

Weekly Newsletter



Triangle CofE Primary School

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Happy New Year

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week. The summer holidays always leave the building feeling eerily quiet and it has been such a joy to once again hear the voices, laughter and general buzz of learning filling every corner.

I have been especially impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into their routines- faster than any year I can remember. This is a real testament to the strength of our behaviour curriculum and the shared, consistent expectations that are evident in every classroom, every day. The calm, focused start we've seen is something we can all be proud of.

A very special welcome also goes to our new Reception starters and their families. Starting school is such an important milestone and we are excited to get to know you all better in the coming weeks as you begin your school journey with us.

Dates for your diary

Next week, I will be sharing all dates for the Autumn Term, plus some important, whole school dates for the full year ahead. I know last year many of you appreciated knowing when Sports Day, Church Services and PTFA Events were, even this early in the year. As ever the dates produced won't be exhaustive as there will be additional dates added and original dates changed due to various circumstances. These dates, along with next week's dates for your diary, will be included in each weekly newsletter.



Parent Information Evening- Wednesday 17th September

We are excited to share with you that this year's Parent Information Evening is being revised and refreshed to make it even more purposeful and engaging.

In previous years, parents were invited into school to sit and listen to the expectations of their child's new year group whilst meeting their child's new teacher. While we have generally received positive feedback from these evenings, we feel there is an opportunity to make them more interactive and meaningful.

This year, we are introducing a new drop-in format where you and your child(ren) are warmly encouraged to come along together. You will have the chance to:

- Meet your child's new teacher in a more informal and relaxed way.
- Take part in short, interactive activities that showcase the expectations for each year group.
- Explore a variety of curriculum areas including maths, reading, writing and more.
- Collect useful takeaways designed to support you in helping your child with their learning at home.

The event will take place on Wednesday 17th September, between 5pm and 6:15pm. The flexible drop-in format means there is plenty of time for families with more than one child to visit each classroom and join in.

An online form will be available from Monday next week - please complete this at your earliest convenience.

Pupil Leadership Elections

Pupil Leadership Elections will also take place next week for our Literacy Leaders, Fundraising Team and Sports Council. The children have already been told about this process, with many excited about the possibility of taking on an additional role. Please note, for these elections, children who held these positions last year, can still apply (we know so many did a wonderful job!)

The Y6 Pupil Leadership Team will run slightly differently, with children having to apply for the position. Pupils will be elected following a pupil and staff vote.



Announcements



School dinners are now £2.80 per day. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals. If your child is on packed lunches, a school dinner can be taken on an ad-hoc basis. Payments are on our cashless system - School Money



Swimming for children in Y5 started back today. These weekly lessons will continue until February half-term. Please remember to send your children into school with their full kit.



Please note our main office hours have changed. If reporting a pupil absence before 8:15am, please leave an answerphone message or send an email.



Change in the School Office

After almost seven years of dedicated service to Triangle, our School Administrative Assistant, Miss Sally Stafford, has decided the time is right to move on to pastures new. I am sure you will join me in thanking Sally for the huge contribution she has made to our school since she first arrived. She has been a friendly and familiar face in the office, building excellent relationships with staff, pupils and families alike and has kept everything running smoothly (and many of us wonderfully organised!) throughout her time here. We will all miss her and we wish her every success in her next chapter.

The recruitment process to appoint a new Administrative Assistant is already underway. The vacancy has been advertised on Calderdale's job website, and details have also been shared on our school Facebook page. Once an appointment has been made, I will share the news with you all in a future newsletter.

Please be reassured that we will ensure a full and thorough handover takes place, so that the smooth and efficient running of the school office continues without interruption.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Don't miss out

This year, due to 3 Corners needing extra space each morning and after-school, our extra-curricular provision has had to be scaled back a little. This is likely to be for the duration of this year, until their numbers decrease in September 2026. I am however, delighted that a number of staff have volunteered their time (they do not get paid for this) to continue to offer a number of clubs that we know have been popular in the past. Myself and Miss Todd, are working with a number of companies and providers to try and source some additional coaching/tuition to supplement what we can offer, this includes clubs with a music and art focus as well as sport.

| Day | Club (All clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm, unless otherwise stated) |
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| Monday | YR- 6 Karate (Sensei Matt) 8am -8:40am £21 Y1-6 Choir (Miss Mills) |
| Tuesday | Y1-3 Multi-Sports (Miss Todd) 8am -8:40am Y4-6 Coding Club (Mr March) 8am-8:40am Y3-6 Cross Country Club (Mr Allen) |
| Wednesday | Y4-6 Girls Football (Calderdale Coaching) £10 |
| Thursday | Y4-6 Dodgeball (Mr Allen) 8am - 8:40am Y4-6 Boys Football (Coach Carter) £10 Y4-6 Netball (Mrs Forrester and Mrs Moorhouse) |
| Friday | Y3-6 Gymnastics (Ed Start) £10 |

Extra Information

How do I book?



The online form to request a space on our extra-curricular clubs, was emailed out to you all earlier today. The link to this form is also included on the newsletter (click on the picture above) for your convenience. All requests must be made using this form. Please do not email or contact the office until places are allocated.

When do clubs run?

All clubs start w/c 15th September and finish the w/c 20th October. This means each club will run for 6 weeks.

Why is there a charge for some clubs?

Clubs that are run by external coaches, have a small charge attached to them, to help pay towards their hourly rate, though school subsidise this heavily. Additionally, if there is a significant setup cost for the club, e.g. specialist resources need to be bought, a small charge may be added also.





PTFA Update- A Call to Arms – We Need Your Help!

Over the years, our PTFA has worked hard to provide those “extras” that make such a big difference to our children’s time at school. From Sports Week to Christmas Fairs, from funding the use of our school minibuses to supplying gifts for Mother’s and Father’s Day, none of this would have been possible without the time and energy of our volunteers.

But this year, we are facing a very real challenge. With two of our committee members moving on, we are at risk of not being able to continue and without new volunteers stepping forward, folding the PTFA is a real possibility. We must try to avoid this at all costs, because without the PTFA, these wonderful opportunities for our children simply won’t happen.

We are asking parents, grandparents, family members and friends: please consider giving a little of your time to keep our PTFA going.

We are particularly looking for:

- Chairperson – someone to lead meetings, help set the agenda and keep things moving. It’s more about enthusiasm and positivity than paperwork! You won’t be on your own, you’ll have the whole committee’s support.
- Secretary – someone to jot down meeting notes and help with a little bit of organisation. A vital role, but not a heavy one.

And of course, we always need volunteers to support events—this could mean helping on a stall at the Christmas Fair, wrapping gifts for the shops, or picking up a few items when you’re out and about. Every little bit of help adds up.

👉 Without the PTFA, we would not have been able to:

- Fund the use of our school minibuses
- Provide enriching experiences like Sports Week
- Offer community favourites such as the Christmas Fairs and Summer Events

The PTFA is not just about fundraising, it’s about building a school community and creating lasting memories for our children.

Please, if you can, step forward.

With more hands, the work is lighter and the impact greater.

If you’re interested or would like to know more (no pressure, just a chat!), please get in touch. Your school needs you—our children need you.

PTFA AGM - Tuesday 23rd September 6:30pm in school



Weekly Diary

W/C - 8th September 2025

No clubs
this week

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- Celebration Assembly - 9am (All welcome)
- Results of pupil elections announced
- Y5 swimming at Sowerby Bridge Pool