

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

It has been another festive week with our Reception and Nursery Nativity performances, the Year 2 Christmas show, Christmas Jumper Day, and, of course, our Christmas lunches. Year 6 also managed to pack in a visit to the Tower of London as part of their history topic.

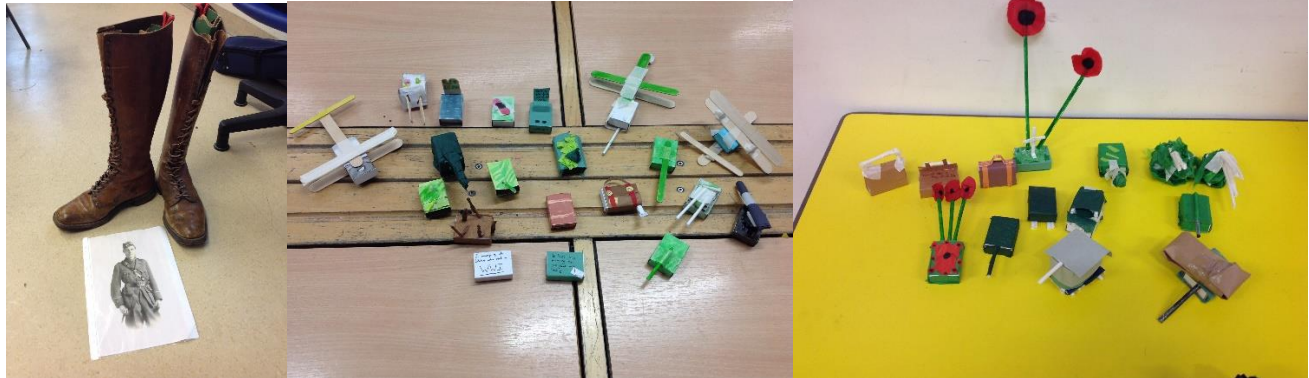
A huge thank you to HOTS for the superb carol event on Saturday. There was such a Christmassy community feel. Thank you so much for all of your support, and for organising such a great event.



We were treated to a delicious Christmas lunch this week, courtesy of our wonderful kitchen team. There was such a festive atmosphere, with children (and staff) singing along to many Christmas songs!



Our lovely Miss Smythe got married recently – here she is looking beautiful! Many congratulations to you both.



Year 5 had a wonderful experience day as World War I civilians. We learned how to darn our socks like Soldiers in the trenches; created a pudding from rationed food; decoded text using Morse code and created a keepsake from matchboxes! Well done to all!

The Great Donation Trail.

We will be collecting food for the Dons food bank from 16th to 19th December. Each year group will have a bag for the donations and the winning year group will get a treat on the last day of the term.

All food goes to the Dons Local Action group who pass it on through boxes for families in need or they donate to Wimbledon Food Bank who are able to cook fresh hot meals for those in need.

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper day

If you would still like to donate to Save the Children Fund, please use this link:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240003329>

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Christmas Concert on Monday 16th December @ 9.15am.

Carol Services – 17th/ 18th December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church

The children are busy preparing for their carol services. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes places on Tuesday 17th December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Wednesday 18th December. Both services are held at Holy Trinity Church, and start at 6.30pm. Children should arrive by 6.15pm, and wear their school uniform.

Children in the orchestra and choir will be participating in both services.

All children are expected to attend, as they will all be participating.

Retiring collections will be taken at the end of each of our Christmas events for the DONS Local Action Group.

End of Term – Friday 20th December 2024, 2.00pm

This is just a reminder that term ends at 2.00pm on Friday 20th December.

No Activity Clubs next week

All Activity clubs have finished for the term (except one cookery catch-up session).

Term Time Absences for Holiday

This is just a reminder that term-time absences for holiday will be unauthorised. Despite this, I am grateful to the parents/carers who are honest and inform us that they are going on holiday, rather than those who inform us that their child/children are ill, when we suspect this is not the case. The new DfE guidelines allow us to record absence as unauthorised if we suspect that families are not being truthful. Thank you for your support with this.

Calling all Year 1 – 6 mathematicians

It's time to take part in this year's Sumdog Winter Wonderland contest.

13th – 19th December 2024

Feel free to print out the 'Sumdog Festive Quest' grid (see attached) to record your progress.

Certificates are up for grabs so don't forget to hand in your grid to Mrs Witting when the contest is over.



Afternoon Nursery Spaces available from January 2025

We have a small number of afternoon spaces in our nursery available from January 2025. The afternoon session runs from 12.30-3.30, but children can come for lunch at 11.30am. These spaces are for children who are 3 or 4 years old. If you would like more information do email our School Business Manager, Laura Evershed, at

sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

HOTs Updates

Christmas Carol Event:

Thank you to all that joined us that evening. It was a huge success and a festive evening. Thank you to our choir, and Y5 band for entertaining us with such beautiful music. Also, a huge thank you to all volunteers that helped organize and participate at the event.

Panettone Available For Purchase:

We have one chocolate Panettone available for purchase on the HOTs website.


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>







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



Parent Feeding Group

Who is this group for?
Parents of primary-aged children or younger with selective and restrictive eating - with or without a formal diagnosis of ARFID.

Who is this group not for?
Families whose children are part of a child in need plan or have an allocated social worker. We also cannot accept children with enteral feeding, nasogastric tubes.

How will it help?
Sessions will cover the strategies of the SQS feeding approach which is the evidence-based approach for feeding difficulties. We will also discuss parental anxieties around mealtimes and how these can be addressed. Parents will receive advice from qualified clinical professionals on portion sizes, food chaining, supplements/multivitamins and bowel and bladder control.

How will the group run?
The group will run for 5 or 6 sessions. Then parent and child session will take place either in clinic or child's school.

After the group sessions, there will be some follow ups, where parents will have the opportunity to share setbacks and progress.


Where: D&T Clinic, Merton Birches Close
When: Mondays 10-11:30am (Date TBC)


How to sign up

To self-refer please complete the referral form below.

We will ask parents to give consent to contact child's GP in order to request physical health examination. This will also help families to seek referrals to a dietitian/paediatrician or gastroenterology team if needed.

Following referral parents will be sent a food diary electronically to have a better understanding of your child's food repertoire. Parents will then be booked in for an initial assessment session to discuss current concerns.





<https://forms.office.com/e/2tXJeg3k19>

TERM DATES

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.

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 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
16 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
17 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
20 th December	14.00	Break up
6 th January 2025		INSET Day – School closed
7 th January 2025		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
9 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		Spring 2 term begins
10 th – 21 st March		Assessment weeks
24 th – 28 th March		Year 6 in France
24 th March – 3 rd April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th 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
4 th April	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April		Summer 1 term begins
25 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
7 th – 9 th May		Year 4 PGL
12 th – 15 th May		Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 rd May		Break up for half term

2 nd June		INSET Day – School closed
3 rd June		Summer 2 term begins
3 rd – 6 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
9 th – 13 th June		Assessment Week
9 th – 13 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
18 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
21 st July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher



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