

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 so wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. We look forward to our youngest pupils joining us next week.

As you will know from Miss Hann's Parentmail, we have been learning about neurodiversity and how every brain is different. Yesterday, we had an inspirational worship, where some of our staff members openly shared with the children how their brains worked differently. We hope by talking about our differences that we would be an even more inclusive and accepting school, and able to celebrate everyone's uniqueness.

Thank you for the many emails and words of congratulations regarding our Ofsted report. We truly are delighted, and have already actioned our area of improvement in the Early Years. What makes me most proud is the way Ofsted captured the family/community feel that our school has. I have just picked out some of the wording from the start of the report to highlight again.



This is a welcoming and friendly school, where pupils are exceptionally supportive of each other, caring and kind. The school teaches pupils extensively about the importance of community through shared 'growing together' values and initiatives, such as a monthly collection for a local food bank. Pupils take up responsibilities widely...

The school has high expectations for all pupils, who achieve well, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Children in the early years develop a good foundation for later learning. Older pupils build exceptionally well on their starting points.

Behaviour is excellent. Pupils are courteous and polite. They are tolerant and sympathetic to each other's needs. This contributes to a harmonious school community.

Pupils' wider experiences at school are of exceptional quality. Musical opportunities such as choir, orchestra, instrumental lessons and school productions enable pupils to develop their talents, including by performing at notable venues. Sporting experiences are broad and include pupils at all stages of sporting aptitude. Educational visits develop pupils' confidence and enrich their experience, such as a stay in France for pupils in Year 6 where they speak the French language and experience local culture.

A Prayer for the start of a new academic year

Loving Lord

At the start of this new academic year, please help us to trust in you.

Thank you that you know our worries and our fears already. Thank you that you will be with us each day.

Please help us to use the challenges this year will bring to develop a love of learning.

Thank you that you made each one of us unique and special, and that you have given all of us different gifts.

Please help us to appreciate and respect each other.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Music Mark

We are delighted to have been awarded the Music Mark, in recognition of all of the musical opportunities our children get at Holy Trinity. Many congratulations to Miss Neil-Smith for her dedication to providing outstanding music.



Uniform

We have had a rush on uniform orders. The orders are all up-to-date, so if you are waiting for something, it is because we are currently out of stock. New orders have been placed with our suppliers, and when the stock is in this will be given out.

Naming Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named with first name and surname. We already have brand new, un-named, uniform in our Lost Property box.

Medication

If your child has regular medication, please bring it to the School Office as soon as possible. You will be asked to complete a new permission form.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

At the start of the new academic year we will be offering you a chance to meet your child's new teacher, and to hear more about the expectations of the new year group. We will share the presentation with all parents if you are not able to attend the session. Please wait in the playground and the teachers will come and collect you.

Year Group	Meet the Teacher Date – all sessions will be from 8.45-9.15am
1	Monday 9 th September
2	Tuesday 10 th September
3	Wednesday 11 th September
4	Thursday 12 th September
5	Friday 13 th September

Applying for Reception or Secondary Schools for entry in September 2025

Merton have updated their website, and all of the information you need is at this link www.merton.gov.uk/admissions. Please also find attached to this Bulletin the Reception and Secondary School booklets, with further information. If you need any support with this, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk



Each week we will be including an Online Safety question for you to discuss with you child/children at home.

NHS-in-School Education Wellbeing Service

We work in your child's school to provide friendly and accessible wellbeing support, advice and programs to promote child wellbeing

What do we offer?

1:1 Programs for Parents

Early and preventative evidence-based wellbeing programs lasting 6-8 weeks to help your child's:

- Common anxieties and worries or
- Tricky or challenging behavior

For more information, apply here or speak to your school's mental health lead for a paper form



Local, Primary Parent Webinars

Free NHS evening and lunchtime webinars for parents on a number of wellbeing related topics throughout the year.

99% of parents recommended the webinars last year. Sign up using the QR code



Recorded Workshops, groups and workshops

We also offer workshops and groups for children and parents in school. See our youtube channel for more resources and recorded workshops:



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Feedback from Parents

*"I was quite hesitant in the beginning and held back applying, but I am so happy that I did. The service was very **welcoming** and **non-judgmental**. Sometimes as parents we tend to just cope in ways we already know, but reaching out for support can make such a big change! Overall I feel we have **achieved fantastic results**."*

Parent 1:1 Feedback

*"I wasn't as aware of what he was going through and the anxiety he was feeling, the sessions **opened my mind** and helped me to slow down and break down his behaviours. It **helped me change my response towards him**."*

Parent 1:1 Feedback

*"The care I received was fantastic. I felt **supported and heard** and I couldn't fault it. I would **highly recommend this service to anyone**."*

Parent 1:1 Feedback

*"Clear language and supportive advice, **reassuring to see so many families with similar concerns**"*

Parent Webinar Feedback

***95% of parents' chosen goals made progress during 2023-2024**



Education Wellbeing Service Primary Age Parents



Live Parent/Carer Webinars Delivered by Senior Mental Health Professionals

Covering topics including:

Supporting your Child's Sleep
Anxieties and Worries
Transitioning to Secondary School
Development of healthy body image

Parents have said:

"It was great to talk about strategies to try and get to the bottom of my children's emotions."

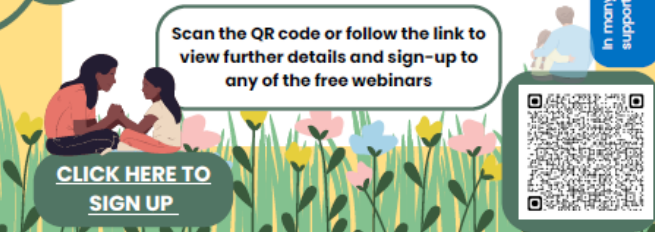
99% of parents who attended the webinars last year said they would recommend them or similar workshops to friends/family

Scan the QR code or follow the link to view further details and sign-up to any of the free webinars



[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

In many schools, 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 tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to find out more.



Education Wellbeing Service

Parent Webinars For Early Years Parents & Carers

AUTUMN TERM SCHEDULE 2024

16th or 18th September

**Goodbyes and Goodnights:
Building your child's
confidence and independence**

For early years parents & carers

14th or 16th October

**Toilet Time: Supporting your
child with toilet training**

For early years parents & carers

2nd or 4th December

**Building Strong Bonds:
The Circle of Security for a
Healthy and Secure Attachment**

For early years parents & carers

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Scan the QR Code or follow the link to sign up to any of these free local NHS parent webinars and hear more

[Click here to sign up](#)



You are invited

FREE

PARENTING COURSE

THE PRIMARY YEARS

STARTING 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAYS 10:15 - 12.00 @ ARK PUTNEY ACADEMY

Focusing on children from 5 to 11 years old, this free six week course helps parents, carers and guardians look at how to support children as they start to find out how the world works.

FIND OUT MORE OR SIGN UP SWLV.ORG.UK

FREE CHILDCARE FOR KIDS AGE 2-18



BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

Topics included:

What being a parent is really like
Children's needs
Feelings and listening
Boundaries and parenting styles
Keeping children safe
Building strong families

All Welcome

This community course is written by a national charity, Care For The Family, aiming to promote strong family life. It will be presented by parents of SWLV but is not faith based. The course has run in schools, homes, local venues and prisons. Everyone welcome regardless of ability, age, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, income, national origin, race or sexual orientation.

For more information on Care For The Family www.careforthefamily.org.uk



FIND OUT MORE OR SIGN UP SWLV.ORG.UK



We are a local church community who meet every Sunday at Ark Putney Academy at 10.30am. **Everyone is welcome.**

SW London Vineyard is a charitable company registered in England and Wales under Company No 3020873. Charity No. 1045297.

Marvellous Makers

Have you completed the Summer Reading Challenge yet?

**Ends on Saturday
7 September**

Read 6 books to get your certificate and medal.

You'll also be entered into the prize draw!



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

Next event

Monday 16 September 2024, 10am – 12pm

Location

In-person at the Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden SM4 6PX

Talk Autism session with Contact

We will be joined by Tania Ross & Gina Mahoney from Contact who will be giving advice and guidance to help parents/carers to find and access the supportive information and services that they may need.

The workshop will comprise:

We can help parents with different aspect of autism & family life, however on this session we will be covering understanding Autism and mental wellbeing - aiming to support parents/carers in understanding the autistic experience, common mental health difficulties and how to support the wellbeing of autistic family members proactively.

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

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

By email: maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk
Phone: 07709 715206

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Holy Trinity C of E Primary School** if they sign up by Saturday 25th January. Parents should quote HTLH2025 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

Click to find [your nearest classes](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).



Attached Items:

- Reception and Secondary School booklets
- Merton Attendance Information

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETS Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September)

Children start back Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Last day Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

First day: Monday 6 January 2025 (INSET Monday 6th January 2025)

Children start back Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Last day: Friday 4 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

First day: Tuesday 22 April 2025

Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 (INSET Monday 2nd June 2025)

Children start back after half term Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22nd July 2025)

Children break up Monday 21st July 2025.

Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September)

Children start back Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025

Last day Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

First day: Monday 5 January 2026 (INSET Monday 5th January)

Children start back Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026

Last day: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

First day: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026 (INSET Monday 1st June)

Children start back after half term Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20th July)

Children break up Friday 17th July 2026

Key Dates 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
9 th September	8.45-9.15	Nursery staggered start Reception children start (morning only) Year 1 Meet the Teacher
10 th September	8.45-9.15	Reception in morning only Year 2 Meet the Teacher
11 th September	8.45-9.15	Reception in morning and lunch (until 12.30) Year 3 Meet the Teacher
12 th September	8.45-9.15	Reception in full time Year 4 Meet the Teacher
13 th September	8.45-9.15	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
19 th September	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
26 th September	18.30	Reception Curriculum Evening TBC
1 st October	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
17 th October	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
18 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 20 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st -24 th October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
25 th October		Break up for half term
4 th November		Autumn 2 begins
7 th November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
11 th – 15 th November		Anti-bullying week
12 th November		School Eucharist @ school
28 th November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
2 nd – 6 th December		Assessment week
6 th December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
12 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
13 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
17 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December	14.00	Break up
6 th January 2025		INSET Day – School closed
7 th January 2025		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
9 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		Spring 2 term begins
10 th – 21 st March		Assessment weeks
24 th – 28 th March		Year 6 in France
24 th March – 3 rd April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	8.15-8.45	Nursery to Year 5 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
4 th April	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April		Summer 1 term begins
25 th April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 th – 9 th May		Year 4 PGL
12 th – 15 th May		Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 rd May		Break up for half term

2 nd June		INSET Day – School closed
3 rd June		Summer 2 term begins
3 rd – 6 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
9 th – 13 th June		Assessment Week
9 th – 13 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
18 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
21 st July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a good weekend.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher