

Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

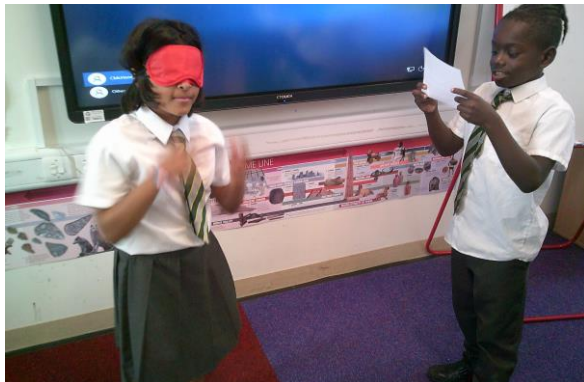
- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting 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 have had a wonderful week with both our Harvest Celebration, and European (we extended this to the world) Day of Languages. Madam Poleviou led our worship, with the help of children who speak languages other than English. Did you know that we have over 30 different languages spoken at Holy Trinity? We were delighted to welcome parents and staff who read stories in their home language to our children.

On Tuesday we held our Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, and were reminded about how we should thank God for his provision, but also how we can look after and help those who do not have enough food to eat. Thank you to everyone who gave food and other items for the Wimbledon Foodbank.





As part of their English learning, Year 4 children re-enacted the moment Aladdin was trapped in the dark cave by his wicked uncle.



Year 3 having a great time learning about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks in their science lesson!



The Reception children made apple crumble today. The children chopped the apples and they discussed where they come from and related it to Harvest.



Summer Reading Challenge success
 Many congratulations to one of our Year 6 pupils who was selected as one of the prize winners from the Summer Reading Challenge. Here she is receiving her prize from the Mayor of Merton and the cabinet member for Sport and Heritage. Many congratulations.

School Photographs – Wednesday 4th October

The photographer will be coming in to school on **Wednesday 4th October** to take individual, and sibling photographs.

Even if it is your child's PE day, or they have a sport club, please ensure that your child is dressed in their full school uniform. Please bring trainers in to wear for PE or sports clubs.

Parent Teacher Consultations

This term's Parent Teacher Consultations meetings will be held on-line, over a 4 day period, between Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October. The consultations for different classes will be held on different days and at different times during the afternoon and early evening.

The booking window will open at 7am on Tuesday 3rd October and will close again at 7am on Tuesday 10th October. Please look out for a ParentMail message on Monday morning with full details for how to book.

Share My Learning – Friday 13th October, 8.15-8.45am

Share My Learning sessions are an opportunity for children to show their parents/carers their work and their classroom.

The *Share My Learning* session this half-term for all year groups, will be held on Friday 13th October. We received feedback from parents that Friday was often a good day for parents/carers to come in to school.

If you arrive between 8.15 and 8.30am, please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the Faraday Gate from the playground. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

If you are a key worker, and unable to come in and see your child's work, do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk and I will work out a way for you to see the books.

Morning Drop and Go!

Thank you so much for supporting our 'drop and go' routine in the morning – it has really helped the children to settle in well.

Schools Sunday – Sunday 15th October, 10am @ Holy Trinity Church

We encourage as many children and families as possible to come to the special Schools' Sunday service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 15th October at 10am. Children do not need to wear their school uniform. The choir will be singing, so we would certainly ask that as many choir members as possible attend.

Christmas Cards

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 and for the Woodland Trust, a charity that focuses on creating more woodland areas across the UK.

Your child will be bringing home a Christmas design and information leaflet in a plastic wallet today or on Monday. 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 sticker on the back of your child's design. Perhaps take a picture of it so you can order at a later date or send it to friends/family.

Your child's artwork needs to be returned to the class teacher (in the plastic wallet) **by Friday 6th October**. Without their artwork, you won't receive your order.

You must order from APFS before midnight on the 31st October otherwise you will incur additional postage charges.

The items will be delivered to your child by the 20th November so look out for them!
Thank you for your support.
Miss McHenry

Parent/Carer Prayer Group

On the first Thursday of every month, the Parent/Carer Prayer Group will meet from 8.45-9.30am, initially in school. The first session will be held on Thursday 5th October, 8.45am. Please come to the School Office. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact Hannah Lamont on 07742 671108.

Play Equipment/Trim Trail

This is just a reminder that children should not play on the trim trail or any playground equipment before or after school. Thank you.

Reception and Nursery Entry in September 2024/ Open Days

Please see our Reception and Nursery Admissions pages on the website for information about how and when to apply for places to start next Autumn:

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/reception_admissions

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions

These pages also provide details of the open days we will be hosting this autumn. If your child is due to join us in September 2024, please do sign up for an event. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what we can offer here at Holy Trinity.

Merton Libraries

Between the 2 and 8 October Merton libraries are celebrating Libraries Week. During this week they'll have a range of [events](#) for all ages to celebrate, with a special focus on sustainability and climate change. Including special story times, craft, films, workshops, exhibitions and much more!

Merton Libraries are excited to announce the launch of a brand-new digital Makerspace at Mitcham Library this October. The digital Makerspace is equipped with a 3D printer, Virtual Reality headsets, Lego Education, Ozobots and PCs loaded with coding software for people of all ages to meet, learn, create, innovate, and particularly inspire younger generations to engage with the STEM agenda – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The digital Makerspace will be officially launched on **Monday 23rd October**, with an event tailored for children aged 6-11 years old, to participate in an hour-long taster session including Virtual Reality, Lego Education, 3D Printing, Coding and more...

There will also be a Family and Friends all-ages session to learn the basics of coding from 2.30-3.30pm. Make sure to book a slot in advance, as we'll have limited spaces on the day.

[Book here](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

**BAME VOICE WITH
MERTON CLIMATE ACTION GROUP**

Invite you to:



"BREAK EVERY CHAIN"



CHAINS OF HISTORICAL OPPRESSION, ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION, EMOTIONAL RECOVERY

DATE: SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023 11 am - 5 pm

FEATURING:

EXCITING CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVITIES

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS & PERFORMING ARTISTS —

EMMANUEL THE MAGNIFICENT ACROBATIC DANCERS & DRUMMERS

STALLS—HEALTH & WELLBEING, YOUTH GROUPS

VENUE:

NEW CENTRE COURT GROUND FLOOR

WIMBLEDON SW19 8YE

Buses 57,93,163,164,200

Tram, Train, Tube close by.



Attached Items:

None today

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
4 th October		School Photographs
5 th October	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
11 th October	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 15 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
16-19 th October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 th October		Break up for half term

30 th October		Autumn 2 begins
2 nd November	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
7 th November		School Eucharist @ school
9 th November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
13 th – 17 th November		Anti-bullying week
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
14 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
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 TBC
19 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
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