

Growing together as children of God



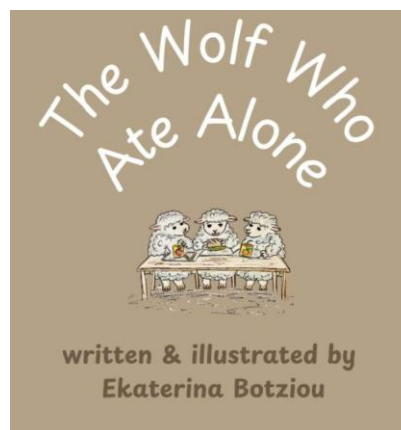
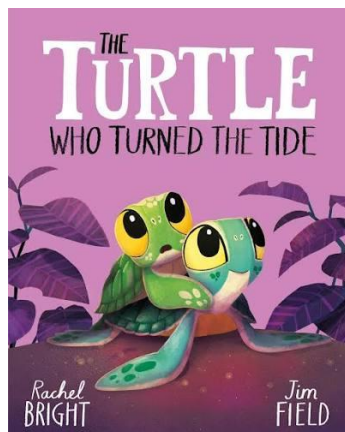
At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓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

We are thrilled with how the children have settled back in to school life, and how well our youngest children are doing, in their first few days of school. You should feel so proud of them all.

For the first few days, Years 1-6 have had a focus on oracy (embedding speaking, listening and communication), looking at the books below and the theme of champions, which links in with our worship series.



Here are Year 4 completing some of the special oracy activities.



We are thrilled to share that Louis, from Reception, has secured the prestigious North American Grappling Association title, and his sister Constance took home silver! They are both now preparing for the Grappling European Championship in Lisbon this October.

Email Issues

I am afraid that we have noticed some issues with our emails not arriving at their destination, or going in to spam/junk folders instead. If you are expecting an email from me, or any other staff member, and you have not received a reply, please do check your spam folder. If there is no email, please contact us again. The emails appear to have been sent, and so we have no way of knowing whether they have been delivered. We have escalated this to our IT company and they are looking in to it. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Smartphones and Smartwatches

As you know, we are a Smartphone-free school, and we would like to remain this way.

Under the statutory *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026* guidance, schools are required to implement policies ensuring that environments are mobile phone-free by default throughout the school day. Smartphone access is treated as a critical safeguarding and online safety concern due to risks such as online harms and AI-generated image abuse.

We have noticed a growing number of children coming to school now with Smartwatches. We would prefer for these to stay at home, and for children to wear a simple digital or analogue watch instead. If children do wear smartwatches, these will be handed in to the teacher at the start of the day, and returned at the end.

Thank you for your support with this as we try to keep our children safe.

School Streets Scheme

This is just a reminder that whilst our school is part of the School Streets Scheme, vehicles can still drive down Faraday Road and Effra Road. Our residents and certain other cars are exempt from the scheme. Please walk on the pavements, and ensure that your child/children don't scoot or ride down the middle of the road. We would love to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support with this.

Meet the Teacher Session

Year Group	Meet the Teacher Date – all sessions will be from 8.45-9.15am Please meet in the playground
3	Tuesday 15 th September

Come & Play

Come & Play Sessions are a great opportunity for young musicians to try out one of our many bands, choirs, or ensembles at Merton Music Foundation. Exciting opportunities ahead including European tours and performances at Wimbledon and the Royal Albert Hall.

If the child is aged 7-18, enjoys singing and/or has been learning an instrument for a term or more, they can register for a [FREE trial rehearsal](#) as part of our popular Come & Play sessions between 19-23 September.

If you have a younger child/student? Our **Step Into Music** programme at Wimbledon College is for ages 2–8 and is open to children with no previous musical experience – a fun, relaxed introduction to music-making on 19 September. [Click here to find out more and book a free trial.](#)

Merton Education Wellbeing Service

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/9hAI0GNKqk>.



Goodbyes and Goodnights Online Parent/Carer Group

Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?
Does your child struggle to separate from you?
Are you worried that your child might find it difficult to settle back into a routine after the school holidays?



Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child towards their independence.

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays – 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October 2026 12:30pm-1:30pm. [Please click here to sign up.](#)

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

If you are interested but cannot attend these dates/times please sign up and we will be in touch.



In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to find out more.



Please scan the QR Code or [click here to sign up.](#)

Merton Council, in partnership with Donate to Educate, have a large surplus of brand new school uniforms from Marks and Spencer and other school kit for local families in need to collect for free.

Available to families who are eligible for free school meals, the uniforms include boys' shirts and trousers, girls' blouses and skirts, cardigans and jumpers and are available in all ages, sizes and school levels. The sessions will run on a drop-in basis and operate at the following Best Start Family Hubs and Children Centre's.

- Acacia - Friday 18th Sept - 1pm - 4:30pm (Acacia Children Centre, 230 Grove Road, Mitcham, CR4 1SD)
- Ivy Gardens - Monday 21st Sept 9am - 12pm (Ivy Gardens Children Centre, Mitcham, CR4 1BR)
- Steers - Wednesday 30th Sept 1pm - 4:30pm (Steersmead Children Centre, Lavender Park Pavilion, Lavender Avenue, CR4 3HL)

Polka Theatre Opportunity

As part of the [Wandle Fortnight](#), Polka Theatre will be delivering a **FREE puppet-making workshop for children ages 4 to 6 and their parents in Morden Hall Park** next **Saturday 12 September at 10am!**

It is a free workshop, but bookings are required. To book a ticket, click here: [Puppet Making Workshop at Morden Hall Park](#) | [Book tickets online](#) | [Polka Theatre](#)

Please note the meeting point will be at the Stable Yard Cafe.

Message for Reception parents/carers from Merton Libraries

We would like to welcome you and your child to Merton Libraries as they begin their Reception year. Our libraries are free, welcoming spaces for children and families, with books, activities and resources to support reading, learning and discovery from the very start of school life.

How you can use Merton Libraries

- Borrow books to enjoy together at home and help your child develop a love of reading.
- Explore e-books, audiobooks and online learning resources through Merton Libraries' digital services.
- Visit your local library to use children's spaces, computers and other library facilities.
- Take part in library activities, events and reading challenges for children and families.
- You can visit any Merton library with your child, and our library staff will be happy to help you find suitable books and show you the services available to your family.

Merton Libraries School Membership Programme

We also run the Merton Libraries School Membership Programme, which works with schools to sign children up for a Merton Library card. Your child's card can be used during class visits to the library, allowing them to borrow books and become familiar with using the library as part of their school experience.

As Reception children have only just started school this month, the cards will take a little time to prepare and are not expected to be available until mid to late November. Your child's school will let you know when the cards are ready and how they will be used for class library visits.

We hope that the programme will help every child feel confident and excited about visiting the library, while also introducing families to the wide range of free services available through Merton Libraries.

If you have any questions or would like further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Laura Tuck

Senior Service Development Officer

Merton Library and Heritage Service

Environment, Civic Pride and Climate Department

Merton Council



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We welcome prospective parents and pupils
for admission into Year 7 in September 2027 to our

OPEN EVENING

on
Thursday 24th September 2026
5pm - 8.00pm (last tours at 7pm)

The evening includes a comprehensive tour of the school with each family having their own dedicated pupil guide and a talk from the headteacher, Mr Laing.

Access to the headteacher's talk is only permitted with a valid ticket due to limited space. If you wish to attend the talk please select one of the times below. Tickets are limited to a Y5/6 child plus two others. Further information, including booking tickets, is available at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents Booking link will go live on 10 September.

Open Mornings:

For current Year 6 pupils only. By appointment only.

Monday 28th September to Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 9.00am

'Wimbledon College is an outstanding Catholic school'

'A strong Jesuit identity is reflected in the common language, vision and actions of all members of the school community'

Diocesan Inspection December 2022

'Pupils are respectful and motivated to learn' and 'Leaders are ambitious for pupils to have an enriching experience' Ofsted March 2023

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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 (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
17 th September	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
22 nd September	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2027
22 nd September	17.45	Online Curriculum Meeting for current Reception parents/carers
29 th September	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
15 th October	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
15 th October	14.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2027
16 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
16 th October	PM	HOTS Autumn Disco
Sunday 18 th October	10.30	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th – 22 nd October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week (online)
23 rd October		Break up for half term
2 nd November		Autumn 2 begins
5 th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
16 th – 20 th November		Anti-bullying week & Assessment Week 1
17 th November		School Eucharist @ school
20 th November	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2027
23 rd – 27 th November		Assessment Week 2
26 th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
Saturday 28 th November		HOTS Cheers and Carols
Saturday 5 th December		HOTS Christmas Tree Collections
8 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
9 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
11 th December	9.15	Year 2 Concert
14 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church Date TBC
December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church Date TBC
18 th December	14.00	Break up
4 th January 2027		INSET Day – School closed
5 th January 2027		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
7 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
5 th February		NCPCC Maths Number Day
12 th February	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
12 th February		Break up for half term
22 nd February		Spring 2 term begins
1 st – 12 th March		Assessment weeks
1 st – 5 th March		Year 6 to France
23 rd March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
24 th March		Mini-Market – Lent Appeal
25 th March	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Thursday 25 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter
12 th April		Summer 1 starts
15 th & 19 th April		Parent/Teacher Meetings in person
5 th – 7 th May		Year 4 PGL
10 th – 13 th May		Year 6 SATS
28 th May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
28 th May		Break up for half term
7 th June		INSET Day – School closed
8 th June		Summer 2 term begins
From 7 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check
14 th – 18 th June		Sports Week
14 th – 18 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
Saturday 26 th June		Summer Fair
20 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
20 th July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
21 st July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher