

# Julia values the excellent communication and supportive community at Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

Julia lives in Cookridge with her two children, Sebastian (Sebbie), who is nine and in Year 5, and Violet, who is five and in Year 1.

## **Starting school**

Both of Julia's children had very different experiences of starting school: "Sebbie went to nursery in Harrogate, as I was working there, so he started at Holy Trinity not knowing anyone, but he settled in really well. He's quite a confident, easy-going boy," she explains.

For Violet, the transition was a little different. "Violet went to nursery just up the road, so she had lots of friends going to the same school and used to come on the school run with me every day, so we thought it would be really easy for her," says Julia. However, due to growing up during COVID, Violet's reserved nature made the first few weeks more challenging. "She can feel anxious about things, so she did struggle when she first started, but she's now settled in really well."

The supportive teachers at Holy Trinity played a crucial role in Violet's adjustment: "The teachers were really great with her, and she loved it when she was in."

## A strong sense of community

Julia values the strong sense of community at Holy Trinity, especially the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). "The PTA has been fantastic this year, organising loads of extracurricular activities like discos and dress-down days. There's always something keeping the children interested." She also appreciates the support network among parents, facilitated by a WhatsApp group for reminders and updates.

The school's OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative has also been a valuable addition. "It's just added extra interest at playtime. They've got so much stuff now, like crafts and activities. It's good for confidence and building relationships."

### **Children say**

Sebastian says: I like D.T and art as I enjoy making and creating things.

Violet says: My favourite subject is phonics where I learn new sounds.



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