

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 am delighted to share with you two recent success stories. We have been awarded our Green Flag 2026 at distinction level – do read the feedback below. We have also achieved a Gold Health School Award for the 3rd year running.



Green Flag 2026

Holy Trinity Primary School

**Award Level:
Distinction**

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

One of your greatest overall successes this year has been the way your school grounds are now more eco-friendly, with the creation of a new quiet garden and bug hotel, the refurbishment of your Wild Garden which now opens at lunchtime, and the beautiful community-maintained planters out front. These improvements show a strong commitment to enhancing biodiversity while also creating spaces that support wellbeing, exploration, and outdoor learning. The benefit of this approach is that it transforms the school environment itself into a rich, living habitat that benefits both wildlife and pupils, giving children regular access to nature and quiet, reflective spaces that support their emotional as well as their environmental development.

We Also Loved:

- Your trips to Chelsea Physics Garden and the Natural History Museum seem to have been a great success. Experiences like these bring environmental learning to life by giving pupils direct encounters with plants, science, and conservation in real-world settings. They also help children connect classroom learning with the wider world in a memorable way.
- Your five questions suggested in the Environmental Review are excellent. We particularly like the practical suggestions such as "Do teachers have a food waste bin in the staff room?" and "Do pens get recycled?" – these are exactly the kind of specific, actionable questions that help schools reflect on everyday habits and identify simple but meaningful improvements.
- Your Earth Day celebrations sound amazing, particularly the activity of creating a leaf for a whole-school display and the "Bring your Bike" competition where bikes were decorated green with recycled materials. This is such a creative and engaging way to combine sustainability with art and physical activity. It also helps make your Eco-Journey visible and exciting for the whole school community.
- Your lovely external engagement to enhance opportunities, including a local beekeeper, Veolia workshops for younger children, and volunteers maintaining planters, is another real strength. These partnerships bring fresh expertise and inspiration into school while showing pupils that environmental action is shared by many different people and organisations.
- Your hands-on curriculum links, such as making sculptures out of recycled materials and making hedgehog homes to promote biodiversity, are wonderful. The lovely photos of completed work really bring this to life. These activities combine creativity, practical skills, and environmental awareness in a way that is engaging and memorable.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

Next year, why not go for a Topic Award and really challenge yourself to improve in one key area? This would be a fantastic way to focus your efforts and celebrate the depth of your work in a specific topic.



Year 1 had great fun exploring their senses and identifying sour, bitter and sweet foods.



As part of Wimbledon Bookfest, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Wimbledon Theatre on Thursday to see Hugh Bonneville discuss his new book 'Rory Sparks and the elephant in the room'. As well as talking about the book, his inspiration and writing process, he spoke at length about his time as Mr Brown in Paddington and lots of the children's questions at the end were of course Paddington based! Each child was even treated to a personalised signed copy of the book at the end!



On Wednesday, the first official day of autumn, a group of eight children from Years 4, 5 and 6, spent a fabulous afternoon at an Inclusive Cross Country event at Abbey Fields. All participants tackled the long course brilliantly, especially as it was made all the more challenging with obstacles and activity stations placed at intervals along the way. Everyone returned to school more than happy with their individual performances and we clearly have some very fast runners amongst us!

Harvest Service – Tuesday 29th September

Our **Harvest Service** is on Tuesday and we will be collecting food and toiletries for The Wimbledon DONS which is given to people in need in our local community. Please bring any items with you to school on Tuesday, and we will take them down to the church. Suggested items are listed below, but most non-perishable foods are welcome:

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Small Squash / Long Life Juice
- Small Rice / Micro-Rice
- Noodles
- Rice Pudding / Custard (Not Chilled)
- Sugar 500g / 1kg
- Dog Food Wet & Dry
- Toothpaste
- Shower Gel

Potential GMB Strike Action – Friday 9th October 2026

GMB Union, the union that many of our support staff are members of, have called a strike on **Friday 9th October**.

This is just to give you warning that our school may have to close on Friday 9th October.

As you may recall, historically, Merton teachers have been paid *Inner London* rates, whilst Merton support staff have been paid *Outer London* rates. GMB staff in Merton, and some other London boroughs, have raised for some time now an important grievance about this pay fairness and equity and strike action is an escalation of this. This is a dispute with the Council/government over pay, not against our individual school.

Where a member of the GMB chooses to take strike action, we are not permitted, under the terms of the strike, to cover their duties and responsibilities (first aid, break and lunch duties, 1:1 support of children with particular needs, learning support in class, pastoral support of children, supporting the teachers in many other ways etc) hence the reason why I **may** have to take the difficult decision to close the school to all pupils, to ensure their safety.

If we have to close, I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause our families.

As soon as I have more information, I will share this with you via Parentmail.

Parent/Carer Prayer Group

We'd love for you to join with other parents and carers who pray for the school. The group is meeting for coffee and prayer on Friday 2nd Oct after morning drop off. Please contact Hannah Lamont for the address on 07742671108

HOTS Updates

AUTUMN DISCO FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER: Nursery & KS1 17:30 - 18:30, KS2 18:45 - 20:00

The event of the season is quickly approaching, don't miss out! DJ Didi will be pumping out the tunes and there will be yummy treats, novelties and party delights on sale as well as a licensed bar. Book your tickets on our website (link sent via your class rep) and support the school whilst having a rocking time!

*Please note all children **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult and unfortunately, we do not have enough space for younger siblings to attend.

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP - FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER 19:00 - 21:00 - Adults Only

Feeling festive yet? We're VERY excited to hold a new event this year and have invited *The London Wreath Company* to host one of their fabulous Christmas wreath-making workshops in the school hall. Indulge in an evening of creativity and hopefully a few giggles....and at the end of the night you will take home your very own beautiful, natural wreath.

Tickets are £75 each and include a welcome glass of fizz (or soft drink) and mince pie. This event is for adults only but friends and family members are welcome - we just ask that at least one of the attendees in your group is a Holy Trinity parent / carer.

BOOKING PROCEDURE: send an email to hotsemail@gmail.com after 20:00 on Thursday 1st October, listing the number of tickets required and the names of the attendees in your group. You will then be sent a payment link. We have very limited places available so it's fastest (green) fingers first!

!!HOTS NEEDS YOU!!

Are you passionate about supporting our pupils and staff? HOTS put on events that raise vital funds for school projects and resources, but these events are at risk of being diminished this year if we can't find more help.

Whether you fancy a more formal role on the Committee or would like to be added to our list of 'Tier 1 Volunteers' to help on an ad-hoc basis, we'd love to hear from you. No previous experience needed, just some of your time and all of your willingness to muck in!

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>.

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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Through The School Gates: Overcoming daily challenges getting into school

There can be many challenges with supporting your child to get into school well and in as relaxed a way as possible.



This webinar aims to:

- Think about some of the different challenges that can be faced in the morning getting ready for school.
- Understand child anxieties using cognitive-behavioural approach
- Discuss ways to talk about worries
- Provide a step-by-step approach to building confidence with attending school should there be early school avoidance to prevent it becoming problematic.

DATE / TIME

Monday 5th October
7.30-8.30pm



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Friday 9th October
1.00-2.00pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Feeding and its difficulties in the Early years

A 1.5 hour long webinar to
explore how feeding develops
in the early years and how to
create healthy eating habits
that last a lifetime.



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.

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DATE / TIME

Wednesday 14th October
12.30-1.30pm



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Parent/Carer Webinars

Primary Schedule 26/27

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these
free local NHS webinars for Primary parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents
of primary aged children to support their child's
common worries and anxieties, or support
children's everyday challenging behaviours.
Speak to your school to find out more.



Through the school gates - overcoming daily challenges getting into school

Understanding and supporting your child's sleep

Supporting big emotions at home and school - the zones of regulation

Understanding and managing screen time for primary school children

Encouraging healthy habits in children with Autism

Supporting common child anxieties and worries including around exams

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MIGHTY MOVERS (YEAR 2 - YEAR 4) - 10.00 - 11.00
MEGA MOVERS (YEAR 5+) - 11.00 - 12.00

Email: info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk
 to book a FREE TASTER SESSION,
 or to make any other enquiries.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

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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
29 th September	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
30 th September		School Photos
9 th October		Potential Strike Day – school may be closed
15 th October	9.30 2.00	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027 Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2027
16 th October	8.15-8.45 PM	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers 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

26 th -28 th October		NEAT Half Term Camp
2 nd November		Autumn 2 begins SEND Parent Meetings this week
5 th November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
16 th – 20 th November		Anti-bullying week Assessment Week 1
17 th November	9.00	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
27 th November	PM	HOTS Wreath Making
Saturday 28 th November	Pm	HOTS Cheers and Carols
2 nd December		Flu Vaccinations – further details to follow from NHS
8 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
9 th December	9.15 18.30	Reception Nativity Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Church
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
16 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	14.00	RE Focus Day 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		NSPCC 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 Break up for half term
22 nd February		Spring 2 term begins
TBC		3H Swimming
1 st – 5 th March		Year 6 to France Assessment Week 1
8 th -12 th March		Book Week Assessment Week 2
TBC		3T Swimming
12 th March		Book Week Dress Up Day – Shakespeare theme
23 rd March	9.15	Easter Service @ Church
24 th March		Mini-Market – Lent Appeal
25 th March	8.15-8.45 14.00	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers RE Focus Day Break up for Easter
12 th April		Summer 1 starts
15 th April	PM	Parent/Teacher Meeting – in-person
19 th April	PM	Parent/Teacher Meeting – in-person
5 th – 7 th May		Year 4 PGL
10 th – 13 th May		Year 6 SATS
17 th – 21 st May		Art Week
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
8 th – 11 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
14 th – 18 th June		Sports Week Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Assessment Week
26 th June	12-16.00	HOTS Summer Fair
July		Year 6 play TBC
12 th July		Reports sent out to parents/carers
16 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