

### 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

It has been a busy week at Holy Trinity, with the children really getting back into the swing of term. Our youngest children have settled so well.



Nursery have had a fantastic first week! They have been getting to know one another, learning to share and work together, and beginning to make new friends. It has been a wonderful start, and we are so proud of how well they have settled in!



In art, Year 4 has been learning about creating different tones by using tints (adding white to a colour) and shades (adding black to a colour).



Year 3 had a fantastic time learning all about different types of rocks in science!

## 'Unforgettable' Culture Day for Holy Trinity

*Last year, Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, Wimbledon held its first ever Culture Day to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Returning for another year, the whole school community came together to celebrate belonging with a day of fashion, arts, music, dance and culture.*

Jasmine Burnham, Year 1 Class Teacher, Subject Leader of the Junior Leadership Team and Diversity and Inclusion and Staff Governor said, "There are moments in the school year that remind you precisely why we do what we do. Our recent Culture Day was, without a doubt, one of those moments. This year, we centred our celebrations around the profound theme of belonging. Our aim was to explore how diverse cultures support each other, how we all connect as a community, and specifically, how music and dance from around the world belong together. The energy in the school was electric, paving the way for a truly unforgettable day of unity and discovery."

The day started with a fashion show, with children dressed in vibrant traditional clothing, representing their heritage with immense pride. Specialised workshops led by parent volunteers aimed at each year group, gave children an opportunity to learn more about music and dance. The children also participated in a whole-school art project, where they designed their own individual puzzle piece. Each piece was uniquely decorated to represent the child's individual identity, and the pieces were then joined together to form a jigsaw – all beautifully different yet flawlessly fitting and belonging together. The day ended with a high-energy, collective workshop, which included a traditional Chinese dragon dance performance. The theme of belonging extended far beyond the school gates and children in Key Stage 2

took part in a writing activity to send letters to children in Ukraine.

Year 6 students Abi Dugmore and Lucas Marchant shared how proud they were to celebrate diversity at school.

Abi said, "We had an amazing fashion show – it was beautiful to see everyone displaying their family background and traditional cultural clothing! For the rest of the day, we did activities like, decorating a puzzle piece each with things that represent our culture too. Then, in the afternoon we watched a Chinese dragon good luck dance in the playground, which was brilliant! We are very thankful for all the different cultures in the school, because we all see the world in different eyes and have different ideas."

Lucas added, "I was part of the fashion show, and it was so fun! Me and loads of other children in other year groups had the opportunity to walk through the school and show off our fabulous traditional clothing. There was music and everyone has a smile on their face and clapped and cheered for us! No one seemed to be nervous to show off their cultures. As we walked through, everyone felt proud of themselves and their culture. It felt like we were all united and it felt like every culture in the whole school was celebrated."



Celebrating 'belonging' with a day of fashion, arts, music, dance and culture.

SCHOOLS

## Email Issues continuing

I am afraid that our email issues continue, with emails going into spam/junk folders. 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.

## Bikes, scooters and the trim trail

This is just a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden in the school grounds. I'm afraid that children are also not allowed to play on the trim trail before or after school. Thank you for your support with this.

## Healthy Snacks

All children from Nursery to Year 2 are given a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack as part of the Government's Fruit scheme. Children in Years 3 to 6 are very welcome to bring a snack of fruit or vegetable (fresh or dried) to eat at break time. No other snacks are allowed, unless by prior arrangement, due to a specific need. Do email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) if this applies to your child.

## South Park Gardens

I'm afraid I received an email from a member of the public about one of our children not showing respect towards the pigeons in South Park Gardens. Please can you ensure that children are supervised when playing in the park, and that you talk to them about showing respect to the wildlife and animals. Thank you.

## European Day of Languages

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages!

This is a celebration of all the different languages spoken around the world (not just in Europe!) and is designed to promote the importance of language learning and protect the linguistic heritage.

In KS2 language lessons, the children have enjoyed sharing with their classes different languages that they might speak at home and their experiences of other cultures. We look forward to celebrating this further next week.

**At drop off on the Tuesday morning, parents and children are welcome to write a small greeting in a foreign language. We will then share this with the children in school!**

**Parents are also warmly welcome to come into school within the next few weeks to read a story to their child's class in another language or simply talk about their culture. Please do contact the class teacher directly to organise a convenient time.**

Madame Poleviou



## Have you lost a bear?



## 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/9hA10GNKqk>.

## 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.

### What happens when I call the SLP CAMHS Crisis Line?

When you call the crisis line the practitioner that answers the phone will introduce themselves by name and invite you to share with them your concerns and listen to you. They will ask you some details about your current situation and try to work with you to help reduce distress and establish safety.

### What support might I receive when I call?

Our philosophy centres around providing person-centred care, this means practitioners will work with you to understand your needs and the best options available for you. The type of support available includes:

- A safe and supportive space to speak openly about concerns
- Psychological first aid and immediate crisis counselling
- Brief interventions, including CBT and DBT skills
- Professional consultation
- Brief psychoeducation, mental health advice and support
- Psychosocial assessment
- Risk assessment and safety planning
- Liaise with other professionals involved in the young person's care.

If you are unsure whether you need emergency services, crisis line practitioners can guide you.

### Other Support Available

Below are a collection of services dedicated to supporting children and young people.



**Shout:** 24/7 crisis text support for times when you need immediate assistance.  
**Text "SHOUT" to 85258**



**Samaritans:** Listen to how you are feeling. 24/7 support.  
Call: 116 123 (24 hours a day) email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)



**Papyrus:** Support for young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person.  
Call: 0800 068 3131 or text 07860 039967 (9am – midnight, 365 days a year)



**Good thinking:** NHS digital wellbeing in London with lots of free resources to support mental wellbeing.  
[www.good-thinking.uk](http://www.good-thinking.uk)



**Kooth:** Online mental wellbeing community, including live chat, discussion boards and a daily journal.  
[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)



**The Mix:** Free confidential support for young people under 25.  
Call: 0808 808 4994  
[www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)



**Childline:** Confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem. Webchat available.  
Call 0800 1111  
[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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## SLP CAMHS Crisis Line

Urgent mental health support for children and young people in South London

**0203 228 5980**

Opening hours: 9am – 11pm  
365 days a year



# ADVENTURE

## on WIMBLEDON COMMON

### THIS AUTUMN



**WILD PLAY  
HOLIDAY CLUB**

10.00-4.00 School Years 1-6 £59/day  
Wimbledon Common  
Windmill car park, Windmill Road  
SW19 5NR

Activities can include:

- Den building
- Track & trail
- Survival skills
- Killer frisbee
- Wide games
- Rope courses
- Craft skills
- Storytelling

We take childcare vouchers

[www.wild-learning.net](http://www.wild-learning.net)

4k or 7k fundraising walk on Wimbledon Common

Wimbledon Guild

# Waggy Walk

SAT 3 OCT  
10.30AM - 2.30PM

**DON'T HAVE A DOG?  
YOU CAN STILL  
JOIN THE FUN!**

**New for 2026  
Family Fun Trail**  
Find the letters,  
discover the word  
and collect your  
prize!

BOOK IN ADVANCE - TICKETS ON THE DAY COST MORE, PLUS A CHARGE FOR DOGS

| ADVANCE PRICES                                           |       | WHAT'S INCLUDED                                          |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Adult                                                    | £16   | George's Dog Boutique goody bag for all dogs taking part |  |
| ONE FREE CHILD TICKET AVAILABLE WITH EVERY ADULT TICKET! |       | Pre-walk drink & snack at the Hand in Hand pub           |  |
| Child (age 4-16)                                         | £5.50 | Post-walk food & snacks                                  |  |
| Dogs                                                     | FREE  |                                                          |  |

**BOOK NOW!**

[wimbledonguild.co.uk/waggy](http://wimbledonguild.co.uk/waggy)  
Early bird discount available until the end of August!

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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                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September                   | 9.45       | Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2027                                                                        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September                   | 17.45      | Online Curriculum Meeting for current Reception parents/carers                                                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> September                   | 9.15       | Harvest Service @ Church                                                                                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October                     | 9.30       | Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027                                                                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October                     | 14.00      | Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2027                                                                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October                     | 8.15-8.45  | Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October                     | PM         | HOTS Autumn Disco                                                                                             |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October              | 10.30      | Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church                                                                          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October  |            | Parent/Teacher Meetings this week (online)                                                                    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                     |            | Break up for half term                                                                                        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                     |            | Autumn 2 begins                                                                                               |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November                     | 9.30       | Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027                                                                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November |            | Anti-bullying week & Assessment Week 1                                                                        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November                    |            | School Eucharist @ school                                                                                     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November                    | 9.45       | Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2027                                                                        |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> November |            | Assessment Week 2                                                                                             |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November                    | 9.30       | Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027                                                                      |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November           |            | HOTS Cheers and Carols                                                                                        |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December            |            | HOTS Christmas Tree Collections                                                                               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December                     | 9.15       | Reception Nativity                                                                                            |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December                     | 9.15       | Reception Nativity                                                                                            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 9.15       | Year 1 Concert                                                                                                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 9.15       | Year 2 Concert                                                                                                |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 14.00      | Break up                                                                                                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027                 |            | <b>INSET Day – School closed</b>                                                                              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027                 |            | Spring 1 Term begins for all children                                                                         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January                      |            | Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027                                                                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> February                     |            | NCPCC Maths Number Day                                                                                        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February                    | 8.15-8.45  | Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February                    |            | Break up for half term                                                                                        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                    |            | Spring 2 term begins                                                                                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> March     |            | Assessment weeks                                                                                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> March      |            | Year 6 to France                                                                                              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                       | 9.15       | Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church                                                                          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March                       |            | Mini-Market – Lent Appeal                                                                                     |
| 25 <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 |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March              | 14.00      | Break up for Easter                                                                                           |

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April                    |               | Summer 1 starts                                                                                               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April |               | Parent/Teacher Meetings in person                                                                             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> May     |               | Year 4 PGL                                                                                                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May   |               | Year 6 SATS                                                                                                   |
| 28 <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 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                      |               | Break up for half term                                                                                        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June                      |               | <b>INSET Day – School closed</b>                                                                              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June                      |               | Summer 2 term begins                                                                                          |
| From 7 <sup>th</sup> June                 |               | Year 4 Multiplication Check                                                                                   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June  |               | Sports Week                                                                                                   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June  |               | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window                                                                         |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June            |               | Summer Fair                                                                                                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July                     | 8.15-9.00     | Extended Share My Learning                                                                                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July                     | 9.30<br>14.00 | Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church<br>Term ends                                                           |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July                     |               | <b>INSET Day</b>                                                                                              |

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards  
Headteacher