

### 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

Happy new year to you all. It was wonderful to see the children racing into school on Tuesday, eager to share about their Christmas holidays. In worship this week, we made the following verse, our bible verse for 2025 for our school:

### Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



This week children in Nursery focused on Humpty Dumpty as part of their topic on Nursery Rhymes. The children made their own Humpty Dumpty and thought of what Humpty Dumpty was saying when he was sitting on the wall. These are some of the quotes!

- "I want to get off the wall!"
- "I can see houses!"
- "Yay I got to the top!"
- "I love being up high!"
- "I want mummy".

### Lent Appeal 2024 – Good Hope Orphanage

Last year our school raised money for the Good Hope Orphanage in Zimbabwe. During the Christmas holidays, one of our former pupils, Caitlin, went to visit the orphanage to give them the money we raised. Here are some of the photographs of her visit.



## Former Pupil Recognised in the New Year Honours

Rebecca Clarke, a former pupil at Holy Trinity, has been named as a recipient of a British Empire Medal (BEM) in King Charles III's New Year's Honours list. Rebecca works tirelessly to support young people with disabilities.

<https://londonnewsonline.co.uk/news/dedicated-autistic-wimbledon-woman-recognised-in-kings-new-year-honours/>



Many congratulations Rebecca.

## French lessons - Epiphany

In Key Stage 2 French lessons this week, the children have been learning about Epiphany celebrations in France (**La fête des Rois** – the celebration of the Kings). We have talked about the tradition of cutting the cake (La galette) and the excitement to see who has found the charm hiding within it (la fève). We have had some great class discussions about what other traditions the children have at home to celebrate New Year and Epiphany!



Year 1 enjoyed their hot chocolate which was a treat for collecting the most donations for the DONS Foodbank before Christmas.

## 'Switch it off!' - Poster Competition



The Eco Warriors are running a poster competition. If you would like to enter, please create an A4 poster encouraging people to turn off lights, computers and power switches. Make it colourful and bold! You may use coloured pencils or felt tip pens. Please hand in your entries to Miss Monte (2S) by Friday 17th January. Good luck!

**RA****Young  
Artists'  
Summer  
Show****Calling all young artists!**

The Royal Academy's Young Artist Summer Show competition will be opening for entries in January! This prestigious national competition is a fantastic opportunity for young artists to showcase their creativity and talent on a grand stage.

The competition is open to ages 4 upwards and I would love to submit many amazing entries! You can submit artwork in any medium—paintings, drawings, sculptures, textiles, even digital art. This is a chance for your imaginations to soar and explore new techniques perhaps.

A panel of esteemed judges will select the winning entries and chosen artworks will be displayed in the Royal Academy galleries or features online—a wonderful way to celebrate the creativity of our young artists!

Here is all you need to know:

*Submission:* Any time in the month of January or February to Miss McHenry



*Format:* Any medium is welcome but artwork must be original and created by you (the child).

*Details:* Please include your name, age and some text to include why you created the work and what it means to you. You can write this on the back or on a separate piece of paper.

## **HOTs Announcements**

### **Pre-Loved Uniform Volunteer Needed:**

HOTs is looking for an individual to manage our pre-loved uniform sales. This project is an essential component to our school community. The initiative helps numerous families, contributes to eco-friendly practices, and raises funds for the school. If interested, please contact HOTs at [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com).

### **Do we have any Estate Agents amongst our school community?**

We're looking for a new Estate Agent board sponsor for our summer fair. This is an important part of our fundraising and we need your help to secure a new sponsor for 2025! Are you a local estate agent, know someone who is or have recently bought/rented your house? If you can help please drop us an email and we can send you more information!

### **Social Media:**

Stay up to date on the latest news and information from HOTs through our social media pages!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hotsfriendsofholytrinity?igsh=MWJsMnZoY2hpMnNmZw==>








Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>

Email: [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com)

**Parent Webinars**


**Spring Term Schedule 2025**

Scan the QR code or follow the links to sign up to any of these free local NHS parent webinars

<p><b>16th January 12.00-1.30pm</b></p> <p>This workshop talks through the difference between picky eaters, problem feeders and ARFID</p>	<p><b>Understanding and supporting ARFID</b></p> <p>For all primary school parents &amp; carers</p>	<p>Scan the QR code or <a href="#">click here</a></p> 
<p><b>28th January 1.00-2.00pm</b></p> <p>Scan the QR code or <a href="#">click here</a></p> 	<p><b>28th &amp; 29th January</b></p> <p><b>Understanding And Supporting Your Child's Sleep</b></p> <p>For KS2 parents &amp; carers</p>	<p><b>29th January 7.00-8.00pm</b></p> <p>Scan the QR code or <a href="#">click here</a></p> 
<p><b>25th February 7.30-8.30pm</b></p> <p>Scan the QR code or <a href="#">click here</a></p> 	<p><b>25th &amp; 27th February</b></p> <p><b>Supporting Common Child Anxieties and Worries - Including Around Exams</b></p> <p>For Year 6 parents &amp; carers</p>	<p><b>27th February 12.30-1.30pm</b></p> <p>Scan the QR code or <a href="#">click here</a></p> 
<p><b>17th March 7.30-8.30pm</b></p> <p>Scan the QR code or <a href="#">click here</a></p> 	<p><b>17th &amp; 18th March</b></p> <p><b>Promoting Sibling Harmony</b></p> <p>For all primary school parents &amp; carers</p>	<p><b>19th March 1.00-2.00pm</b></p> <p>Scan the QR code or <a href="#">click here</a></p> 

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 everyday challenging behaviours. Speak to your school to find out more.

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/ccl/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odcsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our friendly in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help your child's worries or anxieties, or support their challenging or tricky behaviour, you can pick up an application form from reception or speak to a member of staff.



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

Next event  
Monday 13 January 2025 10am – 12pm

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

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Life experiences of young adults with autism

**PLUS**

Experiences of an employer making adjustments in the workplace  
to support employees with autism

We will be joined by young adults who will be sharing their life journey so far, describing their experience as a person with autism, living life independently, searching for employment and leading a happy and fulfilled life.

We will also be joined by an employer who will be describing their approach to ensuring equal opportunity in the workplace.

The workshop will comprise:

- ✓ The young people sharing their experiences & perspective
- ✓ The importance of equal opportunity employment
- ✓ How an employer approaches making reasonable adjustments in an audio-visual stimulating environment
- ✓ Questions and answer session
- ✓ Refreshments and opportunities for parents and carers to meet

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](mailto:maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk)  
Phone: 07709 715206

## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETS Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**Children start back Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025)

**Children break up Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

## 2025-2026

### Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January)

**Children start back Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July)

**Children break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

## Key Dates 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
24 <sup>th</sup> February		Spring 2 term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March		Book Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> March		Assessment weeks
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 in France
24 <sup>th</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 <sup>th</sup> 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
1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
4 <sup>th</sup> April	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Summer 1 term begins
25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 <sup>rd</sup> May		Break up for half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Summer 2 term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	AM PM	Year 3 Sports Day Year 2 Sports Day
24 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 4 Sports Day Nursery (PM and Full-time)
25 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 5 Sports Day Reception Sports Day
26 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 6 Sports Day Year 1 Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Nursery (AM and Full-time)
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 Production Times TBC
16 <sup>th</sup> July		Music Festival
16 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports out
18 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher