# **WELCOME BULLETIN**

19.09.25

# 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

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Mary this Tuesday, as she led her first worship with us, all about Saint Hildegard, an inspirational woman of her time, whose faith in Jesus was lived out in many ways.

Yesterday, we hosted our Mental Health in Schools Cluster, where we were reminded of the support available to all of our families, set out below:

**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

They've work with 100s of parents from our local Merton schools each year. They believe that all parents can benefit from a space to reflect and think through evidence-based ideas, and at a preventative and early stage. You don't need to wait until things get more difficult for help. Over 90% of parents who engaged with the service made progress with their goals.

You can reach out to them and find out more here: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk">https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk</a>.

Do take advantage of this free service. As it is the start of the term, they have plenty of availability.



The children in Nursery have settled in beautifully and are quickly learning the classroom rules and routines. They are working together, building friendships, and taking part in our topic All About Me – My Family, where we have been sharing and admiring family photos and talking about the people who are special to us.



Year 2 had a fantastic time imagining what it was like to walk through the woods just like 'Little Red Reading Hood'. They used their senses on a walk around South Park Gardens to come up with lots of exciting vocabulary for their work in English.



Year 3 had great fun learning how sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks are formed in their science lesson this week.

### **European Day of Languages**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages! This is a celebration of all the different languages spoken around the world (not just in Europe!) and is designed to promote the importance of language learning and protect the linguistic heritage.

Parents are warmly invited to write a greeting in a foreign language on our notice board at the school gates on Friday morning to celebrate European Day of Languages.

Parents are warmly welcome to come into school over the next few weeks to read a story book to their child's class / another class in another language or simply talk about their culture.

Please do email Madame Poleviou (KS2 French teacher) to discuss further. (anthia.poleviou@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk).



## **Play Logs**

We are re-stocking our Wild Garden, and would be keen to hear from you if you have any play logs going spare, as in the photograph below. Thank you.



# Treating Head Lice - Top Tips from a parent





We are so grateful to one of our parents for taking the time to share her top tips about how to treat head lice, a very common occurrence in a primary school:

- check in good light (next to window/sky light or with bright lamp). Look for movement lice **do not** like light, so they move away from it, under the hair.
- pay attention to child scratching behind ears and nape of neck favourite hot spots for lice and laying their eggs (nits)
- Lice can survive for 30 days and **every day lay 8 new eggs**, therefore when treating, it is important to retreat every 3-4 days for at least 14 days.
- Select treatment shampoo that kills the nits & lice (i.e. Vamousse) more expensive, however very effective as kills 100% nits and lice.
- wash all bedding & towels at least 55 degrees c to help eradicate the problem.
- hoovering duvets and soft furnishing such as car seats also helps.
- Finally-there are great YouTube videos (esp. for cartoon ones for children).
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# **HOTS Update**

# **PLANNING A SPOT OF ONLINE SHOPPING?**

Please consider shopping via **EasyFundraising!** There are hundreds of big name retailers signed up, such as John Lewis, Sainsbury's, M&S, Dunelm, Boots, Tui, Hobbycraft, JD Sports....and every purchase supports our pupils and at no additional cost to you.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

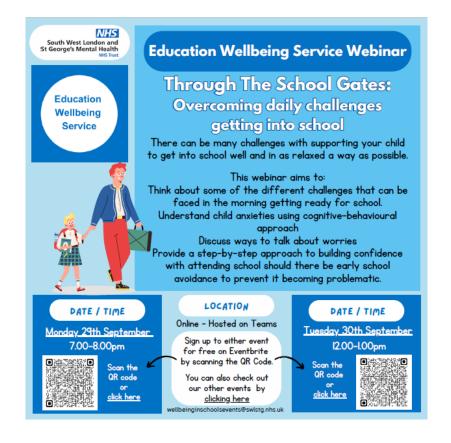
\*Visit easyfundraising.org.uk or download the EasyFundraising app. Set up a free account and select Friends of Holy Trinity C of E School Wimbledon (HOTS) as your charity.

\*Instead of going directly to a retailer's website, access it via the EasyFundraising website or app. When you then make a purchase the retailer will give a percentage directly to HOTS, but at no extra cost to you. It's that simple! Every little click will add up to help fund the important school projects you support. Ready, steady, SHOP!!!!!

#### **AUTUMN DISCO**

Our ever popular Autumn Disco will be held at the school hall on **Friday 17th October**. Tickets on sale next week!



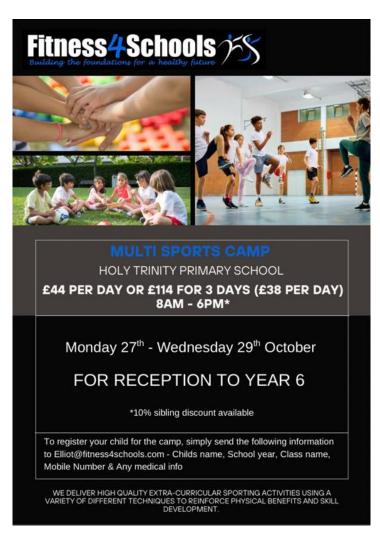






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#### Term Dates 2025-2026

# Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday I September 2025 (INSETS Monday I<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 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 Ist 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

### The 2026-2027 term dates will be confirmed soon.

### **Key Dates** (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
Ist - 3rd October		Black History Workshops
16th October	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
17th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with
		their parents/carers
Sunday 19th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
20th – 23rd October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
24 <sup>th</sup> October		Break up for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November		Autumn 2 begins
6th November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
17th – 21st November		Anti-bullying week
November		School Eucharist @ school Date TBC
24th – 28th November		Assessment Week
27th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
9th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
IIth December	9.15	Year I Concert
12th December	9.15	Year 2 Concert (with orchestra)
16th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19th December	14.00	Break up
5th January 2026		INSET Day – School closed
6th January 2026		Spring I Term begins for all children
8th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
19th – 23rd January		Science Week
10th February		Safer Internet Day
13th February		Break up for half term
23th February		Spring 2 term begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February		3H Swimming
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March		
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March		Book Week including World Book Day 6th March
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Assessment weeks
9th - 13th March		3T Swimming
16th – 20th March		
20th March	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> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 in France
27th March	14.00	Break up for Easter
13th April		Summer I starts
13th – 16th April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
20th – 24th April		Art Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Earth Day
6th – 8th May		Year 4 PGL
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21st May		Cultural Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning - an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with
		their parents/carers
22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Break up for half term
I <sup>st</sup> June		INSET Day – School closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Summer 2 term begins
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June		Year I Phonics Screening Check Window
13 <sup>th</sup> July		DT Day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
• •	14.00	Term ends
20th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend. Izzy Rickards Headteacher