

### 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 packed week with three of our teams participating in hockey, football and basketball sporting events this week! The children are busy preparing for their Christmas events too – please do take a look at the list of events and make sure you have them in your diary. No tickets are needed, but there will be a retiring collection for local Christmas charities.

It's our monthly Foodbank collection next **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Do bring any non-perishable items to school in time for them to be collected next Friday morning.



Many congratulations to one of our talented Year 5 pupils who was awarded one gold, two silvers and 2 bronze medals at a dance competition last week. We are so proud of you.

Many congratulations to one of our talented Year 6 pupils too. who came third in the British Clicker Championships' karate competition. What an amazing achievement!



## Forthcoming Christmas Events

### Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12<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 are invited to donate to Save the Children Fund. If you would like to donate to Save the Children Fund, please use this link:

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

### Reception Nativity

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers), or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am (Owls' 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 2 Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am.

### Nursery Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Friday 13<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.

### Year 1 Christmas Concert

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

### Carol Services – 17<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 place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Wednesday 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 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 local charities.**

### Christmas lunch

Caterlink, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Wednesday 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 has already been sent out for you to book your child's Christmas lunch.

## Calling all Year 1 – 6 mathematicians

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

13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

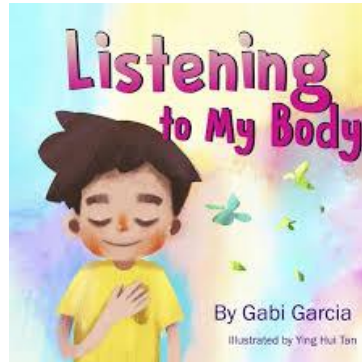


## **Sensory Corner**

### **Emotional Regulation**

In school, we try to help children to make the connection between their feelings and the sensations that these may trigger in their bodies. By linking the physical with the emotional we are able to help children to develop an awareness of what their body is telling them and to identify what they may need to help them.

This book is very child friendly way to start these conversations and has been recommended by both Occupational Health and Speech Therapists. (It is also available on You Tube as a read long story.) There are helpful activities throughout the book with top tips for children and adults to try such as breathing techniques and mindful techniques.



## **HOTS Notices**

### **Christmas Carol Event:**

Saturday, December 7th (3:30-5:30pm)

School Choir Performance 4pm

Join us for a festive evening as we kick off the Christmas season with our Christmas Carol event. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together to enjoy music, a glass of mulled wine, mince pies, and crafts for children to participate in. The school choir will also be performing at 4pm to start the event. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Order Christmas Carol Tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=88532>

### **Christmas Trees:**

Tree Collection: December 7<sup>th</sup>. 10-11am or 3:30-5:30pm

Christmas Trees are also available to order online via the HOTS website in various sizes. These beautiful Nordman fir trees can be collected December 7<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to order is Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Order Christmas Trees: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=88413&isProductGroup=true>

### **Interested In Joining HOTS?**

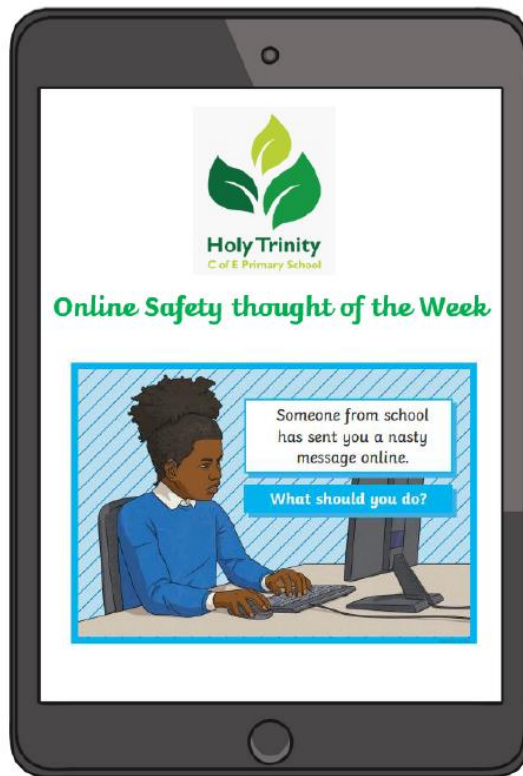
HOTS is looking for new members to join our committee! We are an organization that aims to support and enhance the education of our students. Through our fundraising events we not only raise much needed funds, but help bring our community together, and grow community spirit. This contribution is not possible without volunteers. Time commitment is minimal, and any talents or ideas are welcome. If interested in learning more, please reach out to [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com).

### **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>

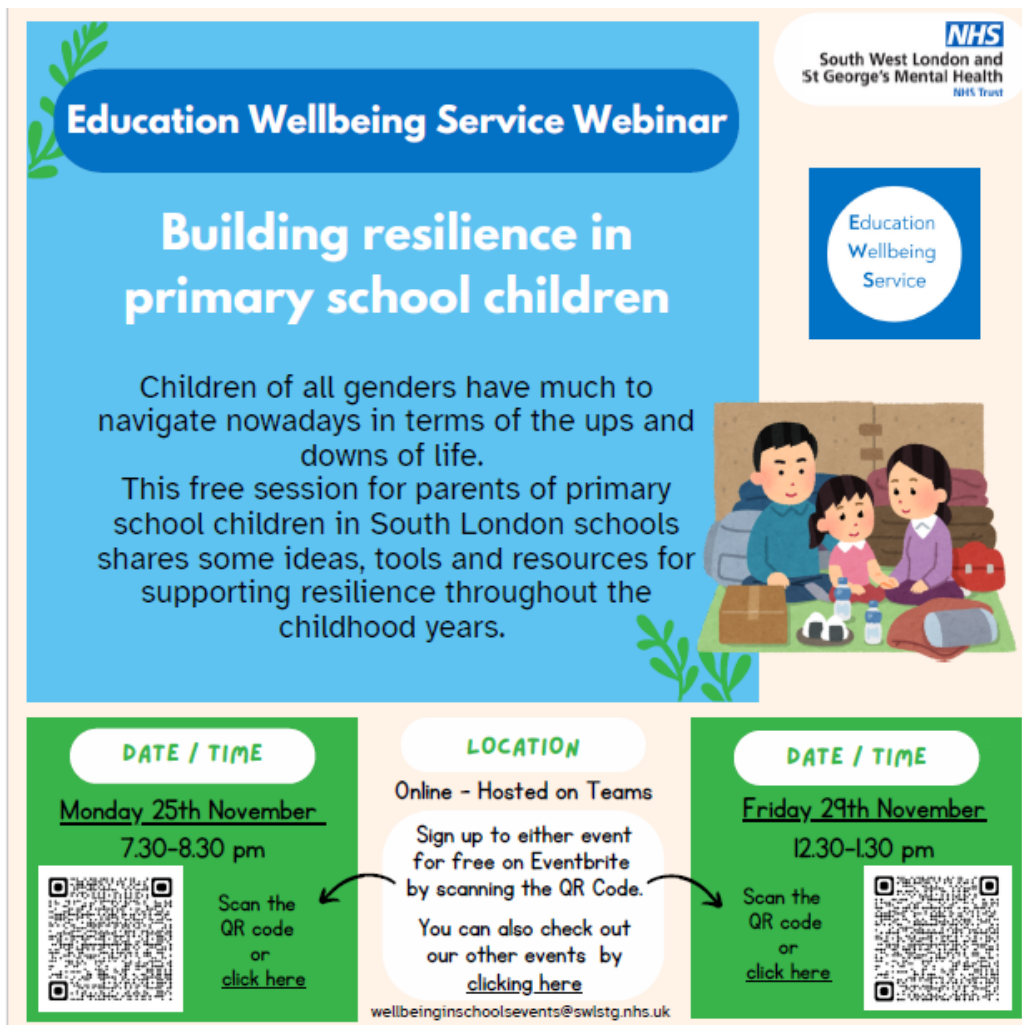


Please also see this YouTube link for further online safety advice and information  
<https://youtube.com/live/OtZQrNIRAy4?feature=share>



There are a number of ways we can support our friends at Holy Trinity Church:

- Come to the fair before heading on to school for the Carol event.
- Make a donation of items for the fair – these can be dropped off at the school office
- Buy raffle tickets – these will be sold at the Faraday Gate after school.



**Education Wellbeing Service Webinar**

**Building resilience in primary school children**

Children of all genders have much to navigate nowadays in terms of the ups and downs of life. This free session for parents of primary school children in South London schools shares some ideas, tools and resources for supporting resilience throughout the childhood years.

**DATE / TIME**  
Monday 25th November  
7.30-8.30 pm

**LOCATION**  
Online - Hosted on Teams

**DATE / TIME**  
Friday 29th November  
12.30-1.30 pm

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code. You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our friendly in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help your child's worries or anxieties, or support their challenging or tricky behaviour – you can pick up an application form from reception or speak to a member of staff.

**Thursday 5 December, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)**

**Police and youth engagement**

**with PC Sophie Lawrence I395SW, SEND Youth Engagement and Diversion Officer & Junior Cadet Leader at Cricket Green School & The Sherwood School**

**Sophie has been working in schools in Merton as a Police Officer for ten years & specialises in working with children with SEND. Sophie currently runs a Met Police SEND Cadet Unit for students at Cricket Green school & regularly supports Cricket Green, Melbury College & Raynes Park High School.**

**Sophie will be talking about her role as SEND Youth Engagement & Diversion Officer & will be talking through what happens in a stop & search interaction with a young person. Stop & search is probably the most likely interaction a child or young person will have with the police. Sophie will also talk about the procedures followed if a child/young person is arrested.**

**Plus hear information about the Police Cadets, for young people aged 13-18. The Police cadets is inclusive & helps young people to develop their volunteering & personal development opportunities, have fun, exciting experiences & learn about policing.**

**Following the presentation Sophie is happy to answer any questions you may have about the topics discussed & anything else you wish to know. Book now to secure your place.**

The Chaucer Centre (Combi Room), Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX

## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETS Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**Children start back Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025)

**Children break up Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

### Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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**

## Key Dates 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Assessment week
6 <sup>th</sup> December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00	Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
7 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30-5.30	HOTS Carol Event
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunch	Christmas lunch for EYFS and KS1 (KS2 to bring a packed lunch)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunch	Christmas lunch for KS2 (EYFS and KS1 to bring a packed lunch)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
12 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a festive jumper/top, together with their usual uniform bottom half.
13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
17 <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
20 <sup>th</sup> December	14.00	Break up
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
9 <sup>th</sup> January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
24 <sup>th</sup> February		Spring 2 term begins

10 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> March		Assessment weeks
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 in France
24 <sup>th</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Summer 1 term begins
25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	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> May		Break up for half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Summer 2 term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
18 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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