

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

What a week it has been! The children have learnt about Neurodiversity, enjoyed a silly science workshop (thank you HOTS for paying for this), completed science investigations and quizzes, and met Haydon the Womble.

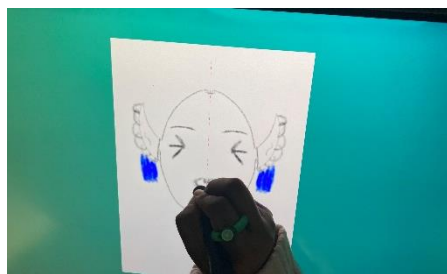
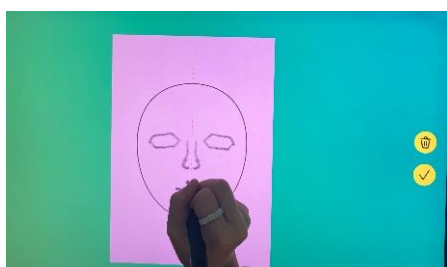
Our Year 6 trip to France has certainly been eventful! Whilst they have had a brilliant time, there has been a lot of sickness, and, as a precaution, all of the people on the trip (both children and staff) will stay at home on Monday.

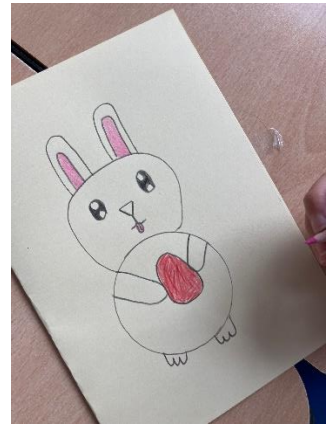
As a result, we have postponed the Bake-Off which was due to be held on Monday. This will now be held after Easter.

Thank you to everyone who came to *Share My Learning*. It was such an encouragement to see children excitedly showing their parents their work. Thank you for your support.



Haydon the Womble, the AFC DONS mascot, came in to school this week to accept a cheque from the school. The money was raised during our Christmas events. The children loved meeting Haydon.





Some of our Year 6 pupils had their own fun week back at school. This included visiting Tate Modern and the V & A museum, as well as enjoying one of Mrs Moran's legendary French breakfasts.



The Silly Science Workshop was enjoyed by all year groups.

Lent Appeal 2024

Our House Captains are busy planning our Lent Appeal 2024, which will take place next week. This year, we will be raising money for 3 different charities, all chosen by the House Captains:

- Cancer Research UK <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>
- Young Minds <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- Good Hope Orphan Care in Zimbabwe <https://donkendall.wixsite.com/kokokidz>

There are a number of different ways that you can be involved, and donate to these charities. These include:

- **Class sponsored events** – all classes will be taking part in different sponsored events. More information about these will be given via the Learning Platform and class teachers.
- **Easter Egg Raffle** – you can buy tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle, which will be drawn on the last day of term.
- **Easter Bake Off** – please note that the Bake Off has been postponed until after Easter to allow the House Captains to be able to run this.
- **House Captain's Lent Fair** – the House Captains are organising different stalls on 2 days in the final week of term (during school time). Stalls will include beating the goalie, throwing sponges, smell test, pick a lolly, skittles and others. Classes will visit the stalls in turn.

Please take a look on Parentmail - here you will be able to donate to the sponsored events, buy Easter Egg Raffle tickets and pay for tokens that your child can 'spend' at the Lent Fair. If you have any questions please email headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk

Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade – Thursday 28th March

Children are welcome to (but there is no need to) come to school wearing an Easter Hat or Bonnet on Thursday 28th March.

Vacancies – School Business Manager

Mrs Samantha Joiner will sadly be leaving us soon. She has been an amazing School Business Manager, who will be sorely missed. Mrs Joiner will soon start in her new role as Chief Operating Officer at Tiffin School in Kingston. We will be able to say a proper goodbye before she leaves, but we wish her God's blessing in this new challenge.

As a result, we are recruiting for a new **School Business Manager**. Might you have the skills required for this pivotal role, or might you know someone who would be ideal? Do take a look at the job information on our website at https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/307910 and eTeach at <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-business-manager-1406816>

Library Books – A message from Dr Porritt

Please could you have a good look round at home this weekend and ensure that all school library books are returned to school before Thursday 28th March. Thank you very much

HOTS NOTICES

SPRING DISCO - THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the spring disco last Friday. It was a huge success and we raised over £4,500. An extra thanks to our brilliant volunteers and cake bakers! If you have any feedback please email us. Do take a look at the photographs below.

PRE-LOVED FOOTBALL KIT

If you have any pre-loved football kit at home please consider donating it to the children of Kibera, Kenya. This should be clean and age 7+. They are trying to get the children playing more football at their local school and have already greatly benefited from our school uniform donations.

SAVE THE DATE - HOTS QUIZ

The ever-popular HOTS Quiz will take place on Friday 17th May. Tickets and more information will be available after the Easter break but it's never too early to start coordinating your teams of 8!

Many thanks,
The HOTS Committee
hotsemail@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>



Special Easter Lunch Menu – Wednesday 27th March



Hands On Day – Try a Musical Instrument!

Merton Music Foundation will be hosting its popular 'Hands On' event where children aged 7+ can try a range of brass, woodwind, guitar, singing, accordion and string instruments in a fun and relaxed environment, to help decide which one is right for them.

Saturday 20 April, 9:45am – 11am and 10:45am – 12pm at Merton Music Centre, South Wimbledon (Merton Abbey Primary School, High Path, SW19 2JY).

£8 per child, booking is essential.

To find out more, visit: www.mmf.org.uk/handson



What's next for your musical child?
HANDS ON DAY
A CHANCE FOR YOUR CHILD TO TRY A RANGE OF INSTRUMENTS TO SEE WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR THEM.

- ACCORDION - BRASS - GUITARS -
- SINGING - STRINGS - WOODWIND -

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*Priority Farmer and
Craft Market*

**SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10.00 AM - 2.00 PM
AT THE PRIORY SCHOOL, QUEENS ROAD SW18 8LX**

Local Food Produce - Butchers - Local Honey
Plants - Coffee - Pizza - Handmade Crafts
Face Painting- Cakes - Local Gin - Candles



**13TH APRIL
11TH MAY
8TH JUNE
13TH JULY**

The Priory School Wimbledon SW19 8LX
If you would like to hold a stall at the market, please contact
the school on 0208540 8059 or 07985741659

Ofsted's Big Listen Consultation

Ofsted opens children's 'Big Listen' survey – Ofsted has now extended its '[Big Listen' consultation](#) to hear directly from children. The consultation, which aligns with the main 'Big Listen' consultation, asks a series of short questions for children to anonymously answer about how Ofsted should inspect schools.

Attached items:

- Year 6/7 Transition Top Tips

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2024

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)

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETS Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September)

Children start back Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Last day Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

First day: Monday 6 January 2025 (INSET Monday 6th January 2025)

Children start back Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Last day: Friday 4 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

First day: Tuesday 22 April 2025

Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 (INSET Monday 2nd June 2025)

Children start back after half term Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22nd July 2025)

Children break up Monday 21st July 2025.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September)

Children start back Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 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

Key Dates for the Term (Any new dates added will be highlighted.)

Date	Time	Event
25 th -27 th March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
26 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
27 th March	Lunchtime	Special Easter themed lunch – more details to follow
28 th March	14.00	Easter Hat/Bonnet Parade Break up for Easter holidays
15 th April		Summer term begins
8 th – 10 th May		Year 4 PGL
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
20 th – 24 th May		Arts Week
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
24 th – 28 th June		Sports Week – Sports Days will be held this week. More details to follow.
24 th – 28 th June		Book Fair in school
29 th June		Summer Fair
1 st – 5 th July		Reading/Book Week
17 th July		Reports out
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 restful weekend.

Izzy Rickards