

Growing together as children of God

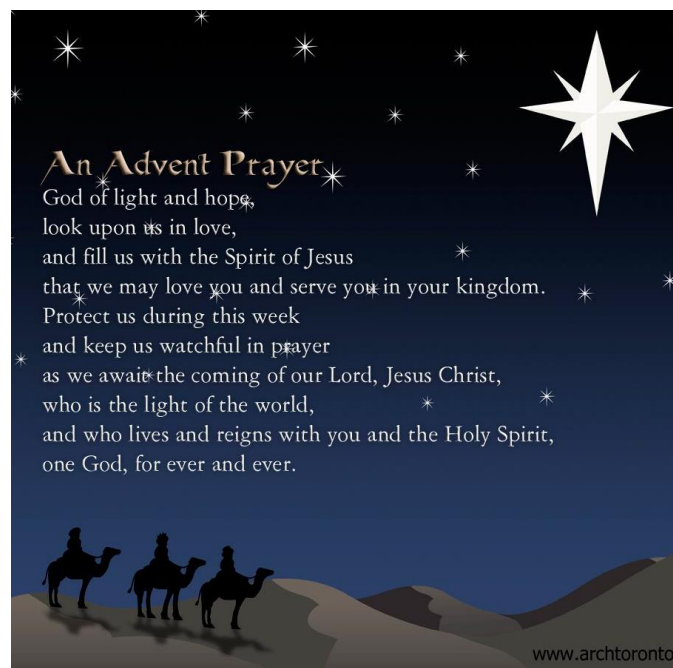


At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

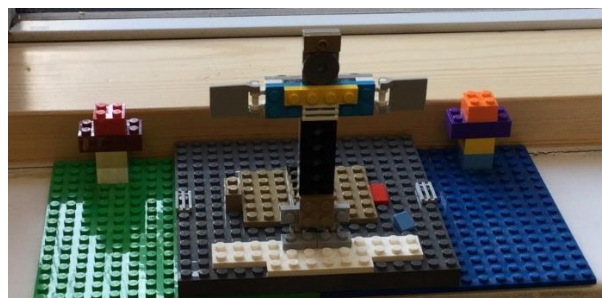
- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting 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

As we approach the start of Advent, I can confirm that we are busy getting ready to celebrate Christmas! It is lovely to hear the children singing Christmas songs as they prepare for the Christmas performances.



Dimitri has made this amazing Lego model of the cross of Jesus, complete with the crosses of the two criminals who hung either side of Jesus. What a brilliant model!





One of our Year 3 Eco-Warriors is taking his role really seriously, and went out to collect litter in the local neighbourhood. Thank you so much for making our community a cleaner place.



As part of their RE topic on Jesus, the Light of the World, Year 2 made Christingles this week.



Year 2 so enjoyed learning more about the fire service when they had a visit from the Fire Brigade last week. Thankfully, Miss Monte has decided to stay in teaching rather than joining the Fire Brigade!

Share My Learning – Friday 6th December 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 will be held on **Friday 6th December**. The sessions are suited to parents/carers of children in all year groups, including nursery.

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.

Spring Term Clubs

Booking for the Spring Term Clubs goes live on Monday 2nd December at 7.00pm. Please see the attached list of available clubs.

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 12th December

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12th 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 10th December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers), or Wednesday 11th December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers). If you cannot attend on your class' particular day, just come to the other one, but please only attend one performance. 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 12th December @ 9.15am.

Nursery Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Friday 13th 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 16th December @ 9.15am.

Carol Services – 17th/ 18th 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 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 local charities.

Christmas lunch

Caterlink, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 10th December** for children in Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Wednesday 11th December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6. Please note that on 10th 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 11th December. A Parentmail has already been sent out for you to book your child's Christmas lunch.

A message from Miss Neil-Smith for all choir members

Saturday 7th December - 4pm - Choir will be performing a few songs at the start of the HOTS Christmas concert in the school hall. Choir members singing at this will need to be ready to sing at 3:45pm. School uniform is not required and festive attire is encouraged but not essential! Please note you will need to accompany your children to this event and purchase a ticket to the concert through HOTS.

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December 6:30pm. Choir will be performing at both carol services. Full school uniform is required for these performances. If you will not be in the audience for both evenings but your child is performing please inform us in advance if you have arranged for another parent in the audience is picking up your child.

I really hope you are able to support these performances. I am thrilled your child is part of the choir and it is a great opportunity for them to showcase to you all their hard work in rehearsals.

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 Notices

Christmas Carol Event:

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

School Choir Performance 4pm

HOTs are excited to announce that the Putney and Wimbledon Brass Band will be joining us for the Christmas Carols next Saturday afternoon! Our very own children's school choir will also be singing at 4pm. Buy your tickets today to join us for a festive singalong, mulled wine (other drinks available!) and Christmas craft!

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

Christmas Trees:

Thank you to those who have ordered Christmas trees via HOTS. These will be available to collect on Saturday 7th December via the car park on Effra Road from 10-11am or via the Faraday gate from 3:30-5:30pm.

Social Media:

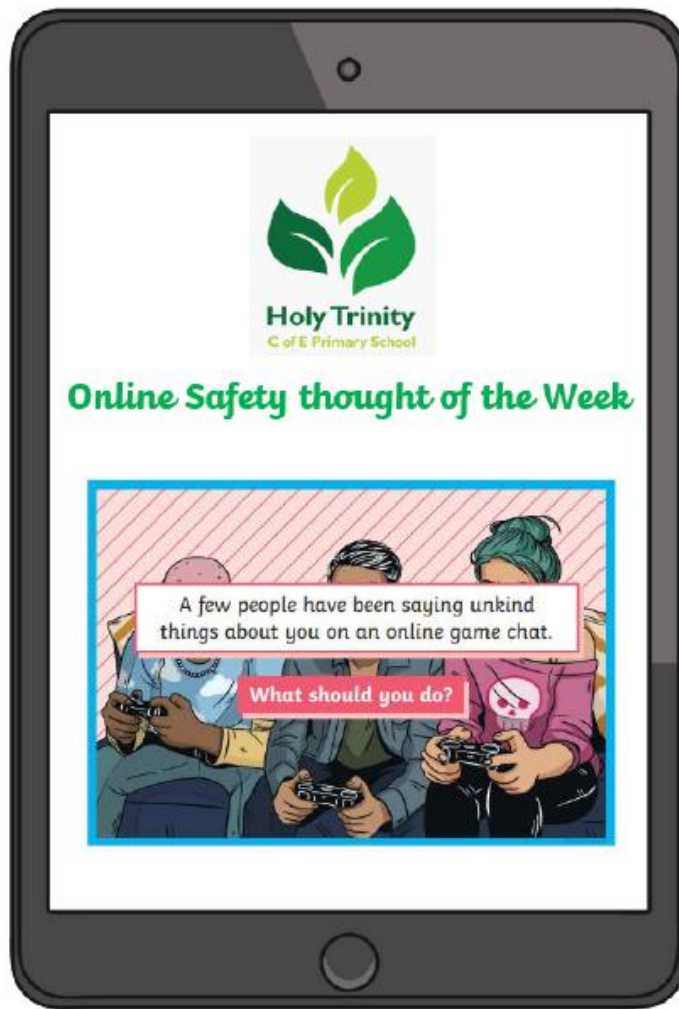
Stay up to date on the latest news and information from HOTS through our social media pages!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hotsfriendsofholytrinity?igsh=MWJsMnZoY2hpMnNmZw==>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>

News from Merton Libraries

Do take a look at the attached newsletter to find out what is happening in our local Merton libraries during December.



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

Join us for an engaging online introduction to the Education Wellbeing Service.

Explore our purpose and the range of support we offer to enhance the wellbeing of you and your family.

Gain a clear understanding of how to effectively access our resources and confidently make a referral to our service, empowering yourself towards a brighter future.



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

Education
Wellbeing
Service



DATE / TIME

Wednesday 4th December
10.00–11.00 am / 12.30–1.30 pm

LOCATION:

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[Click here to book](#)



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

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

**BUILDING STRONG BONDS:
THE CIRCLE OF SECURITY FOR A
HEALTHY AND SECURE ATTACHMENT**

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.

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

Education Wellbeing Service

DATE / TIME
Monday 2nd December
7.00-8.00 pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

DATE / TIME
Wednesday 4th December
10.30-11.30 pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

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](#)

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



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.

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
2 nd – 6 th December		Assessment week
6 th 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	11.00	Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
7 th December	3.30-5.30	HOTS Carol Event
10 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10 th December	Lunch	Christmas lunch for EYFS and KS1 (KS2 to bring a packed lunch)
11 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 th December	Lunch	Christmas lunch for KS2 (EYFS and KS1 to bring a packed lunch)
12 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
12 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a festive jumper/top, together with their usual uniform bottom half.
13 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
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



GROWING TOGETHER AS CHILDREN OF GOD