Holy Trinity
C of E Primary Academy and Nursery
Hope Within, Hope Beyond

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Nursery, Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

A huge well done to all the children for settling into Nursery so beautifully.

During the first few weeks of the term we will be getting to know the children through play based learning experiences. We will explore the Early Years environments inside and out, and support the children to become familiar with the daily routine.

This half term, our literacy focus will be Story Dough. It is an exciting approach which encourages children to explore storytelling through play, imagination and creativity. Story Dough supports children in developing their language, mark-making and storytelling skills. Story Dough is a fantastic way to develop children's fine motor skills, helping to strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers, which are important for developing their pencil control.

Alongside this we will be planning learning opportunities using the children's fascinations and interests. We will be sharing a wide range of books, rhymes, poems and songs linked to seasonal changes and festivals, and we will be learning about Autumn and Harvest. If you would like to share any ideas for any of the learning we will be doing we would love to hear from you.

There will be regular updates on the Earl's Hill page on the school showing the learning and exploring which has taken place during the week.

Each week, every class teacher chooses their 'star of the week'. As the children settle into our class the family of the 'star' will be invited to a special assembly on Fridays at 11.00am.

As a church school, our learning takes place through Christian Values. Our overarching school value is 'Hope'. The children will be looking at how this value links to our topics and how they can display our value in their everyday lives. If you see your child, or any member of the Holy Trinity community displaying any of our core values, we'd love to hear about it. We will be awarding children who go above and beyond to show our values a special 'Values Champion' award at the end of each half term.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

The Early Years Team.

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