

### 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

It is such a joyful time of year in school, with the sounds of children rehearsing for their Christmas performances. I do hope you will be able to join us for our Christmas events.

Thank you for your support at our *Share My Learning* session this morning. There is always such an exciting buzz around the school as the children proudly share what they have learnt with you.

I am grateful to our governors, who met last night, and came into school this morning to conduct an ethos walk, particularly focusing on equality, diversity and inclusion.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the HOTS Carol event tomorrow afternoon.



Two of our Year 4 pupils went to see their competition entry displayed at Wimbledon Museum alongside other winning entries. It was an exhibition run by Young Wimbledon Artists, Wimbledon Museum and the Wimbledon Royal British Legion to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Proof that entering our art competitions could make you famous!



Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed visiting Wimbledon Library for a performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' this week and all thoroughly enjoyed the interactive show!

Six of our Year 3 and 4 children went to a Kurling and Sitting Volleyball tournament today. They had such a great time, and Ru wrote his own account of the day – well done Ru and the rest of the team. We are so proud of you.

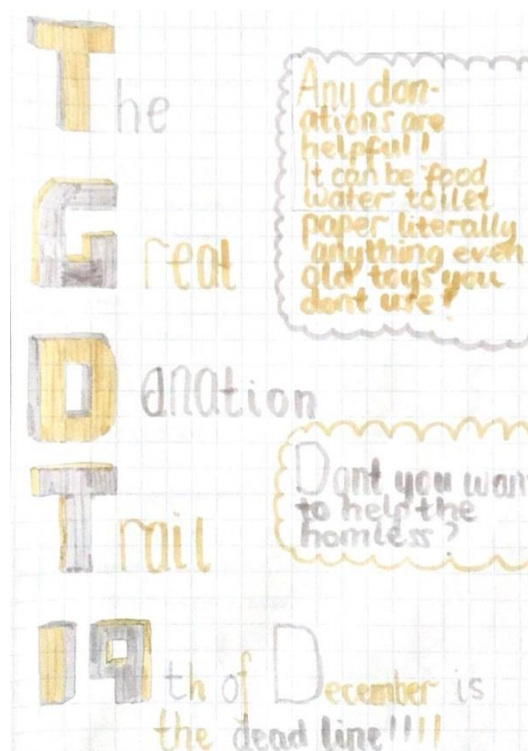
### What was my day like at the competition?

Morning	Got there in a taxi
Who came	6 Year 3 and 4 children, and the teachers Miss Hann, Mrs Granger & Mrs Naqvi.
Sport	Kurling (which we are in a team) and the second sport was sitting volleyball
Who went first	The Sitting Volleyball went first in the presentation (at the end of the competition)
Who went second	The Kurling people went second (13 schools went for the Kurling competition) (and 12 schools for the Sitting Volleyball competition so 25 schools in total).
What kind of congratulations?	Medals, certificates and trophies
Going home	Went home in a taxi and we played I-spy in the van.

### The Great Donation Trail.

We will be collecting food for the Dons food bank from 16th to 19th December. Each year group will have a bag for the donations and the winning year group will get a treat on the last day of the term.

All food goes to the Dons Local Action group who pass it on through boxes for families in need or they donate to Wimbledon Food Bank who are able to cook fresh hot meals for those in need.



## **Forthcoming Christmas Events**

### **Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 are invited to donate to Save the Children Fund. If you would like to donate to Save the Children Fund, please use this link:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240003329>

### **Reception Nativity**

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers), or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers). If you cannot attend on your class' particular day, just come to the other one, but please only attend one performance. All of the children will be in both performances.

### **Year 2 Christmas Performance**

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am.

### **Nursery Christmas Performance**

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Year 1 Christmas Concert**

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Christmas Concert on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am.

### **Carol Services – 17<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 orchestra and 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**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch for those children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who have pre-booked a Christmas lunch through Parentmail. All other children must bring a packed lunch.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas lunch for those children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have pre-booked a Christmas lunch through Parentmail. All other children must bring a packed lunch.

### **A message from Miss Neil-Smith for all choir members**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 4pm - Choir will be performing a few songs at the start of the HOTS Christmas concert in the school hall. Choir members singing at this will need to be ready to sing at 3:45pm. School uniform is not required and festive attire is encouraged but not essential! Please note you will need to accompany your children to this event and purchase a ticket to the concert through HOTS.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm. Choir will be performing at both carol services. Full school uniform is required for these performances. If you will not be in the audience for both evenings but your child is performing please inform us in advance if you have arranged for another parent in the audience is picking up your child.

I really hope you are able to support these performances. I am thrilled your child is part of the choir and it is a great opportunity for them to showcase to you all their hard work in rehearsals.

### **End of Term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 2.00pm**

This is just a reminder that term ends at 2.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Term Time Absences for Holiday

This is just a reminder that term-time absences for holiday will be unauthorised. Despite this, I am grateful to the parents/carers who are honest and inform us that they are going on holiday, rather than those who inform us that their child/children are ill, when we suspect this is not the case. The new DfE guidelines allow us to record absence as unauthorised if we suspect that families are not being truthful. Thank you for your support with this.

## Calling all Year 1 – 6 mathematicians

**It's time to take part in this year's Sumdog Winter Wonderland contest.**

13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Feel free to print out the 'Sumdog Festive Quest' grid (see attached) to record your progress.

Certificates are up for grabs so don't forget to hand in your grid to Mrs Witting when the contest is over.



## Afternoon Nursery Spaces available from January 2025

We have a small number of afternoon spaces in our nursery available from January 2025. The afternoon session runs from 12.30-3.30, but children can come for lunch at 11.30am. These spaces are for children who are 3 or 4 years old. If you would like more information do email our School Business Manager, Laura Evershed, at

[sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

## HOTS Notices

### Christmas Carol Event:

Saturday, December 7th (3:30-5:30pm)

School Choir Performance 4pm

**\*\*Update: Due to weather conditions the event will be hosted indoors. Entrance will be through the Effra Road gate.\*\***

HOTs are excited to announce that the Putney and Wimbledon Brass Band will be joining us for the Christmas Carols tomorrow afternoon! Our very own children's school choir will also be singing at 4pm, Y5 band shortly after. Buy your tickets today to join us for a festive singalong, mulled wine (other drinks available!) and Christmas craft!

Order Christmas Carol Tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=88532>

### Christmas Trees:

**\*\*Update: Confirmation of tree delivery will be confirmed tonight. We will update the morning collection time this evening via email, and social media. Pick up is also available during the Caroling event.\*\***

Thank you to those who have ordered Christmas trees via HOTs. These will be available to collect on Saturday 7th December at the Effra Road gate.

### Social Media:

Stay up to date on the latest news and information from HOTs through our social media pages!

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

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





The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our friendly in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help your child's worries or anxieties, or support their challenging or tricky behaviour – you can pick up an application form from reception or speak to a member of staff



Please support our friends at Holy Trinity Church:

**Come** to the fair before heading on to school for the Carol event.

### Buy raffle tickets online

Prizes include: 🍷 Restaurant vouchers-Côte, Rosa's Thai, McChina! 📺 Family hamper! 🐕 Luxury dog hamper! ⚽ Tickets Wimbledon Dons! 🎫 Elys voucher! 🎬 Cinema tickets! 🌸 Brian Kirby Flowers! 🍷 Wine & Spirits! Plus much, much more! 🎁📺🍷🎁🎁 online: [https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=shop\\*](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=shop*)

### Guitar Lessons at Holy Trinity from January 2025

We have spaces for guitar lessons at school, provided by Merton Music Foundation starting in January 2025. A range lesson types are available, we recommend starting with 20-minute individual lessons, which cost £177 per term (10 lessons). Lessons take place at school, during the school day. Instrument hire and financial assistance are also available.

For more information or to sign up, please visit: [www.mmf.org.uk/lessons](http://www.mmf.org.uk/lessons), or scan the QR code below.





## FREE Kids Meal at Polka Theatre on Tasty Tuesdays

Polka Theatre Café, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1SB  
Anytime during café opening hours, see below:

Tuesday 24 December, 9am - 4.30pm  
Tuesday 31 December, 9am - 3pm

We know how challenging it is feeding the family during the holidays. That's why Polka Theatre have teamed up with Dons Local Action Group and The Calleva Foundation, to offer FREE kids meal boxes in the Polka Café on Tuesdays during the holiday!

To receive your free kids meal please let café staff know that you are here for Tasty Tuesday.  
Parents will also be offered a FREE tea or coffee.  
Please let café staff know of any allergies when ordering.  
Why not stay and play in Polka's free indoor play spaces?






Polka is a registered charity no. 256979



Talk Autism is a forum for parents and carers  
of children, young people and adults with autism

### Next event

Monday 16 December 2024, 11am – 1pm

### Location

In-person at the Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden SM4 6PX

### Christmas Social Event for Talk Autism members (parents and carers)

Come along and join us for Christmas lunch and refreshments  
talk about your upcoming Christmas plans, winddown, chat, share  
thoughts and meet other parents and carers of people with autism.

Meet the Merton Mencap team and find out about our  
charity's services and activities

The session is appropriate for parents and carers of children, young people or adults with autism.

Booking is essential for catering purposes. Book your place by contacting Maria Solari.

By email: [maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk](mailto:maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk)

Phone: 07709 715206

## TERM DATES

### 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.**

### 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 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
7 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00	Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
7 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30-5.30	HOTS Carol Event
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunch	Christmas lunch for EYFS and KS1 (KS2 to bring a packed lunch)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunch	Christmas lunch for KS2 (EYFS and KS1 to bring a packed lunch)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
12 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a festive jumper/top, together with their usual uniform bottom half.
13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
17 <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
20 <sup>th</sup> December	14.00	Break up
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
9 <sup>th</sup> January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
24 <sup>th</sup> February		Spring 2 term begins
10 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> March		Assessment weeks
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 in France
24 <sup>th</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45	Nursery to Year 5 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers



4 <sup>th</sup> April	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Summer 1 term begins
25 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	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> May		Break up for half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Summer 2 term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
18 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher