

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

As we come to the end of this first half term, I would like to thank you for all of your support. I pray that you all have a good half term.



I am delighted that we have received the Music Mark of recognition, which is such a great achievement. Thank you, Mrs Phillipson, for all that you do to promote music in our school.



The children in Nursery have been developing their fine motor skills and concentration through cotton bud painting, helping to strengthen the skills needed for early writing. As part of our All About Me topic, the children explored their own features and learnt that we are all unique before creating their very own fabulous self-portraits!

New Menu from after half term

Please note that jacket potatoes will not be routinely offered – only on the days listed on the menu.

HOLY TRINITY AUTUMN WINTER MENU 2026 / 2027



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	Option One Beetroot & Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedge(VE) 🌱	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa 🌱🌾	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Rainbow Vegetable Pizza with Wedge(V) 🌱🌾	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	🌾 Whole grain 🌱 Plant based (VE) Vegan (V) Veggie
	Option Two Soya Mince Lasagne(V) 🌱	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice(VE) 🌱🌾	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy(VE) 🌱	Quorn & Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice(V) 🌱🌾	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce(V)	
	Option Three Tomato Arribata Wholemeal Pasta(VE) 🌱🌾	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise 🌱	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans(VE) 🌱	Jacket Potato with Quorn & Lentil Tikka Masala(VE) 🌱	Green Mac and Cheese(V)	
	Sides Sweetcorn/Green Bean(V/VE) 🌱🌾	Peas/Cauliflower(V/VE) 🌱	Roasted Carrots/Green Cabbage (V/VE) 🌱	Mediterranean Vegetable(V/VE) 🌱	Baked Beans/Garden Peas(V/VE)	
	Dessert Cheese & Crackers(V) 🌱	Apple Cake with Custard(V) 🌱	Fruit Medley(VE) 🌱	Jelly with Mandarins(VE) 🌱	Syrup Sponge with Custard(V) 🌱	
WEEK TWO 09/11/26 30/11/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	Option One Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizz with Wedges(V) 🌱	Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 🌱	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	BBQ Quorn with Rice(VE) 🌱🌾	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce	🌱 Plant based (VE) Vegan (V) Veggie
	Option Two Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes(VE) 🌱	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti(VE) 🌱	Vegetable Pie, Roast Potatoes and Gravy(V) 🌱	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice(VE) 🌱🌾	Vegan Sausages with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option Three Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise 🌱	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans(VE) 🌱	Tomato and Butterbean Pasta(VE) 🌱	Jacket Potato with Chickpea Curry(VE) 🌱	Lentil and Tomato wholemeal Past(VE) 🌱🌾	
	Sides Carrots/Peas (V/VE) 🌱	Sweetcorn/Cauliflowe(V/VE) 🌱	Broccoli /Sliced Carrot(V/VE) 🌱	Fresh Seasonal Vegetable(V/VE) 🌱	Baked Beans/Garden Peas(V/VE) 🌱	
	Dessert Gingerbread Cookie(VE) 🌱	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce (V) 🌱	Fruit Salad(VE) 🌱	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard(V) 🌱	Vanilla Shortbread(VE) 🌱	
WEEK THREE 16/11/26 07/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27 22/03/27	Option One Macaroni Cheese(V) 🌱	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice 🌱🌾	Chicken Sausage with Seasoned Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice(VE) 🌱🌾	Fishfingers with Chips& Tomato Sauce	
	Option Two Five Bean Chilli with Rice(VE) 🌱🌾	Tomato Pasta(VE) 🌱	Vegan Sausage & Seasoned Potatoes with Gravy(VE) 🌱	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice(VE) 🌱	Cheese & Pepper Whirl with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option Three Jacket Potato with Five Bean Chilli(VE) 🌱	Jacket Potato with Chicken Tikka Masala 🌱	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake(VE) 🌱	Creamy Butternut Squash Pasta Bake(V) 🌱	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	
	Sides Sweetcorn/Peas (V/VE) 🌱🌾	Autumn Veg(V/VE) 🌱🌾	Cauliflower/Brocco(V/VE) 🌱	Vegetables Medley(V/VE) 🌱	Baked Beans/Garden Peas (V/VE) 🌱	
	Dessert Oaty Cookie(VE) 🌱🌾	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Fruit Salad(VE) 🌱	Jamaican Ginger Cake Custard 🌱	Iced Sponge(V) 🌱	
AVAILABLE DAILY: Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt						

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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>

Working Group for Climate Change

Our governors would like to set up a small working group to discuss how we, as a school, can respond to climate change. These discussions will include looking at measures we can take to ensure our building is not too hot for our children and staff. If you have any relevant experience/knowledge, I would love to hear from you. Please email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Have you labelled all of your child's clothes and items?

Our lost property box is full of un-named items, including brand-new items of clothing. Please ensure that every item of your child's clothing, including coats, is named, with their full name, not just initials. Please also label water bottles and packed lunch bags/boxes/snack boxes. We have a very effective system for returning named items, but obviously cannot return un-named items.

This is also a reminder that PE shorts should be of a suitable length.

Caterlink Kitchen Staff

Caterlink, our catering company, are looking for extra staff to work in the kitchen at Holy Trinity. Do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk in the first instance, if you might be interested, and would like to find out more information. This role fits into the school day, and would therefore be suitable for parents.

Former pupil offering tutoring in Maths/English

One of our former pupils, Myra (Year 12), a student at Tiffins, is available for tutoring in maths and/or English. Please do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk in the first instance, and I will pass this onto Myra.

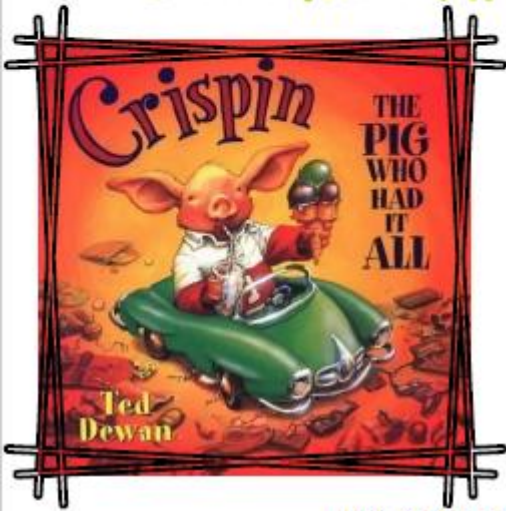
Every year, the children at Holy Trinity create amazing Christmas themed artwork which can then be made into cards or other personalised items to share with friends and family. You can purchase them from 'Art Projects for Schools' (APFS), and at the same time **help raise money for our school!**

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.

Mrs Moran (SENCo)

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



NAME OF BOOK:
Crispin the Pig Who Had it All

AUTHOR:
Ted Dewan

AGE RANGE:
4+ years

MY STAR RATING

★★★★★

ABOUT THE BOOK:

"Crispin is a rich little piggy who has everything. Well, almost everything. One Christmas, Crispin gets the one thing he doesn't have; the very best thing in the whole world. Which isn't quite what he's expecting."

I love this book and it was one of the most popular bedtime choices for my children when they were at primary school. They are all now in their twenties and can still quote from it! It is a book filled with energy that leaps off the page, from the illustration style through to the dialogue between the different characters. I loved reading it aloud and doing all the different character voices but also loved my children reading it to me. I particularly like the message in this story and think it reflects our **Growing Together Rules**. If you want an action packed, funny story with an unexpected twist, I recommend this book!

HOTS Updates

Friday 16th October - wow what a stonker of a day! First, we held our in-person uniform sale, then later the Autumn discos for both KS1 and KS2, and we are thrilled to announce these events collectively raised a very impressive **£6.4k**.

Thank you to every child and adult who came; danced; sang; dipped into their wallets and volunteered their time. Not a bad start to our school fundraising year at all!

Saturday 28th November, 4-6pm - HOTS' Christmas Cheer Event

For the rest of the year HOTS gets festive! Join us in the school hall on Saturday 28th November for a chance to socialise, sip mulled wine and nibble on mince pies....there will also be face painting and a free children's craft table. Tickets are on sale via our website and the whole family is most welcome.

Saturday 5th December, time tbc - Christmas Tree Collection

We strongly urge you to purchase a Christmas tree from HOTS this year. Why? Partly because it's the only place you can buy a tree where all profit goes back into the school to enhance our pupil's education. But mainly because they are fantastic quality and cheaper than garden centre trees!

There are 5 different sizes available and they can be bought via our website (link from your class rep). Sales are open to those in the local community too so please do share. Collection will be from the school car park on Saturday 5th December, the time will be confirmed by our supplier nearer the date.

Free school uniforms available to eligible families



Thanks to a partnership between the council and Donate to Educate, families eligible for free school meals can collect free, brand-new school uniform and other school kit this half term.

Available items include:

- White shirts in sizes for children aged four to 13.
- Trousers in sizes for children aged three to five and 12 to 13.
- Skirts in sizes for children aged 11 to 16.

Please bring proof that you live in Merton or that your child attends a Merton school.

📍 Best Start Family Hub at Acacia

📅 Friday 30 October, 1pm to 4.30pm



**Merton
Parent
Carer
Forum**
(Formerly Kids First)

SEND Champions Together
Supporting families.
Shaping services.
Rooted in co-production.

AUTUMN SEND UPDATE 2026 **SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER**

For parent carers of children and young people with SEND (0-25) who live in Merton or attend a Merton educational setting.

 **Friday 20th November 2026**

 **10.00am – 12.00pm**

 **Merton Civic Centre,
London Rd, Morden, SM4 5DX**

 **In person**

FREE TO ATTEND



 **eventbrite**

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**WELCOME AND
SEND UPDATE**
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick,
Director of Education
& Early Help



EDUCATION

**SEND REFORM
UPDATE**



SOCIAL CARE

**SHORT BREAKS
UPDATE**



CHILD POVERTY

**MERTON'S CHILD
POVERTY
STRATEGY
(TBC)**



MERTON'S CARERS STRATEGY

**MERTON'S CARERS
STRATEGY UPDATE
(TBC)**

CONNECT



Meet other
parent carers
and partners

INFORM



Discover support,
services and
opportunities

LISTEN



Share experiences
and ensure voices
are heard.

INFLUENCE



Help shape services
through feedback
and co-production

SHAPE



Create positive change
for children and young
people with SEND

 MPCF@mertonmencap.org.uk
 www.mertonparentcarerforum.org.uk
(launching soon)

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JOBS & COST OF LIVING EVENTS

**Practical help to find good jobs
and manage family finances**

**Thursday 29 October
10.30am–1.30pm**

**New Horizon Centre, South
Lodge Avenue, CR4 1LT**

 **LONDON BOROUGH OF
MERTON**

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>.


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

Education
Wellbeing
Service



Understanding and Supporting your Child's Sleep Online Parent/Carer Group

The topic of sleep is a very common difficulty for many parents/carers and it can impact the whole family. This group will be for parents and carers of children **ages 3-8** focusing on the following topics:

- The Science of Sleep.
- Common Sleep Difficulties.
- Creating the right environment and routines.
- Supporting your child with sleeping independently.
- Practical tools and skills to support your child.



Join our 4-session online group
to connect with other parents/carers
and learn new ways to support
your child's sleep.

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays
Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 7 between 12:30-1:30PM. with a
follow up session on Jan 8th. [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.



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

Term Dates 2027-2028

Autumn Term 2027

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2027
INSET Wednesday 1st September
Children begin Thursday 2nd September
- Last day Friday 17 December 2027
INSET Friday 22nd October
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2027

Spring Term 2028

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2028
INSET Tuesday 4th January
Children begin Wednesday 5th January
- Last day: Friday 31 March 2028
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2028

Summer Term 2028

- First day: Tuesday 18 April 2028
INSET Friday 21st July
Children finish Thursday 20th July
- Last day: Friday 21 July 2028
- Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2028
INSET Monday 5th June
Children return from half term Tuesday 6th June

Please note the slightly new pattern to our **INSET** days for 2027-2028.

Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
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 half term.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher



GROWING TOGETHER AS CHILDREN OF GOD