



End of Year Message from Mrs Buchanan

Days such as today are of course primarily celebratory, but for me this year they are also tinged with sadness as not only do we say goodbye to all of our leavers, but I am also going on a one-year secondment with the Local Authority, as a School Improvement Advisor.

In our last assembly of the year, Mrs McGeehan reflected on the words of Mr. Tushman - the school principal from the book 'Wonder'.

"IF EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN HOLY TRINITY MADE IT A RULE THAT WHEREVER YOU ARE, WHENEVER YOU CAN, YOU WILL TRY TO ACT A LITTLE KINDER THAN IS NECESSARY – THE WORLD REALLY WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE. AND IF YOU DO THIS, IF YOU ACT JUST A LITTLE KINDER THAN IS NECESSARY, SOMEONE ELSE, SOMEWHERE, SOMEDAY, MAY RECOGNIZE IN YOU, IN EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU, THE FACE OF GOD."

What a wonderful thought that is!

Thank you:

I would like to thank you, the parents, who teach more to your children through their day-to-day dealings than we ever could in the short time they are exposed to us.

I would like to thank the Governors who read the information we provide and help set the strategic direction for the year to come, all giving time voluntarily, and for allowing me the opportunity to further develop as a leader. The PTA, who provide such wonderful events and resources to the school.

To the teaching assistants who provide the essential support for our pupils and often go above and beyond to ensure that HT is the school it is.

My Office staff, who are the backbone of our school, welcoming visitors on a daily basis and who work so hard to ensure the school runs smoothly.

Lastly, I would like to thank the teachers who work extremely hard for your children. Their job is huge; it is ever changing and is dynamic. We are constantly in a pattern of change and for teachers to remain as sane as they are, (well, mostly!) is amazing.

I would therefore like to thank them for all the opportunities they have provided for your children this year. I will miss you all!

I would like to say farewell to our Year 6s who are heading off to Secondary school. Many of them have been with us from the age of four. They are a group of children who have set the tone for the school and have led the way in learning and in achievements on many fronts: academic, sporting and cultural. They have been real ambassadors for our school and they have exhibited all the Gospel values we celebrate time and time again.

I believe that it is the top year group in any school that really sets the tone for the year, and this year's cohort have led the school wonderfully. They have worked hard, played hard and – individually and collectively – they are amazing!

I wish them all the best. In the end of term Mass, my advice to our leavers was to 'Aspire not to have more, but to be more' and hopefully their time at Holy Trinity has prepared them to become the people I know they can be.

Finally, I wish you all an amazing summer and thank you for another wonderful year. I look forward to returning in September 2025!

This Week's News

French Day

Mrs Stansfield organised a fantastic French day for us last week and we all enjoyed learning about the culture by visiting a French café and playing pétanque competitions on the field. Each class spent the day doing various activities and at the end of the day we shared our learning with the rest of the school. We enjoyed hearing a variety of songs, seeing artwork inspired by French artists and year 4 gave us a masterclass in how the French language has influenced our own language today! A big thank you to local French enthusiast, Jo Graves, who helped to organise funding for this hugely enjoyable day - c'était fantastique!

Matilda

On Tuesday evening Year 6 performed their end of Year show, Matilda. The children have worked so hard for this last term on learning lines, songs and getting into character. As well as hard work on the stage, we also had children working behind the scenes as our 'tech crew' and setting staging for each scene. We were so proud of each and every one of the children and thoroughly enjoyed putting on the performance. A huge thank-you to all staff who helped put this show together, as well as to the parents and carers for their continued support.



Bikeability

This week, the Year 5s were thrilled to welcome the Windrush Bike Project to school for their Bikeability training. First, the children completed some basic training in the playground, learning how to use their gears and how to indicate, and then they ventured out onto the side roads around Chipping Norton to practise their bike riding skills safely.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Michaelmas Term	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Reception & Year 6 Pupils Back to School
Wednesday 4 th September	All Pupils Back to School
Friday 4 th October	Year 6 Trip to the Steam Museum - Swindon
Wednesday 9 th October	Individual School Photos
Friday 11 th October	PTA Welcome Disco
Friday 25 th October	MAC INSET
Half Term	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November

The Prayer

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Amen