

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 have enjoyed a day of no rain and outside play today, just what was needed! Each week seems to get busier in school and we are not even close to Christmas! There has been writing incorporating onomatopoeia and personification in Year 2; learning about conditions at the Western Front during WWI in Year 5; Reception have made Diwali lamps and were lucky enough to have a parent visit and tell them more about the Hindu celebration; and Year 1 have learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees in their science work on seasons – phew!

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-bullying week and our Y6 Anti-bullying Ambassadors led worship this week to introduce themselves to the whole school and to tell us more about this year's campaign. The theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying' and came about because teachers and children across the UK wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Our week kicks off on Monday with Odd Socks Day so make sure you wear yours to celebrate what makes us all unique. If you want to know more about the campaign visit: [https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying)



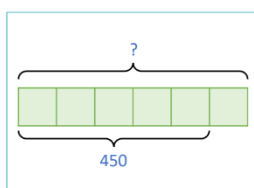
Barvember

November 1st saw the beginning of 'Barvember', a month of daily maths challenges devised by White Rose Maths which inspire the children to use their 'bar model' skills to solve a series of maths problems. Mrs Witting displays the daily problem in the welcome area at the start of each school day and there is soon a crowd of children, armed with paper and pencil, trying to solve the problems and staff too are in the throng having a go! These are the trickiest of today's problems, can you solve them? 😊

3 Max is thinking of a number.

$\frac{5}{6}$ of his number is equal to 450

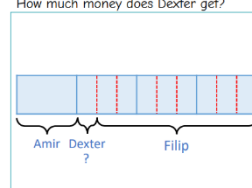
What is Max's number?



4 Amir, Filip and Dexter share some money.

- Amir gets $\frac{1}{4}$ of the money.
- Filip gets 8 times as much as Dexter.
- Filip gets £275 more than Amir.

How much money does Dexter get?



5 Ron and Eva have some money.

- Ron spends $\frac{1}{3}$ of his money.
- Eva spends $\frac{1}{4}$ of her money.
- They now have the same amount of money.
- At the start, Ron had £475 more than Eva.

How much money did Ron have at the start?

Sporting Success

There have been many sporting competitions so far this term and still so many to come – we love it! Our last three competitions have been very successful with some of the Y5/6 girls football team returning with silver certificates for coming second at the Merton Borough competition out of all the schools attending. Last week and this week has seen our hockey team bring home the 'REFSPECT Award', which is chosen by all the participating schools and given to the school with the greatest display of sportsmanship and fair play. We are always proud of our teams' sporting wins and doubly proud when their sportsmanship and fair play is recognised. Well done to all the children who have represented our school in tournaments so far this term.

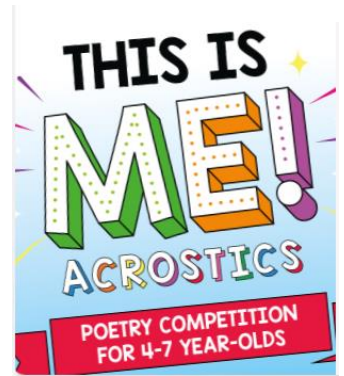


Poetry Competitions



We are proud to say that several of our pupils had their poems chosen to be publication in the 'This Is Me -Say The Word' book of poems after entering the 'This Is Me' competition.

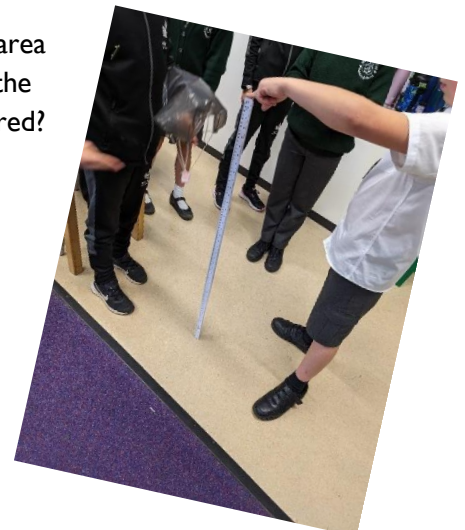
Well done to all the children who entered and a huge congratulations to the children who will see their poems published – we hope we can share your poems once they are published.



Also, this week:



Year 5 have been learning about forces. They tested if the size of surface area affects how quickly a parachute falls to the ground. What do you think they discovered?

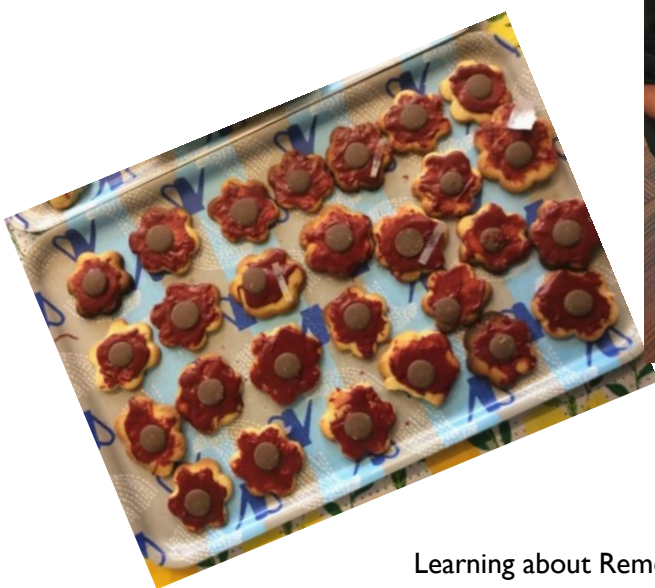




Reception's colourful Diwali lamps and parent visitor.



Year 3 were very enthusiastic to see how friction impacts the movement of an object.



Learning about Remembrance Day in Reception saw them making and baking poppies!

Reception and Nursery Entry in September 2024/ Open Days

Please see our Reception and Nursery Admissions pages on the website for information about how and when to apply for places to start next Autumn:

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/reception_admissions

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions

These pages also provide details of the open days we will be hosting this autumn. If your child is due to join us in September 2024, please do sign up for an event. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what we can offer here at Holy Trinity.

HOTS NOTICES

Christmas Trees 🎄

Remember to buy your Christmas trees online before November 19th via the HOTS website. These beautiful Nordman fir trees are available in various sizes and can be collected from school on the morning of Saturday 2nd December. Please also share the link with your neighbours!

Pannetonne from Vallebona 🎁

Traditional and Chocolate pannetone from Vallebone are also available to order from the HOTS online shop. These come in a stylish box – order now while stocks last.

To purchase these items, visit: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots> (scroll to the bottom of the page below uniform). All money raised will go directly to the school to buy new equipment for the current academic year. If you have any questions please email hotsemail@gmail.com

With thanks,
The HOTS Committee

Upcoming NHS Parent Webinars

Next week our NHS Education Wellbeing Service is running two webinars for local primary school parents. The first session looks at the zones of regulation and supporting big emotions during the primary years. The second is on understanding and supporting your child with autism spectrum condition for parents whose child has a diagnosis. Evening and lunchtime webinars are available. For information and to sign up, use this link:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309

Discounted Concert Tickets from MMF (Merton Music Foundation)

PETER & THE WOLF + KENSUKE'S KINGDOM: THE ANIMATED FILMS LIVE IN CONCERT (Q&A with SIR MICHAEL MORPURGO – 5pm show only)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18th, Regent Hall, Oxford Street, London

The classic **Prokofiev orchestral music** will be led by conductor **Stuart Hancock + the film's Oscar®-winning director Suzie Templeton** with the actual puppet stars of the movie. Plus an exclusive preview with live orchestra of the new **KENSUKE'S KINGDOM film**, coming to cinemas in 2024, followed by a Q&A with its original author **Sir Michael Morpurgo** (5pm show only).

Duration: 45 mins, performances at **1pm, 5pm. [3pm sold out]**. Suitable for ages 5+.

Tickets, info & trailer: <https://tinyurl.com/76m5pn7y>

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In support of music charity **MUSIC MASTERS**.

Attached Items:

- 1) Supporting big emotions during the primary years and the zones of regulation for primary years – for all primary parents flyer.
- 2) Understanding and supporting ASC webinar for primary parents whose children have a diagnosis flyer

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

- First day: Monday 4 September 2023
(INSETs Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September so children back Wednesday 6th September)
- Last day: Thursday 21st December
- Half term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

Spring Term 2024

- First day: Monday 8th January 2024
(INSET Monday 8th January so children back Tuesday 9th January)
- Last day: Thursday 28th March 2024
- Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term 2024

- First day: Monday 15th April 2024
- Last day: Wednesday 24th July 2024
- Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
(INSETs Monday 3rd June and Wednesday 24th July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4th June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23rd July 2024)

Key Dates for the Term

Any new dates added will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
13 th – 17 th November		Anti-bullying week
17 th November	9.45-10.15	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
27 th November – 1 st December		Assessment week
1 st December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 th December	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
12 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
14 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
15 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
18 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	14.00	Break up
8 th January 2024		INSET Day – School closed
9 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
11 th January	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 th -27 th March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 th April		Summer term begins
19 th April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th – 10 th May		Year 4 PGL
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
24 th May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers

24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day – School closed
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
4 th – 7 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 th – 14 th June		Assessment Week
10 th – 14 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
29 th June		Summer Fair
19 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 rd July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 th July		INSET Day – School closed

Wishing you a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

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