

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

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It was wonderful to see the children running into school on Wednesday for the start of the new year. They were excited to see their friends and get to know our new pupils too. We look forward to our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception joining us next week.

We have been thinking in worship about fresh starts made by Zacchaeus and Saul. Children have also been exploring the bible verse about faith as small as a mustard seed being able to move mountains.



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.

A few reminders at the start of the academic year

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What is the drop off procedure?	<p>The Faraday Gate will open at 8.30 each day, when a member of staff will be on duty.</p> <p>The official start of the day for Reception to Year 6 is 8.45. It is expected that all children will be in school from this time. Nursery starts at 8.30.</p> <p>At drop off we are asking all families (except nursery) to enter the playground via the Faraday Road Gate, and exit the playground via the Effra Road Gate, just to ease the flow of traffic! This is not a formal one-way system!</p> <p>There will be labelled signs and cones for children to line up at. As soon as your child has gone to their cone, we ask that you vacate the playground as soon as possible, leaving via the Effra Road gate. This helped the children to settle in so smoothly last year. Please don't wait by the lines, as this can upset some children.</p> <p>We are very happy for parents to drop their children at the gate, so that they enter on their own – this worked so well last year. Obviously, parents of Reception children will want to wait with them outside the Reception gate.</p>																											
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Can my child bring their bike or scooter to school?	We encourage all families to walk/scoot or ride to school. Bikes and scooters can be stored in the shelter in the playground.																											
Will the children have play time?	Years 1, 2, 3 will have playtime at 10.15-10.30 Years 4, 5, 6 will have playtime at 10.35-10.50																											
How will lunchtimes be organised?	<p>Lunchtimes are staggered. Children will be seated in their classes for lunch and will play in an allocated Play Zone with their year group. Year groups will rotate around the Play Zones during the week.</p> <p>Within each Play Zone there are different activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports activities (with a Sports coach)• Playground games• Trim Trail• Stage area for performances• Climbing Wall• Table Tennis• Den Building and outdoor activities in the Wild Garden• Exploring the new Quiet Garden <p>Reception children have their own Play Zone.</p> <p>Children will be supervised by the same staff members each day, and will include staff from their year group teams, as well as specific lunchtime supervisors.</p> <p>Chameleon Corner (an indoor Lunch Club) will be available each day for those children who prefer a quieter space.</p>																											
When does my child wear their PE 'uniform'?	The PE uniform will be expected to be worn on PE days for the whole day. PE days will be on the Learning Platform and shared at the Meet the Teacher sessions, and via Parentmail at the start of the term.																											
How can I find out what my children will be learning?	Please use the Learning Platform as much as possible – this has very useful information that will help to support your child's learning. We are aware that the platform is not very mobile-friendly. We are working with the company on this.																											

Can the children use the trim trail/climbing wall before and after school?	I'm afraid these cannot be used by the children, or their younger siblings, either before or after school.
What happens if my child loses something?	We have a lost property box in the school welcome area. Any items with a name on, are returned to their owner. Please ensure all items of clothing, water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly labelled.
What do I do if my child needs to take medication in the school day?	Please visit the school office, who will be able to help you. 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.
Can my child bring a snack in to eat at break time?	All children from Nursery to Year 2 are given a piece of fruit or vegetable through the Government's scheme. KS2 children are welcome to bring in fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. No other snacks are allowed, except by special arrangement.
Is Holy Trinity a nut-free school?	We are a nut-free school! Please double check any items that you send in for packed lunches. Please do not use Nutella or peanut butter in sandwiches. All packed lunches should be healthy.
Is Holy Trinity a water-only school?	Yes, we are! Please provide your child with a named water bottle, with water inside. There are plenty of drinking water taps that the children can use to refill their water bottle. The younger children are given milk as part of their morning/afternoon routines.
If I want to meet with Mrs Rickards, is this possible?	Yes! I have an open door policy. If it's a quick chat, then do catch me at the gate morning or afternoon. If it requires a longer chat, then please email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk to arrange a meeting.

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.

Year Group	Meet the Teacher Date – all sessions will be from 8.45-9.15am Please meet in the playground
2	Monday 8 th September
3	Tuesday 9 th September
4	Wednesday 10 th September
5	Thursday 11 th September
6	Friday 12 th September

Welcome Back From HOTs!

HOTs would like to welcome all our new and returning families to the 2025-2026 school year. The committee is starting to plan upcoming school events for the year. More information and dates to follow in the coming weeks regarding discos, fundraisers, etc. All the funds raised through our events support the school and teachers to bring much needed resources to the program. We want to thank everyone in our community for your continued support. If you have any questions, or would like to help please feel free to contact us at hotsemail@gmail.com.

Preloved Uniforms:

In need of a uniform item? Check out our preloved uniform sales! Preloved uniforms is a cost saving, and eco-friendly practice to help our community of families.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=29873&IsProductGroup=1>

Follow us on Social Media:

Keep up to date with our activities via Facebook and Instagram!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hotsfriendsofholytrinity?igsh=MWJsMnZoY2hpMnNmZW==>

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

Helping Children Feel Confident, Calm & Happy Support For Parents/Carers

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Friendly, practical 1:1 advice and support for parents
- 6-8 week parent sessions with proven strategies
- Free online webinars on children's wellbeing
- Resources and recorded workshops to use anytime

- Calmer routines and fewer conflicts at home
- Children feel **more confident** in new or social situations
- Children **learn to cope with worries** and build resilience
- Parents feel **supported**, reassured, and not alone

HOW IT HELPS:

WHAT PARENTS SAY:

"The support was fantastic - I felt listened to and encouraged."

"We now have calmer routines at home and my child is happier at school."

"I'd recommend this service to any parent."



Scan the QR code to find out more and sign up
speak to your child's school for more information

We also have an Eventbrite page where parents and carers can **book upcoming workshops and webinars** and a youtube channel with recorded resources, available through the QR code



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For more information, please go to:
<https://swlstg.nhs.uk/education-wellbeing-service>,
or email the team at EWSinfo@swlstg.nhs.uk



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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.



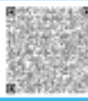



You can reach out to them and find out more here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>.

Parent Webinars



Primary Autumn Term Schedule

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

21st Sept 7:00pm-8:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here	28th & 30th September Through the school gates, overcoming daily challenges getting into school For all parents & carers	30th Sept 12:00pm-1:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here
Part 1 7th Oct 12:00pm-1:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here	7th October & 14th October Supporting Children with Common Anxieties or Worries - a BSL interpreter will be available For Nursery/Reception/ KS1 parents & carers with a BSL interpreter	Part 2 16th Oct 12:00pm-1:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here
21st Oct 7:30pm-8:30pm  Scan the QR code or click here	21st & 28th October Supporting big emotions at home and school - the zones of regulation For all parents & carers	23rd Oct 12:30pm-1:30pm  Scan the QR code or click here

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.





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19th Dec 1:00pm-2:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here	9th December Understanding and supporting your child's sleep For Nursery/Reception/ KS1 parents & carers	16th Dec 7:00pm-8:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here

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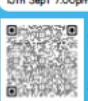







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Parent Webinars

Early Years Autumn Term Schedule

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15th Sept 7:00pm-8:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here	15th & 17th September Goodbyes and Goodnights: Building your child's confidence and independence For nursery/reception parents & carers	17th Sept 1:00pm-2:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here
6th Oct 6:00pm-7:30pm  Scan the QR code or click here	6th October & 14th January Feeding and its difficulties in the Early years For nursery/reception parents & carers	19th Jan 12:00pm-1:30pm  Scan the QR code or click here
18th Nov 1:00pm-2:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here	18th & 20th November Promoting Positive Behaviours For nursery/reception parents & carers	20th Nov 6:00pm-7:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here
8th Dec 1:00pm-2:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here	8th & 11th December Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships For nursery/reception parents & carers	8th Dec 7:00pm-8:00pm  Scan the QR code or click here

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Saint Cecilia's School Open Events - Book Now!

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026, Saint Cecilia's Church of England School invite you to an open event.

Dates:

Thursday 18th September 5 - 8pm
Tuesday 23rd September 9am - noon
Tuesday 7th October 9am - noon

In addition, we are hosting a special introductory talk for all those wanting to apply for a Foundation (faith-based) place on:
Tuesday 30th September 6-7pm

To read our prospectuses and book places for open events or the introductory talk, [visit our website](#) or scan the QR code.



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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

The 2026-2027 term dates will be confirmed soon.

Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
8 th September	8.45-9.15	Nursery staggered start Reception children start (morning only) Year 2 Meet the Teacher – meet in playground and teachers will collect you
9 th September	8.45-9.15	Reception in morning only Year 3 Meet the Teacher – meet in playground and teachers will collect you
10 th September	8.45-9.15	Reception in morning and lunch (until 12.30) Year 4 Meet the Teacher – meet in playground and teachers will collect you
11 th September	8.45-9.15	Reception in full time Year 5 Meet the Teacher – meet in playground and teachers will collect you
12 th September	8.45-9.15	Year 6 Meet the Teacher – meet in playground and teachers will collect you
18 th September	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
30 th September	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
1 st – 3 rd October		Black History Workshops
16 th October	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026

17 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 19 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th – 23 rd October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
24 th October		Break up for half term
3 rd November		Autumn 2 begins
6 th November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
17 th – 21 st November		Anti-bullying week
November		School Eucharist @ school Date TBC
24 th – 28 th November		Assessment Week
27 th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
9 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
12 th December	9.15	Year 2 Concert (with orchestra)
16 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 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
19 th December	14.00	Break up
5 th January 2026		INSET Day – School closed
6 th January 2026		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
8 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
19 th – 23 rd January		Science Week
10 th February		Safer Internet Day
13 th February		Break up for half term
23 th February		Spring 2 term begins
23 rd – 27 th February 2 nd – 6 th March		3H Swimming
2 nd – 6 th March		Book Week including World Book Day 6 th March
2 nd – 13 th March		Assessment weeks
9 th – 13 th March 16 th – 20 th March		3T Swimming
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 rd – 27 th March		Year 6 in France
27 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter
13 th April		Summer 1 starts
13 th – 16 th April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
20 th – 24 th April		Art Week
22 nd April		Earth Day
6 th – 8 th May		Year 4 PGL
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
21 st May		Cultural Day
22 nd May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		Summer 2 term begins
2 nd – 5 th June		Sports Week
2 nd – 5 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
15 th – 19 th June		Assessment Week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
13 th July		DT Day
17 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
17 th July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th July		Term ends INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher