# HOLY TRINITY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

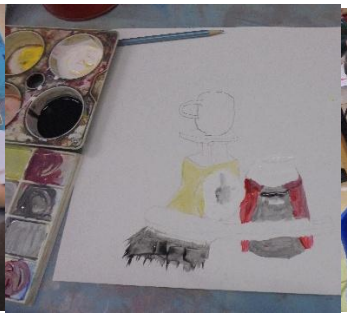
## FRIDAY BULLETIN 27.11.26

### 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 approach the end of our assessment weeks, we are so proud of the children for showing us how much they have learnt this term.

It has been a busy week of Kurling, Basketball, Polka Theatre, Christingle making and Lego workshops!



Year 4 has spent the last few weeks in art investigating the use of tone through studying how artists use highlights, midtones and shadows to create the illusion of form. This culminated in the children's final still life painting of a composition they had previously created.





Year 2 had such a wonderful time making Christingles, showing Jesus as the light of the world.






Year 2 had a Lego workshop where they recapped their understanding of the Great Fire of London and created Tudor houses.










Year 4 had an amazing Lego workshop on Friday, based on the book 'The Iron Man', which they are using in English lessons. They really enjoyed creating some amazing iron giants of their own!

**Parent Prayer Group**
The parent prayer group are meeting on zoom on the 3rd Dec at 8pm. You are so welcome to join, please contact Hannah Lamont on 07742671108 for details.

**Library News**
Today is Book Friday - a day where we are encouraged to share our book recommendations. We have been sharing book recommendations from members of staff monthly during 2026 and we have recommendations from children in the library. We'd love to have more so please encourage your child (ren) to write a short review of a book they have enjoyed - templates are available in the library.

Some children's authors have also made some recommendations of books they have enjoyed reading - you can see the list here https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/literacy-reading/book-friday-recommendations/
One of the recommended books is 'The Teller of Tall Tales' by Liz Hyder which this week has been chosen as one of the eight books on the shortlist for the first ever Children's Booker Prize.

**Chess Success**
John, Noah, Benjamin, Ian, Gabriel and Seunghyeon represented Holy Trinity at the London Team Championships chess tournament last Sunday and came 8th out of 29 schools! What an amazing achievement – congratulations to you all.




Please remember that our school is a nut-free zone. Please ensure there are no nuts in packed lunches or snacks.

**Any drainage experts?**
If you are a drainage expert and would be happy to advise the school on a matter, please email Laura Evershed at sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk Thank you.

**Forthcoming Christmas Events**

**Christmas Jumper day – Friday 11th December**
Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottom half! For the privilege of wearing a Christmas jumper, children will be invited to donate to Save the Children Fund. Details of how to donate will be sent out nearer the time.

**Reception Nativity**
Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on Tuesday 8th December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers), or Wednesday 9th December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers).

**Year 1 Christmas Concert**
Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Christmas Concert on Thursday 10th December @ 9.15am.

**Year 2 Christmas Performance**
Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Friday 11th December @ 9.15am.

**Nursery Christmas Performance**
Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Monday 14th December. The morning performance will begin at 9.30am, and the afternoon performance at 2.00pm. Parents/carers of children who attend nursery full-time may come to either the morning or afternoon.

**Carol Services – 9th/ 16th December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church (see further information below)**
The children are busy preparing for their carol services. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 4 and Year 6 takes places on **Wednesday 9th December**, with the Year 3 and Year 5 service being held on **Wednesday 16th December**. Both services are held at Holy Trinity Church, and start at 6.30pm. Children should arrive by 6.15pm, and wear their school uniform.

Children in the choir will be participating in both services.

**All children are expected to attend, as they will all be participating.**
**Retiring collections will be taken at the end of each of our Christmas events for local charities.**

**Christmas lunch**
Caterlink, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch **(for those who have pre-booked)** on **Wednesday 9th December** for children in **Years 3, 4, 5, 6.** and **Thursday 10th December** for children in **Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**.

**Please note that on 9th December all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in KS2 will need a packed lunch on 10th December.**

**Wimbledon 2nd Brownies – sustainable clothes**
Wimbledon Second Brownies are running a sustainable children's clothes stall at the Holy Trinity Church Fair on 5 December 11-4pm. If you have any donations of good quality and clean children's clothes, accessories or shoes please will you let Natasha, Dani or Sarah know at secondwimbledonbrownies@outlook.com or feel free to drop donations off at Marchard Hall Tuesdays 6-7pm or catch us in the playground and we can take donations.

**HOTS Updates**

**CHRISTMAS TREES, Collection Saturday 5th December time tbc**

Christmas tree orders must be received no later than 18:00 tonight! The link to book has been sent by your class reps, don't delay!

**CHRISTMAS CHEER SOCIAL, Saturday 28th December 4-6pm**

There's still time to grab your tickets for the Christmas Cheer Social tomorrow. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up over a glass of mulled wine or two, and there will be lots of other yummy festive treats, crafts, face-painting and games, as well as a performance from our fabulous school choir and Year 6 band. Again, your class rep will have sent you a link.

**HOTS AGM, Thursday 3rd December 8:30pm, Online**

Please do join on Thursday evening for a brief overview of all things HOTS over the past year. Our Treasurer Lucy will also be presenting the HOTS accounts and there will be Committee elections. It's one of our obligations as a registered charity so we really encourage parents to log on - we'll be sending out the link next week.




Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair will be taking place next **Saturday, 5th December** from 11-4pm.
Lots of fun for all ages, including :

- Santa's grotto
- Elf hunt
- Toy stall
- Craft decorating
- Sweets tombola
- Raffle
- Book stall
- Flowers
- Cakes
- Pop up cafe and much more!

Come along and delight in the start of the holiday season with friends and family!



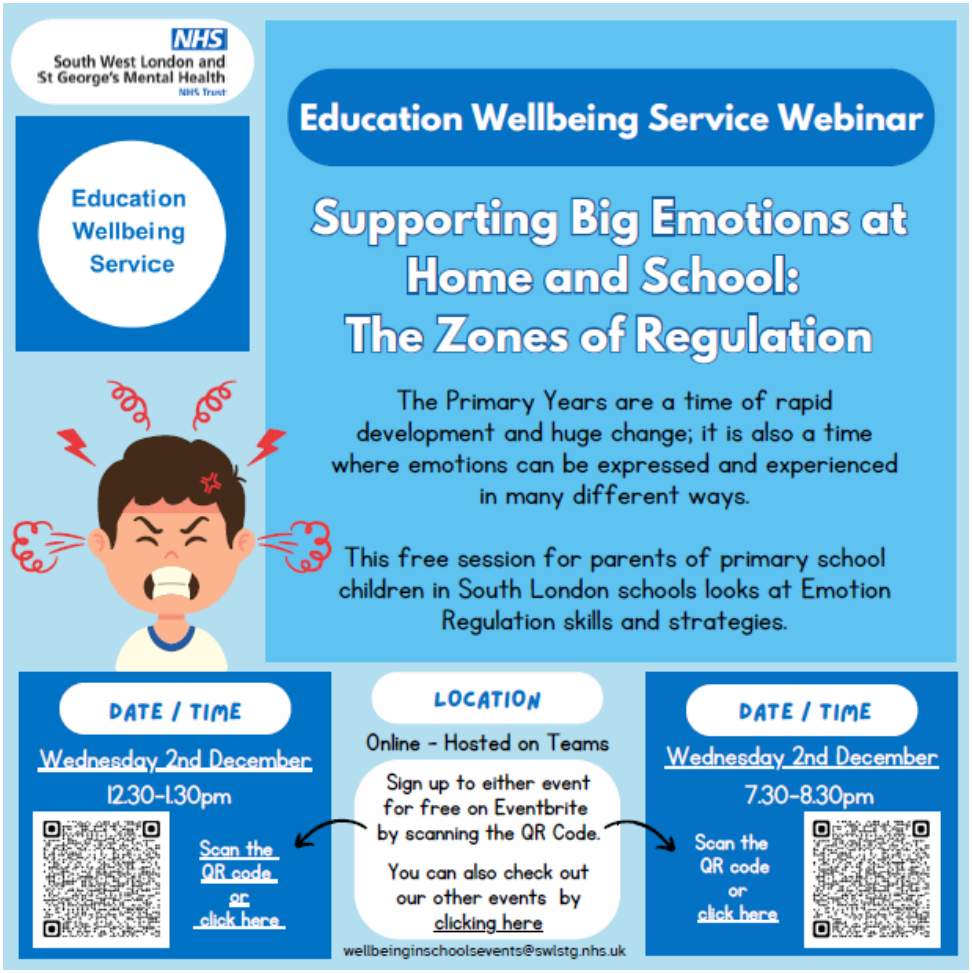

**Merton Education Wellbeing Service**

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** |
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| 27th November | PM | HOTS Wreath Making |
| Saturday 28th November | PM | HOTS Cheers and Carols |
| 2nd December | | Flu Vaccinations – further details to follow from NHS |
| 5th December | 11-4.00 | Christmas Fair @ Holy Trinity Church |
| 8th December | 9.15 | Reception Nativity |
| 9th December | 9.15<br>18.30 | Reception Nativity<br>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 | <br>14.00 | RE Focus Day<br>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<br>Break up for half term |
| 22nd February | | Spring 2 term begins |
| TBC | | 3H Swimming |
| 1st – 5th March | | Year 6 to France<br>Assessment Week 1 |
| 8th -12th March | | Book Week<br>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<br><br><br>14.00 | Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers<br>RE Focus Day<br>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<br>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window<br>Assessment Week |

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| 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<br>14.00 | Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church<br>Term ends |
| 21st July | | **INSET Day** |

Have a wonderful weekend.
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