



Key Dates This Term

Watch this space for events coming up during this term.

The weather this week has meant we have spent a lot of time inside at lunchtime and break times, as well as for our PE lessons. Fingers crossed for more sunshine next week!

Unless the rain is too heavy, we will always try to get children out for some fresh air and exercise - even on a wet day - so it is important that children always bring a coat to school please.

Stars of the Week



Reception:

Eleah B
Ella L

Year 1:

Ernest K
Jude S

Year 2:

Kai B
Anna T

Year 3:

Casper K
Frances W

Year 4:

Jack C, Harry M
Layla O, Isaac R

Year 5:

Jack M, Tilly M
Ruby U

Year 6:

Alfie L
Kathryn K

Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week for their great achievement!

Term Dates

Close - Friday 28 May

Open - Monday 7 June

Close - Wednesday 21 July

Open - Wednesday 1 September for STAFF ONLY (INSET Day)

Open - Thursday 2 September for PUPILS

Building Work

As you will be aware, from my previous letter in November, we are very lucky to be having some building alterations during next term and into the summer break. When the work is finished, we will have a fantastic new library and learning area where the staff room is currently. A new open, more welcoming office, reception and visitor waiting area will be created and improvements will be made to the main entrance of the academy on Upper Green Lane. The work will begin during the half term holiday and we will keep you up to date on the improvements as they progress.

We have also been very fortunate in a bid to have some new cycle and scooter shelters installed in the playground courtesy of Calderdale Council. Once they are installed we hope children will be able to scoot or cycle to school and store their scooters and bikes securely on site during the day. Watch this space for further information.

Class Photographs

The proofs of the class photographs have been sent home today. Please place your order online with the photography company, Tempest Photography using the website below and the codes on the proof document (Ref No. and WEB ACCESS CODE).

www.tempest-orders.co.uk

Your order should be placed by Friday 28 May for the photographs to be delivered back to school free of charge. Any orders placed after that date will be subject to you paying postage + packing and the photographs will be delivered to your home address.

We cannot accept any payment for the photographs via the office.

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

1 st Year 2	99.2%
2 nd Year 1	98.1%
2 nd Year 5	98.1%
2 nd Year 6	98.1%
5 th Year 3	95.7%
6 th Year 4	95.5%
7 th Reception	93.2%

More Amazing Home Creations

Year 5 have been learning about the history of Halifax in the 19th Century and have also been reading Oliver Twist. We were wowed by this wonderful model of a Victorian workhouse that Tilly made at home and some fantastic lino printing in the style of William Morris by Jack.



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What have we been learning?

In **Reception** this week, we have continued our Superhero theme and read 'Supertato Veggies Assemble'! The children have really enjoyed it and have made lots of their own creations. In Maths, we are learning to take away using number lines, 10 frames and our fingers!

This week in **Year 1**, we travelled back in time to the 1800s and had our very own Victorian lesson! The children had to sit in rows, practise their times tables on slate boards and even had a go at using ink pens to write in Victorian handwriting. All of Year 1 were fantastic during the lesson and were on their best behaviour to avoid the Dunce's cap! Well done Year 1.

In **Year 2** this week, we have been looking at writing in the past tense and how we can use expanded noun phrases to add detail to our writing. In history, we are learning about Emmeline Pankhurst and we created our own posters about the importance of votes for women. In our Science lessons, we are exploring what a plant needs to grow and we have set up some of our own experiments.

This week in **Year 3**, we have been learning how to punctuate our speech correctly and imagining what we would say if we came face to face with a Pharaoh! We have also begun to learn how to read a clock and recapped on our learning from Year 2.

In **Year 4** this week, we have been completing our independent writing, based on 'What the Roman towns did for Britain'. Ask your child all about it! In Maths we have been recapping our knowledge surrounding 3D shapes, as well as making them too! The children have shown Mrs Dobson their fantastic reading skills! She has been blown away with the progress of every child! Keep it up Year 4!

This week in **Year 5**, we have been planning our independent diary entries based on our class book 'Gaslight'. In Maths we have been identifying different angles and describing turns. In Science we have been thinking about the changes humans go through during old age.

This week, **Year 6** have been creating suspense and tension in their narratives. They have created some superb pieces that control the reader's emotions. In Maths, they have been looking at angles and how they relate to each other in different circumstances.

Attendance

Please continue to report any absences before 9am each morning. If we do not receive notification from yourself, we will either telephone or, where contact can't be made, visit you at your home to meet our statutory safeguarding duties.

Punctuality is important for learning for all children. Please ensure your child is at school for the drop-off window of their class.

Good attendance at school is very closely linked to positive progress and achievement outcomes for pupils, as well as for their emotional health and well-being. Mr Smaldon, Mrs Dobson and Mrs Horner are our Attendance Team at Trinity Academy St Chad's. Where we have concerns about a child's attendance, they will contact parents by telephone or letter to arrange to discuss this.

For further details, please read our [Attendance and Punctuality Policy](#) and [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#).

Online and Digital Safety

This week, we have emailed guides on how to set up parental controls to limit age inappropriate content for both Android and iPhone mobile devices. We hope you find these helpful.

School Meals

Week commencing **24 May** will be **Week 2** on the school meal rota. Please remember to pay for school meals weekly **in advance** on My Child At School. If you cannot access the system, please inform Mrs Horner by email or phone the office.

Nut Free School

We are a nut free school for allergy reasons. Please only send pupils to school with fruit or healthy snacks that do not contain nuts.

PE Kit

Children will need their PE kits in school every week. Please remind your child to bring it to school on Monday and take it home again on Friday for washing.