

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

A very happy new year to you. It has been a joy to see the children come back to school with enthusiasm, and tales of all that they have done during the Christmas holidays. I would like to say how proud I am of the children and their excellent manners – I have seen a real improvement!

A prayer for the New Year

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before you with hearts full of anticipation and gratitude. We thank you for the gift of life and for the journey that has brought us to this moment.

Lord, we acknowledge the highs and lows of the past year—the joys and sorrows, the victories and challenges.

Through it all, your presence has been our constant source of strength and hope.

As we welcome this new year, we place it in your capable hands. We trust in your plan and purpose for our lives, knowing that your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

We pray for your guidance in the coming year. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and wisdom. Help us to discern your will in all that we do and to walk in obedience to your Word.

Fill our hearts with hope, joy, and peace. May your love and grace shine brightly in our lives and be a source of light in a world that often needs it.

Lord, grant us the courage to face the unknown with faith and trust. In times of uncertainty, remind us that you are our anchor, our refuge, and our strength.

In the name of Jesus, we welcome the new year with open hearts, renewed faith, and the confidence that you will be with us every step of the way.

Amen



During their RE lesson this week, Year 3 had the opportunity to discuss various Buddhism facts with different partners. They discussed ways in which the statements differed from, or were similar to other religions they studied.



Year 4 enjoyed making the book sleeves they had designed in DT last half term. Lots of sewing, threading needles, knotting and decorating, and lots of fun had while doing so!



Nursery have made a great start to the Spring term! They started off the week with a letter from the Police and a crime scene involving Humpty Dumpty. The children had great fun investigating, looking for clues and trying to solve how Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall. They also had a go at sequencing the nursery rhyme and made their own Humpty Dumpty.

London Broncos Super League Team

Thank you to the parent community for their amazing response for tickets to see the London Broncos. Miss Hann has managed to secure 100 tickets (we were only meant to have 50).

Attendance – Is my child too ill to attend school?

We are very keen to improve our school attendance. If you need guidance on whether your child is too ill to attend school, please take a look at this guidance from the NHS. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If your child is anxious about coming to school, please do contact us. There is also some helpful information in this link to help you at home. https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/03/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Ordering a Hot Lunch if your child is late to school

We need to inform the school kitchen of our lunch orders by 9.30am each day. If you know your child is going to arrive at school after this time (for example if they have an appointment, interview or test) but they will be back for

lunch then please call the school office to order a lunch for them. If you log your child's late arrival on the Parentmail absence feature, then you may also use this to order your child's lunch.

We have had a number of occasions when children have arrived mid-morning, expecting to have a school lunch, which creates difficulties for the kitchen team.

If you do not order a lunch, then please provide your child with a packed lunch.

Free School Meals Extended

You may have heard in the news that the Mayor of London has extended free school meals for KS2 for another year. Children in Reception and KS1 also continue to have free meals. Do take a look at the attached letter for more information.

Co-opted Governor

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a co-opted member. If you know someone who might be interested (ideally someone who is not a Holy Trinity parent/carer) in finding out more about this role, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Do you work in the area of STEM? (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

We are starting to plan our Science Week, to be held next term. We would be keen to hear from any parents/carers involved in STEM, and who might be willing to come in and share their work with the children. Do email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you might be able to help us. Thank you.

HOTS NOTICES

Lego Competition

The HOTS Lego competition is still live and taking place until Wednesday 31st January. Your creation could be related to Christmas, 2024, New Year's resolutions or anything else - be as creative as you like! Winners will receive a Lego prize or voucher! To enter, simply buy a ticket online and submit a photo of your build to hotsemail@gmail.com by 31st January. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=7403>! Good luck!!

HOTS on Social Media

Join us on Facebook (and soon on Instagram too) to keep up to date with activities and announcements from HOTS: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/433355678699470>

Pre-loved Uniform

Don't forget you can buy pre-loved uniform online any time and it will be delivered to your child's classroom within a few days: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=products>

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep

Sleep is incredibly important for us all and in some ways, even more so for children. This workshop is for parents and carers of primary school-aged children and will introduce some of the science and research on childhood sleep. It will also explore practical ways that you can support your child's sleep, including sleep hygiene, implementing routines, step-by-step approaches and some useful resources.



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

Education
Wellbeing
Service

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 16th January 1-2 pm
Wednesday 17th January 7-8 pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:



[Click here to book](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



Present their eleventh fun-filled family pantomime in support of Deen City Farm

Mother Goose

26-28 Jan

St John the Divine
High Path

Tickets £5

Friday 26th - 7pm

Saturday 27th - 2pm & 7pm

Sunday 28th - 2pm



tinyurl.com/mp3panto

Attached Items

- Free School Meals extended letter

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2024

First day: Monday 8th January 2024

(INSET Monday 8th January so children back Tuesday 9th January)

Last day: Thursday 28th March 2024

Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term 2024

First day: Monday 15th April 2024

Last day: Wednesday 24th July 2024

Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

(INSETs Monday 3rd June and Wednesday 24th July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4th June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23rd July 2024)

Term Dates 2024-2025

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.

Term Dates 2025-2026

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 for the Term (Any new dates added will be highlighted.)

Date	Time	Event
18 th January		Year 1, 4, 5, 6 to visit Wimbledon Library for theatre production – packed lunch required
18 th January		Year 2 to Kew Gardens – packed lunch required
2 nd February		Maths Number Day
5 th – 9 th February		Children's Mental Health Week
6 th February		School Eucharist
9 th February		Break up for half term

19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
8 th March		International Women's Day
11 th March		Year 5 @ Royal Albert Hall for Merton Music Foundation Performance
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France
18 th – 22 nd March		Neurodiversity Week
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 th -27 th March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
26 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
28 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 th April		Summer term begins
19 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
8 th – 10 th May		Year 4 PGL
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
24 th May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day – School closed
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
4 th – 7 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 th – 14 th June		Assessment Week
10 th – 14 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
29 th June		Summer Fair
19 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 rd July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards