

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

It has been a jam-packed week full of exciting learning, visits around London, and workshops.

We are looking forward to hosting Councillor Kenny and Merton Music Foundation next week for a showcase on music. We were specially chosen by MMF, due to our outstanding music, and extra-curricular activities.



Nursery this week explored the nursery rhyme, Incy Wincey Spider. They have loved creating their own spiders and webs. The children really enjoyed listening and joining in with our Spider themed stories: The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle; Walter's Web by Tim Hopgood; Incy Wincey Spider by Keith Chapman and There's a Spider in my Bath! By Neil Griffiths.

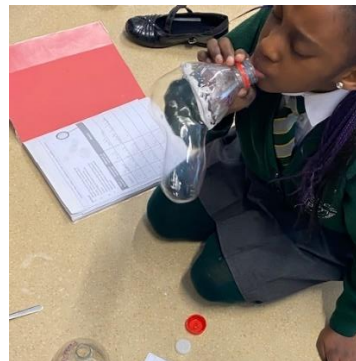
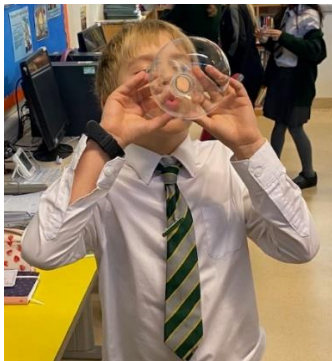




Year 3H had a wonderful time visiting the Wimbledon Museum and Polka Theatre on Thursday to take part in 'The case of the missing Roman'. Fun was had by all!



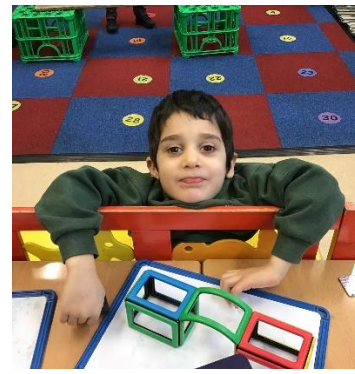
Year 6 had a wonderful time on the London Eye, and a cruise down the River Thames, as part of their English curriculum – they are reading *The London Eye Mystery*.



Year 4 has been learning about states of matter, and last week learned about dissolving and dilution. They conducted an investigation to find out what dilution is needed to make the perfect bubble. Learning whilst having a lot of fun!



As part of their Design and Technology curriculum, Year 1 made their own hand puppets.



Reception have been looking at the fairy tale, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and they acted out the story, thought of their own characters to go over the bridge and had loads of fun creating clay trolls today!

Teacher's Strike

Thank you for your support this week. After half term, I will write again about the arrangements for future days of strike announced by the NEU.

The Learning Platform

This is a reminder that there is a wealth of information about your child's curriculum, and how you can support them with their learning at home on the class pages of the Learning Platform. Your child will have their own log in for this. The teachers update it each week with information about what your child has/will be learning. Any Home Learning is also posted here.

When your child is off sick, teachers will not set work for them to complete, but the Learning Platform would be a good place for you to look if your child is feeling well enough.

Share My Learning

Share My Learning sessions are an opportunity for children to show their parents/carers their work and their classroom.

Share My Learning sessions will be held on the following days:

- Tuesday 7th February, 8.15-8.45am for EYFS and KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Wednesday 8th February 2022, 8.15-8.45am for KS2 (Years 3-6)

If you arrive between 8.15 and 8.30am, please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the Faraday Gate from the playground. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

I understand that for some key workers these times may not be convenient. Please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if this is the case. We will be reviewing the days that we hold *Share My Learning* sessions, to consider whether we can vary them. Do watch this space.

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

Attendance

Our Educational Welfare Officer came into school this week to check the attendance of all of our pupils. She was concerned about the high number of unauthorised holidays that our families have taken already this year. May I remind you that all term-time holiday will be unauthorised.

HOTS Notices

The school PTA is run entirely by parent volunteers. We organise events for children, parents and carers and aim to bring the school community together to connect and have fun. These events raise huge amounts of money for the school and in recent years we have been able to buy the school 30 laptops, new playground equipment ,a new piano, hundreds of new books and much more.

We are looking for **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS** to help us continue this important work and **bring fresh ideas** to the table. It is **not a big time commitment** and can be done alongside a job. **It is incredibly rewarding** and you can make a big impact on the resources available to your child(ren) on a day-to-day basis. If you would like to hear more, please email hotsemail@gmail.com. We can't wait to hear from you :)

The HOTS Committee

Free Adult Cycle Training

Merton offer free cycle training for adults. Training places can be booked by clicking on the following link;

<https://bit.ly/MertonSat>



Dyscalculia Day



SAVE THE DATE: 3 MARCH 2023

Designed to raise awareness of Dyscalculia and maths difficulties, Dyscalculia Day aims to support educators, parents and adults who struggle with maths.

For Educators

Dyscalculia Day Conference
with world leading
Dyscalculia experts

For Parents

Parent Dyscalculia Day
Conference with
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experiences

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FREE Q&A session
with Dyscalculia Network's
Cat Eadle and Rob Jennings



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Attached items:

Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2023

- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 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
6 th – 10 th February		Children's Mental Health Week
7 th February	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th February	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 th February	9.00	Year 6 Parent/Carer meeting about France visit
10 th February		Break up for half term
20 th February		2 nd half of term begins
13 th – 17 th March		Assessment Week
20 th – 24 th March		Year 6 visit to France
21 st March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	KS2 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
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th May		Extra Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS
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		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
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