

### Growing together as children of God

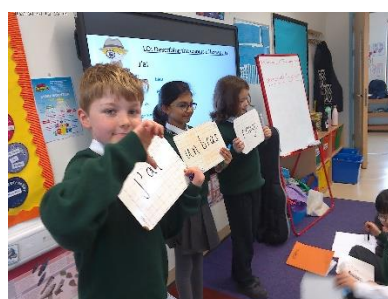


At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

Many of our children were out of school yesterday. Year 2 had an excellent, yet chilly, day at Kew Gardens as part of their science topic on plants. Other year groups walked to the Wimbledon Library for a pantomime – Beauty and the Beast. All children had a marvellous time. We are so grateful for the amazing opportunities we have living in Wimbledon. Do scroll down to the end of the Bulletin for some other opportunities that you might like to take advantage of.



The children are learning so much in their French lessons – here are some of our KS2 pupils practising word order and playing games to consolidate phrases.



This week in music Year 1 pupils have enjoyed using a parachute to move to Vivaldi's 'Winter' music from the four seasons. They have also produced some creative artwork inspired by this famous piece. Join in and listen at home at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/classical-music-antonio-vivaldi-winter-from-the-four-seasons/zf98bdm>



This week Owl and Robins have enjoyed a sensory music trail based on the book 'Rumble in the Jungle'. The children had the opportunity to explore a range of musical instruments to make their own music for the jungle creatures!

Our Year 5 pupils welcomed Year 5 pupils from Bishop Gilpin this week for their joint rehearsal for Merton Music Foundation's Music is Life event at the Royal Albert Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> March. I know many others are involved too, as part of MMF.

We are so looking forward to the event. If you are the parent/carer of a Year 5 pupil, don't forget to purchase your tickets – do see the Parentmail communication for more information.

Other people are welcome to purchase tickets too, using the QR code on the poster.

## Nursery Application Deadline for September 2024 (children born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021)

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery from September 2024, please be aware that the deadline for submitting your forms is 5pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February (the Monday in Half Term). For more information please see our website [https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery\\_admissions/544973](https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions/544973))

## Smart Watches

We have seen a growing number of children wearing Smart watches to school. Ideally, we would like these to stay at home, but if your child wears one in school, then they must be switched to classroom mode for the entire time they are at school. If your child attends a club or After School Club, the classroom mode must be extended until these clubs have finished. If they are not in classroom mode, then school staff will look after the watches until the child goes home. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Attendance – Is my child too ill to attend school?**

We are very keen to improve our school attendance. If you need guidance on whether your child is too ill to attend school, please take a look at this guidance from the NHS. [https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

If your child is anxious about coming to school, please do contact us. There is also some helpful information in this link to help you at home. [https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/03/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/03/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### **Ordering a Hot Lunch if your child is late to school**

We need to inform the school kitchen of our lunch orders by 9.30am each day. If you know your child is going to arrive at school after this time (for example if they have an appointment, interview or test) but they will be back for lunch then please call the school office to order a lunch for them. If you log your child's late arrival on the Parentmail absence feature, then you may also use this to order your child's lunch.

We have had a number of occasions when children have arrived mid-morning, expecting to have a school lunch, which creates difficulties for the kitchen team.

If you do not order a lunch, then please provide your child with a packed lunch.

## **HOTS NOTICES**

### **Lego Competition**

It's not too late to enter our Lego competition! Get creative this weekend and submit your photos before 31<sup>st</sup> January for a chance to win a prize! Your creation could be related to Christmas, 2024, New Year's resolutions or anything else. To enter, simply buy a ticket online and send a photo of your build to [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com). <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=74031> Good luck!!

### **Save the Date - Spring Disco**

Keep Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March free for the 2024 Spring Disco! More information to follow in a few weeks' time.

### **Follow us on Facebook!**

We have created a new page on Facebook so please follow it to keep up to date with activities and announcements: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>

### **New members**

Please consider volunteering your time to help us with our fundraisers and/or pre-loved uniform. Whether you want to join the HOTS committee, have a great fundraising idea up your sleeve or want to join the volunteers list please get in touch!

The HOTS Committee  
[hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com)





### Donations request

If you have any of the following items that you no longer use, please know that we would appreciate them at school to aid the children's learning.

#### Haberdashery:

Shower curtains;

Fabrics such as felt, cotton, silk, Binca, any others for sewing;

Needles - metal & plastic;

Various fastenings including buttons, hook & eye, cord, zips, press studs, velcro;

Threads;



#### Building:

Clay;

Paints;

Lolly Sticks;

Toothpicks;

Lego;



#### Research products:

Torches;

Puppets;

Pop-up books;

Steady hand games.



Many thanks in advance for your contributions.

## Dyscalculia Day -Parent Conference

Friday 23rd February 2024

9am- 3.30pm GMT

ONLINE AND RECORDED



Book via Eventbrite  
'Dyscalculia Network'  
or  
use the QR code above

### Agenda

**All about Dyscalculia** Rob Jennings and Cat Eadle

**Kick starting Key Stage 1 on a secure footing** Breda Mckinney and Bridget Mather-Scott

**Dyscalculia at Key Stage 2** Sarah Jones

**Basic base 10 in simple steps** Kate Papergeorgio

**Calm parent + calm child= success at GCSE** Sara Watts

**What do dyscalculic learners find so hard about GCSE maths?** Nichola Evans

**Advice for Parents by Parents** The Dyscalculia Network and Guests

£25

**Dyscalculia  
Day** For Parents  
23 February 2024

NEAT will be running 3 days of sports camps at Holy Trinity during half term. Please see the attached flyer for details. To make a booking please see <https://neat.pembee.app/activity/65a7ad35f83708df69394460>







Whether you're just starting out on your writing journey, wanting to develop your craft, or simply looking to explore different ways of telling your story, our **creative writing workshops** are the perfect way to get your creativity flowing.

The workshops start on the **26th January** in libraries across Merton and will be led by professional writers; **Saima Mir**, author of *The Times* bestseller *The Khan* (Colliers Wood), **Dr Tim Atkins** - writer and senior lecturer in creative writing at the University of Roehampton (Morden) and **Juan Tafur** - author, dramatist and curator of Southside House (Wimbledon).

**Free places available to residents in the CR4, CR7, SM3 and SM4 postcodes.**

The workshops are part of the **Merton Arts Project** - supported by Arts Council England.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE**

### **A message from AFC Wimbledon**

I am thrilled to extend to you an exciting opportunity to witness the current table-topping AFC Wimbledon Women in action at Plough Lane for the first time in 2024.

As a token of our appreciation for your ongoing support, we are delighted to offer your pupils complimentary tickets to attend two upcoming games scheduled for January and February. Please note that these tickets are limited, and we will be allocating them on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Don't miss the chance to be part of the exhilarating atmosphere and cheer for AFC Wimbledon Women as they showcase their talent on the pitch. We look forward to welcoming you and your pupils to an unforgettable experience at Plough Lane.

#### **GAME 1**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Gates open from 1pm

Kick off at 2pm

v Charlton Athletics u21s

Tickets: <https://buytickets.at/afcwimbledonwomen/1105351>

#### **GAME 2**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Gates open from 1pm

Kick off at 2pm

v Cambridge United

Tickets: <https://buytickets.at/afcwimbledonwomen/1105629>



Present their eleventh fun-filled family pantomime in support of Deen City Farm

## **Mother Goose**

**26-28 Jan**

**St John the Divine**

**High Path**

**Tickets £5**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - 7pm**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> - 2pm & 7pm**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - 2pm**



[tinyurl.com/mp3panto](http://tinyurl.com/mp3panto)

## **Attached Items:**

None today

## **Term Dates 2023-2024**

### **Spring Term 2024**

First day: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

(INSET Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January so children back Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January)

Last day: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Half term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **Summer Term 2024**

First day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Last day: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

(INSETs Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024)

## **Term Dates 2024-2025**

### **Autumn Term 2024**

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETs Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Last day Friday 20 December 2024

### **Spring Term 2025**

First day: Monday 6 January 2025 (INSET Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**Children start back Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Last day: Friday 4 April 2025

### **Summer Term 2025**

First day: Tuesday 22 April 2025

Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 (INSET Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025)

**Children break up Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

## **Term Dates 2025-2026**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETs Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

Half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025

Last day Friday 19 December 2025

### **Spring Term 2026**

First day: Monday 5 January 2026 (INSET Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January)

**Children start back Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Half term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026

Last day: Friday 27 March 2026

### **Summer Term 2026**

First day: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026 (INSET Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July)

**Children break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



**Key Dates for the Term (Any new dates added will be highlighted.)**

Date	Time	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> February		Maths Number Day
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week
6 <sup>th</sup> February		School Eucharist
9 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
19 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
8 <sup>th</sup> March		International Women's Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 5 @ Royal Albert Hall for Merton Music Foundation Performance
11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Assessment weeks
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Year 6 in France
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Science Week and Neurodiversity Week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
28 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
19 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
24 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
29 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
19 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards