

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

We are so proud of the children who have worked so hard during our Assessment Week this week.

We were delighted to welcome Councillor Eleanor Stringer to school today, who came to speak to our Year 5 and 6 pupils as part of our Parliament Week activities. Our Junior Leadership Team then presented her with letters to take back to the Council about issues in the local area, including littering, dog mess and pollution.



It was a real treat having Tallulah's mum visit to talk to the children in Nursery about Thanksgiving. The children learnt that Thanksgiving is a special time to give thanks, gather with family, and enjoy traditional foods such as pumpkin pie, turkey, cranberry sauce, and cornbread. We also watched the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, wore our festive tiaras, and had great fun joining in with a Thanksgiving Freeze Dance.

We were very grateful to Tallulah and her mummy for sharing this celebration with Nursery and for the lovely goodie bags the children took home.

AIM High Writing Day

14 of our children attended a superb writing day yesterday. Eva's poem was chosen to be read out to all of the participants. The children had such an engaging day, and came back buzzing from their experience. Well done to you all.

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The world is on the verge of dying.
We've done it. We've reached the end.
Water covers the Earth, flooding every single inch,
animals and rubbish dominate the surface.
The sky is dark, the sun is blocked, toxic smoke lingers around.
Sand is blowing around, whistling past,
Tearing at the only resources we have left.

Humungous, white, turnip-shaped ships zoom into the sky,
striving to save our next generation.
A gargantuan, black hole is sucking the planet closer,
closer, closer and still closer, shadows stretching across the water.

Suddenly, a bright light streaks across the sky,
hopeful eyes lift up to see sunrise.
But wait – something is wrong. People ahead, who were gathering food,
begin to shout. Meteors above! Run!
Take cover! But it's gone.
Like it never happened.

Rubble drifts across the never-ending tide.
The sea, a giant, bruised mirror reflecting our dried-out mistake.
Mournful gusts of wind echo memories of when we could help,
when we could do something, when it was still good.

This is broken.
This is hopeless.
This is inevitable.
This. Is. Earth.

Eva, Year Six

Spring Term Activity Clubs

Clubs for the Spring Term can be booked from 7.00pm on Monday 1st December. Please see the attachment for all of the information.

Reminders

- **Trim Trail/Climbing Wall** – please do not allow your children to use these before or after school
- **Scooters/bikes** – these should not be used in the playground, but should be walked to and from the scooter shed.
- **Toys** – we have had a growing number of children bringing in toys from home. Unless this has been agreed by Mrs Moran, then no toys should be brought in to school.
- **Legami Pens** – if your child brings these pens into school, please ensure that they are all named. Children are not allowed to trade these pens at school.
- **Bluetac** – some children are bringing in bluetac from home (or taking it from posters in school). Children are not allowed to bring bluetac in to school. If your child needs a fidget tool to help them focus on their learning, then this can be arranged with the classteacher or Mrs Moran
- **Naming clothes** – our Lost Property box is getting full! Please remember to name all items of clothing, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 11th December

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th 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 9th December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers), or Wednesday 10th 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 11th December @ 9.15am.

Year 2 Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Friday 12th 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 16th 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 – 16th/ 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 16th December**, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on **Thursday 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 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 (**for those who have pre-booked**) on **Wednesday 10th December** for children in Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Thursday 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.

Year 3 and 4

Create either a Santa's Grotto scene or Santa's workshop scene on Tinker Card.

There are tutorials online to help you.

It should be a mixture of inserted shapes and items you have made yourself.

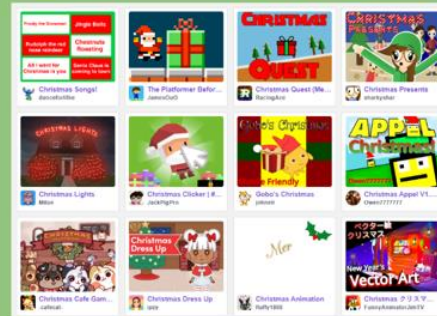


Are you entering the Christmas Computing Competitions?

Years 5 and Year 6

Create an interactive Christmas story using coding on Scratch.

There are ideas and examples on Scratch, but you must not edit these; your story must be completely your own.



EYFS and KS1

Design a Christmas themed Bee Bot costume.

It cannot just be a print out; you have to make it yourself.

You could make a costume for Santa Clause, an Angel, a donkey, a reindeer, an elf, a present, a turkey...

And anything else Christmassy!



Entries are due in by Friday 12th December. You can send them to Miss Thomas directly or we will get together Friday lunchtime and upload them together :) Good luck!

HOTS Update

CHRISTMAS CHEER & CAROLS - Tomorrow!!!!

Join us for a wonderful family afternoon of Christmas cheer this Saturday 29th 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>

HOTs Preloved Uniform Contact Update:

HOTs Preloved Uniform has its own email! For any inquiries regarding orders, or questions about Preloved Uniforms please contact at hotspreloveduniforms@gmail.com

Save The Date: Preloved Uniform In-Person Sale

HOTs Preloved Uniform will be hosting an in-person sale **Friday, December 12th** after school on the playground. Stock up on your uniform needs before the winter break! **Contactless payment only!**

Preloved Uniform Request:

It's that time of year again when we ask for school uniform donations ahead of our in-person sale in December. Please drop any good-quality, resale-ready uniform items to the school office by Wednesday 10 December.

Pre-loved uniform guidelines:

- Only donate items that are clean, in good condition, and suitable for resale.
- Worn out, damaged or poor-quality items should go straight to clothing recycling bins, not the school.
- We cannot accept shoes of any kind.
- Grey items won't be sold but will be donated in bulk to partner charities.

Sticking to good-quality donations helps us manage the volume and keeps the shop genuinely useful for families. Thank you to everyone who continues to support through second-hand sales and donations; your contributions make a real difference in helping to raise valuable funds for the school, and promote eco-friendly practices.

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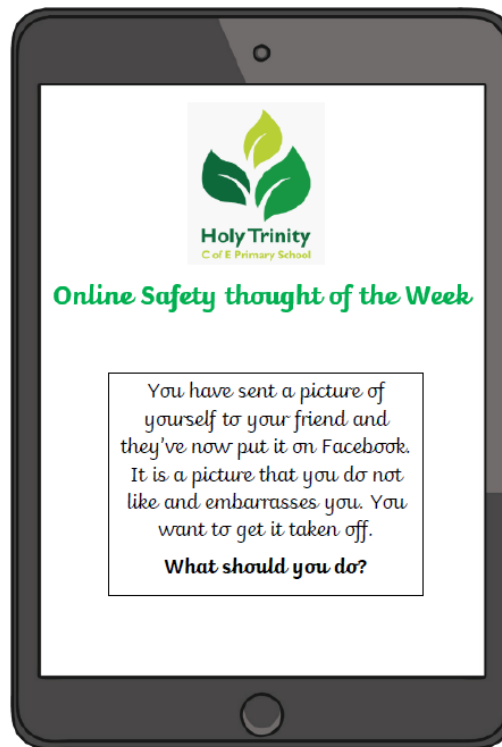
A message for the school choir from Miss Neil-Smith

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- tomorrow! 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:

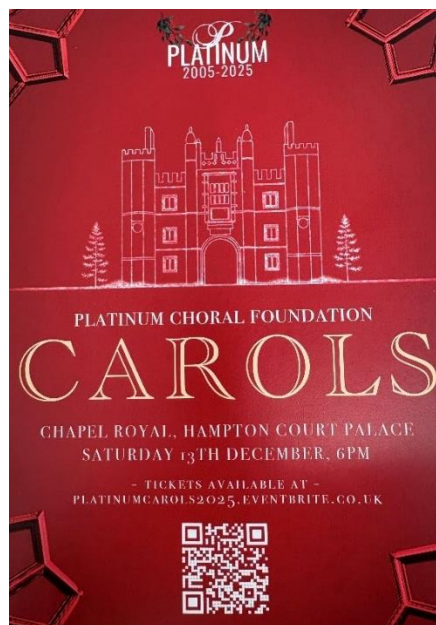
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Many thanks for all your support and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday for some festive singing!



Platinum Choral Foundation Carols

One of our pupils, Joshua from Year 5, will be singing at this concert. Do consider going to support him. Tickets can be purchased using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/platinum-choral-foundation-carols-tickets-1953018393589>





Attachment:

- Spring Term 2026 Activity Clubs

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 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

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

2 nd June		Summer 2 term begins
2 nd – 5 th June		Sports Week
2 nd – 5 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
15 th – 19 th June		Assessment Week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
13 th July		DT Day
17 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
17 th July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher