

Growing together as children of God



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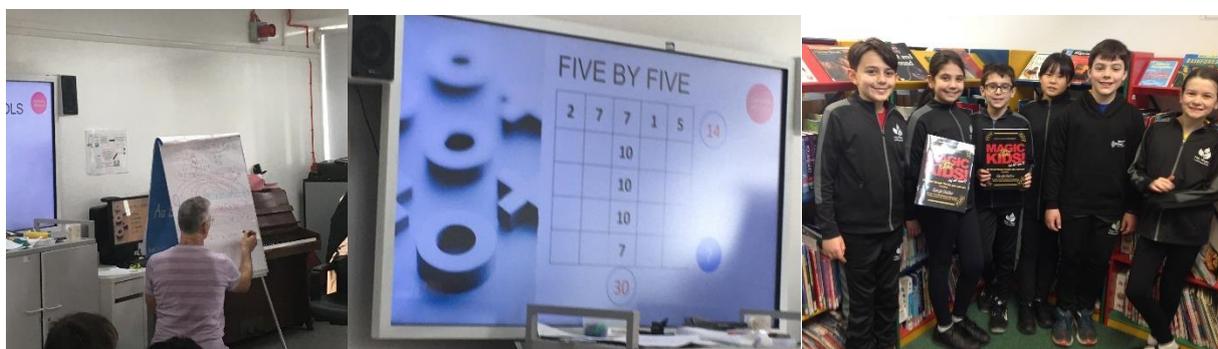
- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting 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 wonderful to see the children back following the half-term break. Whilst this half term is short, it is packed full of exciting learning opportunities, trips and events. We are looking forward to our Book Week next week, not forgetting dress-up day on World Book Day.



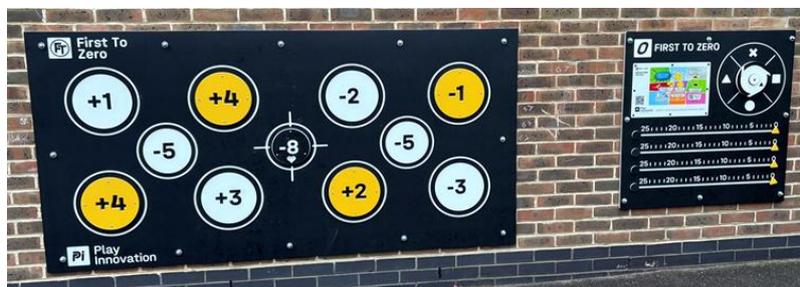
Thank you to those children who came to school in their uniform to mark World Thinking Day and Founder's Day. Here is a picture of some of the children (apologies to 3H who were swimming when the photograph was taken).



On Wednesday, six of Year Five's mightiest mathematicians took part in an A.I.M High workshop at Albemarle Primary School.

It was a very fast-paced, exciting day with games and puzzles designed to speed up mental calculations and stretch the mind. It was led by mathematician and magician, Andrew Jeffrey, whose motto is, "The greatest measure of our intelligence is not how much we know but how we behave when we don't." His aim was to encourage all of us to think differently and to have the mindset of "I don't know but I would like to find out."

We all ended the day feeling inspired and ready to apply our Ninja maths strategies back at school.



Thank you so much to HOTS for funding our latest piece of playground equipment. The children have loved combining their target throwing with their mathematical skills.



Year 2 had fun planting sunflowers this week. We have been giving them lots of water and sunlight and can't wait to watch our flowers grow!



Year 4 have been making mini books in French this week. They have been writing their own stories in French inspired by a French story we have been reading. They have been really creative with both their ideas and their French! Once finished, they then presented their stories to the class (in French of course!)

Police update regarding the incident last half-term

The Police have asked me to let you know that the incident has been thoroughly investigated with the full co-operation of all parties involved and the case has now been closed. We would like to thank everyone for your vigilance and concern and would like to reassure you all that the child and their family are satisfied with the outcome of the investigation and how it has been handled. The Police would like to reassure you that there is no ongoing concern from this incident.

There will be no further updates from the police or from school.

Unauthorised Term Time Absence

Our Educational Welfare Officer was in school this week and was concerned by the number of families taking holiday during term-time. As a result, we will begin to consider issuing penalty notices from now on, for those families who repeatedly take unauthorised leave for holiday. There is a clear correlation between good school attendance and better educational outcomes.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at Holy Trinity! As we are a healthy school, we would ask that children don't bring in cakes or sweets to share with their friends, other items are fine. Thank you so much.

Lent Appeal – Mini-Market

Our House Captains spoke to the children in Worship before half term about our Lent Appeal 2026.

The House Captains have decided to hold a Mini-Market on Friday 20th March 2026 (yes, the same day as *Share My Learning!*), to raise money for different charities.

How the Mini-Market will work

The Mini-Market will be coordinated by the House Captains, but run by the KS2 children. Children in Years 3-6 will form small groups of between 3-6 children (if they would like to), and will each decide on a mini-stall or activity to run.

The groups will set up their stalls in the small and large halls, or outside. At least 2 children will 'man' their stall at any one time. Each small group is responsible for providing everything for their stall - this includes all equipment and any prizes.

Year groups will then be allocated times to come and visit the Mini-Market and spend their money (in the form of tokens). Everything will 'cost' one token.

After half-term, we will send another Parentmail, giving information about how parents can pre-order tokens for their child to spend. This will mean that no cash is needed on the day.

The children are very excited about this!

I am sure there will be a number of questions, so do not hesitate to email me if you need to know more information.

Dr Porritt (Librarian & 3H)

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



NAME OF BOOK:
The Murder Most Unladylike Series

AUTHOR:
Robin Stevens

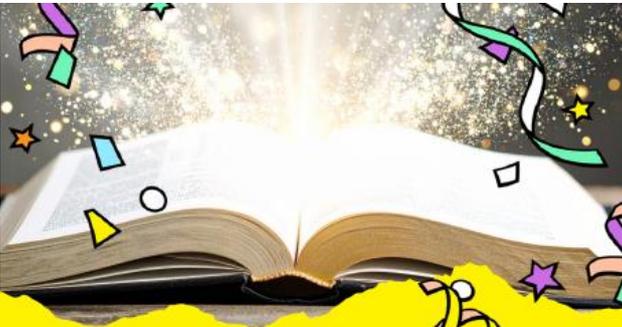
AGE RANGE:
9-12 years

MY STAR RATING

ABOUT THE BOOK:

"The Murder Most Unladylike Series follows schoolgirl detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong as they solve murders that take place in and around their boarding school - Deepdean School for Girls. As Daisy and Hazel become adults, a new series starting in 1940 follows May Wong (Hazel's sister) in The Ministry of Unladylike Activity."

My daughter suggested I read the first book after she had read it, she said I'd enjoy it and I wasn't disappointed. I have since read the whole series and they are all real page-turners. I enjoy the history element (build up to WWII and then during the war) and love trying to solve the mystery. All the clues are there - can you spot them all and solve the mystery yourself?



**MAGICAL QUESTS PRESENTS:
WORLD BOOK DAY!**

Come celebrate World Book Day at Merton Arts Space with a special bookish mash up by Magical Quests. These are not quite the stories you think you know...

What happens when Goldilocks enters the wrong house or Puss in Boots gives up his boots?

 **Wimbledon Library**

 **Friday 6 March**

 **4:30pm**

For all ages!

To book a space, visit our events platform or scan the QR code:







This event is delivered by Magical Quests made possible by the generous support of The Castle Foundation and The Woolf Trust.



Online Safety thought of the Week

The Mystery Player

The Scenario: You are playing your favourite game on a tablet. Another player you don't know sends you a message that says: *"Hi! I have lots of coins. What is your real name and where do you live? I can send you a present!"*

Discussion Question: Should you tell them your name? What should you do next?

KS1 Online Safety Thought



Online Safety thought of the Week

The Group Chat "Roast"

The Scenario: You are in a WhatsApp group with your class. Two of your friends start making fun of another classmate who is also in the group, posting embarrassing memes of them. Everyone else is sending laughing emojis.

Discussion Question: If you don't say anything, are you part of the problem? What should you do?

KS2 Online Safety Thought

Caterlink Art Competition

We invite pupils to let their imaginations run wild and create an **A4 page of colourful, foodie-inspired landscapes**. Think **broccoli trees, baguette fences**, or even **carrot chimneys** – the more creative, the better!

What's in it for you?

- Winning artwork will feature in Caterlink's primary marketing.
- The winning school will receive a **completed art wall**, or **£200 for the school**, and a **£20 book voucher for the pupil whose design wins**.

How to enter:

- Artwork can be posted to **Caterlink Competition, Hop House, Lower Green Road, Pembury, Kent, TN2 4HS** or scanned and emailed to info@caterlinkltd.co.uk. (please keep the original artwork as this may be needed if you are selected a winner)
- Ensure you include the **pupils name, age and school on the back of the artwork**, or as the title of the picture file. We will also require the full **school's name**, address, and contact (Mrs Rickards) so that we can contact winning entries.
- Entries must be received by 5pm on **31st March 2026**.
- Winning entries will be notified by the end of May 2026.

HOTS Update

QUIZ NIGHT, Friday 20th March from 19:15

Time to get swotting, the ever popular HOTS Quiz Night is back! Join us for a child-free evening of trivia, light-hearted competition and big fun.

This year is extra special as we have a pizza van, Made of Dough, coming to provide delicious freshly-made, wood-fired pizzas. Yum! There will also be a fully licensed bar selling drinks, snacks and sweet treats.

Teams can be ANY size up to 8 people, if you have fewer than 8 we can try and play matchmaker on request. Please note teams under 4 people may automatically get paired up to ensure we can accommodate as many as possible. Either way please book together under one booking so we can plan capacity.

Doors open at 7.15pm, Pizza at 7.30pm, and Quiz starts 8pm sharp!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventld=112928>

EASYFUNDRAISING - Holiday Booking

Thinking ahead to your holidays this year?

Many travel companies have signed up to Easy Fundraising including Eurocamp, Tui, Booking.com, P&O Ferries, Brittany Ferries and Disneyland Paris...

Enter their website through your Easy Fundraising account and, should you make a booking, they will donate to HOTS at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!**

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Education
Wellbeing
Service



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting common child anxieties and worries including around exams

It can be hard sometimes to know how best to support your child's fears and worries. This webinar provides a range of guidance, tips and tools for supporting common childhood fears and worries, including around exams.

We will look at different ways you can:

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

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 24th March
1.00-2.00pm



Scan the
QR code
or
[click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event
for free on Eventbrite
by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out
our other events by
[clicking here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Thursday 26th March
7.00-8.00pm



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MULTI SPORTS CAMP

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

£44 PER DAY OR £152 FOR 4 DAYS (£38 PER DAY)
8AM - 6PM*

Mon 30th March - Thurs 2nd April

FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

*10% sibling discount available

To register your child for the camp, simply send the following information to Elliot@fitness4schools.com - Child's name, School year, Class name, Mobile Number & Any medical info

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Easter holiday 2026 touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

Mon 30 March – Thur 2 April; Tue 7 – Fri 10 April. Course session times: 10:00 – 12:15 pm daily

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning effective and fun. Typing proficiency makes a huge impact on academic attainment at all ages.

Cost per place: £176.00. 10% discount for siblings/ bring-a-friend/returners/DofE

OFSTED registered – childcare vouchers accepted. Duke of Edinburgh Award skills assessor

Full day care/ sports camp available – contact sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk for more details.

Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk



Nick and Sarah Holt www.typingscool.co.uk 07812 632238

School House, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

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
2 nd – 6 th March		3H Swimming
2 nd – 6 th March		Book Week including World Book Day 5 th March Dress-up Day 5 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
20 th March		Lent Appeal – Mini-Market
20 th March	Evening	HOTS Parent Quiz Night
23 rd – 27 th March		Year 6 in France
27 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter
30 th March – 2 nd April		Fitness 4 Schools Holiday Club @ Holy Trinity
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
24 th 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
3 rd July	AM	Year 6 to Southwark Cathedral
8 th July	18.30	Year 6 Production
9 th July	18.30	Year 6 Production
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.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher