

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

Our pupil leaders have been working so hard recently:

- The JLT have written a Race and Ethnicity Charter (this will be launched later in the term);
- The House Captains have been talking to children about what they could do in the local community;
- The Growing Together in Spirit Team have been planning the next School Eucharist with Father Simon;
- The PE Ambassadors and Playground Buddies have been making sure children are playing happily at lunchtime, and have equipment to play with;
- The Eco-Warriors have led worship about the RSPCA's Big Bird Watch.

We are so grateful to all of our pupil leaders, who enhance our school in so many ways.



In French this week Year 3 enjoyed the interactive linguascope games - one child at the front moved the speech bubbles and the rest of the class supported and encouraged!



Number and piggy biscuit fun in Reception today!

Number Day at Holy Trinity

What a brilliant day it has been!



Just take a look at these amazing number inspired outfits.



Number fun in class



Quiz time!



Thank you for your donations to the NSPCC charity who do amazing work to help to support children and young people. The running total is £294 but there is still time to donate if you would like to.



Year 4 began their new Art unit of sculpture by developing ideas for 3D work through drawing and visualisation in 2D. They used their whole arm to draw big shapes with chalk, and focused on trying to use curved lines to suggest the 3D shapes.

Nursery Application Deadline for September 2024 (children born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021)

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery from September 2024, please be aware that the deadline for submitting your forms is 5pm on Monday 12th February (the Monday in Half Term). For more information please see our website https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions/544973

HOTS NOTICES

Lego Competition - Voting Open!

This year we had so many wonderful entries from all age groups - thank you. We have such an amazing group of creative and innovative minds! A winning creation will be selected from KS1, and KS2 age groups. Please click on the link to vote for your favourite from the shortlist: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Q28ZVN>

Save the NEW Date - Spring Disco - Friday 15th March

We've changed the date of the spring disco so that it does not clash with the Y6 French trip! We're glad more people will be able to make it. Like last year, there will be a KS1 disco from 5.30-6.30 and a KS2 disco from 6.45-8. Tickets will be available after half term!

Donations of Football kit needed

We often donate second hand uniform to the children of Kibera in Kenya. The school there is really trying to get more children involved in football, so if you have any pre-loved football kits age 7+ please do consider donating to this cause. Please hand them in, along with any pre-loved school uniform, either to staff on the gate at drop off or to the school office.

Many thanks,

The HOTS Committee

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Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Our school is very involved in the Mental Health in Schools Team programme. As a result of this, we are able to make referrals to an Educational Wellbeing Practitioner. These professionals are trained to support families with anxiety in children and any low level behavioural issues. Do take a look at our website, which also has a referral form you can access. https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/health_and_well-being/334137

Protecting our children's health – MMR (Measles Mumps and Rubella) vaccination

I'm sure you'll be aware of the recent measles outbreak in Birmingham and the West Midlands which has been widely reported in the news (216 confirmed measles cases and 103 probable cases since 1 October last year). This situation is escalating, and Public Health are seeing 60-70 cases of measles per week. The attached letter from Public Health was sent to me and provides details of how we can share information about immunisation clinics in a variety of home languages. Do take a look at the attached letter.

NEAT Camp – February Half Term

NEAT will be running 3 days of sports camps at Holy Trinity during half term. Please see the attached flyer for details. To make a booking please see <https://neat.pembee.app/activity/65a7ad35f83708df69394460>

Please see the message below from NEAT regarding differences in pricing of the camps.

We have had a few enquiries in regards to the difference in cost with NEAT camps this February half term. The reason for the price difference is that our camp at Garfield School is government funded and the cost of the venue also plays a part in this. At Holy Trinity there are less children who are part of the HAF government programme therefore funding is not currently available at Holy Trinity however this is something we are looking into in time for our next camp at Easter, this means the cost of camp will be able to be brought down.

We hope this clears up any confusion. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks - The NEAT team

A message from Merton libraries

We're looking for children aged 10-13 to feature in a promotional video for Merton Libraries.

They need to be available on Wednesday 7 February between 5.30pm-6pm and able to travel to Wimbledon Library. Participants will be filmed using some of our Makerspace equipment, including VR (virtual reality) headsets.

If interested please contact marketing.assistant@merton.gov.uk with your child's names, age, and your contact details by Tuesday 5 Feb.

Please note: children need to come in their own clothes, not school uniform.

Half Term Activ Camps @ Wimbledon College



Click on the link for more information <https://www.activcamps.com/store/wimbledon-college/>

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2024

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)

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETs Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September)

Children start back Wednesday 4th 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 6th January 2025)

Children start back Tuesday 7th 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 2nd June 2025)

Children start back after half term Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22nd July 2025)

Children break up Monday 21st July 2025.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September)

Children start back Wednesday 3rd 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 5th January)

Children start back Tuesday 6th 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 1st June)

Children start back after half term Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20th July)

Children break up Friday 17th July 2026

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

Date	Time	Event
5 th – 9 th February		Children's Mental Health Week
6 th February		School Eucharist
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
8 th March		International Women's Day
11 th March		Year 5 @ Royal Albert Hall for Merton Music Foundation Performance
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
13 th March	17.00-18.00	NSPCC Online Safety Parent Workshop – this will be held online and further details of how to join the workshop will be given nearer the time
15 th March	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share My Learning– an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France
18 th – 22 nd March		Science Week and Neurodiversity Week
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
26 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
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
24 th – 28 th June		Book Fair in school
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

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards