2	Gatwick airport - £3	Hever Castle – Kings and Queens £23 Swimming block – school funded swim - coach/mini bus	28 + bus for swimming
Year 3	Go ape £22	Trip to LGW airport £3	Late night school stay (Link with year 4) £5.00	30
Year 4	Teeth and guts work shop - £10	Swimming block – school funded swim Bike Ability – approx. £10 (charged by SCC and not through us)	Bough Beach £20 – not including coach Overnight school sleep over - £10	50
Year 5	Space workshop - £10	Easter Experience - no cost this year as funded by St Wilf’s	Residential – £260 with bus £210 without bus	270
Year 6	Heart work shop - £10	Junior Citizen - £15	Residential – 450 approx	475

### Experiences and residential trips 2024 - 25

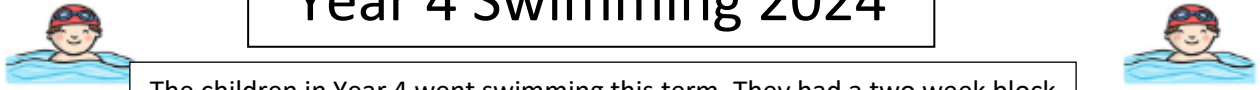
Year group	Experience	Place and time	Costing	Offer
<b>Year 3</b>	Stay late at school	Trinity Oaks Summer term Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	£5	Outside games Snack/refreshments Tea Pick up 7.30pm TBC
<b>Year 4</b>	Sleep over at school	Trinity Oaks Summer term  Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	£10	Outside games Snack/refreshments Tea Hot choc/popcorn Movie Sleep over Breakfast Pick up 8am
<b>Year 5</b>	2 nights away from home	SOLD – High Ashurst  15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	£210 – parents to drop at Rikers café in Box hill to keep costs down  With coach £260	Outdoor Education experience 2 nights away Breakfast/lunch/dinner/ refreshments provided Travel to location from meeting point - Rikers
<b>Year 6</b>	3 nights/ 4 days away from home overseas	Paris trip Chateau de Grande Romaine  February 7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> 2025 – Long weekend away  2024 trip – Marchants hill 26 <sup>th</sup> June	£405 2024 cost  costing for 2025 to be released after the half term break	Overseas experience to enhance the teaching of French in Year 5 and 6.  Eiffel Tower Bateau mouche Disney – Paris Hypermarket Breakfast/lunch/dinner/ refreshments provided Coach Ferry Accommodation  <i>Passport required Visa may be required if your child does not have a British passport. EHIC required – medical covered</i>

# Curriculum in action

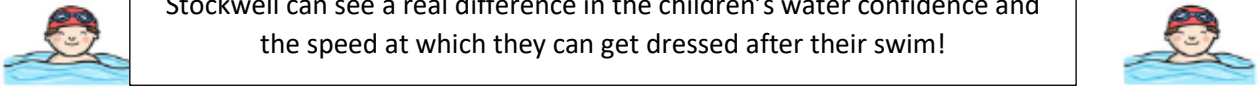
## Where acorns flourish into might oaks!



### Year 4 Swimming 2024



The children in Year 4 went swimming this term. They had a two week block to further develop their swimming strokes and confidence in the water. Mr Stockwell can see a real difference in the children's water confidence and the speed at which they can get dressed after their swim!



"My favourite bit was the warm up games – especially traffic lights."

**Megan**



"I like all the games that we play – seahorses is where you have to shoot a ball through a hoop while riding noodle like a horse ." **Harry**



"I can swim in the deep end and I have got better at front crawl. "

**Thomas**



"We walked to Horley leisure centre to swim and we got to choose our walking buddy ." **Marty**



"I can now swim 25metres without stopping in the deep end!" **Arav**



"I really liked competing in the relay race where I had to swim a length, there and back. It was fun going against other people and seeing how fast I could swim." **Pippa**



"All the swimming coaches are really nice, they let us have a go at everything to help us get better at swimming!" **Charlotte**



"Even though we had to walk to the pool it was still fun- it was worth the walk"

**Chloe**



"I really liked how the teachers helped me as I can now do breaststroke and back stroke confidently." **Alicja**



"I liked showing my swimming coaches how far I could swim – I was able to swim 25 metres without stopping" **Jack**



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## EYFS – NURSERY ACORNS

Last half term, we focused our learning on 'Traditional Tales'. We have shared a range of tales including 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Finally, we shared a tale about Chinese New Year called 'Dragons in the City', where we increased our knowledge of China and how Chinese New Year is celebrated. We made Chinese lanterns, paper plate drums, fans, paper chains and dragon puppets, where we explored a range of different techniques and creative resources. We explored noodles and chopsticks in the messy tray, pretending to serve up Chinese meals in a Chinese restaurant! We took orders on the phone and made deliveries. We collaborated with our friends to play the follow the leader game, pretending to be a Chinese dragon. We listened to Chinese music and used our paper plate drums to play along to the beat. We thought about what movements we could make with our bodies to move along to the different pieces of music.



## EYFS – RECEPTION APPLE CLASS



In Apple Class this half term the children have loved our learning on traditional tales from other countries. We have read the following books, Hansel and Gretel (Germany), The Boy Who Cried Wolf (Greece), How Anansi got 8 skinny legs (Ghana) and The Great Race – the story of Chinese New Year zodiac animals, which is being celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February this year. We have learnt about each of the countries and tried some traditional foods, some were more successful than others!



This week in particular they have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and making dragons to use in performing a dragon dance. Some of the children are even planning a trip to London this weekend to see the celebrations in China Town.



We have also made the most of the different weather we have experience from sunshine, frost and ice to rain. We are outside whatever the weather!



## KEY STAGE ONE – YEAR ONE FIG CLASS

Year 1 have loved exploring the local area this half term and thinking about 'Where do I live?'. We have spent a lot of time out and about looking at types of houses, local features and what is in and around school! Back in class, we have explored maps in detail, comparing Horley town to the cities of London and Brighton! We have loved hunting for symbols, looking at different places from a birds eye view and drawing our own maps of school and the Acres. Next half term, we are excited to see how the environment changes as we move into Spring



## KEY STAGE ONE – YEAR TWO OLIVE CLASS



Last half term in Year 2 we kicked off by frying up our own plantain snacks in the kitchen!



In Maths we became proficient at using money and giving change in our classroom shop...

...and we have begun to explore how amounts can be grouped into rows and columns by using counters in the classroom and children on the playground!



We also enjoyed a First Aid training session where we learnt the basics about what to do if you find a person who is seriously unwell or injured.





## KEY STAGE TWO - YEAR 3 WILLOW CLASS

Year 3 has had a busy and productive half-term, combining academic learning with real-world experiences.

In English, children have been working on honing their writing skills by creating their own travel brochure. The destination? A sunny Turtle Island! The brochures turned out beautifully, showcasing the creativity and effort put in by the children. To enhance their writing, the class embarked on a bus trip to Gatwick, where they experienced a monorail journey, gaining valuable insights that reflected in their compositions.

Geography was closely linked to our English writing to make it even more memorable. The travel brochure work, not only enhanced their writing skills but also integrated geographical knowledge. We looked at various maps and created them as well. The students took pride in publishing some of their work and we created a display outside our classroom.

In PE, the focus was on developing balance and ball skills with various fun activities including Sports Crew from Year 5 and worked on not only promoting physical fitness but also teamwork and coordination.



## KEY STAGE TWO - YEAR 4 CEDAR CLASS



This half term has been a busy one in Cedar Class. Over the last few weeks, we have been exploring the 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', examining how the author uses setting descriptions add detail to the story and create vivid images in the readers mind. Using the story, we've then been examining how we can use the different techniques to add details and create our own setting, based on the story.

Within our maths, we developed our understanding of multiplication and division further using different written methods. We've then moved onto measurement and examined how we can convert between one unit and another, before thinking about how we can work out the perimeter of different shapes.

Our learning theme has been 'Violent Earth'. Here we've examined some of the natural disasters such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. It's proved to be topical after the events of the new year in Iceland and Japan. The children have enjoyed finding out about the location of the disasters and thought about how living in those areas may affect people's lives.

Finally, the children have taken part in a two week block of swimming. All of the children have been amazing, walking to the pool and then working hard to develop their confidence and ability in the water – I'm sure they're looking forward to a break over half term!



## KEY STAGE TWO – YEAR 5 PALM CLASS

This half term, Year 5 have loved learning about The Tudors – ‘Off with her head!’ The children have engaged so much with this topic and have researched some fantastic information. We found it difficult to get through each lesson as they had so many amazing questions! In particular, they enjoyed finding out about King Henry VIII and why he had so many wives! In English, the children have produced some wonderful, heart-felt diary entries from the perspective of Anne Boleyn, the night before her execution. I was so impressed by the use of ambitious vocabulary and emotive language in their writing.

Lastly, the children had a blast during their ‘Science day’ with Mrs Woods, wearing their lab coats. They called each other ‘Doctor’ all day!



## KEY STAGE TWO – YEAR SIX MIGHTY OAKS

This half-term in Year 6, our topic has been ‘Island Life’. It has been a geography-based topic where we have been learning all about the Caribbean islands. We have been doing a lot of map work using the atlases and digital maps. As part of this topic, we learnt about the importance of Fairtrade and, from this, the children enjoyed baking banana bread using Fairtrade products. We then created our own instructions for the banana bread in English lessons. This half term we were also lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Junior Citizen event which is organised by the council. We learnt all about how to stay safe in our local area and online.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please pop these dates into your calendars – these dates will be added to through the term to ensure that you are aware of what is going on and the deadlines that you will need to keep to. In order to reduce the number of studybugs messages you will not receive reminders for all events.

### SPRING TERM

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children back to school
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	'Thinking day' – Brownies/scouts.cubs etc – wear their club uniform
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Free tickets for Horley football match!
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Deadline to sign up for Movie night and VIP lunch (parentmail)– 12pm closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Yr 1 Trip – Wildlife centre – see Google classroom for details
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Movie Night – FOTO <b>Deadline for permission – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 12pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	FOTO - VIP shop to celebrate mothering Sunday
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World book day - dress up as book character
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	VIP lunch to celebrate Mothering Sunday – inclusive to all - £5 with lunch included. <b>Deadline to sign up and pay Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 12 pm</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sign up open for parent teacher meeting from 12pm.</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Match</b>	Tickets for Head for the day on sale
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Head for the day – announced Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	EASTER BINGO – FOTO Event
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Deadline to sign up for parent teacher meeting ( parentmail) – 12pm closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent -teacher meeting End of term attainment reports
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent -teacher meeting End of term attainment reports
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Dare to be different – MUFTI - £1</b> End of term attainment reports out to parents who could not attend meeting with teacher.
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of term – 1.30pm
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Back to school
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 4 - Bikeability

<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 4 - Bikeability
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Reception class trip – Gatton Park
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School closed – Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 residential – High Ashhurst
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sign up open for Father's day VIP lunch – inclusive to all – from 12pm
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Dorking Halls Primary Music festival – choir (change of date!)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	FOTO - Disco
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of half term <b>Crazy hair day - £1</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	INSET – school closed for children
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Deadline to sign up and pay for VIP lunch £5 – all inclusive Father's day celebration – 12pm closed
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Children back to school
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	VIP Lunch – celebration of Fathers' day – inclusive to all <b>Deadline to sign up and pay Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 12 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	SPORTS DAY (Morning followed by picnic)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 3 late night stay – more details to follow Year 4 – sleep over - more details to follow
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 residential – Marchants Hill
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer fair !
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Transition day
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	District sports KS1 – pm KS1 - am
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 2 – week of swimming
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School picnic – 5 – 7pm.
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of the academic Year</b> Finish at 1.30pm

## TERM DATES FOR THIS YEAR

Academic year 2023 to 2024

Autumn term 2023

Start of term	Half term	End of term
1 September 2023	23 October to 27 October 2023	15 December 2023

Spring term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term
2 January 2024	12 February to 16 February 2024	28 March 2024

Summer term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term
15 April 2024	27 May to 31 May 2024	23 July 2024

### INSET DAYS for 2023 – 24

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR 2024 - 25

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2024	2 September 2024	20 December 2024
	Half term 28 October – 1 November 2024	
Spring 2025	6 January 2025	4 April 2025
	Half term 17 February - 21 February 2025	
Summer 2025	22 April 2025	22 July 2025
	Half term 26 May – 30 May 2025	

### INSET DAYS for 2024 – 25

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
  
 5<sup>th</sup> day to be confirmed



## Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days within 6 weeks (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.



### Amazon Wish List

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