

Growing together as children of God

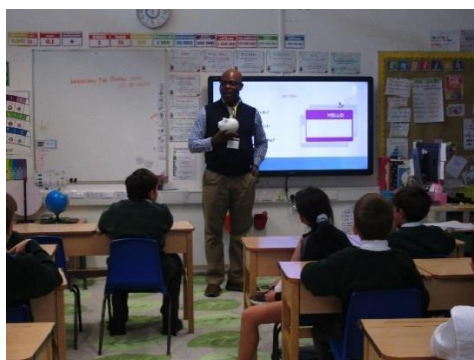


At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓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 was lovely to see so many of you at our *Share My Learning* this morning. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Schools Sunday Service at Holy Trinity Church, 10am this Sunday, to give thanks to God for our school community.



This week the charity Just Finance visited Y6. We were lucky enough to hear from 4 visitors some of whom who work directly in the finance industry. The session focus was around investing and the impact this has. The children engaged so well with the session and shared many interested thoughts. We were impressed with how many children already have an understanding of saving and understand the importance of saving for their futures.



Jack recently competed at the **Tolworth Gymnastics Club**, where he is part of the **Artistic Squad**. He performed exceptionally well—winning **eight medals** in total: **seven silver** and **one bronze** at Level 1.

Following that, he went on to compete in the **Regional Championships**, where he achieved an impressive **7th place**. His next big event will be the **Men's Artistic National Championships in Telford International Centre** on 2nd November.

We are so proud of you Jack!



Our Nursery children enjoyed their visit from Arin's daddy, who came to talk about how their family celebrate Diwali.



Reception went for a local walk to look at houses, finishing off at God's House (Holy Trinity Church).



Year 2 visited Holy Trinity Church to learn more about promises before God. They enjoyed acting out a baptism and marriage and had lots of questions to ask Father Mark!

Useful Website

The Government have launched this new website giving information for parents/carers of young children. Do take a look.

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

Foodbank Friday – 24th October 2025

Next Friday, 24th October, is our monthly collection for the DONS Foodbank. Please do send in any non-perishable goods. Thank you for your support.



Did you know?

Did you know that much of the money from the Orchestra Club fees is ploughed back in to supporting children learn musical instruments, as well as purchasing instruments for the whole school to use?

I am grateful to Miss Neil-Smith for her vision to see more young people learning instruments.



Every year, the children at Holy Trinity create amazing Christmas themed designs which are then made into cards or other personalised items to share with friends and family. You can purchase them from 'Art Projects for Schools' (APFS), and at the same time help raise money for our school.

Your child has brought home a Christmas card design and information leaflet. If you would like to order some cards, wrapping paper, labels, bags or mugs, please visit the website and input the unique artwork code found on the back of your child's design.

You must order from APFS before midnight on the 29th October otherwise you will incur additional postage charges.

The items will be delivered to your child in the week commencing 10th November.

Thank you,
Miss McHenry

School Sunday – Sunday 19th October, 10am

We would love to see as many children as possible at the Schools Sunday service, at Holy Trinity Church, on 19th October 2025. The service starts at 10.00am. The choir will be singing *City on a Hill*, so it is hoped many of the choir, and others, will be able to make it. The children do not need to wear school uniform.

Odd Socks

As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2025, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 10th November**. Please encourage your child to wear a pair of odd socks on Monday 10th November to celebrate that each and every person is valued and unique. **The jazzier the better.**

As part of Odd Socks Day, we will also be holding our annual 'Design a Pair of Odd Socks' Competition. Children will be given the entry sheets in class. Please encourage them to design their odd socks and then hand their entry into their class teacher.





Attention

THE NEXT
SUMDOG
CONTEST IS
TAKING PLACE
ON



Friday 17th October
until Thursday 23rd October

HOTs Updates

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Time to get the creative juices flowing...HOTs are holding a PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION!

Carve or decorate a pumpkin over half term, share a picture with us and you'll be in with a chance of winning a prize! KS1 and KS2 categories.

To enter please purchase a ticket via the HOTs website from Saturday onwards, then email a photo to hotsemail@gmail.com with your child's name and form. Entries will close at 18:00 on Monday 3rd November, and winners announced that week.

DISCLAIMER: Please carve responsibly!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=105964>

Join us for a night of fun, friendship and light
with **crafts**, **games**, **treats** & **music**

 Friday 31st October

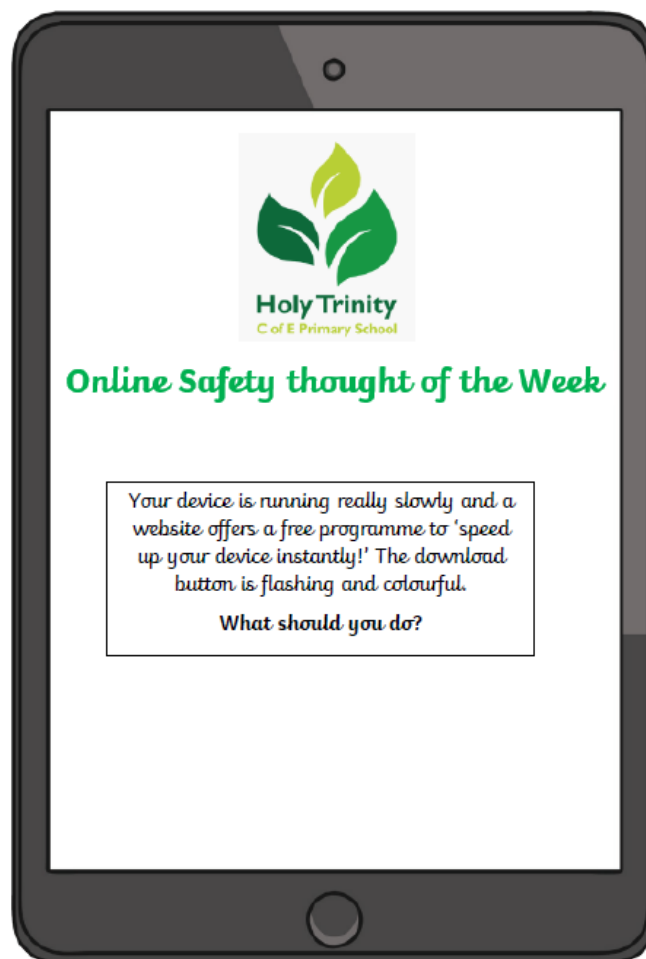
 Reception to Year 4

 St Andrew's Church Wimbledon

 5:30 - 7:30pm

Parents are welcome to join us from 7:00 when there'll be a
short talk & family disco.

Wear your **brightest**, most **colourful** or **sparkly**
outfit - no scary costumes please!



Are you a parent whose child is awaiting an ASD or ADHD assessment or diagnosis. Or has your child been recently diagnosed with ASD or ADHD?

If so, the Merton SEND Team and the Family Hub Service would love to welcome you to our monthly parent meetings where you can gain greater information as to the services and support available for you and your child

Guest Speaker: Hannah Hime; Senior Educational Psychologist and Lead Practitioner for the Merton Autism Outreach Service (MAOS) in Merton. She has over 25 years' experience of working with neurodivergent children and young people. An introduction to autism spectrum disorder/condition (ASD/C) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). You are invited to bring any related questions you may have about support for your child/ren in school.

Additional Speaker: Hannah Wyard; Family Services Parenting Leader. An overview of the different parenting courses provided by Merton Council to support parents whose children are neurodivergent.

When: Thursday 27th November 2025
9.45am (tea/coffee) 10am start to 11.30am

Where: Steers Mead Children Centre
Lavender Avenue, Mitcham CR4 3HL



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- We are a free NHS service providing one-to-one support for up to 8 weekly sessions.
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WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH ISSUES SUCH AS:

- Sleep
- Worries
- Tantrums
- Phobias

Scan the QR Code or speak to your child's teacher/school mental health lead to find out more and apply:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age range do you offer advice for?

We provide free, confidential advice to all parents and carers of young people aged 0-25.

What kind of issues do you support with?

Our advisers are equipped to support you with anything that your child is going through. Including school avoidance, behavioural challenges, worry, ADHD, low mood and much more.

Is there a long wait time on the calls?

We aim to answer our calls as quickly as possible. But if there is a queue you can select the option for a call back within two working days or chat with us online.



IS YOUR CHILD GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?

Call our Parents Helpline on
0808 802 5544

or visit youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline

Free language translation and interpretation services are available.

YOUNGMINDS

AUTHOR SPECIAL EVENT

Elizabeth-Irene Baitie

Tuesday 28th October 2025

13:00 - 14:00



Elizabeth-Irene Baitie is an award-winning children's and young adult author from Ghana. Her stories, set against vibrant Ghanaian backdrops, explore universal themes of courage, friendship, resilience, and identity. Through beloved books such as *Crossing the Stream* and *Flying Up the Mountain*, she has inspired readers across Africa, the UK, the US, and beyond. Her books have won international recognition, including the Macmillan Writers' Prize for Africa, the Burt Award for African Young Adult Literature, and the Children's Africana Book Award.

In this workshop, Elizabeth-Irene invites 7-12 year olds to come to create a shield of Courage including a time I was brave, someone who inspires me, a fear I want to overcome and my courage word, after hearing the inspiring tales of Ato and his friend in the books *Crossing the Stream* and *Flying up the Mountain*. Black History Month is all about celebrating these shields of courage and celebrating the people who bravely stood up against injustice and oppression in their day to day lives

Scan the QR code below to book your
FREE Event with Elizabeth Irene



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OCTOBER HALF TERM

Street Dance + Gymnastics

Part 1 at St Dunstan's Primary School
Anne Boleyn's Walk, Sutton, SM3 8DF

Monday 27th October to Wednesday 29th October

Part 2 at Meadow Primary School,
Sparrow Farm Road, Stoneleigh, KT17 2LW

Thursday 30th October & Friday 31st October

£25 per half day
(£20 per half day if you
book five days)

9.00am - 1.00pm
(Half Day)

£32 per full day
(£25 per full day if you
book five days)

9.00am - 3.00pm
(Full Day)

Boys and Girls aged 4-11 years
(Reception to Year 6)

Activities include Routines, Coordination Skills and Fun Games
To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Street Dance + Gymnastics

Should you wish for any further
information then please feel free to contact
Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752
or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk
or check out our website at
www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with: appropriate clothing
to enable movement and flexibility, appropriate
footwear, lunch and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email
info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk
confirming the following details:

1. Child's Name
2. Current School Year
3. Emergency Contact Number
4. Medical Requirements (if any)
5. Days You Would Like To Book

Once we receive your booking request we will
contact you to explain how to make payment.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES



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

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

- First day: Tuesday 1 September 2026
(INSET Days Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September)
Children start back Thursday 3 September 2026
- Last day Friday 18 December 2026
- Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

Spring Term 2027

- First day: Monday 4 January 2027
(INSET Day Monday 4 January 2027)
Children start back Tuesday 5 January 2027
- Last day: Thursday 25 March 2027
- Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

Summer Term 2027

- First day: Monday 12 April 2027
- Last day: Wednesday 21 July 2027
(INSET Day Wednesday 21 July)
Children end Tuesday 20 July 2027
- Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027
(INSET Day Monday 7 June)
Children return from half term Tuesday 8 June 2027

Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
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
10 th – 14 th November		Anti-bullying week
10 th November		Odd Socks Day
18 th November		School Eucharist @ school
24 th – 28 th November		Assessment Week
27 th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
6 th December		Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
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 Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher