



# 'Let your light shine'

4th September 2025

## Newsletter 1

**Our Vision** *'Let your light shine'* We believe that, in the eyes of God, we are all special and we each have a unique blend of personality and gifts or talents. At Tritlington, our vision is to nurture these talents so that each of us has the opportunity to become the best we can be.

We want our pupils to flourish, thrive and excel, so that their lives make a positive and precious difference - in their classrooms, throughout the school, in their homes and their communities. Our goal is to prepare our children to make their own, unique contribution to a diverse society and be confident, happy citizens.

**To summarise, letting our light shine is all about: 'Being the best we can be, for ourselves and others.'**

### Welcome back!

Welcome to the start of the new academic year! We are delighted to have some new families join Tritlington School, a warm welcome to you all as we begin an exciting new year.

### This Friday!

On a Friday afternoon each week we welcome parents and carers into school for our sharing assembly at 3pm. However, this week this will be at **2.45pm** as Reverend Elaine will be telling us about a special charity called "Children in Distress" which organises a shoe box appeal every Christmas. We are excited to be a part of this opportunity to help our global neighbours and if you are able, we would value your support with this. If you are unable to attend tomorrow, more information will be sent home later.

### Work completed over the summer

We are delighted to tell you that over the summer break we have had the central heating system in school upgraded and brought into the 21st century! We can now look forward to being cosy and warm on colder days - we feel very lucky as this has been a huge job over the summer.

### Meet the new teacher days

We would like to invite all parents and carers to a "Meet the teacher" session in school. This will be an opportunity to learn more about our expectations for the year ahead, what your child's targets are for their current year group, chat with other parents in your child's class and an opportunity for you to ask any questions. The dates are as follows:

**EYFS** - 3pm Tuesday 16th September

**Year 1** - 3pm Friday 19th September

**Class 2** - 3pm Thursday 18th September

If you are unable to attend, we will send home the information with your child.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs from Monday to Friday from 8am until 08.45am when school starts. If you need a place for your child, please contact the school office [admin@tritlington.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tritlington.northumberland.sch.uk) to make your booking in advance.

## School Money Parent Pay

At Tritlington we use a payment system called SchoolMoney. This is a secure online payment system where school dinners, milk, clubs, wrap-around care etc can be paid for remotely using this app. If you are a new parent at Tritlington, we will be sending you a separate email soon with details of how to use the app.

## School Dinners

Our delicious school meals are made fresh to order each day by our Catering Unit Manager Mrs Whellans. They are cooked on the premises and served in our school hall. The children receive a two-course meal including a vegetarian option, special dietary requirements can also be catered for. The children are encouraged to take fresh fruit and vegetables and to try all the foods on offer.

Due to the ongoing rises in food prices, we have had to increase the price of our dinners. **Dinners cost £2.50** for two courses (£12.50 per week).

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children do not have to pay for their meals as this is covered by the Universal Free school meal initiative.

However, children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 do have to pay. If you think you may qualify for income related free school meals due to a benefit you are in receipt of, please use this [link](#) for further information.

## PE Days

Our PE curriculum is delivered in conjunction with a PE specialist. His name is Liam and he has a fantastic relationship with our pupils - he is very encouraging, positive and gets the best out of the children. PE lessons are **every Friday afternoon** so we would be grateful if your child could come to school dressed in their PE kit on this day. Where possible, PE will be outside (except during the winter months) so please ensure that if the weather is colder your child has leggings/joggers/a warm jumper available so that they are comfortable. Long hair should be tied back for PE and any earrings removed - for safety's sake. Liam also runs an after school club on a Friday where the children can experience different activities such as judo and archery and have lots of fun!

## Music Tuition

Mrs Chinnery, our colleague from Music Partnership North, will once again be delivering expert music lessons in school. Mrs Chinnery is a music specialist and our children make excellent progress under her tuition. Pupils can also receive individual instrumental tuition. These lessons are delivered during school time by one of the peripatetic music teachers and there is a cost attached. Lessons are available to pupils from Year 2 upwards and include guitar, violin and keyboard. If your child is interested in learning how to play an instrument, please contact us at school.

## School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the children looking so smart on their return to school! Please ensure that **ALL** items of clothing are labelled with your child's name to avoid losing them. It can be upsetting for your child when they misplace items and they are not named.

## Pupil Safety

In order to keep everyone safe, we would be grateful if parents and children would only use the main gate for access to school and not come in through the staff car park, unless you have been given permission by school for a particular reason to use this entrance.

## Communication

We aim to provide regular communication about school and events to all parents and carers through regular newsletters / school's facebook page and emails to ensure our school community is kept as fully informed as possible.

We would like to thank the parents who have spoken directly to us and provided feedback about events in school this last academic year. We appreciate your views as this allows us to reflect, plan for future events and aim to continually improve our offer for the children in the forthcoming academic year. Please note that

parental whatsapp groups DO NOT reflect the views of the school. We operate an open door policy and welcome parental feedback at all times. If you would like to arrange a meeting with Headteachers Mrs Stephenson or Mrs O'Dell please contact the school office to book an appointment.

### **Parental Code of Conduct**

At Tritlington School we are very proud to have strong relationships with all of our parents, families, carers and professionals, we are all aware of the importance of good working relationships and all recognise the importance of these to equip our children with the necessary skills for their future learning.

We set high expectations of our staffing team to model appropriate behaviours towards children. Therefore, as a partnership we expect this to run through to our Parents, Families, Carers and visitors.

It is at the heart of everything we do at Tritlington to make everyone feel safe, listened to, respected and valued whilst on our site. To ensure that this is achieved we have put together a parental code of conduct for everyone to adhere to, which is attached to this email and is available on our website. If you have any questions please do get in touch with us.

### **Tritlington Explorers and After school clubs**

Tritlington Explorers is the name given to our fantastic after school wraparound provision. It starts at 3.15pm and currently runs until 6pm. The children help to choose the activities for the half term and have lots of fun. If your child wishes to go to Forest School, for example, they can then go to Explorers until 6pm should you need child care until then.

If you would like your child to attend any of the after school clubs, please email the school office to book a place in advance for them as numbers are limited at some of our clubs.

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<b>Autumn Term 1 After School Clubs</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lego Club 3.15 - 4.15pm £4 Explorers available until 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Art Club 3.15 - 4.15pm £4 Explorers available until 6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Forest School 'Seedlings After School Club' 3.15 - 4.45pm £6 After Forest School Explorers - Wheelie Wednesdays</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Outdoor Play Club 3.15 - 4.15pm £4 Explorers available until 6pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PE Club with Liam 3.15 - 4.15pm £4 Explorers available until 6pm</b>

Please check the **Dates For Your Diary** carefully. Dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and if an opportunity presents itself, we may add extra dates to the calendar. These are also available on the school website.

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Friday 5th September 3pm	<b>Sharing Assembly</b>
Tuesday 16th September	<b>EYFS Meet the teacher session</b>
Friday 19th September	<b>Year 1 Meet the teacher session</b>
Thursday 18th September	<b>Class 2 Meet the teacher session</b>
Wednesday 1st October	<b>Harvest Festival Service in school at 10.30am Parents and Carers Invited</b>
Friday 24th October 2025	<b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3rd November 2025	<b>START BACK AT SCHOOL</b>
Friday 14th November 2025	<b>Children in Need non-uniform day</b>
Wednesday 19th November 2025	<b>Parental Consultations - Virtual/phone calls</b>
Thursday 20th November 2025	<b>Parental Consultations - Face to face</b>
Monday 24th November 2025	<b>School photographer in school</b>
Wednesday 3rd December	<b>Christmas lunch in school for pupils</b>
Thursday 11th December 2025	<b>Nativity - Parent evening performance 6pm</b>
Friday 12th December 2025	<b>Nativity - Parent afternoon performance 2pm</b>
TBC	<b>Christingle / Christmas Service at Hebron Church 9am Parents Invited</b>
Thursday 18th December	<b>Christmas party in school for pupils</b>
Friday 19th December 2025	<b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
Tuesday 6th January 2026	<b>START BACK AT SCHOOL</b>

We are really looking forward to working with the children and their families this year, seeing the progress the children make and letting their individual lights shine.

Many thanks for your continued support of Tritlington School.

Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Stephenson