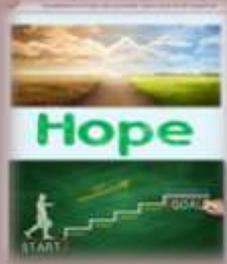




Newsdesk

Friday 5th December 2025

Autumn Term 2 issue 111



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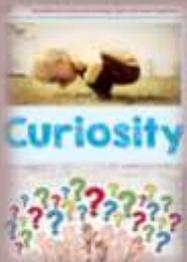
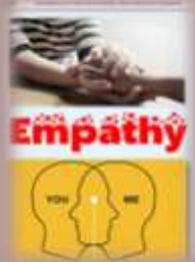
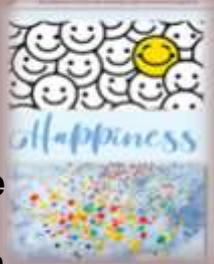
HOPE

We begun this week's collective worship focusing on the season of Advent.

Hope is the theme of the first week of Advent. It is an opportunity to remember the hope of God's people as they waited for the Messiah and an opportunity to reflect on our hope that one day Jesus will come again. As we enter the season of Advent may we remember that whenever things are difficult we can always hope in God.

This first week prepares us to be people of hope and belief and it reminds us to slow down and reflect on the promise of light coming into the world. This week, we also prepare our hearts for the joy and peace that Christ's arrival brings, taking time for prayer, gratitude, and kindness .

God Bless



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Holy Trinity Values Ambassador



Our Pupil Values Ambassadors this week is Kieron, You are amazing class role model who is thoughtful and shows loving kindness to everyone, well done for being nominated for this award by your class



Holy Trinity Staff Values Ambassador



Our Staff Values Ambassador this week is Mrs Janet, Thank you for your all your hard work and kindness. We truly appreciate you and enjoyed you being a member of our team. God Bless you



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CLASS IN ACTION

Cheetah Class



A big thank you to Cheetah Class for an engaging and informative assembly all about micro-organisms. They shared so many fascinating facts and really captured the school's attention. Well done to Ms Maddox, Mr Dove and Mrs Allen-Harvey for all your hard work.



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SUPPORT JAMAICA

HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF APPEAL



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

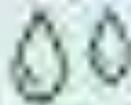


Our family in Jamaica needs us. Let's come together to help those most affected by Hurricane Melissa.

PLEASE DONATE ITEMS:



Non-perishable foods



Female hygiene products



Clothes



Preliminary items (batteries, gloves, bedding)



Baby essentials

WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS NOW!

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Support Jamaica

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Thank you for the donations we have received so far. It is much appreciated, we would like to extend the cut off date to drop off donations to 12th December 2025.

Drop-off Point: School Office

We are asking for donations of the following items:

Food (non-perishable): tinned food, rice, pasta, noodles, oats/porridge, powdered milk, baby formula, sugar, cooking oil, snacks for children

Children's items: toys, games, books, colouring books/pens

Basic household and hygiene items: new towels, new washcloths, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, baby wipes, detergent, anti-septic creams

Practical items: work gloves, torches/flashlights (with batteries), power banks

Our pupil leadership prefect team led a very informative and inspiring collective worship. They spoke about the importance of donating to charities and gave examples of the impact of giving to others, in particular to families in Jamaica at this time.



As a school, we continue to pray for Jamaica. We are committed to doing our part in helping to rebuild lives in Jamaica, through our partnership with Brixton Soup Kitchen.

Please if you are yet to respond to the above appeal, we appeal to you to once again, if you are able to contribute, please send items by the set date to the school office. Thereafter, all donations will be delivered to The Soup Kitchen for shipment to Jamaica

Every contribution, big or small, helps rebuild lives.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Friendship Friday

Each week, a group of children who shine by living out our school values receive a golden ticket to join a special friendship-bracelet workshop.

They show kindness and generosity by sharing their bracelets with friends.

Here are some of their lovely creations.



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funky monkey

KEYBOARD CLASSES

East Dulwich!



Funky Monkey Keyboard Classes are delighted to be running their action-packed, group keyboard classes for 4-8 year olds at Christ Church, SE22- why not join us!

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Prayer and time of reflection

Dear Lord,

We come before you with a heart full of gratitude and praise. Thank you for your abundant love, mercy, and the countless blessings you pour into our lives. For every moment of joy, every answered prayer, and even for the challenges that teaches us and draws us closer to you, we give thanks.

Thank you for your constant presence and for guiding us through each step of our journey. We are grateful for the strength you provide in times of weakness, the comfort you offer in times of sorrow, and the hope you instil in our hearts.

Lord, we express our sincere thanks for all that you have done and continue to do. Help us to live each day with a spirit of gratitude, recognizing your hand in every blessing and trusting you in every moment.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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Colossians 4:2:

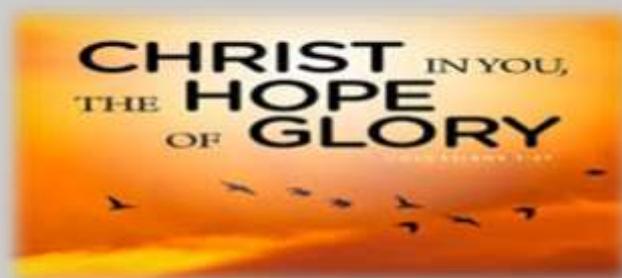
“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

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A heart of thankfulness is important to God because it gives Him the glory and honour due His name for who He is, how He always provides, and acknowledges Him as creator and ruler of heaven and earth.

Hope in the Lord is never wasted. As a new Advent season begins, we pray for an increase in the virtue of hope as we place our trust in the Lord.

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Shopping Scams

Every year hundreds of thousands of people here in the UK fall victim to fraud when buying something online. With Xmas and Xmas sales rapidly approaching, fraud and scams will be significantly on the increase.

GetSafeOnline has a plethora of information to help with this such as:

- * Information on purchase scams-<https://www.getsafeonline.org/purchasescams/>
- * Online buying tips-<https://www.getsafeonline.org/onlinebuying/>
- * Scam website checker-<https://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/>

One piece of advice not visible on either of these pages is related to the legitimacy of the company.

Particularly on social media such as Instagram, ads for things such as clothing and gifts which look interesting and unique.

To avoid scams, when clicking on the ad to take a closer look and always tap on the 3 dots on the top right and tap on "open in external browser."

The reason for this is that if it is a company you are unsure of,, you want to know

details of the company before making any purchases.

Often when customers visit the website there are no company details, no contact

details (apart from a web form), and either no reviews or perfect reviews.

These are all red flags .
Stay away from such sites



Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Christmas on the Farm - **FREE**

Saturday 29th November - from 4:00pm

Vauxhall City Farm, 165 Tyers Street, SE11 5HS

The Farm will be lit up with their Winter Light Trail switch on hosted by a very special guest! There will be live music, and the animals will be kept up after dark so you can wander through the farmyard during their Farm Lates.

Their bar will be open serving up winter warmers such as hot chocolate, mulled wine and hot food.

<https://vauxhallcityfarm.org/>

The Winter Light Trail - **£5 per person, under 10 year olds are free!** 30th Nov - 21st Dec, from 8pm

Vauxhall City Farm, 165 Tyers Street, SE11 5HS

The light trail will be open for all to visit and will close at various times depending on the day. Make a day of it! Events include:

- Santa's Grotto on weekends from 30th November - 21st December
<https://vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/christmas-at-the-farm-2024/>

- Christmas Market on 6th and 7th December

<https://vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/christmas-market-at-vauxhall-city-farm/>

- Festive Wreath Making Workshop (various dates)

<https://vauxhallcityfarm.org/events/save-the-date-wreath-making-extravaganza-at-vauxhall-city-farm/>

- Pines and Needles Christmas tree Sale (from 21st Nov - 24th Dec)

- Children's Craft sessions with Santa's elf

<https://vauxhallcityfarm.org/>

WordPlay - **FREE**

Ages 0 - 2 years old - Fridays - 28th November,
12th December - 10:15am - 11am

Ages 3 - 5 years old - Fridays - 28th November,
12th December - 11:30am - 12:15pm

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall.

WordPlay is a new early years strand as part of Open Doors, the Southbank Centre's regular free events. Join them for beautiful new songs and live music for you and your child to enjoy together, within a playful squishy space.

South Bank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/venues/royal-festival-hall/>

Tea Dance and Christmas Wreath-making Workshop

Sunday 30th November 2025, from 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Brockwell Hall, Craxingham Suite, SE24 9BN

Tickets: £8 per person (£5 for children under 12 years old) includes tea, cake and dancing

- Dance the afternoon away to timeless classic and modern tunes - from graceful waltzes to lively quicksteps.
 - Enjoy delicious tea, homemade cake, and delightful company in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.
- Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just looking to have some fun, this event is perfect for all levels and ages, and some dance instruction will be led by Paul from Grafton Dance Centre.
- A perfect way to celebrate the season with music, movement and a touch of nostalgia.
- **Accessibility:** If access assistance is needed to get to the venue in the park, you can be picked up at the main Brockwell Park entrance (at the corner of Dulwich & Norwood Road) to be buggied to the hall, between 2:30pm and 3pm. There are limited spaces and it is on a first come first served basis. Please book the tickets that says *with Buggy* pick up for this service. Funds are being raised for [Alzheimer's Research UK](https://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/).

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Thursday 4th December, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Brockwell Hall, SE24 9BN entrance through the Herne Hill gate.

Make a festive wreath to take home in the beautiful surroundings of Brockwell Hall. Prosecco and mince pies included.

For more information email Rosie at rosie@jetflowers@gmail.com

Winter Market - **FREE / Low Cost**

Now until Sunday 4th January 2026

Craft traders: 11am - 9pm. Food traders: 11am - 10pm

Closed on 25th & 31st December and 1st January

Stroll along the Thames and sample indulgent drinks and scrumptious street food from their traditional alpine-style chalets. With pop-up bars, street food stalls and independent craft traders beneath twinkling lights.

South Bank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/venues/royal-festival-hall/>

Winter Light - **FREE**

Now until Sunday 18th January 2026

Riverside Terrace, Level 2

Over the dark winter nights, their site will be illuminated by outdoor artworks that play with light and colour - explore to discover them all. Each artist uses light and colour in playful ways, at the same time exploring topics at the forefront of society, such as individual and collective identity, the environment and technology.

South Bank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/venues/royal-festival-hall/>

Winter Breeze 2025 the December school holidays BootCamp
@CEF lynx is now open for Applications
Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th December 2025
Monday 29th to Wednesday 31st December 2025
Aged 7 to 15 years olds.

Offering a safe space filled with sports, creative activities, fun learning, food etc. A space where children/young people can come to take part in a range of sports and recreational activities that keeps their energy intact ready for the new term.
Closing date for applications is Friday 12th December 2025 at midnight!
Green Hut, Brixton Windmill Gardens, Blenheim Gardens, SW2 5DA
<https://www.cef.org.uk/register> email community7@CEFL.org.uk

Light up your festive season with Christmas light-switch-ons and shopping events taking place across the borough.

Roehampton - FREE
Thursday 27th November - 8pm - 4:30pm (lights switch-on at 3:45pm)
Danebury Avenue, Roehampton
Carol singing by local schools and Christmas lights switch-on.

Putney - FREE
Friday 28th November - lights switch-on at 6pm
Putney
There is no event just lights switch-on.

Ice sculptures around the town centre.
Saturday 29th November - all day
Putney Town Centre
<https://positivelyputney.co.uk/christmas-in-putney-2025/>

Balham - FREE
Sunday 30th November - 1pm - 5pm (lights switch-on at 5pm)
Bedford Hill
Singing by local schools and choirs and Christmas lights switch-on.

Battersea - FREE
Tuesday 2 December - 6:30pm - 8:00pm (lights switch-on at 6:45pm)
Battersea Square
Carols in The Square: singing by local schools and choirs,
Christmas lights switch-on.

Southfields - FREE
Wednesday 3rd December, Christmas market from 3pm - 6:30pm.
Schools singing on stage at 4:30pm. Lights switch-on at 5pm
Southfields
Mini Christmas market stalls, singing by local schools and Christmas lights switch-on.

Tooting - FREE
Thursday 4th December - 4pm - 8pm (lights switch-on at 4:30pm)
Church Lane, Tooting
Outdoor Christmas market in church grounds, performances from local schools, live music and Christmas tree lights switch-on.

Bellevue Road - FREE
Friday 5th December - 4pm - 5pm (lights switch-on at 4:30pm)
Bellevue Road
Finton School and Trinity Road Chapel singing carol,
Christmas lights switch-on.

Furzedown - FREE
Friday 5th December 3pm - 5:30pm (lights switch-on at 4pm)
Furzedown
Local schools singing and Christmas lights switch-on.

Wandsworth - FREE
Saturday 6th December - Lights switch on at 5pm
Southside pizza
There is no event just lights switch-on.

NHS Better Healthier Families
Activities to help kids move more every day!
Get your family moving the fun way! Discover easy ideas to help kids stay active, healthy and confident.
Click on the link below to find out about more ways to stay fitter:

- Joe Wicks' top 5 tips for getting kids moving (and loving it!)
 - Why being active matters
 - Activity ideas to try today
 - Activity ideas to plan ahead
- Discover local ways to get active with "Let's Move!"
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/>

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He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week.”**

Pippa Wotton



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- * 10th December@ School Choir visit to Limetree Care Home
- * 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas Lunch)
- * 18th December: Last Day of Term



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2025 - 2026 Term Dates

| Term | Start Date | Finish Date | Number of Days |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Autumn One | | | |
| Term One (2025) | Wednesday 3 rd September Children return to school <i>Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – 2 INSET Days</i> | Friday 24 th October | 38 days |
| Holiday | Monday 27 th October | Friday 31 st October 2025 | |
| Autumn Two | | | |
| Term Two | Monday 3 rd November | Thursday 18 th December <i>Friday 19th December INSET Day</i> | 34 days |
| Holiday | Monday 22 nd December | Friday 2 nd January 2026 | |
| Spring One | | | |
| Term Three (2026) | Tuesday 6 th January Children return to school <i>Monday 5th – INSET Day</i> | Friday 13 th February | 29 days |
| Holiday | Monday 16 th February | Friday 20 th February 2026 | |
| Spring Two | | | |
| Term Four | Monday 23 rd February | Friday 27 th March | 25 days |
| Holiday | Monday 30 th March | Friday 10 th April 2026 | |
| Summer One | | | |
| Term Five | Monday 13 th April | Friday 22 nd May | 29 days |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 25 th May 2026 | | |
| Holiday | Tuesday 26 th May | Friday 29 th May 2026 | |
| Summer Two | | | |
| Term Six | Monday 1 st June | Friday 17 th July <i>Monday 20th July 2026 INSET</i> | 35 days |
| | | | Total = 195 days Total Teaching Days = 190 Days |

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