

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.

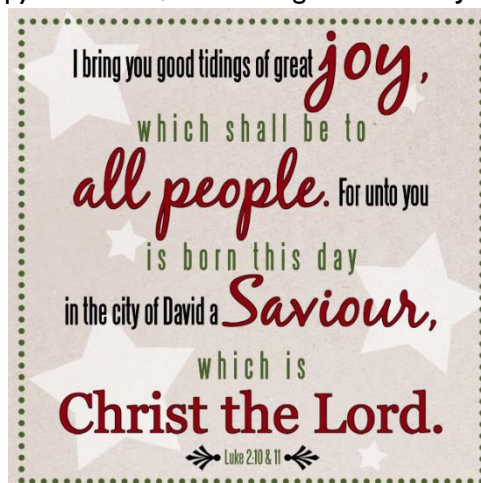
Dear Parents and Carers

I am thrilled to announce that our school has been chosen as a Lead School for Music in the London Southwest Music Hub. This is a huge accolade, and is testament to our strong music tradition and the dedication of Miss Neil-Smith.

We have enjoyed a week of Christmas songs, Nativity plays and Christmas lunches! We're looking forward to the Nursery Nativity and our KS2 Carol Services next week.



I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus.





Year 5 learnt so much during their World War I Day today.

Does your work company donate laptops/devices to schools?

We have been made aware of some schools who have had laptops/devices donated by companies that their parents work for. Do contact me (headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) if you think your company has a similar scheme. Thank you so much.

End of Term and start of Spring Term

Just a reminder that term ends at **2.00pm** on **Friday 19th December**.

The Spring term begins on Tuesday 6th January 2026 (Monday 5th January 2026 is an INSET day).

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Nursery Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Tuesday 16th 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.

Carol Services – 16th/ 18th 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 16th December**, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on **Thursday 18th 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 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.

A message from our librarian

Please could you have a good look round at home this weekend and ensure that all school library books are returned to school before Friday 19th December. Thank you very much.

HOTS Update

Join Our PTA (HOTs) as Treasurer!

Do you have a talent for numbers, keeping a budget, and making a meaningful impact at our school? HOTs is looking for a dedicated **Treasurer** to help guide our charity efforts and support programs that enrich every student's experience. If you're keen or just want to talk more about what's involved, please get in touch via email

hotsemail@gmail.com.



Merton Education Wellbeing Service is offering relaxed, lunchtime 1-2-3 Magic sessions for parents looking for support with their child's ADHD, starting on 15 January. They're perfect for parents of children in Years 1-4 who have recently been diagnosed with ADHD or who may be showing signs.

Find out more and sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/xvk2LbnkK0> - they also offer 1:1 sessions for supporting children with common behaviour challenges, fears and worries – find out more here: [Early Years & Primary Parent Application Form Merton Education Wellbeing Service – Fill out form](#)

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

Education Wellbeing Service

Supporting your child's ADHD – 123 Magic Parent Group

For parents with primary school aged children who have been recently diagnosed or where ADHD is suspected

- Parents of Primary school aged children, years 1-4.
- For parents with primary school aged children who have been recently diagnosed or where ADHD is strongly suspected
- Understanding the ADHD brain
- Parenting Strategies and Tools that can support your child's needs and reduce stress at home
- Options for support including sensory tools.
- Awareness of support available in your local area

When & Where?

- Five sessions online on Microsoft Teams (laptop/tablet recommended).
- Each session will last one hour. You would need to be able to attend all four sessions.
- Thursdays 12.00pm-1.00pm starting Thursday the 15th of January 2026
- Sign up before Wednesday the 17th of December

Scan the QR code or follow the link to view further details and to sign-up

Click here to [sign up](#)

Merton ADHD Primary Parents Online Group - Application Form

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Education Wellbeing Service

Parent Feeding Group for Children with Autism

Feeding challenges are common for children with autism, especially between ages 4 and 8. These can include strong food preferences, sensitivity to certain textures, sticking to only a few familiar foods, or needing mealtimes to follow a very specific routine. These patterns can affect nutrition and make family life such as mealtimes, social activities, and daily routines more stressful.

Many children also experience eating-related anxiety, which can lead to worry before meals, refusal, or meltdowns, making picky eating even harder to manage.

Who is the programme for?
Parents of children with a formal diagnosis of Autism between the ages of 4 and 8 years old.

The programme is designed to support parents in understanding the links between anxiety and feeding challenges and to provide practical tools to reduce stress around mealtimes. The study will involve group sessions, questionnaires and a focus group that will be formed at the end of the intervention to gather feedback about the benefits of the intervention.

How will the group run?
The group will run **in person** with a total of 8 sessions over 6 weeks. You will be committing to the following:

- 5 weekly sessions of 90 minutes.
- 1 session with your child of up to 45 minutes in clinic.
- 1 virtual feedback group session of 90 minutes.
- 1 in person group follow up session of 90 minutes.

How to sign up
If you would like to take part in an **in person** parent feeding group that will run for **6 consecutive weeks** on Monday Mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am, please scan the QR code, or click on the link below to complete the referral form.

Following referral parents will be sent a food diary electronically to have a better understanding of your child's food repertoire. Parents will then be booked in for an initial assessment session to discuss current concerns.

Where: DBT Clinic, Birches Close, Mitcham, CR4 4LQ
6 Mondays from 12/01/2026 10-11:30am
Free onsite parking available

<https://forms.office.com/e/3t0jeps4k1>

SIGN UP!

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wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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Parent/Carer Webinars

Primary Spring Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these free local NHS webinars for Primary parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties, or support children's everyday challenging behaviours. Speak to your school to find out more.

Promoting Sibling Harmony
26TH January 7.00-8.00pm
27TH January 1.30-2.30pm

Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND
(For parents & carers of children aged 7 years and above)
9TH February 7.00 - 8.30pm
10TH February 1.30 - 3.00pm

Supporting common child anxieties and worries including around exams
24TH March 1.00 - 2.00pm
26TH March 7.00 - 8.00pm

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Parent/Carer Webinars

Early Years Spring/Summer Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these free local NHS webinars for nursery/reception parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties, or support children's everyday challenging behaviours. Speak to your school to find out more.

Feeding and its difficulties in the Early years
14TH January 6.00-7.30pm

Starting early - how to help your child learn practical skills at a young age
23RD February 8.15 - 9.30pm
27TH February 12.00 - 1.00pm

Managing big feelings in small people; tantrums, aggression & how to respond
20TH April 8.00 - 9.00pm
24TH April 12.00 - 1.00pm

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The discussion will be facilitated by researchers within the South West London and St George's NHS Mental Health Trust

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or email: info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

Give your child a confidence boost for the new year

The Junior Lawyers Club runs fun, engaging online workshops for ages 9+ where children practise public speaking, debate real-world scenarios and develop quick thinking through games and challenges. Led by professional lawyers and actors, sessions run after school or at weekends and can be joined from home.

Find out more at www.juniorlawyersclub.co.uk

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 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

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

- First day: Tuesday 1 September 2026
(INSET Days Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September)

Children start back Thursday 3 September 2026

- Last day Friday 18 December 2026
- Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

Spring Term 2027

- First day: Monday 4 January 2027
(INSET Day Monday 4 January 2027)
Children start back Tuesday 5 January 2027
- Last day: Thursday 25 March 2027
- Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

Summer Term 2027

- First day: Monday 12 April 2027
- Last day: Wednesday 21 July 2027
(INSET Day Wednesday 21 July)
Children end Tuesday 20 July 2027
- Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027
(INSET Day Monday 7 June)
Children return from half term Tuesday 8 June 2027

Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
16 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	14.00	Break up
5 th January 2026		INSET Day – School closed
6 th January 2026		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
8 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
19 th – 23 rd January		Science Week
29 th January	9.00	Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with SEND, led by Merton's SEND Outreach Worker
5 th February	19.00	Smartphone Free Schools – talk for parents/carers by the Unplugged Coalition
10 th February		Safer Internet Day
13 th February		Break up for half term
23 th February		Spring 2 term begins
23 rd – 27 th February		3H Swimming
2 nd – 6 th March		Book Week including World Book Day 6 th March
2 nd – 13 th March		Assessment weeks
9 th – 13 th March		3T Swimming
16 th – 20 th March		
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 rd – 27 th March		Year 6 in France
27 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter
13 th April		Summer 1 starts
13 th – 16 th April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
20 th – 24 th April		Art Week
22 nd April		Earth Day
6 th – 8 th May		Year 4 PGL
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
21 st May		Cultural Day
22 nd May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		Summer 2 term begins
2 nd – 5 th June		Sports Week
2 nd – 5 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
15 th – 19 th June		Assessment Week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
13 th July		DT Day
17 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
17 th July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Headteacher