Trinity Academy St Peter's

"Proud to be growing and succeeding together."

School Newsletter - 19 December 2025

Trinity Academy St Peter's

St Peter's Avenue, Sowerby Bridge, Halifax, HX6 1HB

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: ***8am to 4pm***

Fri: ***8am to 3:30pm***

Term dates

2025/2026

Closed: INSET 5 January 2026

Closed: INSET 6 January 2026

Opens: 7 January 2026

Closed: INSET 13 February 2026

Opens: 23 February 2026

Closes: 1 April 2026

Closed: INSET 2 April 2026

Opens: 13 April 2026

Closed: Bank Holiday 4 May 2026

Closes: 22 May 2026

Opens: 1 June 2026

Closed: INSET 24 June 2026

Closes: 21 July 2026

2026/2027

Closed: INSET 1 September 2026

Closed: INSET 2 September 2026

Opens: 3 September 2026

Closes: 16 October 2026

Opens: 2 November 2026

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Christmas Cracker Awards

Reception - Niamh C - for always trying her best and doing the right thing. Niamh is a role model student who is consistently making the right choice. She works hard in her learning, both at school and home, and always shows kindness towards others. Well done Niamh!

Year 1 - Coby DB - for being a wonderful role model to everyone in Year 1/2. He consistently tries his hardest in all lessons, even when the learning is tricky. Coby also has excellent active listening skills and always shows he is ready to learn. Keep up the amazing work Coby!

Year 2 - Liviya FG - for showing fantastic effort in all lessons by always contributing. Even when the learning feels tricky, she is still determined to have a go. Liviya presents her work beautifully and takes pride in everything she produces. Her positive attitude and determination makes her an excellent learner!

Year 3 - Poppy B - for being simply amazing since joining us at the start of the year. Her behaviour, hard work and listening skills have been exemplary. She serves as a terrific role model for all of her peers in Year 3/4. Well done!

Year 4 - Hope F - for always showing wonderful listening skills. She never fails to amaze Mr. Groves with how hard she works, even when she finds something tricky. To be so determined and resilient at her age is a wonderful thing to see. Well done!

Year 5 - Caiden R - for his cheerful personality and the consistent effort he has put into his work in all lessons this year. He always comes into school with a smile on his face and a delightful greeting that brightens up Mrs Heslop's morning.

Year 6 - Orla T - for her perseverance and resilience this term. Her attitude to learning is amazing and she has tried so hard, particularly in maths. Keep up the excellent work Orla!

NUMBOTS

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1st - Isabella C	1st - Liviya FG	1st - Lily H
2nd - Ada B	2nd - Emily G	2nd - Frankie B
3rd - Gracie G	3rd - Odealliah W	3rd - George B

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st - Delilah B	1st - Macy H	1st - Ronnie O
2nd - Adaline M	2nd - Izzy W	2nd - Kayla-Mae C
3rd - Maggie N	3rd - Caiden R	3rd - Theron T

Attendance

1st Year 1/2 **95.52%**

2nd Year 5/6 **92.80%**

3rd Reception **91.67%**

4th Year 3/4 **87.78%**

Well done Year 1/2!

Termly Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Reception!

Parents should call the office on **01422 831971** and select **option 1** to report a pupil absent.

This should be done on the 1st day of absence and **all** subsequent days.

Please **leave a message** if no one answers your call.

PE Days

Mon PM - Year 5/6

Weds PM - Reception

Thurs PM - Year 3/4

Fri PM - Year 1/2

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Thank you, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Gawthorp and the St Peter's team.

NEWS & REMINDERS

We want to wish all of our children and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Collective Worship & Christmas Service

On Wednesday, we held our Christmas service at St Peter's Church. Throughout the service we reflected on this term at school, and celebrated the liturgical season of Advent. All classes brought something to the service, from art work to readings and songs. Thank you to all parents/carers for joining us.

We would also like to thank you for engaging in our Collective Worship this term, centered around trust. Whether that's discussing our 'Big Questions' at home together, or attending Collective Worship in school.

We will be sending out a Collective Worship Overview for Term 3 when we return after Christmas. This will let you know what our theme will be for the term, and when you can join us again in school.

Nativity

This week, our EYFS and Year 1/2 children took part in their annual Christmas Nativity!

On Monday, they completed a dress rehearsal for the school, and we welcomed over our friends from Grass Roots Private Day Nursery to watch too.

Tuesday was the big day, with the children performing a matinee show and an evening show for their families. This year, we told the story of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel, a rather clumsy and scatterbrained Angel who always got things wrong. However, she finally got something right when she led everyone to baby Jesus on the night he was born. Well done Whoops-A-Daisy Angel!

The children have been absolutely brilliant throughout everything. They performed amazingly at every show, learning their lines, songs and dances perfectly. It was a delight to watch for staff, pupils and parents/carers alike. At the end of each performance, they asked everyone to join in with a rendition of 'We wish you a merry Christmas', and we taught them some Makaton to perform with it too. Great job everyone!

Thank you to our staff who have helped put this show together, to the children for being wonderful (as always!) and to all the families who came to support their children. Have a look at some of our pictures!

Medication in school

Please note, that if your child needs to take medication in school, you must send some with them for us to use. We have had a few instances recently where parents/carers have asked us to give their child medicine if they feel unwell during the day, but not actually supplied any Calpol or other medicine for us to use.

We do have a small stock of medicine in school but this is only to be used in an emergency and not as a replacement for parent/carer provided medicine. Thank you for your support!

Cut Your Carbon Campaign - The results are in!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Cut Your Carbon campaign throughout the month of November.

Out of 92 participants, our impact is that we saved 1390.28kg of carbon by making small changes like turning our heating down, washing on a lower cycle, meal prepping and actively travelling instead of driving. What an amazing achievement!

We encourage you to keep making these little changes at home to try and cut even more carbon and keep protecting our planet.

Our Eco-Committee are exciting to show you what they are getting up to next!

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REMINDERS

Key Dates - Term 3

7 January - Return to school

13 January - Energy Sparks Workshops **PM**

14 January - Coffee Morning **9am—9:30am**

20 January - Reception Little Movers Trip **1pm—3pm**

21 January - Y6 Poet Visit **ALL DAY**

22 January - Drop Everything And Read **9am—9:30am**

29 January - Y5 Author Visit **AM** *(Details TBC)*

2 February - Y5/6 Football @RVHS **3:30pm—5pm**

3 February to 9 February - Book Fair

5 February - U11 Sports Hall Athletics **9:40am—11:10am**

6 February - Young Voices Concert 2026

11 February - Church Service **2:15pm**

12 February - Young Voices Parent Concert **3:40pm—4:30pm**

12 February - Break up for half term

13 February - INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Introducing our Brand New Newsletter!

In 2026, we will be changing the format of our weekly newsletter.

We will no longer be sending out a PDF document, but will be sending the newsletter out in a form of a magazine flipbook that you can access easier on a mobile device.

We look forward to sharing our first issue with you in the new year, Mrs. Riley has been working hard to pull this together ready to go for you all!

Reminder

School Dinners - Week 1

w/c Wednesday 7 January 2026

******New choices from Term 3 menu.******

Please ensure that if you have selected a packed lunch, that this is sent in with your child on the relevant day. We only order enough food for what's been selected as we don't prepare food on site. This means we may not always have spare. Thank you!

REMINDER: Attendance & Punctuality

If attendance drops **below 96%** then children are at risk of falling into the category of persistent absence.

Attendance is discussed at termly attendance reviews with the Educational Welfare Service and letters are sent out periodically to make you aware of your child's attendance figure, and to advise of ways to improve this.

In terms of punctuality, school starts at **8:45am**. All children should already be outside lined up ready to come into class at this time. Our school **gates open at 8:40am**. Registers close at **8:55am**. Persistent lateness could also result in a serious concern letter or fine.

If your child's attendance is between **94– 96%** you will receive a **text**, if it is between **90– 93%** you will receive a **letter**, and if it is **below 90%** you will receive a **persistent absence letter**. Late letters have also begun to go out. Please be aware that this is standard procedure and is just for your awareness only at this stage.

If there is no further improvement in your child's attendance or punctuality then you may receive a cause for concern letter. Our attendance team will look at ways in which they can support you and your child with their attendance.

After School Clubs

- **KS2 Young Voices Choir** - Monday 3:20pm—4:20pm
- **KS1 You Choose Club** - Monday 3:20pm—4:20pm
- **Y6 Achieve** - Tuesday & Thursday 8:10am—8:40am
- **Y2—Y6 Science Club** - Tuesday 3:20pm—4:20pm
- **KS2 Football with Halifax Town** - Friday 3:20pm—4:20pm

ACE club runs every day after school for wraparound care purposes. ****Book in advance via the MCAS app****

- **ACE Club** - Every day 3:15pm—5pm

REMINDER

Please try and collect your child after any out of school clubs whilst we are in the winter months, rather than allowing them to walk home.

Thank you!

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A Christmas Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear parents and carers

Here we are at the end of the first term of school already! Time passes so quickly!

Thank you for your continued support for Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs Gawthorp and their team. They all work hard together to provide the best educational experiences for your children, who are a delight and are working equally as hard to achieve the best they can be. Long may that continue.

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas this year, let us all spare a thought for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, or who may for whatever reason, find the festive season particularly difficult. May your Christmas be special for you and your family.

On behalf of my fellow governors, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

Kind Regards,

Sue Sutton

Chair of Governors

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