

### 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

You will have heard in the news this week about the DfE's new guidance on the use of Smartphones/mobile phones in school. As you know, our policy is to allow children, who walk to and from school unaccompanied, to bring 'brick' phones to school for safety purposes. These are handed in to class on arrival and returned at the end of the day.

The guidance challenged me about my use of my smartphone! Let's have a whole community Smartphone challenge, and try not to use our phones in the playground when dropping or collecting the children! This would be a great way of modelling the behaviour we want from our children.



Year 5 had a fascinating visit, as part of their RE topic, to the Buddhapadipa Temple this week. The Monk was very informative, engaging and went through Buddha's life story as illustrated in the temple. The children were so engaged and asked many questions.

#### Smartphone Free Schools – A date for your diary

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at 6.30pm, Jennifer Powers, from the Unplugged Coalition

(<https://unpluggedcoalition.com/>) will be coming to deliver a talk for parents/carers about reclaiming childhood from addictive technology. I heard her speak at a recent meeting for headteachers, and she was inspiring. Do put the date in your diary. If you are expecting to come please complete this Google form.

<https://forms.gle/EL6G2N4g67mrSmTv5>

## **A message from Caterlink – our lunch company**

We are carrying out our annual pupil survey to assist us in improving our catering service to our customers and we would value the opportunity to survey the pupils at your school.

We will provide feedback to schools whose pupils complete the survey once results have been analysed.

**Survey closes on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** Primary Pupil Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>

## **A message from After School Club**

If your child is not attending After School Club for any reason, please do let the school office know in good time so that the team do not need to spend time finding where they are. Thank you so much for your support with this.

# Miss Davies' (4T) BOOK RECOMMENDATION



**NAME OF BOOK:**  
The Tail of Emily Windsnap

**AUTHOR:**  
Liz Kessler

**AGE RANGE:**  
8-12 years

**MY STAR RATING**



**ABOUT THE BOOK:**  
"Emily Windsnap lives on a boat, but her mother has always been oddly anxious to keep her out of the water. It is only when Emily has her first school swimming lesson that she discovers why: as soon as she gets into the water, she grows a tail!"

I loved this book growing up, I remember choosing it from the bookshop and taking it home to immediately read! I don't always enjoy fantasy, but this is a fantastic mix between reality and make believe.

This book has exciting moments, the right amount of tension and is a fantastic story of true friendship and self-discovery. Let me know if you pick up this book, I'd love to hear your thoughts!

## **Babysitting/Tutoring Help**

One of our former pupils, now in Year 11, is keen to offer her services as a babysitter or to support with homework/tutoring. Do email ([headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)) in the first instance, if you would like more information.



## Support my Child's Sleep Free Online Parent/Carer Group

Sleep is one of the most common challenges for Merton parents of young children aged 4-8.

This free NHS group programme offers practical, evidence-based advice to help improve your child's sleep - and yours - over the course of three weeks.

### What do the sessions cover:

- The Science of Sleep and why it matters
- Common Sleep Difficulties in children aged 4-8
- Creating the right environment and routines.
- Supporting your child to sleep more independently.
- Practical tools and strategies you can use straight away



### When does it start:

Fridays online between 12.30pm-1.30pm  
starting Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 3x  
weekly sessions

Please scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to sign up for the group

If your child attends a Merton Primary School but you can't do this time - you can still complete a form to register interest for future groups or 1:1 sessions.



**Struggling with your child's sleep? 🛌**  
**Merton Education Wellbeing Service** is offering a **free three-session Support My Child's Sleep group**, designed to help parents tackle common sleep difficulties in children aged **4-8 years**.

The sessions start on **Friday 27th February at 12:30pm** and will take place **online via MS Teams**, making it easy to join from home or office.

★ **Over 90% of parents** who have used the service would recommend it and reported making positive progress towards their goals.

**Sign up now** using the link below:

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/Av6mW9W88P>

**Holy Trinity  
C of E Primary School**

### Online Safety thought of the Week

Ben receives a message with a picture of someone from his school. The message says:  
**"Everyone's laughing at this — forward it on!"**

Lots of people in the chat are already sharing it.

Ben feels uncomfortable but isn't sure what to do.

**What should Ben do?**



Entries to: **Miss Monte (2S)**

By: **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**



## Create a **SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL** poster...

Winners will receive a **PRIZE** and winning posters will be displayed across the school!



### **HOTS Update**

#### **Beetle Drive - Friday 6th February 17:45 - 20:00**

There is only 1 week to go until our new games' night, the Beetle Drive! Parents and children of all years play together so it's a real school community event. Join us for family fun, light-hearted competition, a licensed bar and pizza!

Tickets are limited due to hall capacity so snap yours up today.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110584>

#### **Follow us on Social Media:**

Keep up to date with our activities via Facebook and Instagram!

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

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

Wimbledon  
Symphony  
Orchestra



## Winter concert

**Saturday 31 January 2026, 7:30pm**  
St Paul's Church, 118 Augustus Rd, SW19 6EW

**Schumann**  
Overture, Scherzo and Finale Op 52

**Clara Schumann**  
Piano Concerto Op 7

**Schubert/Webern**  
6 Deutsche Tänze

**Schubert/Berio**  
Rendering

**Conductor** Marc Dooley  
**Piano** Clara Rodriguez  
**Leader** Matthew Lloyd-Wilson

BOOK HERE



**Tickets:** [www.wimso.org.uk](http://www.wimso.org.uk)

Standard £15 | Under 30 £10 | Under 6 go free

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of confidence and safety  
in and around the water  
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50% OFF INITIAL PAYMENT



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Orchestra



## Future concerts

**Saturday 25 April 2026, 7:30pm**  
St Paul's Church, 118 Augustus Road, SW19 6EW

**Tchaikovsky** Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture  
**Wagner** Wesendonck Lieder  
**Vaughan Williams** Symphony No 3 'Pastoral'

**Conductor** Cristian Cimei  
**Soprano** Charlotte Shipley

**Saturday 4 July 2026**  
Programme tba

**Conductor** William Birkbeck

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Societies Act 2014 registration no. 27793R. Registered office:  
Middlegate House, The Royal Arsenal, London, SE18 6SX.  
Inland Revenue Charity no. XR43398.

**BETTER**

Education  
Wellbeing  
Service



## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Starting Early: How to help your child learn practical skills at a young age

This webinar aims to help empower parents to think about the skills and tasks they would like their nursery and reception aged children to learn.

This might be simple home tasks like using cutlery properly or wider life skills like early understanding of road safety.

The webinar will focus on increasing children's capability and parental confidence using everyday practical examples and advice.

DATE / TIME

Monday 23rd February,  
8.15-9.30pm



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

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

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@swstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Friday 27th February,  
12.00-1.00pm



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

## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND

This webinar invites parents/carers of children aged 7 years and above to explore the special nature of the sibling relationship when one or more children has additional needs, with practical advice about how to foster sibling harmony, manage rivalry and, most importantly, keep your own wellbeing in mind.



DATE / TIME

Monday 9th February,  
7.00-8.30pm



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DATE / TIME

Tuesday 10th January,  
13.00-14.30pm



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Welcoming children from 3+

Mon 16th to Wed 18th February 2026  
9.00am to 3.00pm

Holy Trinity Primary School  
Effra Road  
SW19 8PW

For more information: 07842 085 816  
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## MAKE A COMEDY FILM this February Half Term!

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sparking ideas for kids and families [www.sparksarts.co.uk](http://www.sparksarts.co.uk)



## School holiday camps on sale now!



- Spark • YouTube Creators •
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Dates: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Location: The Study Prep, Wimbledon

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### REFER YOUR SCHOOL

If you think your child's school would be interested in running an after-school coding club please let us know. Get in touch at [hello@codecamp.co.uk](mailto:hello@codecamp.co.uk)

### Term Dates 2025-2026

#### 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)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> February	18.30	Smartphone Free Schools – talk for parents/carers by the Unplugged Coalition
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Evening	HOTS' Beetle Drive
10 <sup>th</sup> February		Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
23 <sup>rd</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		
26 <sup>th</sup> February	AM TBC	Multiplication Workshop for Year 2 parents/carers
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
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening	HOTS Parent Quiz Night TBC
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
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening	HOTS' Disco
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
27 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00 – 16.00	Summer Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	AM	Year 6 to Southwark Cathedral TBC
8 <sup>th</sup> July	18.30	Year 6 Production
9 <sup>th</sup> July	18.30	Year 6 Production
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 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
20 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day</b>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards  
Headteacher