



## Pope's Prayer of Intention

*For the cry of the Earth  
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live. We pray to Our Lady, whose birthday we celebrate on 8th September.*

### Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy

*Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.*

*To you, we cry, as children of God,  
joined as one with our wounded world,  
with hearts full of hope for a home transformed.*

*Mother of Creation,  
look upon us we pray,  
so we may come to see God's earthly garden  
through the radiant light of wisdom.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of all,  
make us worthy we pray,  
to treasure the earth our common home,  
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Amen.*



As a school we are currently focusing on the season of Creation through prayer and discussion. We are called to make a difference in our actions.

As a community let us work together during this Season of Creation to pray for those most affected by climate change. Let us see if we can make small changes such as walking all or some of the way to school, recycling, turning off the lights and thinking about the water we use. We could also think about our local environment and take every opportunity to keep it clean and tidy.

## Message from the Headteacher

A warm welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. It was lovely to see the children returning to school this week, looking very smart and very excited about the year ahead. As I have gone around the classrooms I have been very impressed with the hard work already evident and the positive attitude of the children. The year ahead will bring many exciting opportunities where we can live, learn and love together.

We send a very special welcome to those families and children who have just joined the school, especially our new Reception children as they start their education journey as part of the Holy Trinity family. We also give a warm welcome to our new members of staff - 3 Teaching Assistants: Mrs Anne Grier, Mrs Lauren Brown and Mrs Bernadett Leary and our new caretaker, Mr John Smith. We also welcome back Mrs Fiona Wickens, who will be working as SENCo with us for two days per week.

It is equally wonderful to welcome back our not so 'newies'. I have enjoyed hearing the children's stories about their summer, including all about their holidays, trips, seeing dinosaurs and enjoying not setting the alarm on a school night. I've had some very warm welcome back greetings, and again, been struck by the strong sense of community our school enjoys. You will see from our diary dates that we have some exciting activities already planned for this term, and we will keep you updated throughout the rest of the term.

### KiVa

As many of you will be aware, at Holy Trinity we have implemented the KiVa antibullying program and it has been a great success. If you are new to the school and unfamiliar with the programme, please go to <https://www.kivaprogram.net/parents-guide/> where you will find further information of what the programme involves. While instances of bullying are thankfully very rare for us, it is important that we continue to maintain a vigilant and proactive attitude to preventing any bullying behaviours. In line with our objective of creating a safe and welcoming school for all, September has been designated 'Kindness Month', where all members of our school community – staff, children and visitors – are encouraged to proactively demonstrate kind behaviour towards others, and regularly reflect on their interactions to see if they have acted kindly. The aim is that these behaviours will then become an automatic part of how we all interact with each other. We would welcome parents, carers and extended families joining in with our mission, and spreading a little kindness in their daily interactions too. Do please share your stories – no matter how large or small – with us via class Dojo; your children may enjoy sharing what they or others have done at home to show kindness.

### Attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. The government have released new legislation surrounding attendance and more information on this will be forthcoming in a separate letter next week.

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.45 (gates open at 8.35am) and finishes at 3.15pm, please could I ask all parents and carers to ensure their children are in school and ready to learn by 8.45am. Have a lovely weekend.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Michaelmas Term	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Trip - Houses of Parliament (NEW)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am - 10.30am (NEW)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Tidy Up 9am - 12pm (NEW)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Trip to the Steam Museum - Swindon
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Welcome Disco
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Meetings (NEW)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Meetings (NEW)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Flu Immunisations (NEW)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 PFMAC Concert (NEW)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	MAC INSET
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Week (NEW)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 St Andrew's Class Assembly (NEW)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Performance (NEW)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity Performance (NEW)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto Trip (NEW)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes at 12.05pm for Christmas

## Welcome to the Reception Class of 2024



# Public Art Workshops

To register visit <https://www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk/public-art-workshops/>

## Upcoming Art Workshops in Chipping Norton – Join the Creative Journey!

Chipping Norton is set to embark on a vibrant and community-driven art project that invites residents of all ages to participate. We are excited to announce two upcoming workshops that will give you the chance to contribute to a unique public art installation in our beloved town.



A chance to be part of  
**Charlbury's Community Opera!**

**Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde**  
Conducted by Ben Goodall

April 5th and 6th 2025 in St. Mary's Church



**We need Chorus of Animals aged 8 - 18**  
**10 Solo Singers aged 10 - 18 to be auditioned**  
**String Players Grade 4 and above, all ages**  
**Descant and Treble Recorder players**

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