

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

Thank you so much for your understanding today – I am very grateful.

I have just returned from the Southwark Diocesan Headteacher Conference in Canterbury, where we were reminded about Jesus being the model of servant leadership, who came to serve and not be served.

Schools Sunday – Sunday 18th October, 10.30am @ Holy Trinity Church

Holy Trinity Church are holding a special Sunday service for our school and The Priory. It would be great to have as many children and their families at the service. The choir, and anyone else who comes, will be singing My Lighthouse at the service. Uniform does not need to be worn.

Share My Learning – Friday 16th October, 8.15-8.45am

Share My Learning sessions are an opportunity for children to show their parents/carers their work and their classroom.

The *Share My Learning* session this half-term will be held on **Friday 16th October**. The sessions are suited to parents/carers of children in Reception through to Year 6. It can sometimes be too unsettling for the nursery children at this stage in the year when it comes to parents leaving after the session.

If you arrive between 8.15 and 8.30am, please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the Faraday Gate from the playground. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

If you are a key worker, and unable to come in and see your child's work, do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk and I will work out a way for you to see the books.

Secondary School Applications – Year 6 parents/carers

Merton have asked us to remind you that the applications for secondary schools, for entry in September 2027, need to be completed by 31st October 2026. Do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you need any support with this. The applications can be completed via the following website:

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

Every year, the children at Holy Trinity create amazing Christmas themed artwork which can then be made into cards or other personalised items to share with friends and family. You can purchase them from 'Art Projects for Schools' (APFS), and at the same time **help raise money for our school!**

Your child will bring home their Christmas card design and information leaflet today or next week. If you would like to order some cards, wrapping paper, labels, bags or mugs, please follow the instructions on the leaflet.

You must order from APFS before midnight on the 26th October and items will be dispatched w/c 9th November.



The poster is for the BBC 500 Words competition. It features a dark blue background with a large rainbow on the left side. At the top, the BBC logo is in white, and the text '500 WORDS' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, it says 'A fun, creative story writing competition.' and 'Opens for entries Tuesday 29 September - Friday 6 November 2026'. A speech bubble says 'No need to worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar!'. Another speech bubble says 'Prizes for the bronze, silver and gold winners!!'. A sign says 'Write a STORY you would love to read'. A green tree icon says 'Ages 5 - 11'. At the bottom, it says 'Find out more and enter at bbc.co.uk/500words'. The BBC Bitesize logo is in the bottom right corner.

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BBC BITESIZE FOR TEACHERS

We would love as many children as possible to enter the BBC's 500 words writing competition. Do take a look at www.bbc.co.uk/500words for more information.

HOTS Updates

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

It's only a week to go until the event of the term - super popular with the children and super important for school fundraising. There will be a professional DJ, plenty of yummy treats and drinks on sale as well as novelties and party delights.

Tickets can be purchased via our website (link sent via your class rep).

Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult, who also require a ticket. Due to space limitations we are unable to include younger siblings.

CAKE DONATIONS: We would love to have your cake or biscuit donations for the cake stall. Homemade or shop-bought would be gratefully received, just **NO NUTS** please and list the ingredients where possible for allergies. Please drop off with the office during the day of Friday 16th or bring at the start of the disco.

DISCO TOKENS

Don't forget we have expanded our token system to include the discos: some parents find it easier to give their children tokens to spend on the stalls. Each token has the value of £1 and can only be bought online (under 'Uniform & Merchandise') up until Thursday 15th October, ready for collection the next day. Cash and tokens will be accepted on all stalls, card payment on some.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE - Friday 16th October, 3:15pm

Our uniform team will be holding the first in-person uniform sale of the school year on Friday 16th October. Come to the playground during pick-up to grab some extra pieces for your child's school wardrobe. Card payment only.

AGM DATE

Please note we have decided to postpone our AGM until after half term so we can align our accounts with the current school year. More information will be sent in due course.



WE'RE SO BACK!



8 NOV, 2PM

AFC Wimbledon Women are back at the Cherry Red Records Stadium in November. And as always, we'd love for you to join us!

We are offering **FREE TICKETS** to our community to join us at both games.

All you need to do is use the comp codes below to claim your tickets.

For Lewes, 8 November: **AFCWWLEW**
For Fulham, 29 November: **AFCWWFUL**

tickets.afcwimbledon.ltd.uk



29 NOV, 2PM

So, what can you expect at one of our games?

The gates will open at 12.30pm. When you arrive, you will find food from our kiosks and food vans. Our fantastic pub and retail unit is open too! You can buy a programme for £2, which the players will sign after the game.

Our fantastic Foundation have plenty of activities for children of all ages to keep you active before the game kicks off. And you get to meet our mascot - Haydon the Womble. What's not to love?

Follow us on social media (@afcwwomen) for all pre-match updates!

MERTON LIBRARIES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER
2026

MERTON LIBRARIES EVENTS



Join us for an exciting range of events, including talks and book readings by Michelle Yaa Asantewa, Reggae Babies, Merton Heritage talks, films, storytimes and crafts.



WIMBLEDON BOOKFEST



Enjoy an inspiring programme of authors, storytellers and artists. Highlights include African & Caribbean storytelling, historian Colin Grant, and BBC Radio 6 DJ Zakia Sewell.



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LONDON BOROUGH OF
MERTON

21- 28 October

Libraries Week

Events and activities

For more information and to book
www.merton.gov.uk/libraryevents
or scan the QR code



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>.

Education Wellbeing Service

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NHS
South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

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

 Respectful  Open  Collaborative  Compassionate  Consistent

Fun! Games! Craft! Music!
No tricks – just treats!

BRIGHT LIGHTS

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Child 4-11 yrs £3
Child 2-3 yrs £1
Accompanying adult (required) FREE

When: Saturday 24 October, 3-5pm
Where: Everyday Church Wimbledon, SW19 8LR



New Football Sessions for Year 1 & 2 Children

My name is Adrian and I help run Apex Elite Football Coaching in the Wimbledon area.

We are starting new weekly football sessions for Year 1 and Year 2 children (U6 & U7), beginning in November.

⚽ Thursdays

🕒 5:00-6:00pm

📍 Wimbledon (Dundonald Park, SW19 3PN)

💷 £6 per session

The sessions will be fun and friendly, helping young children develop their football skills, confidence and enjoyment of the game.

To book, parents can text 07470 730860.

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
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.

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Headteacher