

### 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

Natasha Grande (Co-Chair of Governors) and I attended Southwark Cathedral on Monday, to be presented with the Bishop's Certificate for Church School Governance, awarded following a year of Governor Training through Southwark Diocesan Board of Education. I am so grateful to the commitment of our governors. At the service the Diocese launched their new Vision with 3 words: Belong, Serve and Thrive.



Our **Harvest Service** is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. We will be collecting food and toiletries for The Wimbledon DONS which is given to people in need in our local community. Please bring any items with you to school on Tuesday, and we will take them down to the church. Suggested items are listed below, but most non-perishable foods are welcome:

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Small Squash / Long Life Juice
- Small Rice / Micro-Rice
- Noodles
- Rice Pudding / Custard (Not Chilled)
- Sugar 500g / 1kg
- NO FOOD CONTAINING ALCOHOL
- PET FOODBANK:
- Dog Food Wet & Dry
- TOILETRIES:
- Toothpaste
- Shower Gel



Year 3 were treated to a brilliant talk about organs by one of our parents as part of World Organs Day 2025.

**Merton Education Wellbeing Service** is a service offering parents guidance and support from the earliest stages of concern around a range of common challenges. They work with parents of children from ages 3 to 11. NHS Wellbeing Practitioners offer ideas and can offer 1:1 sessions with parents to help with:

- \*Calmer routines and fewer conflicts at home
- \*Helping your child feel more confident in new situations or social settings
- \*Helping your child cope with fears, worries and build resilience
- \*Helping parents feel supported, reassured and not alone

They've work with 100s of parents from our local Merton schools each year. They believe that all parents can benefit from a space to reflect and think through evidence-based ideas, and at a preventative and early stage. You don't need to wait until things get more difficult for help. Over 90% of parents who engaged with the service made progress with their goals.

You can reach out to them and find out more here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>.

### **Cycle to School Week – 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

In readiness for the National cycle to School Week coming up, why not use the weekend to get the bikes out and have cycle around the local area. We would love to encourage everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to school from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October.



### **School Sunday – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10am**

We would love to see as many children as possible at the Schools Sunday service, at Holy Trinity Church, on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The service starts at 10.00am. The choir will be singing *City on a Hill*, so it is hoped many of the choir will be able to make it.

## Ice Packs

Has your child brought home a school ice pack? If they have, please could they bring it back to school, so that we can re-stock our medical room. Thank you.

## HOTS Update

### Autumn Disco: Tickets on Sale Now!!!

Friday October 17, 2025

Nursery/KS1 is 5:30-6:30, and KS2 is 6:45-8:30pm.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/>

It's time to party! Join us for a fun-filled hour of dancing, treats and celebrating the arrival of Autumn! There will be cakes, sweets and drinks on sale as well as nail painting, tattoos, glow sticks and plenty more party delights!

Children must be supervised by a parent/carer or another adult. SPACE IS LIMITED in the hall, so we recommend 2-3 children attend with each adult. Please note that this event is only for current enrolled students of Holy Trinity School, and there is not enough space for siblings to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to assist. If you are able to help please feel free to register online on the event link, or email us at [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com).

\* Buggies/Bikes/Scooters must be left outside

### PLANNING A SPOT OF ONLINE SHOPPING?

Please consider shopping via **EasyFundraising!** There are hundreds of big name retailers signed up, such as John Lewis, Sainsbury's, M&S, Dunelm, Boots, Tui, Hobbycraft, JD Sports....and every purchase supports our pupils and at no additional cost to you.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) or download the EasyFundraising app. Set up a free account and select Friends of Holy Trinity C of E School Wimbledon (HOTS) as your charity.

Instead of going directly to a retailer's website, access it via the EasyFundraising website or app. When you then make a purchase the retailer will give a percentage directly to HOTS, but at no extra cost to you. It's that simple! Every little click will add up to help fund the important school projects you support. Ready, steady, SHOP!!!!

### Follow us on Social Media:

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hotsfriendsofholyltrinity?igsh=MWJsMnZoY2hpMnNmZW==>

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



**Languages Open Hearts and Minds: design a poster!**

Your piece could be based on any of the following ideas...

- How do languages make you feel?
- How do languages bring us together?
- How do languages help us understand other cultures?
- Who do you love? Can you express this in another language?
- What languages do you speak?
- Why are languages important?
- Why should we learn languages?
- What sort of jobs could you do if you speak more than one language?

Small prize for every entry and best ones will be entered for National Competition!!

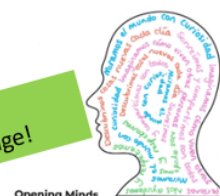


Use the templates to help you create your poster

Try to write in a different language!

Global School Alliance

Please give entries to your class teacher / Madame Poleviou by **10th October**



Templates for the competition will be available at school for you to collect.



Holy Trinity  
C of E Primary School

## Online Safety thought of the Week

You're playing a favourite online game when you get a friend request from someone you don't know. They say they play the same game and want to team up. They seem friendly and say they are the same age as you.

What should you do?

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A brighter future for people with serious allergies

## TOP TIPS FOR STARTING SCHOOL

Starting school can be overwhelming for parents. But for parents and carers of children living with allergies, it can be a particularly worrying time. Our handy tips can help you and your child feel a bit more prepared for this new adventure.



### COMMUNICATION

Start a positive conversation with the school as soon as possible. Arrange to meet your child's new teachers to run through your child's needs and get reassurance that your child's allergies will be managed properly.



### TRAINING

Speak to the school to find out whether staff have completed suitable allergy training. Are the teachers looking after your child confident in administering adrenaline auto-injectors? Do they know the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction and anaphylaxis?



### CURRICULUM

It can help to ease your nerves about your child starting school if you know a bit more about the curriculum they will be taught over the year. You can then prepare in advance for any trips or activities that need to be planned for or amended.



### MEDICATION

Make sure your child has immediate access to two of their own adrenaline auto-injectors at school. It is also worth checking whether the school has 'spare' adrenaline auto-injectors and where they are located.



### PARENT RELATIONSHIPS

Don't be afraid of speaking to other parents about your child's allergies. Some parents have little knowledge of what life is like caring for a child with serious allergies, but most will be more than willing to learn and do what they can to help keep your child safe.



## THE HIDDEN BATTLE WITH ALLERGIES

[www.anaphylaxis.org.uk](http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk)

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## Be Allergy Aware & Save a Life

Anaphylaxis is a serious and life-threatening reaction to allergens such as food, insect stings, medication & latex.

Recognise the **ABC symptoms** and act quickly - you could save a life.

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- A Airway**
- Persistent cough
  - Vocal changes (hoarse voice)
  - Difficulty swallowing
  - Swelling in throat, tongue or upper airway
- B Breathing**
- Difficult or noisy breathing
  - Wheezing
- C Consciousness/Circulation**
- Feeling lightheaded or faint
  - Clammy skin
  - Confusion, sudden sleepiness
  - Unresponsive/ unconscious (due to a drop in blood pressure)

These severe symptoms may occur alongside milder stomach or skin symptoms.  
Anaphylaxis may occur without any skin symptoms.

### WHAT TO DO

1. Lay the person flat and raise their legs - do **NOT** allow them to stand or walk anywhere.  
A. If unconscious, place them in the recovery position  
B. If breathing is difficult, allow them to sit up
2. Administer an adrenaline auto-injector without delay (refer to device label for instructions)
3. Phone 999 and tell them the person is suffering from anaphylaxis (anna-fill-ax-is)
4. If there is no improvement of symptoms after 5 minutes, a second dose of adrenaline can be given

Medical observation in hospital is recommended after anaphylaxis

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## Are you **raising the child** of a relative or a friend?

Life as a kinship carer can be isolating and overwhelming, with legal, financial, and emotional challenges that are difficult to navigate without the right support.

At Kinship, we offer free workshops and support to help you navigate these challenges with confidence.

- **come along to a Kinship Roadshow for the day** - connect with other kinship carers, take part in practical workshops and find out about local organisations offering support
- **join a free workshop** covering a specific topic, from managing challenging behaviour to online safety. Whether you attend **in-person** or **online**, our workshops are a supportive space where you'll have the opportunity to connect with other kinship carers and learn together

All our events are completely free and you can attend as many as you'd like!



To view and book all workshops and events, scan the QR code or visit [kinship.org.uk/events](https://kinship.org.uk/events)



For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



"It was very welcoming from start to finish. Everyone was supportive and made me feel like I am not alone."

a kinship carer who attended one of our Kinship Roadshows



## We're here, whenever you need support.

We support all kinship carers - anyone raising the child of a family member or a friend - wherever you are on your kinship care journey.

As well as our workshops and events, we offer a range of services for kinship carers, including:

- **online and in-person peer support groups** where you can meet and chat with other kinship carers like you. Find the right group for you: [kinship.org.uk/groups](https://kinship.org.uk/groups)
- **expert information and advice** to help you navigate the system and make informed choices for you and your family. Explore our advice: [kinship.org.uk/advice](https://kinship.org.uk/advice)



To receive updates about our support groups, workshops, events, and more, join our Kinship Community: [kinship.org.uk/community](https://kinship.org.uk/community)



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For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



**Kinship Care Week**

6-12 October 2025

Kinship Care Week (6-12 October) is a national week of awareness, recognition, and celebration of kinship families across England and Wales.

It's a time to shine a light on the vital role of kinship carers, those raising a child of a family member or a friend, who provide over 141,000 children in England and Wales with loving and stable homes.

This includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and family friends - who step up in extraordinary ways to keep children connected to their families, roots and communities.

As well as being a celebration of all kinship families, Kinship Care Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of the unique needs of kinship families. Having to overcome complex systems with limited support, all while ensuring their child feels safe and loved.

Kinship Care Week reminds us that there is a powerful community of kinship carers who share their experiences in many different ways to help other kinship carers feel less lonely and isolated.

This Kinship Care Week let's raise a teacup together to kinship families everywhere!

Kinship is the leading kinship care charity in England and Wales. We're here for kinship carers – friends or family who step up to raise a child when their parents aren't able to. We support, advise and inform kinship carers.

Connecting them so they feel empowered.

At Kinship, we offer free workshops, support and community to help kinship carers navigate challenges with confidence.

Get involved in Kinship Care Week: [kinship.org.uk/kinship-care-week](https://kinship.org.uk/kinship-care-week)

For further support contact:

**Lauren Quartey**

**Post Special Guardianship Social Worker**

Fostering Recruitment and Special Guardianship Team

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Education Wellbeing Service

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

### Goodbyes and Goodnights Parent/Carer Group

Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?  
Does your child struggle to separate from you?  
Are you worried that things will get worse when your child transitions to the next school year in September?

Join our **free**, 4-session parent group to connect with other parents

**All sessions Mondays from 10:30am - 12:00pm**  
22<sup>nd</sup> September  
29<sup>th</sup> September  
6<sup>th</sup> October  
13<sup>th</sup> October

**Location: Wilson Hospital (Wellbeing Centre) Cranmer Road, Mitcham CR4 4TP**  
Free on-site parking  
Transport links

**What parents have said:**  
*I think it went really well and think it should be easy access for all parents.*  
*Useful tips, Q&A between other parents and the two facilitators*  
*I didn't feel judged about what I was going through. The advice was broad but I felt like I could apply most of it to my son.*

Scan the QR code or Click here to sign up

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

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Education Wellbeing Service

## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Through The School Gates: Overcoming daily challenges getting into school

There can be many challenges with supporting your child to get into school well and in as relaxed a way as possible.

This webinar aims to:

- Think about some of the different challenges that can be faced in the morning getting ready for school.
- Understand child anxieties using cognitive-behavioural approach
- Discuss ways to talk about worries
- Provide a step-by-step approach to building confidence with attending school should there be early school avoidance to prevent it becoming problematic.

**DATE / TIME**  
Monday 29th September  
7.00-8.00pm

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@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk)

**DATE / TIME**  
Tuesday 30th September  
12.00-1.00pm

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




### MULTI SPORTS CAMP

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**£44 PER DAY OR £114 FOR 3 DAYS (£38 PER DAY)**  
8AM - 6PM\*

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

**FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**

\*10% sibling discount available

To register your child for the camp, simply send the following information to [Elliot@fitness4schools.com](mailto:Elliot@fitness4schools.com) - Child's name, School year, Class name, Mobile Number & Any medical info

WE DELIVER HIGH QUALITY EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTING ACTIVITIES USING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES TO REINFORCE PHYSICAL BENEFITS AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT.

## 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**

**The 2026-2027 term dates will be confirmed soon.**

## Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Black History Workshops
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> October		Cycle to School Week
16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
17 <sup>th</sup> October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
24 <sup>th</sup> October		Break up for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November		Autumn 2 begins
6 <sup>th</sup> November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-bullying week
10 <sup>th</sup> November		Odd Socks Day
November		School Eucharist @ school Date TBC
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> November		Assessment Week
27 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
6 <sup>th</sup> December		Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 2 Concert (with orchestra)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 <sup>th</sup> December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18 <sup>th</sup> December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December	14.00	Break up
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
8 <sup>th</sup> January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January		Science Week
10 <sup>th</sup> February		Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
23 <sup>th</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		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
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
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
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