

Growing together as children of God



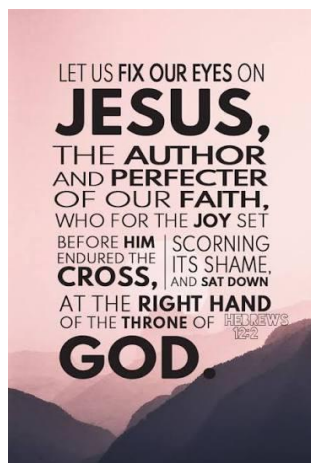
At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ 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

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It was wonderful to see the children running into school on Thursday for the start of the new year. They were excited to see their friends and get to know our new pupils too. We look forward to our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception joining us next week.

We have been thinking in worship about Champions, and also Unlikely Champions. We looked at the story of Peter walking on water, and the need for him to keep his eyes fixed on Jesus. The children, and adults, were challenged to think about what they might want to champion this year.



A Prayer for the start of a new academic year

Loving Lord

At the start of this new academic year, please help us to trust in you.

Thank you that you know our worries and our fears already. Thank you that you will be with us each day.

Please help us to use the challenges this year will bring to develop a love of learning.

Thank you that you made each one of us unique and special, and that you have given all of us different gifts.

Please help us to appreciate and respect each other.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

International School Award

Certificate

This is to certify that

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

has achieved

Intermediate level
Developing internationalism



Scott McDonald
Chief Executive, British Council



I am delighted that we have been awarded the Intermediate Level International School Award. My thanks go to Mme Poleviou and Miss Burnham for all of their hard work in securing this award.

A few reminders at the start of the academic year

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What is the drop off procedure?	The Faraday Gate will open at 8.30 each day, when a member of staff will be on duty. The official start of the day for Reception to Year 6 is 8.45. It is expected that all children will be in school from this time. Nursery starts at 8.30. At drop off we are asking all families (except nursery) to enter the playground via the Faraday Road Gate, and exit the playground via the Effra Road Gate, just to ease the flow of traffic! This is not a formal one-way system! There will be labelled signs and cones for children to line up at. As soon as your child has gone to their cone, we ask that you vacate the playground as soon as possible, leaving via the Effra Road gate. This helped the children to settle in so smoothly last year. Please don't wait by the lines, as this can upset some children. We are very happy for parents to drop their children at the gate, so that they enter on their own – this worked so well last year. Obviously, parents of Reception children will want to wait with them outside the Reception gate.																											
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Can my child bring their bike or scooter to school?	We encourage all families to walk/scoot or ride to school. Bikes and scooters can be stored in the shelter in the playground.
Will the children have play time?	Years 1, 2, 3 will have playtime at 10.15-10.30 Years 4, 5, 6 will have playtime at 10.35-10.50
How will lunchtimes be organised?	Lunchtimes are staggered. Children will be seated in their classes for lunch and will play in an allocated Play Zone with their year group. Year groups will rotate around the Play Zones during the week. Within each Play Zone there are different activities including: • Sports activities (with a Sports coach) • Playground games • Trim Trail • Stage area for performances • Climbing Wall • Table Tennis • Den Building and outdoor activities in the Wild Garden • Quiet Garden Reception children have their own Play Zone. Children will be supervised by the same staff members each day, and will include staff from their year group teams, as well as specific lunchtime supervisors. Chameleon Corner (an indoor Lunch Club) will be available each day for those children who prefer a quieter space.
When does my child wear their PE 'uniform'?	The PE uniform will be expected to be worn on PE days for the whole day. PE days will be on the website class pages and shared at the Meet the Teacher sessions.
How can I find out what my children will be learning?	Please use the new class pages of the website as much as possible – this has very useful information that will help to support your child's learning.
Can the children use the trim trail/climbing wall before and after school?	I'm afraid these cannot be used by the children, or their younger siblings, either before or after school.
What happens if my child loses something?	We have a lost property box in the school welcome area. Any items with a name on, are returned to their owner. Please ensure all items of clothing, water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly labelled.
What do I do if my child needs to take medication in the school day?	Please visit the school office, who will be able to help you. If your child has regular medication, please bring it to the School Office as soon as possible. You will be asked to complete a new permission form.
Can my child bring a snack in to eat at break time?	All children from Nursery to Year 2 are given a piece of fruit or vegetable through the Government's scheme. KS2 children are welcome to bring in fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. No other snacks are allowed, except by special arrangement.
Is Holy Trinity a nut-free school?	We are a nut-free school! Please double check any items that you send in for packed lunches. Please do not use Nutella or peanut butter in sandwiches. All packed lunches should be healthy.
Is Holy Trinity a water-only school?	Yes, we are! Please provide your child with a named water bottle, with water inside. There are plenty of drinking water taps that the children can use to refill their water bottle. The younger children are given milk as part of their morning/afternoon routines.
If I want to meet with Mrs Rickards, is this possible?	Yes! I have an open door policy. If it's a quick chat, then do catch me at the gate morning or afternoon. If it requires a longer chat, then please email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk to arrange a meeting.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

At the start of the new academic year we will be offering you a chance to meet your child's new teacher, and to hear more about the expectations of the new year group. We will share the presentation with all parents if you are not able to attend the session.

Year Group	Meet the Teacher Date – all sessions will be from 8.45-9.15am Please meet in the playground
1	Monday 7 th September
4	Wednesday 9 th September
2	Thursday 10 th September
6	Friday 11 th September
3	Tuesday 15th September Please note the change in date – many apologies for the inconvenience this may cause you.

Welcome Back From HOTs!

HOTs would like to welcome all our new and returning families to the 2026-2027 school year. The committee is starting to plan upcoming school events for the year. More information and dates to follow in the coming weeks regarding discos, fundraisers, etc. All the funds raised through our events support the school and teachers to bring much needed resources to the program. We want to thank everyone in our community for your continued support. If you have any questions, or would like to help please feel free to contact us at hotsemail@gmail.com.

Preloved Uniforms:

In need of a uniform item? Check out our preloved uniform sales! Preloved uniforms is a cost saving, and eco-friendly practice to help our community of families.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=29873&lsProductGroup=1>

Follow us on Social Media:

Keep up to date with our activities via Facebook and Instagram!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hotsfriendsofholytrinity?igsh=MWJsMnZoY2hpMnNmZw==>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>



Saint Cecilia's
Church of England School

Saint Cecilia's School Open Events - Book Now!

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2027, Saint Cecilia's Church of England School invites you to an open event. Click on the links below to book tickets.

Dates:

Thursday 17th September 5 – 8.30pm

Tuesday 22nd September 9am – noon

Tuesday 6th October 9am – noon

In addition, we are hosting a special introductory talk for all those wanting to apply for a Foundation (faith-based) place on:
Wednesday 7th October 6 – 7pm

To read our prospectuses and for all admissions information, visit our website, or scan the QR code.



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Ibstock Place
CIS EDUCATIONAL DAY SCHOOL

Harlequins Taster Sessions for U10 and U11

Thursday 10 September | 5.15pm – 6.30pm

To book your place email Mr Sam Tiffin
stiffin@ibstockplaceschool.co.uk

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Merton Education Wellbeing Service is a service offering parents guidance and support from the earliest stages of concern around a range of common challenges. They work with parents of children from ages 3 to 11. NHS Wellbeing Practitioners offer ideas and can offer 1:1 sessions with parents to help with:

- Calmer routines and fewer conflicts at home
- Helping your child feel more confident in new situations or social settings
- Helping your child cope with fears, worries and build resilience
- Helping parents feel supported, reassured and not alone

You can reach out to them and find out more here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

- First day: Tuesday 1 September 2026
(INSET Days Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September)
Children start back Thursday 3 September 2026
- Last day Friday 18 December 2026
- Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

Spring Term 2027

- First day: Monday 4 January 2027
(INSET Day Monday 4 January 2027)
Children start back Tuesday 5 January 2027
- Last day: Thursday 25 March 2027
- Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

Summer Term 2027

- First day: Monday 12 April 2027
- Last day: Wednesday 21 July 2027
(INSET Day Wednesday 21 July)
Children end Tuesday 20 July 2027
- Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027
(INSET Day Monday 7 June)
Children return from half term Tuesday 8 June 2027

Key Dates will be available next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher



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