

Weekly Newsletter



Triangle CofE Primary School

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Success at the Calderdale Cross Country Finals



What a fantastic afternoon of sport! Qualifying 20 runners for the Calderdale Cross Country Finals was an outstanding achievement in itself, and every one of our competitors should feel incredibly proud.

The course at Old Bodleians proved tough and demanding, yet our pupils rose to the challenge with determination and superb team spirit.

Despite the challenging conditions, all our runners gave their very best and several delivered exceptional top-ten performances:

Year 3: Lucas and Michelle

Year 4: Sofia and Alex

Year 5: Harry, Henry, Robyn and Emilia

Year 6: Autumn, Jacob and Charlie

A special mention goes to Sofia, who secured an impressive 3rd place, as well as Harry, Jacob and Autumn, who each put in superb displays to earn gold medals in their respective races. Their performances were a real highlight of the day. Whilst the full Calderdale results are still to come, we already know that our school will be strongly represented at the West Yorkshire Finals on 3rd March - a testament to the talent, hard work and commitment shown by our runners.

A huge well done to everyone who took part. You did yourselves and our school proud! 🏃‍♀️ 🏃‍♂️ 🏆

Christmas Hampers - Be in it to win it!

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning one of our amazing Christmas Hampers. Raffle tickets are on sale, with all children coming home with two booklets a short while ago. If you would like to purchase any more, these can be obtained from the school office at a cost of £1 per ticket.

We will also be accepting tombola donations through the week, so if you forgot to send your child in with a donation on Friday, there is still time left.

Remember everyone - the Christmas Fayre is on Friday 5th December: 5:30pm start



Public Health Announcement from Calderdale

Earlier this week, I received this important message from Public Health at Calderdale:

I am writing to advise that we are aware that many schools are struggling with significant numbers of students of all ages who are unwell with symptoms such as high temperatures, sore throats, headaches and sickness. In some schools this is affecting around 10-40% of the students as well as many staff.

In Calderdale we have had high COVID rates, but they are starting to drop; and we currently have high RSV and rhinovirus rates in children. We're also seeing a flu variant that is affecting young people, and with increasing rates. As such we would like to remind you that students and staff should remain away from school for the duration of a high temperature (a high temperature is 38C or more) and until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

As is typical at this point in the year, schools often experience increased levels of absence due to seasonal illness. At Triangle, we are currently seeing higher-than-usual absence rates both among pupils and, to a lesser extent, staff. I want to reassure you that, despite this, the school continues to run smoothly and safely. Although a small number of staff are unwell at present, we have clear systems in place to manage this. Wherever possible, we cover staff absence internally to ensure continuity for the children. When this isn't feasible, we bring in short-term supply staff. Because staff illness can arise unexpectedly first thing in the morning, it isn't always possible to speak with the children ahead of time about a change of adult; however, when absences are planned - such as for training - classes are always informed. Should any absence become longer-term, parents will receive written communication from myself.

Some intervention groups may need to pause when staffing is reduced. While this is occasionally unavoidable, please be assured that we always prioritise the areas that matter most for children's wellbeing and safety. Our lunchtime arrangements remain fully staffed and above suggested adult-to-pupil ratios, ensuring children continue to be well supervised and supported throughout the school day.

Keeping your child off school: when it's appropriate

If your child has a **high temperature (fever)**, keep them at home until the fever has gone. A minor cough or common cold (runny nose, mild sore throat, slight cough or headache) **is usually not a reason to keep them off** – as long as they feel well in themselves and do not have a fever.

Illnesses and infections : when to stay at home

Your child should stay away from school if they:

- have vomiting or diarrhoea – and only return once they have been free from symptoms for at least 48 hours
- have conditions such as chickenpox (until all spots have crusted), impetigo (until sores healed or at least 48 hours after starting antibiotics), or ear infections – especially when there is a high temperature or severe earache

When attendance is usually OK

Children may still attend school if they have:

- a cold sore, head lice, threadworms, mild conjunctivitis, or hand-foot-and-mouth disease – provided they are otherwise well
- Also, a sore throat alone doesn't usually justify absence: but if it comes with a fever, the child should stay home
- Even with mild symptoms of COVID-19 (runny nose, slight cough, sore throat), children can attend school if they feel well enough, but should stay home if they have a fever or feel unwell overall

What we ask of you as parents

- Contact the school on the first day your child is too unwell to attend – let us know they won't be in and why.
- If your child has an infectious condition, tell us - even if they're well enough to attend. This helps protect all children and staff

In short: please use your judgment. If your child is unwell, especially if they have a fever, sickness/diarrhoea, or a contagious condition, keep them home until they recover. But if symptoms are mild and they feel well, school attendance helps them continue their learning and routine.

Full Guidance from the NHS can be found here ---->



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026?

Parents with a child due to start primary school in September 2026 will be able to make their applications for a primary school place from Monday 17th November until the closing date of Wednesday 14th January 2026. Offers of primary school places for September 2026 will be made on Wednesday 15th April 2026.



To apply for a school place you can:

- Scan or click on the the QR code which will take you directly to the admissions website.
- Visit www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions
- Call: 01422 392617.





Weekly Diary

W/C - 1st December 2025

MON

TUES

- Y5 Pickleball (Group A) at Queens' Tennis Club

SCIENCE FAIR

WEDS

THU

- Creative Wellbeing Group from Open Minds (1-3pm)

FRI

- Celebration Assembly - 9am - all welcome
- Y5 swimming at Sowerby Bridge Pool
- PTFA Christmas Fayre - from 5:30pm

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR DIARY



Other dates may be added as the term progresses. We will try our best to stick to all these dates. Any changes will be given with as much notice as possible

December

2nd - Y5 Pickleball (Group A)
5th - PTFA Christmas Fayre (from 5:30pm)
8th - Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal
8th - Governor meeting in school
9th - Infant Nativity Performance (6pm)
10th - Infant Nativity Performance (2pm)
11th - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at the Lowry - 2pm (Y4-6)



12th - Y3/4 Christmas Party
15th - Y5/6 Christmas Party
16th - R/1/2- Christmas Party
17th - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
18th - Christmas Carol Concert at Church - 2pm
19th - STAR Award Assembly in school - 9am
19th - Break up for Christmas



January

5th - INSET Day - School Closed to Children
6th - First Day of Spring Term
6th - Y5 Pickleball (Group B)
9th - Ruth Swales (National Leader of Education) visiting EYFS and Y1
12th - Head of Calderdale SEND visiting school
15th - NSPCC Workshops (All Day)

February

4th - LA Advisor visiting school
4th - Parents' Evening (SEND)
5th - Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics at RVHS
11th - PTFA Spring Disco (3:15 - 5:30pm)
13th - Break up for Half-Term
23rd - School Opens for Spring Term 2



Further Ahead

3rd March - West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals
5th March - World Book Day
25th March - Parents' Evening
26th March - Easter Service in Church (1:30pm)
11th - 15th May - Y6 SATs Week
22nd May - INSET Day

20th May - Parents' Evening (SEND)
15th-19th June - Sports Week
18th - June - Sports Day
26th - 28th June - Y6 Residential
3rd July - PTFA Summer Event (from 5:30pm)
8th July - UKS2 Performances
16th July - Leavers' Service in Church (1:30pm)