HOLY TRINITY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 wonderful to see the children back after their half term break, full of enthusiasm!






Year 6 have been stepping back in time to explore Ancient Greece! They've tackled historical puzzles, decoded the Greek alphabet, dived into mythical legends and even put their athleticism to the test in an Olympic game.

New Lunch Menu
Just to let you know that I am in touch with Caterlink about reviewing some of the issues (especially with jacket potato options) with the new menu.

Arriving late for school and ordering lunch
We have to pre-order our lunches by 9.30am each day, so if your child will be arriving late to school but will be back for lunch, please ensure you let us know, either by calling the office, or by marking it on the Parentmail absence tab.

Odd Socks

As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2026, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th November.** Please encourage your child to wear a pair of odd socks on Monday 16th November to celebrate that each and every person is valued and unique. **The jazzier the better.**

As part of Odd Socks Day, we will also be holding our annual 'Design a Pair of Odd Socks' Competition. Children will be given the entry sheets in class. Please encourage them to design their odd socks and then hand their entry into their class teacher.



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.

Consultation on very minor changes to our Admissions Arrangements for Nursery

The Governors of Holy Trinity C of E Primary School are consulting on minor changes to their Admissions Arrangements for entry in September 2028. This is attached to this Bulletin.

The consultation period will start on 6th November 2026 and end on 18th December 2026.

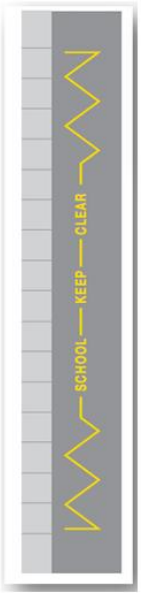
The minor changes to the policy are for admission to the Nursery. The proposed changes clarify that the sibling status of any children on the nursery waiting list may change if a sibling is offered a Reception place following the

national offer day in April. The proposed changes also state that the school may admit children as soon as they have turned 3, if there are sufficient spaces, but priority is given to children in the designated cohort age group.

Anyone with any comments should email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Parking Reminder – Keep Clear Lines

A reminder to all parents and carers that stopping on the yellow Keep Clear markings outside school is strictly prohibited during school and club times. These markings are in place to keep our entrance safe and clear for pedestrians and other road users. Please do not stop or park in these areas, as vehicles doing so may be subject to a fine. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe.





HOTS Updates

CHRISTMAS CHEER SOCIAL, SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 4-6pm

Join us in the school hall for our Christmas social fundraiser, it's a fantastic opportunity to catch up over mulled wine, mince pies and other festive treats. There will also be face painting and a free children's craft table, as well as a performance from our fabulous school choir.

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

DONATIONS: We need bottles of wine to use as prizes on one of our games. If you are able to donate a bottle please hand to our lovely office staff, labelled for HOTS.

CHRISTMAS TREES, COLLECTION SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER time tbc

Please do consider supporting the school by buying your Christmas tree from HOTS. They are great quality; priced at a discount to retail prices; come in 5 different sizes and ALL PROFITS GO TOWARDS SCHOOL PROJECTS!

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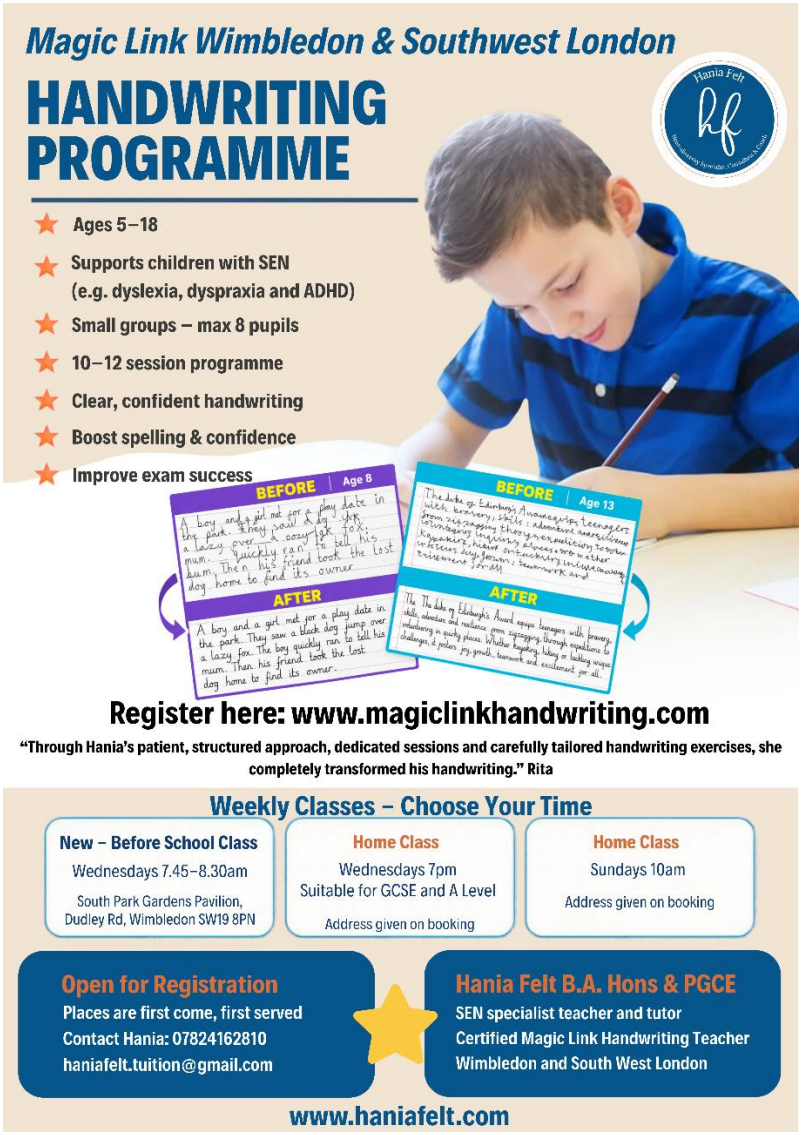
Merton Library Notice

Join Merton Libraries for a special story time celebrating International Men's Day and Movember! 💟 🔁
The session is aimed at dads and their children, but everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun! Spend some quality time enjoying stories together, whilst promoting boys reading.

The dads story times are on Saturday 21 November and the times are below:

- Wimbledon, 11:30am
- Mitcham, 10.00am
- Colliers Wood, 10.00am

Please visit the Merton Libraries events website to find out more.



Some local dance opportunities

🎭 1. Musical Theatre Workshops for Schools

Our *Build a Musical in a Day* workshops bring together storytelling, singing, dance and performance in an exciting, collaborative experience.

- **Whole-school or year-group workshops** tailored to your pupils and timetable.
- Explore musicals such as *Newsies* or *Hamilton* before creating your own singing and dance number.
- Develop creativity, confidence, teamwork and performance skills.

Special offer: Book a workshop to take place before Christmas 2026 and receive **20% off**.

We'd love to chat with your Drama, Dance or Performing Arts Coordinator about creating a memorable day for your pupils.

🕺 2. Broadway Boogie – Dance Fitness - YMCA Wimbledon

Fun, uplifting dance fitness inspired by musical theatre, suitable for a range of abilities and experience levels.

- Great for parents, carers, staff and anyone looking to enjoy movement in a welcoming environment.
- **Free places available** for people facing barriers to participation, including those on low incomes, unemployed individuals and disabled people.
- Discounts may be available for school staff and parents.

🩹 3. Broadway Boogie Encore – Inclusive Community Classes - YMCA & Wimbledon Library

A gentler, accessible approach to movement, designed particularly for:

- Adults aged 65+.
- People returning from injury or living with health conditions.
- Beginners or anyone who would benefit from lower-intensity exercise.

These welcoming sessions offer a great opportunity for parents, relatives, neighbours and older members of your school community to improve wellbeing, build confidence and connect with others.

🤝 Let's Work Together

With support from The Wimbledon Foundation and Merton Council, we deliver inclusive community projects that help people overcome barriers to exercise, improve wellbeing and discover the joy of movement.



Merton mencap
Talk Autism

Talk Autism is a forum for parents and carers of children, young people and adults with autism.

Wellbeing Team at Merton Talking Therapies
- Merton Talking Therapies is an NHS Service helping adults with their mood, anxiety and stress levels

Date
Monday 9 November 2026, 10am – 12pm

Location
Church Road Children Centre
243 Church Road, Mitcham
CR4 3BH

Event details
We are joined by Jodie Clemente & Jane Barella from the wellbeing team who will be explaining her role, within the Merton Taking Therapies team & describing what support in how and what they can do to support parents/carers within the community.

✓ Physical and emotional cost of caring for family members
✓ Making time for yourself as a carer
✓ Guided Relaxation Techniques
✓ Introduction to Mindfulness
✓ Questions and answer session

The session is appropriate to parents and carers of children, young people & adults with autism.

Register now to attend this free session by contacting Maria Solari:

By email: maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk

Phone: 07709 715206

Book on Event bright: Https://bit.ly/MertonMencapEvents

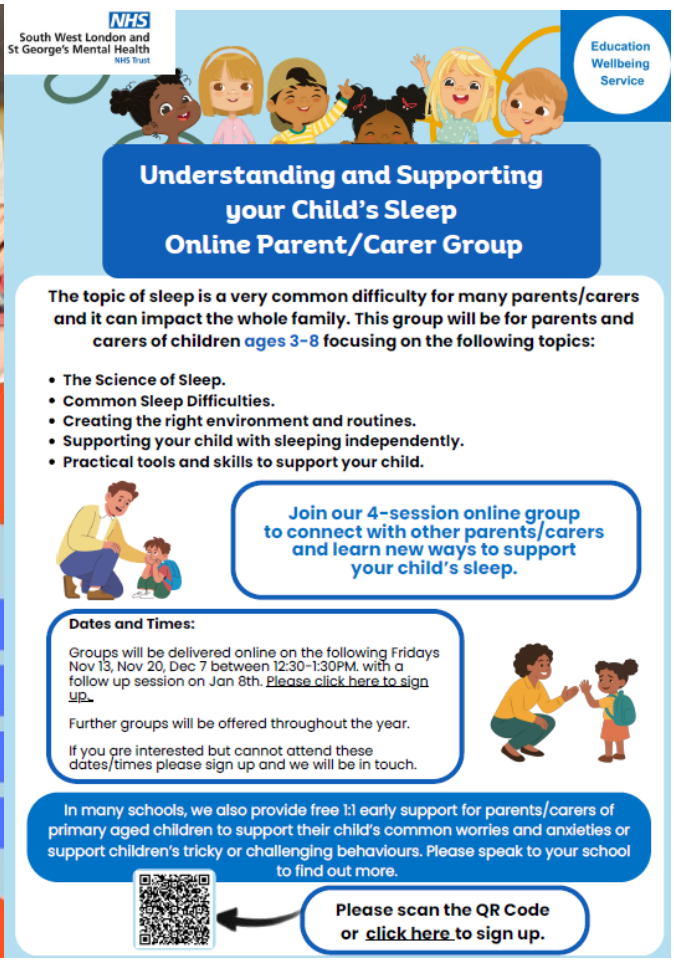
Merton Education Wellbeing Service

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.





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**
16th – 20th November		Anti-bullying week Assessment Week 1
17th November	9.00	School Eucharist @ school
20th November	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2027
23rd – 27th November		Assessment Week 2
26th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
27th November	PM	HOTS Wreath Making
Saturday 28th November	Pm	HOTS Cheers and Carols
2nd December		Flu Vaccinations – further details to follow from NHS
8th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
9th December	9.15 18.30	Reception Nativity Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Church
10th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
11th December	9.15	Year 2 Concert
14th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18th December	 14.00	RE Focus Day Break up
4th January 2027		**INSET Day – School closed**
5th January 2027		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
7th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2027
5th February		NSPCC Maths Number Day
12th 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
22nd February		Spring 2 term begins
TBC		3H Swimming
1st – 5th March		Year 6 to France Assessment Week 1
8th -12th March		Book Week Assessment Week 2
TBC		3T Swimming
12th March		Book Week Dress Up Day – Shakespeare theme
23rd March	9.15	Easter Service @ Church
24th March		Mini-Market – Lent Appeal
25th 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
12th April		Summer 1 starts
15th April	PM	Parent/Teacher Meeting – in-person
19th April	PM	Parent/Teacher Meeting – in-person
5th – 7th May		Year 4 PGL
10th – 13th May		Year 6 SATS
17th – 21st May		Art Week
28th May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
28th May		Break up for half term

7th June		**INSET Day – School closed**
8th June		Summer 2 term begins
8th – 11th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
14th – 18th June		Sports Week Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Assessment Week
26th June	12-16.00	HOTS Summer Fair
July		Year 6 play TBC
12th July		Reports sent out to parents/carers
16th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
20th July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
21st July		**INSET Day**

Have a wonderful weekend.
Izzy Rickards
Headteacher