

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

In our collective worship this week we have been learning about All Hallows' Eve and All Saints Day. I shared with the children stories from the life of Peter – one of my favourite saints. We learnt about how Peter didn't always think before he spoke or acted! Do take time as you are out and about to discover the names of other saints represented by churches or schools in the local area.

The Church of England's appointed prayer for All Saints' Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Reception enjoyed making cinnamon biscuits just before half term – the smell coming from the kitchen was delicious!
This week, they have been on an Autumn walk to South Park Gardens.



Dear Parents, Children and Friends of Holy Trinity School,
 Thank you, once again for your continuous support. During your recent fundraiser last term, you raised £559 for our friends in Kibera, Kenya.

The aim of Lunchbowl is to counteract the disadvantaged start in life that the children have. All have experienced either the death of one or both parents, serious illness of a parent, or are challenged with Special Educational needs. Prior to starting in school many children will be surviving on one bowl of porridge or less a day. The schools are going from strength to strength. Here are a few examples of how they are developing:

Five out of 16 classes have new smart boards

The charity employs 43 Kenyans: a 31 teaching team and 12 support staff. These include specialist teachers for Sports, Art, English, Maths, Science, Kiswahili, Social Studies, Special Educational Needs and Hearing Impairment. In the last year the number of children in the Special Educational needs class has increased from 6-19. This provision is unique in Kenya in terms of quality provided and inclusion. Every week the children from the SEN class enjoy swimming at a local pool accompanied by their mothers, teaching team and a physiotherapist. In addition, a small group of children attend Riding for the Disabled every week to enhance their core strength and mobility. Every day the children have access to 1:1 physiotherapy

Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the children, parents and staff and all the members of The Lunchbowl Network. We will keep you updated on developments and remember you all in our prayers.

If you would like to help further or learn more, please visit <https://www.lunchbowl.org/>

Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on **Monday 13th November**. All you need to do is wear odd socks! The jazzier the better! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

We will also be running an Odd Socks competition in school. See your class teacher or Mrs Ottley for more information during Anti-Bullying Week.



Flu Immunisations – Monday 6th November

The NHS Immunisation team will be in school on Monday to give nasal flu spray/ injections to children whose families completed the on-line NHS forms by the deadline. If you decide that you would like to withdraw your consent or if your child is unwell on Monday and you wish to postpone, please email sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk or telephone the school and speak to Samantha Joiner or Jackie Cooper before 8.30am. Please do not leave a voicemail or use other email addresses.

Accommodation help

A member of the HT teaching staff is looking for a 2 bedroom house or flat near to the school for her, her daughter and a cat. It will be needed from the end of November/beginning of December. If you are aware of anything that fits this description, please contact Mrs Rickards by email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Sporting Success

Our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team recently represented Holy Trinity at the Borough Football Tournament. We are delighted to announce that the girls came away with the silver medal. Well done, this was a fantastic achievement.

School Eucharist

Father Mark and the Growing Together in Spirit Team will be leading our School Eucharist next Wednesday 8th November. There will be an opportunity for children to receive communion, if this is their regular practice. All other children will receive a blessing. Please do talk to your children about this.

HOTS NOTICES

Panettone from Vallebona

Traditional and Chocolate panettone from Vallebone are now available to order from the HOTS online shop. These come in a stylish box and are perfect to give as gifts or enjoy yourself. Every purchase makes money for our school so treat yourself!

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are also available to order online via the HOTS website in various sizes! These beautiful Nordman fir trees can be collected from school on the morning of Saturday 2nd December.

To purchase these items, visit: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots> and scroll to the bottom of the page below uniform.

All money raised will go directly to the school to buy new equipment for the current academic year. If you have any questions please email hotsemail@gmail.com

With thanks,
The HOTS Committee

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

- First day: Monday 4 September 2023
(INSETs Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September so children back Wednesday 6th September)
- Last day: Thursday 21st December
- Half term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

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)

Key Dates for the Term

Any new dates added will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
8 th November		School Eucharist @ school NB Date change
9 th November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
13 th – 17 th November		Anti-bullying week Odd Socks Day – 13 th November
17 th November	9.45-10.15	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
27 th November – 1 st December		Assessment week
1 st December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 th December	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
12 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All other children to bring packed lunches please.
14 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
14 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Year 3 to 6. All other children to bring packed lunches please.
15 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
18 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	14.00	Break up
8 th January 2024		INSET Day – School closed
9 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
11 th January	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France
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
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