

### 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

Father Mark, Reverend Mary and the Growing Together in Spirit Team led our School Eucharist this week, when we focused on Jesus being the light of the world. My thanks go to them all for planning and leading such a special service. Lauren Clogg, our Merton Education Partner, commented about the joyful smiles on the faces of the children as they left the hall following the service.



Year 2 had a fantastic afternoon learning all about the London Fire Brigade, which was established as a result of the Great Fire of London. It was very interesting to learn about all the new equipment modern-day firefighters use! We had many questions to ask, and Mrs Brown even had a chance to try on the suit - it was very heavy!



Mrs Jenkins, one of our fantastic support staff members, received an award for merit for her many years of outstanding service in the Scouts. This is very well-deserved – we are proud of you Mrs Jenkins!

Many congratulations to Yanis, Joshua and William from 5T and 5H, who participated in the District Cubs and Scouts' swimming gala last Saturday and achieved great results, each one of them getting a medal in each of the 2 races they participated in!



### **Forthcoming Christmas Events**

#### **Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottom half! For the privilege of wearing a Christmas jumper, children will be invited to donate to Save the Children Fund. Details of how to donate will be sent out nearer the time.

#### **Reception Nativity**

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers), or Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers). If you cannot attend on your class' particular day, just come to the other one. All of the children will be in both performances.

#### **Year 1 Christmas Concert**

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Christmas Concert on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am.

## **Year 2 Christmas Performance**

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am. The school orchestra will also be performing during the Year 2 concert.

## **Nursery Christmas Performance**

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The morning performance will begin at 10.30am, and the afternoon performance at 2.30pm. Parents/carers of children who attend nursery full-time may come to either the morning or afternoon.

## **Carol Services – 16<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church (see further information below)**

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 16<sup>th</sup> December**, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 local charities.**

## **Christmas lunch**

Caterlink, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6. Please note that on 10<sup>th</sup> December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> December. A Parentmail will be sent out for you to book your child's Christmas lunch.

## **HOTS Updates**

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

Don't forget to buy your Christmas tree this year from HOTS. We are selling beautiful Nordmann Fir trees which are available in 5 different sizes and at a significant discount to high street prices. Please spread the word as these are available for the wider community to purchase too.

Orders must be placed by **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** and will arrive at the school on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>. We've asked for a morning slot from the supplier and exact times will be announced nearer the date.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106627&isProductGroup=true>

### **CHRISTMAS CHEER & CAROLS - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Join us for a wonderful family afternoon of Christmas cheer on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 4-6pm. There will be festive treats such as mulled wine, mince pies and crafts for the children, as well as music and carols accompanied by a live brass band, the Merton Concert Band. Magical!

Tickets can be purchased from the link below:-

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106777>

### **Wine Donations Request:**

HOTS are in great need of donations of wine to use as prizes during our Christmas Cheer & Carols event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Red, white or rosé bottles all gratefully received. Please hand into the lovely staff at the office and we will collect.

### **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>

### **A message for the school choir from Miss Neil-Smith**

The School choir has been invited to perform at the HOTS Christmas event (Christmas Cheer & Carols). The event is 4-6pm on Saturday 29th November- this coming weekend! Choir will be singing at 4:05pm. If your child is in choir please come along and support the event and encourage your child to sing with us. Lyrics for pupils in choir will be provided for pupils on the day. If your child does not attend Friday choir rehearsals but would like to sing with us- we will be singing 'Rejoice with us this Christmas', 'Unto us a child is Born' and 'The Greatest Story' as the final 3 songs so they would be more than welcome to join the choir for these festive numbers!

Please note if you come along to support your child singing in this event you will need to purchase a ticket. Book tickets here:

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Many thanks for all your support and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday for some festive singing!





## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.

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#### DATE / TIME

Monday 8th December  
1.00-2.00pm



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Thursday 11th December  
7.00-8.00pm



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

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## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep



The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.

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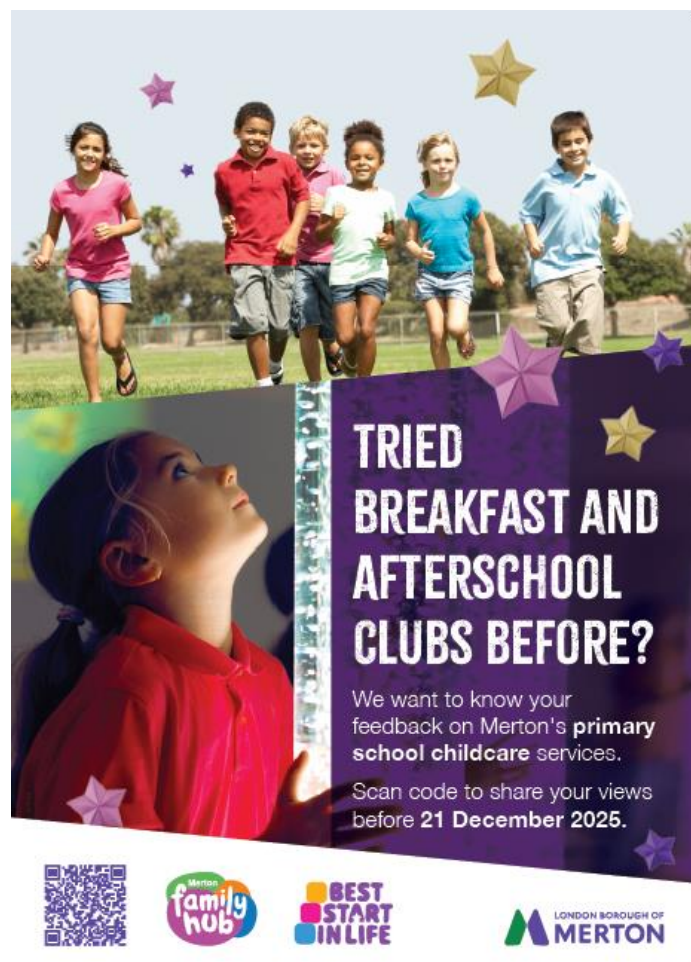
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## Term Dates 2025-2026

### Autumn Term 2025

Last day Friday 19 December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

First day: Monday 5 January 2026 (INSET Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January)

**Children start back Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July)

**Children break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> November |                   | Assessment Week                                                                                               |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November                    | 9.30              | Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026                                                                      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November                    | 16.00-18.00       | HOTS' Christmas Cheer and Carols. School Choir singing at 4.00pm.                                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December                     |                   | Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair                                                                            |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December                     | 9.15              | Reception Nativity (Owls)                                                                                     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 9.15<br>Lunchtime | Reception Nativity (Robins)<br>EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch (KS2 to bring a packed lunch)                         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 9.15<br>Lunchtime | Year 1 Concert<br>KS2 Christmas Lunch (EYFS/KS1 to bring a packed lunch)<br>Christmas Jumper Day              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 9.15              | Year 2 Concert (with orchestra)                                                                               |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 10.30/2.30        | Nursery Nativity                                                                                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 18.30             | Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church                                                                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 18.30             | Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church                                                                  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 14.00             | Break up                                                                                                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                 |                   | <b>INSET Day – School closed</b>                                                                              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                 |                   | Spring 1 Term begins for all children                                                                         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> January                      |                   | Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026                                                                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January  |                   | Science Week                                                                                                  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January                     | 9.00              | Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with SEND, led by Merton's SEND Outreach Worker                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February                    |                   | Safer Internet Day                                                                                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February                    |                   | Break up for half term                                                                                        |
| 23 <sup>th</sup> February                    |                   | Spring 2 term begins                                                                                          |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February |                   | 3H Swimming                                                                                                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March      |                   | Book Week including World Book Day 6 <sup>th</sup> March                                                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March     |                   | Assessment weeks                                                                                              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March     |                   | 3T Swimming                                                                                                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March    |                   |                                                                                                               |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 8.15-8.45         | Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March    |                   | Year 6 in France                                                                                              |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 14.00             | Break up for Easter                                                                                           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April                       |                   | Summer 1 starts                                                                                               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April    |                   | Parent/Teacher Meetings                                                                                       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> April    |                   | Art Week                                                                                                      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                       |                   | Earth Day                                                                                                     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May        |                   | Year 4 PGL                                                                                                    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May      |                   | Year 6 SATS                                                                                                   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May                         |                   | Cultural Day                                                                                                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                         | 8.15-8.45         | Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                         |                   | Break up for half term                                                                                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June                         |                   | <b>INSET Day – School closed</b>                                                                              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                         |                   | Summer 2 term begins                                                                                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June       |                   | Sports Week                                                                                                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June       |                   | Year 4 Multiplication Check Week                                                                              |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June     |                   | Assessment Week                                                                                               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June      |                   | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window                                                                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July                        |                   | DT Day                                                                                                        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July                        | 8.15-9.00         | Extended Share My Learning                                                                                    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July                        | 9.30<br>14.00     | Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church<br>Term ends                                                           |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July                        |                   | <b>INSET Day</b>                                                                                              |

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher