



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 1st May 2026 Newsletter 10

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Farewell to Reverend Nathanael and Maya

On Friday, we said goodbye to our curate, Reverend Nathanael Worsley, who has been a fantastic support to all of us at Trinity. Nathanael has welcomed us to St Nicholas Church alongside Reverend Ian, and now he's off to take up a new role and be ordained in a new parish in Cheshire with his family. We'll certainly miss him!



Nathanael has led some truly memorable collective worships at our school. Who could forget the time he taught us about the story of the Storm on the Lake? He even brought in his kayak, helping us create a body percussion storm! And let's not overlook the fire-eating demonstration he used to teach us about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. His love for climbing and outdoor pursuits has also helped us learn about trust—trusting in the rope when climbing and using this to illustrate trust in our wider lives.

Nathanael has been a great resource for our classes, answering tough questions linked to RE lessons, teaching about Baptism, and guiding visits to the church to explore holy buildings. He's also been a valuable support to the staff, especially during our SIAMS inspection last year.

We're also saying goodbye to Maya, a valued member of Conker Class (Reception) this year who will be missed by her friends and their families. We wish both Nathanael and Maya all the best as they begin this exciting new chapter in their lives!

Diamond Badge Winner - Maths



Congratulations to **Sonny Year 2** who received his diamond badge for Maths



CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

House Points Winners



House Point winners last week were **Sapphire** House and winners this week were **Emerald** House. Well done everyone!

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Willow** Class who had the best attendance last week and also this week.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

How are we doing?*

Year R:	95.9%
Year 1:	94.9%
Year 2:	96.9%
Year 3:	95.6%
Year 4:	95.8%
Year 5:	94.3%
Year 6:	96.7%

*Class attendance percentages for this academic year so far

Headteacher's Award

Conker:	Sofiah-Willow, Myla
Chestnut:	Cassie, Harry
Cedar:	Toby, Maddie
Willow:	Penny, Holly
Cherry:	Theo, Xanthe
Maple:	Leo, Grace
Redwood:	Maddie, Bella



Bath City Foundation Girls Football Festival



On Thursday 23rd April, the girls football team travelled to Twerton Park to take part in the Bath City Foundation Girls Fun Football Festival. The emphasis of the day was fun, inclusion and enjoyment and all of the children who attended had a wonderful day.

During the day, the girls took part in six matches. They continued to achieve the excellent results we have witnessed all year with five wins and one narrow defeat against schools from across the BANES area. The team can be very proud, not only of their excellent football skills, but also of their display of great sportsmanship, teamwork and Christian Values. Well done to all of the girls that participated and represented the school so well.



Acorn Class



Class News:

This term in Nursery, our topic has been *Once Upon a Change* and we have been very busy exploring the wonderful world of plants and animals. The children have enjoyed learning the nursery rhymes: "Ring-a-Ring-a-Roses" and "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" using them as a starting point to talk about the plants, flowers and creatures we might discover in our gardens.

We have been getting our hands dirty planting seeds and learning all about how things grow. The children have loved caring for their seeds and talking about what plants need to help them grow strong and healthy.

In Maths, we have been learning about *positional language*. We used the story: "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" to help us understand words such as *over* and *under*. The children have had great fun building their own bridges for the three billy goats and using this new language in their play.

As part of our expressive arts learning, the children have been busy creating lots of lovely plant and minibeast crafts, showing amazing creativity.

We have also been spending more time outdoors enjoying the sunny weather. Acorns have been making the most of the sunshine, so please make sure they come into Nursery wearing a sunhat and with suncream already applied each day.

Miss Wood



Conker Class

Class News:

We have had a really lovely start to this term! However, we did have a sad moment when we had to say goodbye to our friend Maya at the end of the first week. She is off to a new home and a new school and Conkers wish her all the best!

In Phonics, the children have been reading and spelling more challenging words. We have also been playing a 'tricky word' board game and doing really well recognising lots of these words.

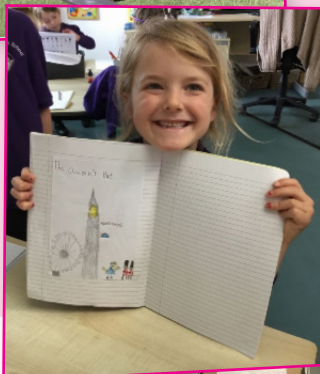
In our Maths learning, we have been exploring 3D shapes and patterns. There has been lots of fun in creatively making and building with the 3D shapes during exploring time - the patterns have been beautiful!

Our topic this term is *looking at change*. We started with exploring



the changes we can see in our everyday lives: from Summer to Autumn, we see the leaves change colour; from day to night and night to day we see changes in light; and we also mentioned the changes we see when something is wet and it dries. We did our own experiments in class to see some changes: we made toast and noticed the change from bread to toast, we melted ice lollies and saw them go from a solid to a liquid in the sunshine heat, and we also melted our own squares of chocolate out in the sunshine! Next, we are looking at life cycles as we have just introduced some caterpillars into our classroom!

Miss Willis and Mrs Clements



Chestnut Class

Class News:

We have had a positive start to the term in Chestnut Class! The children have done a fantastic job remembering our Golden Rules and class promises, showing kindness as they explore, learn, and share their ideas with one another.

In English, we are enjoying: *"The Queen's Hat"*, by Steve Antony, following the hat's exciting journey as it whooshes around famous London landmarks. The children have also completed a 'cold write' inspired by: *"Dogger"*, and we have been very impressed with their writing. They have worked hard to form clear sentences and have shown great recall of how to use question marks.

In Maths, we are focusing on retrieval of addition and subtraction skills, using number lines to support our thinking, as well as developing our understanding of *place value to 50*.

In Science, we are exploring the theme of plants. The children are particularly

enjoying growing their own grass gardens. We have beans to plant too, as well as a garden centre to explore.

As the weather has become warmer, we have been spending more time outside. The children have enjoyed using the new resources that have been funded from our Christmas raffle and the PTA. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Our main focus this term is preparing for the Phonics Screening Check in June. We are practising lots of phonics through games, reading alien (nonsense) words, and revisiting sounds to build confidence.

Please continue to support your child at home by reading regularly and practising flashcards - your support really does make all the difference!

Well done, Chestnut Class, on a great start to the term!

Mrs O'Brien



Cedar Class



Class News:

Welcome back- a wonderful start to Term 5 and we have welcomed Logan to Cedar Class!

This term, our main focus is the *continents*. In Geography, we have been learning to name and locate the continents and have enjoyed using an atlas. We have also been learning a very catchy song to help us.

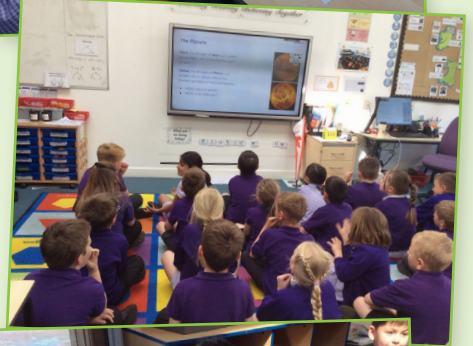
We have been very excited in our Music and Computing sessions this term. Our focus is on dynamics and how music can make us feel. We have been exploring Gustav Holst and his planet compositions. We are also beginning to explore 'Chrome Music Lab' as an electronic tool to create music for different purposes and having lots of fun with it.

In our Literacy learning, we are using the story: "Meerkat Mail" by Emily Gravett. Over the last couple of weeks, we have explored the characters and settings of the story and worked hard to develop our use of openers to add detail to our writing. We are really enjoying the story and exploring the character of Sunny the Meerkat.

Within our Art learning, we are exploring colour whilst using paint. We have enjoyed exploring colour mixing and how we can create different textures and effects when we use both ordinary and unusual tools within our work.

A lovely start to Term 5. Keep up the hard work, Cedar Class! Well done!

Mr Cozens



Willow Class



Class News:

Willow Class has had a great start to Term 5! They have all settled in well over the last two weeks and have worked incredibly hard.

In Maths, we have spent time looking at our new topic on *mass and capacity*. The children spent last week exploring what mass is and measuring things in grams. This week, we have looked at grams, kilograms and equivalent lengths.

In English, we have started our new book: "The Disgusting Sandwich". The children have spent the last few weeks recapping expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials and applying the taught techniques to their writing.

In History, we spent last week

looking at the Bronze Age and answering the question "How should we remember the Bronze Age?". This week, the children spent time investigating the Iron Age and created their own celtic shield.

Finally, in DT, the children have been working incredibly hard creating their cushions. We spent last week cutting out our designs and this week the children have started to sew their fabric together. I have been so impressed with their resilience and their independence throughout this topic!

It has been a busy but great start to Term 5. Keep up the hard work, Willow Class - well done!

Miss Jones



Cherry Class



Class News:

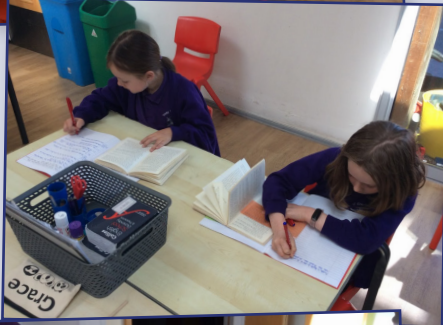
We have had a fantastic start to the new term in Year 4 and have already been involved in many exciting activities. A particular highlight for the children has been evaluating different biscuits in Design and Technology. As we continue this topic, the children will have the opportunity to design their own biscuit and its packaging, with a focus on target audience, appearance and taste.

In English, we have begun planning our own diary entries based on: *"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"*. We started the unit by identifying the key features of a diary entry and are now applying these skills as we plan our own writing.

In PE, the children have been practising their throwing and catching skills to support their fielding in cricket and rounders. They have really enjoyed applying these skills in match situations.

In Computing, we have been exploring how data is collected. As part of this, the children collected data from a video by counting different coloured cars. They then gathered information about the class's favourite ice cream flavours and created their own tables to record this data using Google Sheets.

Miss Walker



Maple Class



Class News:

It has been a busy start to Term 5 and I have been really impressed with all of the children's positive attitude following the Easter break.

We have begun a variety of new topics at the start of the term, including the Ancient Maya in History. So far, we have learned about where and when the Maya civilization was active, as well as how the landscape of their land affected trade.

In Science, our topic is *Living things and their habitats* and thus far, we have been learning about reproduction in plants. In Maths, we have been learning about coordinates, symmetry and translation as part of our unit on position and direction.

In English, we have begun reading a new class novel: *"Skellig"* by David Almond. The children have engaged well so far with the story and have been able to answer a range of comprehension questions based on the text. In Writing, we have been rewriting: *"Jack and the Beanstalk"* from the perspective of the giant!

A great start back, Maple Class, well done!

Mr Hancock

Class News:

Redwood Class



Year 6 have been working extremely hard as they make their final preparations for the KS2 SATs. The children have shown great commitment, completing additional homework over the Easter break, attending after-school SATs club and using Third Space on their Chromebooks to support their Maths revision.

Alongside their academic efforts, we have placed a strong focus on positivity, self-belief and taking pride in achievements. Each child has created three personal affirmations to promote a growth mindset and a positive attitude towards learning. Our message to Year 6 is clear: **You are well-prepared, you are confident and you believe in yourselves!**

We are incredibly proud of all the children and it has been a pleasure to support them as they work towards their goals.

Looking ahead, we are excited for a number of activities following the SATs, including two local visits (Radstock Park on Friday 15th May and Little Lost Robot Studios on Monday 18th May) as well as a trip to People Group Services on Wednesday 20th May. We are also looking forward to sharing the script for the end-of-year production and holding auditions shortly afterwards.

Miss Phillips



Thought of the week

This term we have begun to think about our Christian value of Courage. It takes courage to try something new and this story in the news really reflects this.

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. Last Sunday, runners from all over the world took part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

Things to talk about at home:

- **Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first?**
- **What helped you keep going?**
- **Do you believe age should matter when trying something new?**
- **Why or why not? Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life?**
- **What have they done?**
- **Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?**



Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

Friendship: Bella Y5, Girls Football Team Y's 4-6, Annabelle Y6

Creativity: Poppy & Daisy YR

A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Phillips, or any of our safeguarding team - Mrs Parsons, Mr Pollock, Mrs Hurley or Mrs Duery.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Maths Challenges

On Thursday 30th April, four Year 5 children visited Prior Park School in Bath to take part in a series of engaging Maths challenges. Activities included solving problems to unlock codes and participating in an exciting treasure hunt.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for the children and provided a valuable opportunity to develop their critical thinking, problem-solving, mathematical understanding and teamwork skills.

All four children - Winston, Harry, Thea and Olivia - represented the school exceptionally well.



Out of Hours Number

The phone lines open at 8.15am and close at 4pm. The phone number for TASC is **07495 127257** (from 3.10-6pm Mon-Thurs and until 4.10pm on Fridays). You can leave a non-urgent voicemail before 8.15am and after 4pm by calling the main number **01761 438650** and pressing 1.

Courage

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened for God is with you wherever you go.'
Joshua 1.9

Courage

Outside Achievements



Congratulations to all the children for their Outside Achievements:

- **Clara Y4** gained her yellow belt, green stripe belt in Taekwondo
- **Holly Y3** was Star of the Day at Sports Coaching
- **Jax & Toby Y2** and **Jack Y3** all received medals for being 'Man of the Match' in their football games
- **Levi Y4** was Star of the Day in Tennis
- **Frazer Y3** - Bronze award in Scouts
- **Art & Oliver Y3, Harry & Winston Y5** received medals for representing Oldfield Club in a rugby tournament
- **Olivia Y5** received a trophy for swimming
- **Willow B Y1** received her 'Welcome' badge at Beavers



THIS TERMS CHRISTIAN VALUE IS COURAGE

Dates for your Calendar: 2025/26 - Term 5/6

Monday 4th May	Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed	Whole School
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	SATs Tests	Year 6 only
Friday 15th May	Ancient Technology Centre - details to follow	Year 3
Friday 15th May	Local visit to the park - details sent to parents via SeeSaw	Year 6
Monday 18th May	Greek Vases local workshop - details sent to parents via SeeSaw	Year 6
Wednesday 20th May	Conker Class Assembly - 9am	Reception
Wednesday 20th May	Trip to People Group Services	Year 6
Thursday 21st May	Trip to Court Farm, Weston-Super-Mare - details to follow	Reception
Friday 22nd May	End of Term 5	Whole School
Monday 1st June	Start of Term 6	Whole School
Monday 1st June	Class photos & Year 6 leavers - afternoon	Whole School



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COURAGE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COURAGE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT COURAGE TOGETHER...

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

Nelson Mandela



READ TOGETHER...

The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me."

The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king.

"I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced.

It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life."

"But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side."

King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out **courageously** to face Goliath.

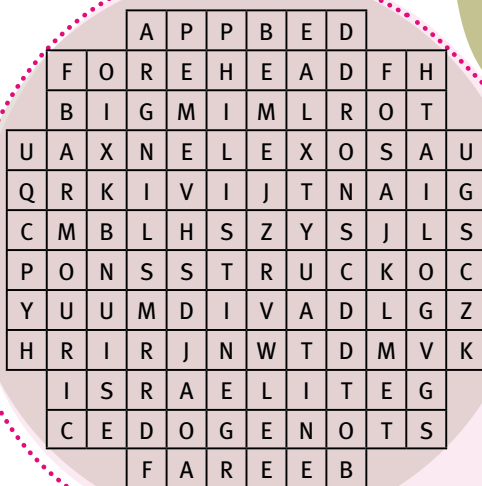
The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people."

As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides.

This was a day no-one would forget, when the **courage** of a shepherd boy saved a nation.



Bible story based on 1 Samuel 17



QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

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| ARMOUR | BOY | DAVID |
| COURAGE | FOREHEAD | GIANT |
| GOLIATH | GOD | ISRAELITE |
| PHILISTINE | SHIELD | SLING |
| SOLDIER | STONE | STRUCK |

