

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.

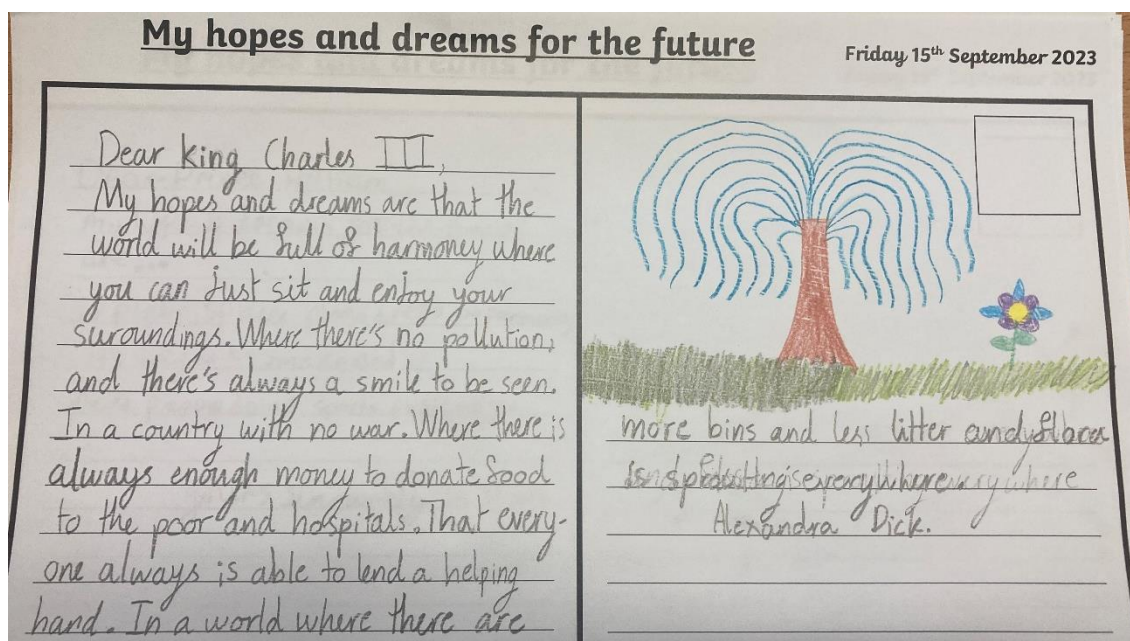
Dear Parents and Carers

We are thrilled to have welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children to Holy Trinity this week. They have settled in so well – you should be so proud of your children!

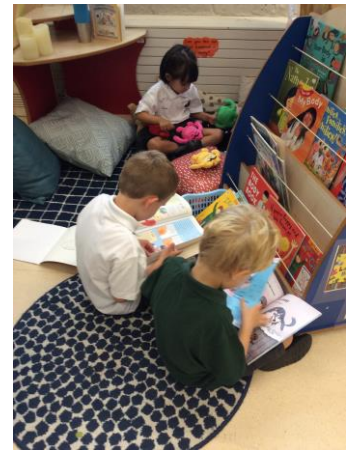
The children (and staff) have been thoroughly enjoying our whole school project, *Growing Our Future*. Thank you so much for your contributions to our green spaces, planters and gardens.

Every Friday we hold Celebration Worship. Certificates are awarded, but it is also an opportunity for children to share anything from home, for example, music or dance certificates, sporting medals or trophies. We have even had children bringing in medals that their parents/carers have been awarded. We love to hear what the children are doing out of school, and celebrate with them.

Please may I remind you that I have an Open Door Policy, and am always willing to meet with parents/carers. Do email me in the first instance at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk



After reading *The Promise*, Year 4 wrote their hopes and dreams for the future.



Reception children 'getting busy' in their first week at school. They also made rice cake faces to show different emotions!



Art inspired by the book, *The Promise*.

'LOVE FOR WRITING' JOURNALS

We are continuing our 'Love for Writing' focus this year across the whole school. The aim is to inspire the children to write for pleasure and purpose and for them to have a sense of ownership over their writing.

We would like all pupils to have a personal writing journal to use in school. This will be used to write about events, write creatively and a chance for pupils to write freely as authors.

Please help your child to choose a sturdy A5 lined notebook to bring to school next week. They can decorate their journal any way they wish.

For their first piece of writing, pupils are asked to complete a piece of writing with the title 'My Garden'. This could be a real or imaginary garden; it could be a space garden or a Dinosaur garden; it could be a poem, a story or a description. We ask that they complete this at home and bring their journals to school by the end of next week.



Thank you for your support.

The Maths Home Learning Journals have arrived!



The Maths Home Learning Journals will be labelled and distributed next week. I am awaiting a response from White Rose Hub (our maths scheme provider) with regards to the answers for the journals. As soon as I hear back from them, I will update you via the Friday bulletin. Mrs Witting.

Exciting Maths Missions



Click the link to access some exciting maths missions & treasure hunts every month.

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/maths_missions/653465

Meet the Teacher Sessions

I hope you found the Meet the Teacher sessions helpful. We will rearrange the Year 4 session as soon as possible.

Drop off and Pick up

We are thrilled with the way the children have been coming into school. It would help so much if parents/carers are able to drop their children and then leave as soon as possible. In the afternoons, it would be so helpful if you could wait towards the middle of the playground, this enables the teachers to see parents/carers more clearly. Year 1 parents, it's fine for you to wait on the astro-turf.

PE Uniform and clubs/trials

If your child attends a before or after school sport club, then they are able to wear their PE uniform to school on these days. They do not need to bring their uniform to change in to. This applies to the forthcoming trials too.

Play Equipment/Trim Trail

This is just a reminder that children should not play on the trim trail or any playground equipment before or after school. Thank you.

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.

Class Contact Lists

If you would like to be put in contact with other parents/ carers in your child's class please email sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk and we will connect you.

Please note that you do not have to share your details with others in the class/ year group if you don't want to, and you don't have to join a class WhatsApp group. Any communication on WhatsApp or parent-initiated email groups is not managed by the school. All official communications from the school will come out via IRIS ParentMail, the school's Learning Platform, or very occasionally individual emails from the class teacher. The school will not use other parents to share official information on our behalf.

European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26th September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages. This is a celebration of all the different languages around the world (not just in Europe!) and is designed to promote the importance of language learning and protect the linguistic heritage.

Already in KS2 French lessons, children have been sharing with their classes different languages that they might speak at home and their experiences of other cultures and we look forward to celebrating this further later this month. Parents are warmly welcome to come into school during this week to read a story to their child's class in another language or simply talk about their culture. Please do email Madame Poleviou (KS2 French teacher) to discuss further anthia.poleviou@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk.

Useful Information regarding health matters

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

Do you know anyone fabulous who might like a role in our After School Club?

We are looking to appoint one or more proactive and enthusiastic After School Club Assistants to work from 3pm to 6pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with the possibility of additional work to cover occasional staff

absence on the other days of the week. You must be warm and responsive, able to work flexibly as part of a team to provide a high-quality stimulating environment for the children in our care.

If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested in either of the vacancies please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

**BAME VOICE WITH
MERTON CLIMATE ACTION GROUP**

Invite you to:

"BREAK EVERY CHAIN"

CHAINS OF HISTORICAL OPPRESSION, ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION, EMOTIONAL RECOVERY

DATE: SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023 11 am - 5 pm

FEATURING:

- EXCITING CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVITIES
- LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS & PERFORMING ARTISTS —
- EMMANUEL THE MAGNIFICENT ACROBATIC DANCERS & DRUMMERS
- STALLS—HEALTH & WELLBEING, YOUTH GROUPS

VENUE: NEW CENTRE COURT GROUND FLOOR
WIMBLEDON SW19 8YE
Buses 57,93,163,164,200
Tram, Train, Tube close by.

Logos: BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic Voice), merton, CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING NOW, and two images of a tree in a desert and a tree in a lush green field.

AFC Wimbledon

☐ We are looking for people to step up, get active and improve local lives. 🏈

On Saturday 30 September we have two fun, football fundraising events back-to-back in Wimbledon Park.

Starting at 10.30am we have the Wombles Cup, a children's 5-a-side football tournament. Followed by the Wombles Walk at 1pm. This is a 5km sponsored walk from Wimbledon Park back to Plough Lane to watch an AFC Wimbledon play Tranmere Rovers.

Everyone is welcome to play football, walk and help us raise funds to get more local people active, to improve their mental and physical health.

- All fundraisers will get a FREE ticket to the game
- Tickets are £15 per adult and £5 for under 18s
- Adults should aim to raise £100 and under 18s just £30 for our community work

☐ Find out more, sign up and be part of the Wombles Cup and / or the Wombles Walk 2023 🎯

www.afcwimbledonfoundation.com/wombles-cup

Attached Items:

- Wimbledon College Open Evening
- Burntwood School Open Events

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
22 nd September	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
26 th September	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
26 th September	18.30	Reception Curriculum Evening
5 th October	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
11 th October	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 15 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
16-20 th October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 th October		Break up for half term
30 th October		Autumn 2 begins
7 th November		School Eucharist @ school
9 th November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
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
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 TBC
19 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
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

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards