

### 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

Last week I had the privilege of accompanying Year 4 to PGL for their 2-night residential. We had such a fantastic time, and it was amazing to see the children supporting each other and conquering their fears, as they abseiled down a rather tall tower!

We are so proud of Year 6, who have completed their SATS exams this week. I was reminded of this poem, which is so appropriate:

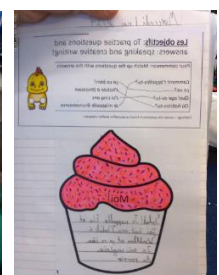
SATs don't measure sports  
SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music,  
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,  
SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons,  
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,  
How you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly,  
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,  
Or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,  
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,  
With a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are,  
Remember **you're the best!**

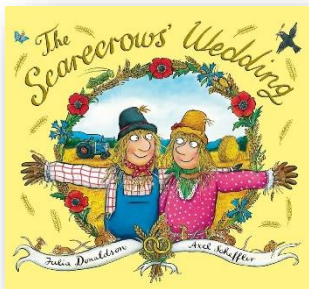
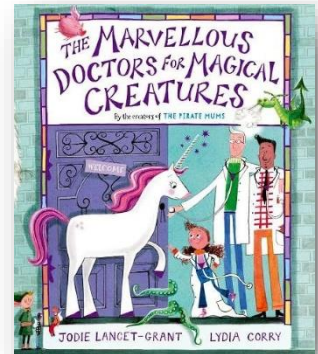


This week, Year 4 completed their end of unit writing piece in French about themselves. They all did such a great job and produced some lovely writing and artwork to go with it!

Nursery are still loving our Mystery Readers each week!

This week Jessie's dad came in to read us 'The Scarecrows Wedding'. We loved hearing the voices he put on for the different characters and had a go at answering some questions at the end to check if we had been listening!

Our Mystery Reader in the afternoon was Amelie's mum. She read us 'The Marvellous Doctors for Magical Creatures'. It was a story all about a little girl and her doctor dads who help magical creatures with their aches and pains. We really enjoyed spotting all the magical creatures hiding throughout the town.



Year 1 have been learning different ways of making quarters, with the help of jam toast!



Many congratulations to Tommy who played in the final of the Surrey Basketball Association Play Offs.

He plays for the Kingston Lions and the U10 Boys team completed an unbeaten season and won the Surrey League after which they also won the Play-Off Championship.

Last weekend was the Play Off Championship Final where the Kingston Lions defeated the Richmond Knights 36-31 at the ACS Cobham venue.

Well done Tommy – we are so proud of you.

### Share My Learning – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 8.15-8.45am

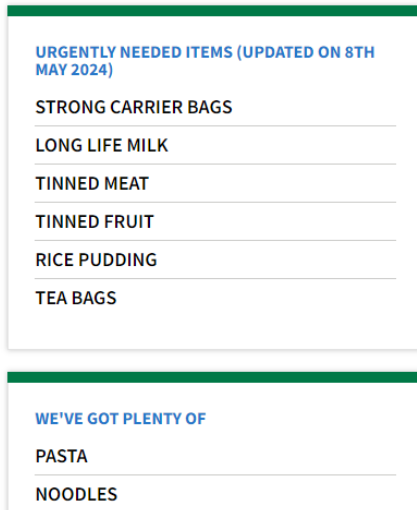
Share My Learning sessions are an opportunity for children to show their parents/carers their work and their classroom. The Share My Learning session this half-term will be held on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

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](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) and I will work out a way for you to see the books.

### **DONS Foodbank Friday – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

As you know, we are joining forces with the DONS and supporting their Foodbank. Our first food collection will be next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to donate any non-perishable items, then bring them with you to Share My Learning. There will be boxes in the welcome area for the food items. Please see below for the Foodbank's urgent needs.



### **Co-opted Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body. Might you be interested in supporting the school in this way, or know of someone who might? Do contact [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) for more information.

### **Music Festival 2024 – A Message from Miss Neil-Smith**

The annual Holy Trinity Music Festival final will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

#### **Auditions**

Young performers from years 3-6 who would like to be part of the music festival final will audition in front of their class during their usual music lesson. For year 6 this will be in their lessons over the next two Fridays before half term. For years 3-5 auditions will take place in music lessons in the first 2 weeks after half term. Auditions will be conducted over 2 lessons so that if they forget or they are ill on the day they still have a chance to participate. They can audition as a group or individually or both. They can perform a song or play a piece on any instrument. We have a piano and a drumkit in school any other instrument they will need to bring from home. Pupils do not need to sign up in advance they just need to come prepared to their music lessons with their instrument and music. However, if they need equipment such as a drumkit or backing track it is useful for them to tell me in advance. If your child wishes to sing, please encourage them to make a sensible song choice with lyrics that are appropriate and supervise them if they are rehearsing on YouTube.

#### **Final**

Following the auditions, a few pupils from each year group will be selected to take part in the final. Holy Trinity Orchestra and choir will be performing in the final and members of these ensembles can also perform individually if they are selected. The music festival will have a new format this year as a house music competition with one concert which all the finalists perform in. Therefore, there will not be separate year group finals, as in previous years. Every pupil who auditions and finalists will earn house point for their house team. At the end of the final, the house which has gained the most points during the festival will win the house cup! A certificate and medal for participation will also be awarded to all the finalists but there will be no individual winners or ranking. This is because Miss Neil-Smith wishes to make it as inclusive as possible and celebrate the diverse range of talents in our school. Making the final is

a massive achievement in its own right. If your child is invited to perform in the Music Festival final they will be told before the end of June once all the auditions have taken place.

Parents of the pupils participating in the final will be invited to watch the music festival final on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1:45pm in the hall and will be over an hour. If your child is in choir or orchestra put this date in your diary now. Classes in the school will be invited to come and watch a dress rehearsal on the morning of the final so they get the opportunity to see their peers perform.

### Parent Survey

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the recent Parent Survey. The Senior Leadership Team and Governors are looking through the results. We are so grateful for your feedback, which helps to inform our School Improvement Plan for the next academic year.

The governors will be holding a coffee morning in the second half of the summer term, to discuss some of the feedback in more detail. This will be instead of the normal Parent Forum. Watch this space for further information.

## HOTS NOTICES

### QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 17th May

We're looking forward to seeing our 15 teams at the quiz tonight - good luck to all participants! Doors open (via Effra entrance) at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

### HOTS AGM - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

This will take place online on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm. HOTS will provide a summary of the accounts and an overview of plans for the year ahead. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions about summer fair planning. We will send a zoom link out via WhatsApp next week.

### SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Save the date and please support your class reps in organising your stand. Next week we'll send a list of stands that are looking for donations e.g. tombola, raffle prizes, books. If you know anyone who might like to promote their business by having a stand or sponsoring please let us know! If your company offers **matched funding** this is a great time to apply for it - again please contact us and we can provide you with information!

Thank you as always for your support!  
The HOTS Committee

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**Worry Ninja**  
Year 6 Parent Workshop

We are meeting your children in school for 3 worry ninja workshops to give them strategies to help them with any worries they might have about moving to secondary school. Please come and find out more about what the sessions are about and how to support them to use these strategies at home.

To book onto one of our webinars this term, sign up for free on Eventbrite using the link or QR code below. They are 1h webinars at various dates and times between March and July.

Worry Ninja Parent Session - SWLSTG NHS Trust | Eventbrite

Education Wellbeing Service  
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS

QR code for Eventbrite registration

**Worry Ninja Sessions for Parents**  
Merton Education Wellbeing Service will be offering whole class sessions to our Year 6 classes this term to support with confident transitions to secondary school. We recommend parents and carers join one of their parent sessions to find out more and see how they might use some of the same ideas at home. Sign up to one of the dates here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/worry-ninja-parent-session-swlstg-nhs-trust-2107979>



**Attached items:**

None today

**Term Dates 2023-2024**

**Summer Term 2024**

First day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Last day: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

(INSETs Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024)

**Term Dates 2024-2025**

**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.**

## Term Dates 2025-2026

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

Date	Time	Event
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Arts Week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week – Sports Days will be held this week. More details to follow.
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Book Fair in school
29 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Reading/Book Week
10 <sup>th</sup> July	18.30	Year 6 Production
11 <sup>th</sup> July	18.30	Year 6 Production
17 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports out
19 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards