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
Our World Friendship Ambassadors ably led worship this week, telling us all about this year's Anti-Bullying Week focus. The theme this year is *Break the Silence,* ensuring that we are all speaking up and out when we see or hear things that shouldn't be happening. As a school we made the following pledge:

When we see something wrong, we won't ignore it.

When someone needs support, we will help them find it.

When we are worried, we will speak to someone we trust.

Together, we will Break the Silence.

BREAK THE SILENCE
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

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.

Sporting Success
Many congratulations to Joao, from Year 6, who represented Team Merton at the London Youth Games Cross Country at Parliament Hill last weekend. He finished an amazing 59th out of 261 in the U12 Boys. Joao was part of the U12 Boys team that finished 3rd in London. We're really proud of him. Cross country at Parliament Hill is tough, and he ran brilliantly for Merton.



Huge congratulations to Scarlett, who competed in the Catleaps Invitational Gymnastics Competition last weekend.
She won the gold medal in her category as well as the trophies for best floor routine and best vault! She received her awards from an Olympian Georgia May Fenton.



A big well done to Aria who has aced her pre-primary dance exam – many congratulations.

HOTS Updates

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

Start the festive season with our Christmas Cheer get-together! The afternoon will begin with a performance from our wonderful school choir, then there will be games, face-painting and crafts...as well as lots of mulled wine, mince pies and other Christmasy treats available. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle with the school community, whilst also raising money for school projects. Tickets can be purchased via the link sent from your class reps and the whole family is welcome.

DONATIONS: We are in need of donations of bottles of wine for one of our games, please drop off with our lovely office staff labelled for HOTS if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS: We are in desperate need of volunteers for the event or we run the risk of having to limit our Christmas cheer! Please sign up via our website at the bottom of the ticket page, or let your class rep know you're free.

CHRISTMAS TREES, Collection SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER, time tbc

We're delighted to offer Christmas trees for sale again this year. They come in 5 different sizes, are priced at a discount to retail prices and all profits will go back into the school to fund school resources. Please share with family and friends as these are available for all to purchase.

Sales close the evening of Friday 27th November, link sent via your class reps.

!! HOTS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 8:30pm !!

We will be holding our AGM online on 3/12, where we will be presenting all things HOTS. Specific items include a financial update, 2025/26 successes and re-election of your Committee. Please do join us for this brief meeting if you are able, link will be sent nearer the date.

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