

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

As you may know, every Friday we hold Celebration Worship, where we celebrate the achievements of our children, both in school, and out of school. It's so wonderful to see all that the children participate in. This morning we congratulated all of the children who participated in the recent Siegeris Dance Show at Epsom Playhouse. I understand it was a superb performance, and that many of our pupils, both past and present, were involved. Many congratulations to everyone involved.





Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Kew Gardens on Tuesday. They learnt more about their topic on the rainforest and explored the different types of climates whilst attending the orchid festival.

Isabella, from 3T, said, “We went to the Beehive in Kew and had a workshop about bees. The lady gave us stickers at the end because she said we were naturals at doing bee activities!”

Jerome, from 3T, said, “I liked it when we saw the cocoa beans in the glasshouse. They smelt like vanilla and we could touch them.”

100 stories

The classroom hums with waiting.
Each desk astride its chair.
The books at rest hold untold worlds
their pages long to share.

A board that boasts its history
in pen which left a mark.
In cupboards, puzzle pieces
seek belonging in the dark.

The pencils lie, uneven,
some are broken, some have strayed.
Erasers worn from taking back
ideas halfway made.

A door that keeps the world away
while inspiration calls.
100 stories told in words
and pictures up the walls.

The clock requests the day to start,
and noises fill the air
The stillness of the morning
shifts with motion everywhere.

The smallest solar system with
a blueprint all its own.
Four walls that house a family
not far away from home.

Another new beginning,
Full of learning, full of play.
100 brand new stories
will be written here today.

A poem by Mrs Aasa

Poetry Competition



Do you love to write?
Are you a poet and you know it?

Then enter your poem into the Holy Trinity poetry competition!

The theme is 'Spring'

You could write about:

- How Spring makes you feel
- What colours you see in Spring
- What changes the new season brings
- Anything that makes you think of Spring

There will be prizes for the winners and the winning poems will be displayed in the school.

Your poem can be any style, any length and can be rhyming or non-rhyming.

Resources and entry forms can be found on class pages on the Learning Platform.

Please submit your entries by Friday 17th March via the envelope by the office.

Good luck and happy writing!

Strike Days

Thank you for your support this week. The NEU's next proposed strike days are 15th and 16th March 2023. I will let you know in due course whether any of our classes will be affected on those days.

STEM Occupations

We are looking for parents/carers who might be able to support us during our Science Week. As part of our **Science week (week commencing 20th March 2023)** later on this half-term, we would love to hear from any of our parents/carers who are in the field of **STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, Maths)**, who might be willing to come in and speak to the children about their role. This will only take up an hour of your time. If you are interested in being involved, please email Mrs Niemann at beth.niemann@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk
Thank you!

Science Dress Up Day

To celebrate our Science Week, we will be **dressing up on Friday, 24th March**. The theme of our week is **'Connections'**. Feel free to be as creative as possible with your costumes using the theme or any science related link- this may be related to a science topic you've covered, a scientist, a science occupation/job or your favourite scientific discovery. There will be prizes for the most creative costumes!

Smart Watches with Cameras

It has come to our attention, that some children are wearing smart watches that can take photographs and videos. We have a number of children in our school who are not allowed to have their photograph taken for safeguarding reasons. From Monday, watches which have this facility are not to be brought into school. If they are, the teacher will take them, and return them to the child at the end of the day to take home. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Governor Committee Clerk required

We are looking for a clerk to take the minutes at our governor committee meetings. This is a voluntary post. Might you have a few hours a term to spare please to serve in this way? If you would like more information please email Shipra Gupta (Chair of Governors) at governors@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Room available?

One of our families at school is in need of support. Does anyone have, or know of, a room that might be available for a family to stay in short-term? If you think you might be able to help, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Share My Learning Date Change

I'm afraid we have had to change the date of *Share My Learning* for some of our year groups. The dates are as follows:

- Friday 17th March – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6
- Wednesday 22nd March – Years 3, 4, 5

HOTS notices

Spring Fling Disco

Friday 21st April will be the Spring Fling Disco 🍷🍦🌸 Tickets will go on sale this weekend and it promises to be a lot of fun!

We can only hold a limit number of adults so we encourage 1 adult to bring up to 5 children for KS2 and one adult to bring up to 3 children for Nursey and KSI. There will be a bar to keep the adults occupied!

Nursery and KSI disco is 5.30-6.30pm

KS2 disco is 6.45-8pm

If you can volunteer on the day please do email us at hotsemail@gmail.com

Summer Fair

We are excited to announce that **the SUMMER FAIR will take place on Saturday 24th June!** Please save the date and more information will follow.

HOTS Committee

Finally, we are still looking for new **HOTS committee members and a Chair or two Co-Chairs** for the year ahead. The committee is a great way to **meet new people** and get involved in a **really positive role in the community**. The time commitment is minimal- one zoom call per half term and helping where you can on events.

We raise a lot of money for the school and get to decide where the money is spent and **see it put into action in real time!** It's truly a brilliant way to give back to the school and the community. If you're interested but unsure, feel free to email hotsemail@gmail.com with any questions.

Very best

The HOTS committee

Beat the Streets is coming to Merton!

On Monday, the *Beat the Streets* team are coming to Holy Trinity to tell the children about this new initiative. Do take a look at the information below, and scan the QR code, to find out more.

15 March – 26 April 2023

Beat the Street

Merton

Play the free, fun, walking, cycling and rolling game!

Create a team with your friends and colleagues or join your school team and you could win loads of great prizes. Visit beatthestreet.me to find out more.



Visit new places, have fun and win prizes!

Check out your dashboard to see what awards you have earned and which ones you can still play for. You can play using cards or our Beat the Street App (age 13+)



How to play



1 Create your Beat the Street account on our website at beatthestreet.me/merton or by downloading our Beat the Street App via Google Play or the App Store.



2 Add family members, and register a card to player profiles. Set up a team or join an existing one.



3 Start your journey. Find your nearest Beat Box using paper or digital map and hover your card at the contactless Beat Box until it beeps and flashes. If playing with the app, tap the Beat Box icon on your phone and swipe to collect points.



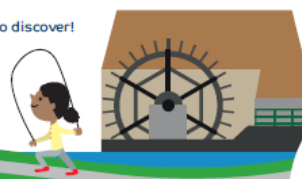
4 Visit 2 Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Beat Box – this is 20 points for the journey.



5 Carry on your journey. Score 10 points for each extra Box you visit.

By playing with the Beat the Street App you can get access to exclusive features! Collect Gems, choose an avatar to represent you and raise the competition with our team leaderboards.

There is so much to discover!



Get started



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

NHS Wellbeing Workshops

Online Webinar for Parents: Supporting Common Child Anxieties and Worries – Including Around Exams

20th, 23rd, or 24th March

Anxiety and worries during childhood are completely normal. At the same time, they can cause stress for both children and those supporting them.

This webinar looks at different ways you can:

- Talk with your child about worries
- Identify key worries
- Support your child with their anxieties and worries

And it will provide parents with some key resources.

Sign up for free via Eventbrite:
www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309

Off the Record
Supporting young people with
emotional well-being issues

with Matthew Taylor (Senior Mental Health Practitioner)
& Gosia Pawlowska (Merton Schools Wellbeing Team
Service Manager)

Hear about Merton's Off the Record service for young people aged 11-25
who live in Merton, or have a Merton GP.

Find out how young people can access free & confidential emotional support
ranging from ongoing support via individual online (text-based) & face-to-
face counselling, through to one-off support via a telephone support line,
plus support for parents & carers of young people struggling with self-harm
or school avoidance.

Matthew will also be talking through some strategies you can use at home
with your children.

Thursday 23 March, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)

**In person meeting at Combi Room, Chaucer Centre,
Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX**

(Please confirm by Friday 3 March)

THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR PARENT CARERS ONLY

✓ For more information or to register with Kids First / Adults First and receive news of all our events,
just ring 020 3563 0557 or email kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk.

Attached items:

- Hampton School Music Workshop
- Typing's Cool Easter Club

Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2023

- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17th April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21st July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
(INSETs Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July, so children end Thursday 20th July 2023)

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)

Date	Time	Event
7 th March	9.00	School Eucharist @ school
13 th – 17 th March		Assessment Week
14 th March	PM	Year 3-6 Choirs to SingFest @ St Mark's Church
15 th /16 th March		Potential Teacher Strike Days – information TBC
20 th – 24 th March		Year 6 visit to France Science Week – dress up day 24 th March
17 th March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning NB this is a date change Year 6 Share My Learning
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	Years 3, 4, 5 Share my Learning
27 th – 31 st March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
31 st March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
17 th April		Summer term begins
21 st April	Evening	HOTS Disco
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th May		Extra Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS
10 th – 12 th May		Year 4 to PGL
23 rd May	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
26 th May		Special 125 th Anniversary Celebration – details TBC Break up for half term
5 th June		INSET Day – School closed
6 th June		2 nd half of term begins
5 th June -16 th June		Year 4 Timetables Check Window
12 th June – 16 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
24 th June		Summer Fair
12 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning TBC
20 th July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
21 st July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards