

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

Happy new year to you all. I hope you enjoyed a special time with your family and friends during the Christmas period. It has been lovely to see the children running back into school, with the added excitement of a sprinkling of snow on Tuesday!

A Prayer for Our School Community at the New Year

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of a new year, for the new beginnings it brings, and for the unchanging certainty of your love. As we step into this new year, we pray for our whole school community: our pupils, teachers, staff, and families. Grant our pupils wisdom, courage, and joy as they learn and grow. Protect them from harm, guide them in their friendships, and help them discover the purpose You have for them.

Please fill our teachers and staff, with your grace, patience, and strength. May they feel your presence in the challenges and triumphs of each day, and be a blessing to all they meet.

May our whole community live in peace, showing kindness and understanding to one another, reflecting Christ's love in all we do.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord, just as you promise to do new things. Help us to trust you in all the uncertainties ahead, knowing you are with us always.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Year 4, as part of their science unit on sound, made their own musical instruments this week. They enjoyed performing to their class.



In KS2 French lessons this week, the children have been learning about Epiphany celebrations in France (La fête des Rois) and their cultural and religious significance. We have been talking about the special cake (La Galette des Rois) with the hidden figurine (la fève) and how the finder of the figurine gets to be the King or Queen for the day. The children also enjoyed the traditional French song "J'aime la Galette" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qooy_7gnlfk



This week, the nursery children enthusiastically immersed themselves in role play as doctors, nurses, police officers and builders as part of our topic *People Who Help Us*. Chairs became waiting rooms and emergency vehicles, and they even created a surprisingly cosy-looking jail. They also had a visit from Scott's mum, who told them about her job as a psychologist.

Science Week – 19th to 23rd January 2026

Science Week is fast approaching and the theme this year is 'Curiosity'. To help us celebrate, we will hold our annual Science dress-up day on **Friday the 23rd of January**. Our theme this year is '**Curious Creatures and Scientists**'. Maybe your child wants to be an alien from outer space, or a mythical creature in disguise? Maybe they want to be a mad scientist or entomologist, which is totally bug-obsessed! What about a mixture of the two in the form of a creature pretending to be a scientist, with a tail hanging out of the back of their lab coat? The possibilities are endless and we can't wait to see everyone's creative costumes!

Smartphone Free Schools – A date for your diary

On **Thursday 5th February 2026** at 6.30pm, Jennifer Powers, from the Unplugged Coalition (<https://unpluggedcoalition.com/>) will be coming to deliver a talk for parents/carers about reclaiming childhood from addictive technology. I heard her speak at a recent meeting for headteachers, and she was inspiring. Do put the date in your diary.

Census Day Menu Change

To encourage all of our children to have a school meal on Thursday 15th January 2026 (Census Day – we get funded on the number of children who have a hot school meal on that day!), Caterlink have changed the menu to the following:



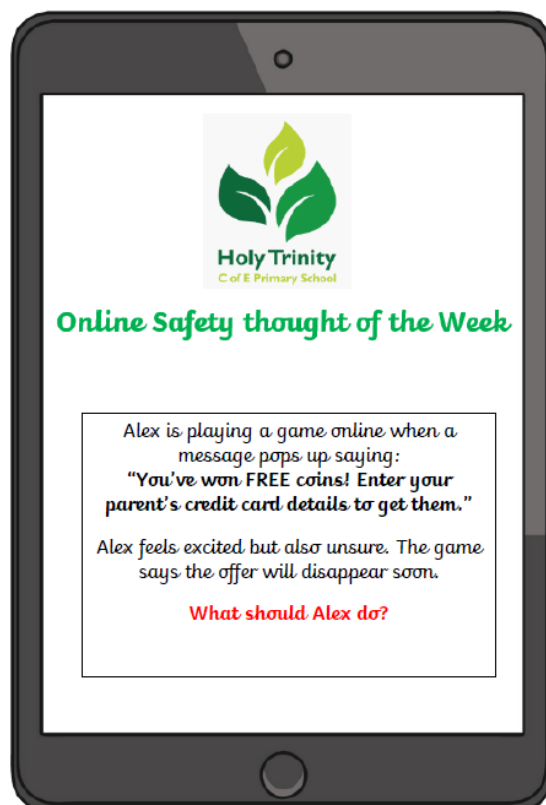
Please note that the Margherita Pizza Bread, will be normal Margherita pizza!

Even if your child normally brings a packed lunch, why not encourage them to opt for a school lunch next Thursday 15th January. Children will choose their lunch as usual in the morning of that day. Special diets will be catered for. There will be no jacket potatoes on offer on that day.

Roblox Online Safety Video

To consider watching this video to help you support your child staying safe online when playing Roblox.

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/roblox-parent-guide/>



Competition Time Languages Competition December 2025

Let's Go Shopping!

(Richmond and Merton Primary Languages Network Competition!)

Create a poster, booklet, mini book or short video, **write** a story or poem. You could even **perform** a song or role play related to the shopping theme (naming clothes, foods, gadgets, prices etc).

One rule – Your entry must be in a foreign language!

There will be prizes in school for the best entries, and external prizes too!

Closing Date: Wednesday 21st January
Please give your entries to me (Madame Poleviou) or your class teacher!







HOTS Update

Thank you everyone for your continued support, HOTS had a record Autumn Term for fundraising with over £11.2k generated. This will all go towards funding school projects. Please do refer to our Newsletter sent via ParentMail in December for more details.

This year we have a few events up our sleeve already.

BEETLE DRIVE - Friday 6th February, PM

This is a new event for us, and one for the whole family as adults and children play together. Essentially, it's an old-school game where tables compete against each other by rolling a dice to draw a beetle first - each number on the dice corresponds to a body part. It's a bit silly, a bit chaotic, but LOTS of fun. There will be prizes at the end of the night, as well as a licensed bar and snack stall.

Tickets are due to go on sale next week and are limited, so be quick!

PARENTS' QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 20th March, PM - PENDING

Some of you may know our tremendous quizmasters have left HOTS as their children have now moved onto secondary school. This means **we are in need of someone to take on the Quiz Night** - do you love the event and don't want to see it disappear? Is there a secret quizmaster inside you? Do you fancy having a go at organising a HOTS event?

Please email HOTSemail@gmail.com or pass on your details via your class rep to prevent this event from being cancelled!

SPRING DISCO - Friday 24th April, PM

Shake off the cobwebs with our Spring Disco, a hugely popular event with separate KS1 and KS2 sessions.

SUMMER FAIR - Saturday 27th June, 12-4pm

Our biggest fundraiser of the whole year and a wonderful way to celebrate our pupils, staff and parents whilst saying goodbye to the school year. There will be stalls from each year group so please do make a note of the date for your diary. Not to be missed!

Parent Webinar Opportunity

Join [Voicebox](#) for a **free 1-hour online webinar** for parents and carers of boys and young people of all genders in Merton. Our Parent Webinar is designed to help parents and carers understand and respond to the messages boys and young people are receiving about **masculinity**, and to support them in growing into **confident, caring** and **emotionally resilient** people.

DATE: Wednesday 28th January 2026

TIME: 6pm - 7pm

The link to the [Google Form](#) where parents / carers can sign up: <https://forms.gle/fWpGa5QGyU5wfATE7>

Layout of session:

Led by Voicebox the webinar will take place on **Zoom** and will last 1 hour.

Understanding masculinity

What is masculinity? What makes it unhealthy or healthy? This webinar explores how ideas about masculinity are shaped, where they come from, and how they impact the emotional and social development of boys and young people today.

The context of masculinity in the 21st century

We'll explore the wider social context shaping boys' beliefs and behaviours—including the influence of social media, online influencers, "the [Manosphere](#)", and pathways to online radicalisation. We'll also discuss the challenges many boys and young men face, from mental health struggles to peer pressure and gender expectations.

Promoting healthy masculinity at home

You'll gain practical strategies for:

- Encouraging healthy, respectful ideas about masculinity
- Promoting positive male role models
- Modelling empathy, care and emotional openness
- Responding to harmful attitudes or behaviours in everyday life

We'll also share further reading and resources to support ongoing conversations at home.

Free Broncos Tickets

London Broncos are entering an exciting new era under new ownership, with a renewed focus on inspiring the next generation and growing the game in our community. They are delighted to invite local community groups to be part of this journey by joining them on **Saturday 18th January at 3pm** for their first home game of the Championship season, as they take on Widnes.

Free tickets can be accessed via the [club website](#). Please use the code - **mertonssp**

2nd Wimbledon Brownies have spaces

Second Wimbledon Brownies have space for this term. We have an action planned term including a residential weekend! We meet on Tuesdays at Marchard Hall 6pm - 7:15pm. If you would like to sign up your daughter for this term we have put the link below. Please contact Natasha or Dani on secondwimbledonbrownies@outlook.com if you would like more information or use the sign up link <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

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

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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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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Term Dates 2025-2026

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
19 th – 23 rd January		Science Week Dress-up Day Friday 23rd January
29 th January	9.00	Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with SEND, led by Merton's SEND Outreach Worker
5 th February	18.30	Smartphone Free Schools – talk for parents/carers by the Unplugged Coalition
6th February	Evening	HOTS' Beetle Drive
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 2 nd – 6 th March		3H Swimming
26th February	AM TBC	Multiplication Workshop for Year 2 parents/carers
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 16 th – 20 th March		3T Swimming
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
20th March	Evening	HOTS Parent Quiz Night TBC
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
24th April	Evening	HOTS' Disco

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
27 th June	12.00 – 16.00	Summer Fair
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 Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

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