

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

In Worship this week we have been focusing on Christian Unity. We looked again at the story of the Good Samaritan and applied this to our lives here at Holy Trinity. You might like to use this prayer at home:

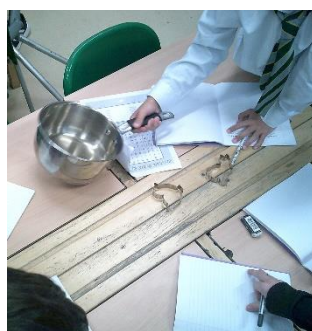
Dear God,

Please give us peace in our hearts,
Peace in our families,
Peace in our school,
Peace in our town,
Peace in our country,
Peace in our world.

Help us to play our part in bringing peace.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.



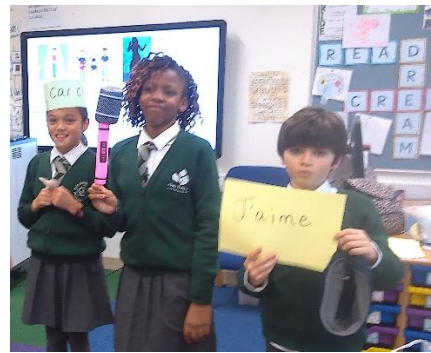
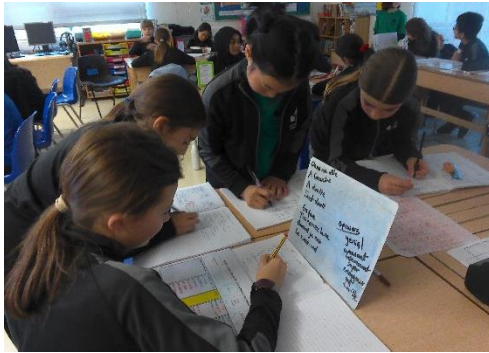
Year 4 is using the book, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes in English, and they had the opportunity to explore different metals and gather descriptive phrases and words which they will be able to use in their writing.



Reception have been learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children tasted different types of porridge and made a healthy bear face using rice cakes!



Year 2 have been learning how to program the Beebots in Computing this week.



In French lessons this week, Year 6 worked on group research, and Year 5 practised their word order using props!



We will be taking part in Number Day this year.

This annual campaign organised by the charity NSPCC encourages children to get involved in numbers-based activities including 'Dress up for Digits', in which children can dress up in number-themed costumes. This can be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. Or they could even get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!

We would like to support the work that the NSPCC does so if you are able to make a small donation to their amazing charity you can do so through ParentMail. Please visit 'payments-shop' and then 'donations'. If you need help with ParentMail the team in the office will be pleased to help.

Eco-Warriors Big Garden Birdwatch

Our Eco-Warriors led worship this week and are encouraging us all to participate in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. Do take a look at the website, and you'll find a sheet attached to this Bulletin that you can use to record the birds you see.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission>

Nursery Application Deadline for September 2024 (children born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021)

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery from September 2024, please be aware that the deadline for submitting your forms is 5pm on Monday 12th February (the Monday in Half Term). For more information please see our website https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions/544973)

Attendance – Is my child too ill to attend school?

We are very keen to improve our school attendance. If you need guidance on whether your child is too ill to attend school, please take a look at this guidance from the NHS. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

Although all of the children from Reception to Year 6 are currently eligible to receive a free hot lunch, some of the children in school are specifically eligible for Free School Meals because of their parents' current or historic financial circumstances.

When a child is eligible for Free School Meals, we receive the Pupil Premium grant for them each year which is extra funding that we can use to pay for school uniform, clubs and trips as well as resources within the classroom environment. Children who are eligible for Free School Meals also receive vouchers for free activity camps during the school holidays and currently receive supermarket vouchers to help with the cost of lunches during the holidays.

We ask all parents and carers for information so that we can check their children's Free School Meals availability as soon as they join the school. However, not all families complete the relevant section in the Admissions Booklet. If you would like to check (or re-check) whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please complete the form at https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil_Premium_and_Free_School_Meals_application. Alternatively, you can email sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk with the following information:

- Parent's National Insurance number
- Parent's date of birth
- Parent's surname
- Child's surname
- Child's forename
- Child's date of birth

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Our school is very involved in the Mental Health in Schools Team programme. As a result of this, we are able to make referrals to an Educational Wellbeing Practitioner. These professionals are trained to support families with anxiety in children and any low level behavioural issues. Do take a look at our website, which also has a referral form you can access. https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/health_and_well-being/334137

Birthday Reminder

This is just a reminder that we are a healthy school and as a result sweet treats should not be brought in to share with class friends on birthdays. We do love to celebrate birthdays, so feel free to send in healthy snacks, or other items. You might wish to donate a book which the teacher could read to the class on your child's birthday. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Donations request

If you have any of the following items that you no longer use, please know that we would appreciate them at school to aid the children's learning.

Haberdashery:

Shower curtains;

Fabrics such as felt, cotton, silk, Binnca, any others for sewing;

Needles - metal & plastic;

Various fastenings including buttons, hook & eye, cord, zips, press studs, velcro;

Threads;



Building:

Clay;

Paints;

Lolly Sticks;

Toothpicks;

Lego;



Research products:

Torches;

Puppets;

Pop-up books;

Steady hand games.



Many thanks in advance for your contributions.

HOTS Notices

Lego Competition

There are just a few days left to enter our Lego competition! Get creative this weekend and submit your photos before next Wednesday for a chance to win a prize! Your creation could be related to Christmas, 2024, New Year's resolutions or anything else. To enter, simply buy a ticket online and send a photo of your build to hotsemail@gmail.com. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=7403>! Good luck!!

Follow us on Facebook!

We have created a new page on Facebook so please follow it to keep up to date with activities and announcements: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>

New members

Please consider volunteering your time to help us with our fundraisers and/or pre-loved uniform. Whether you want to join the HOTS committee, have a great fundraising idea up your sleeve or want to join the volunteers list please get in touch!

The HOTS Committee
hotsemail@gmail.com

NEAT Camp – February Half Term

NEAT will be running 3 days of sports camps at Holy Trinity during half term. Please see the attached flyer for details. To make a booking please see <https://neat.pembee.app/activity/65a7ad35f83708df69394460>

Please see the message below from NEAT regarding differences in pricing of the camps.

We have had a few enquiries in regards to the difference in cost with NEAT camps this February half term. The reason for the price difference is that our camp at Garfield School is government funded and the cost of the venue also plays a part in this. At Holy Trinity there are less children who are part of the HAF government programme therefore funding is not currently available at Holy Trinity however this is something we are looking into in time for our next camp at Easter, this means the cost of camp will be able to be brought down.

We hope this clears up any confusion. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks - The NEAT team

Acacia Adventure Playground February half term activities

Activities are open to HAF and NONE HAF children and young people. If you have a HAF code please book online. Limited spaces for the advance booking activities

Address Acacia Road CR4 ISD phone numbers 07960618470 and 07824084423

	Trips to be booked in advance only Free with HAF code, £10 to £15 without code	11am to 4pm Open access. HAF codes need to book activities.
Monday 12 th Feb	Paintballing	smares on the fire
Tuesday 13 th Feb	karaoke	Pancake making
Wednesday 14 th Feb	ice skating	Candle making - Valentine's Day
Thursday 15 th Feb	Ten pin bowling	T-shirt design
Friday 16 th Feb	Flip out	Family play session

2024 PARENT SUMMIT

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EDUCATION NETWORK

FOR AFRICAN CARIBBEAN HERITAGE FAMILIES INTERESTED IN THE 7, 11 & 13+ TO INDEPENDENT & GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH
9.30AM to 4.30PM
WIMBLEDON HIGH SCHOOL
LONDON
SW19 4AB

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GDST

Have a wild learning ADVENTURE

We accept payment by
Tax-free
Childcare

Activities may include:
 ● Rope bridges ● Tracking & trailing ● Wide games ● Storytelling
 ● Wild art ● Killer frisbee ● Craft skills ● Survival skills

**Forest school holiday club
on Wimbledon Common**

Spring half term & Easter: 10-4pm. Years 1-6. £56/day
Windmill Road, Wimbledon Common, London SW19 5NR

Click here to Book

For more details or to book a place visit
www.wild-learning.net

wild learning
tired, dirty, happy children

Attached Items:

- RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2024

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)

Term Dates 2024-2025

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.

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

Key Dates for the Term (Any new dates added will be highlighted.)

Date	Time	Event
2 nd February		Maths Number Day
5 th – 9 th February		Children's Mental Health Week
6 th February		School Eucharist
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
8 th March		International Women's Day
11 th March		Year 5 @ Royal Albert Hall for Merton Music Foundation Performance
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
15 th March	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share My Learning– an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France

18 th – 22 nd March		Science Week and Neurodiversity Week
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
26 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
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