

### 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

A huge thank you to the amazing HOTS team for organising the disco last Friday. The children were so excited about it, and, by all accounts, had a wonderful time. Thank you for all that you do for our school.

Thank you to Miss Woods, our Science Lead, for organising a superb week for us. Our week started with a bang, literally, as Scientist Lizzy thrilled the school with her explosive experiments. The children then took part in science workshops.



As I write this, Year 6 are making their way back from France, no doubt full of tales of their fun-packed week away. I have enjoyed hearing the summary of their daily adventures, which seemed to revolve mainly around food and shopping! I am sure the children also made the most of every opportunity to speak the French they have learned whilst at Holy Trinity! School has been very quiet without them, and we look forward to seeing them back.



Whilst the majority of Year 6 were away in France, we had a wonderful group of children who stayed behind and enjoyed many different activities including French games, eating a French breakfast, cooking, fun science, arts and crafts, and a visit to the Polka Theatre.

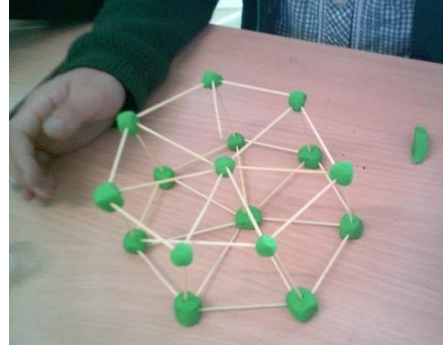
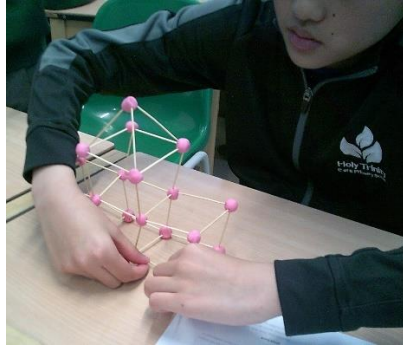
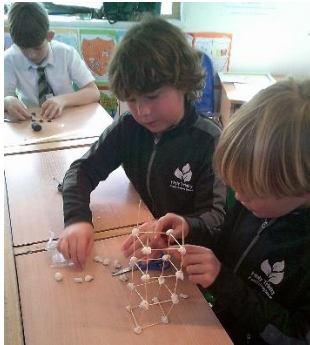


Here's the winning egg from their egg-speriment to see who could design a 'parachute' which would prevent the egg from smashing as it hit the ground.














Year 3 enjoyed being outdoors this week calculating the perimeter of the school MUGA.



Year 4 started a new D&T unit based around structures and pavilions. Their first lesson involved making a variety of structures using tooth picks and modelling dough and considering the strength and stability of the different designs.

# International Day of Mathematics

14.03.2025

Look what HT got up to!

***Playing with maths***

## Lent and Easter Activities

Please look at the Parentmail sent out last week, which contains further information about how to purchase tokens for the Mini-Market, raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle and donating to the Trinity Trek!

This year we are supporting 3 charities, all chosen by the House Captains:

Cancer Research <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

Young Minds <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Make a wish <https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/>

## Mini-Market – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

If your child is running a stall, please make sure they have everything they need for it. All children will have the opportunity to 'spend' their tokens at the Mini-Market. The Mini-Market will be held during the school day.

## Trinity Trek – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 1.45pm

The whole school will be taking part in the Trinity Trek (think Marsden March!) around South Park Gardens.

## Easter Egg Raffle – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.00am

Our staff very generously donate Easter eggs each year for the raffle, which takes place during the school day.

## Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.00am

Children are invited to come to school with an Easter Bonnet or Hat on the last day of term, to celebrate the joy of Easter.

## Snacks

This is just a reminder that only fruit (either fresh or dried) or vegetables should be brought in for a morning snack. We have had growing numbers of children bringing in cereal bars, which may contain nuts.

## Online Safety Thought of the Week



During the last week before Easter, children will participate in a #PauseforPeople challenge. Please keep an eye out for an activity that will come home, which includes some handy tips to help you maintain a Media Life Balance with your children.

# Incel culture PARENT GUIDE

The recent Netflix drama *Adolescence* has highlighted the troubling rise of incel (involuntary celibate) communities and their influence on young people. As a parent, it is important to understand this online subculture, recognise warning signs, and engage in open conversations with your child. This guide explains incel ideology, key terms, signs to look out for, and conversation starters to help you support your child. You can find further support on our website.

## What is an incel?



The term **incel** stands for 'involuntary celibate' and refers to men who believe they are unable to form romantic or sexual relationships despite wanting to. Some incel communities foster resentment towards women, blaming them for their perceived misfortune. These forums (often online) can promote misogyny, victimhood, and, in extreme cases, radicalisation.

## Key Incel Terminology

**Red Pill** – From *The Matrix*, refers to 'waking up' to the 'truth' of gender dynamics, as incels perceive them.

**Chad** – An attractive, successful man who is desirable to all women.

**Stacy** – An attractive woman who is seen as prioritising men like Chad.

**Becky** – An average woman, often contrasted with a Stacy.

**Femoid/Foid** – A dehumanising term, implying women are inferior.

**Black Pill** – Belief that nothing changes with self improvement or effort.

**80/20 Rule** – A theory suggesting that 80% of women are attracted to 20% of men, fuels resentment.

**Andrew Tate** – A key promoter of incel ideology.

## Signs to Look Out For:

- Low self-esteem
- Use of incel language
- Hostility towards women
- Isolation and secrecy
- Increased frustration & anger



## Conversation Starters:

- What do you think makes a healthy relationship?
- Do you think it's fair to blame one group of people for personal difficulties?
- How do you decide whether something you read online is trustworthy?

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## HOTs Announcements

### Spring Uniform Sale!

Need to restock before the start of Summer Term? Join us Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for an in-person uniform sale. Our volunteers will be on the playground with a variety of summer dresses, polos, etc. to choose from! We kindly request card only payment for purchases.

### Spring Disco Success!

HOTs wanted to thank everyone for joining us at our successful disco last week. We raised an amazing amount of funds to contribute to the Quiet Garden refurbishment. We also want to thank all the volunteers and to those who provided baked goods/cake donations. These fun events are not possible without your support. We are so grateful to be a part of such an amazing community of families.

### Quiz Night: April 25<sup>th</sup>

Tickets are available now online to join in for our Quiz Night. There is a max of 15 teams with 8 people per team. Book your tickets soon, so you don't miss out! For more details see the event website or email

[hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com).

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventld=94266>

## Wimbledon Tennis Family Ballot

Please see the attached PDF for further information about how to apply to enter the ballot.

Family Ballot link: <https://familyballot.wimbledon.com/>



**FIRST LEGO LEAGUE**  
**EXPLORE**

Join us for an exciting 10-week First LEGO League Explore programme coming soon to Merton libraries, in partnership with The Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET).

For children aged: 6-10 years.

This is a 10 week course. **You must be able to attend all sessions.**

For more information or to book a space, please head to the events page via our website or scan the QR Code below:

**PLEASE DO NOT BOOK A SPACE AT MORE THAN ONE LIBRARY.**

**There will be a celebration event on Saturday 12 July, 9.30-11.30am**

**All participants are welcome to attend to showcase their hard work and achievements**

**Wimbledon Library | Wednesdays, 4:15pm**  
Course starts: Wednesday 23 April

**Morden Library | Fridays, 4pm**  
Course starts: Friday 25 April

**Mitcham Library | Saturdays, 3pm**  
Course starts: Saturday 26 April

**Colliers Wood Library | Saturdays, 10am**  
Course starts: Saturday 26 April

**Pollards Library | Saturdays, 9:30am**  
Course starts: Saturday 26 April

**Raynes Park Library | Thursdays, 4pm**  
Course starts: Thursday 1 May

**West Barnes Library | Tuesdays, 4pm**  
Course starts: Tuesday 29 April

**IET** The Institution of Engineering and Technology | **LEGO education** | **LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON LIBRARIES**

## Educational Wellbeing Service

Struggling sometimes with your child's behaviour or big emotions at home? Want to improve your relationship with your child? Or does your child have fears and worries that can make things difficult for them? This could be struggling to leave your side or join clubs, finding bedtimes tough, a phobia or not feeling confident. Get some early professional 1:1 advice, help or support from our in-school Education Wellbeing Service. Apply here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>.



**NHS** South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust | **Education Wellbeing Service** NHS in School

**Education Wellbeing Service**

We work in your child's school to provide friendly and accessible professional advice, help and programs to promote child wellbeing

**What do we offer?**

**1:1 Advice, Help and Support**

Early and preventative evidence-based wellbeing programs your child's:

- Common fears and worries or
- Tricky or challenging behavior and emotions

For more information, apply here or speak to your school's mental health lead for a paper form

**Local, Primary Parent Webinars**

Free NHS evening and lunchtime webinars for parents on a number of wellbeing related topics throughout the year. 99% of parents recommended the webinars last year. Sign up using the QR code

**Recorded Workshops, Groups and Workshops**

We also offer workshops and groups for children and parents in school. See our youtube channel for more resources and recorded workshops: **YouTube**



**WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH!**

**FRIDAY 4TH APRIL**

**11AM - 1PM**

**MORDEN HALL PARK**

**MEET AT GARDEN CENTRE CAFE**

A walk for carers where everyone can come together for a chat and refreshments.

A chance to meet other parent / carers of people with autism

To book your place contact Maria Solari

maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk  
or call 07709715206

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**2025**

**NEAT CAMPS!**

**EASTER HALF TERM**

**HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**7 - 11 APRIL**

**BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY!**

**NEATOFFICE@YAHOO.COM**

**Join Our Easter Filmmaking Camp!**  
Ealing/Richmond/Teddington/Wimbledon



**BEWARE  
THE  
BEASTS**

**SPARKS**

**Beware the Beasts - Filmmaking**

In this extraordinary movie making holiday camp, filmmakers ages 7-11 and 11-14 will dive into the thrilling world of creature features and special effects production!

**Monster Rampage - Animation**

This Easter holiday, young filmmakers are set to invoke classic monster movies and create, animate, and unleash their very own monster masterpiece!



**MONSTER  
RAMPAGE**

**SPARKS**



**THE  
MONSTER  
NEXT DOOR**

**SPARKS**

**The Monster Next Door - Filmmaking**

The Monster Next Door, an exciting Easter holiday camp where young filmmakers aged 5-7 become directors, actors, and monster creators all in one magical adventure!

Filmmaking & Animation  
Camps for  
5 - 14 year olds  
[www.sparksarts.co.uk](http://www.sparksarts.co.uk)



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getting started in the arts made easy

### Attached Items

- Wimbledon Tennis Family Ballot
- Library Newsletter

### TERM DATES

#### 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.**

### 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 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
24 <sup>th</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
31 <sup>st</sup> March		Mini-Market – Lent Appeal 2025
1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
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
25 <sup>th</sup> April	19.30	HOTS Quiz Night for 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
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	AM PM	Year 3 Sports Day Year 2 Sports Day
24 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 4 Sports Day Nursery (PM and Full-time)
25 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 5 Sports Day Reception Sports Day
26 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 6 Sports Day Year 1 Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Nursery (AM and Full-time)
28 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 Production Times TBC
16 <sup>th</sup> July		Music Festival
16 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports out
18 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church (due to a clash of bookings at church it has become necessary to move our Leavers' Service)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	14.00	Term ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher