

### 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

I would like to express my huge thanks to our wonderful parent/carer community, spearheaded by the HOTS Committee. Thank you for all that you do for our school, including organising the recent Quiz and Coin Jar Challenge – both of which raised so much money for our school. The winning quiz team is pictured below. Congratulations to Owls and 2S, who were the winners of the Coin Jar Challenge.



This week David from Merton Music Foundation (MMF) came in to school to deliver 'Bamboo Tambo' rhythm workshops to Year 5. Using instruments that are inspired by the original bamboo instruments from Trinidad and Tobago, Year 5 learnt to play a vibrant Caribbean groove with 3 layered rhythms. It sounded amazing and a lot of fun was had by all!

### **ALDI Opening**

As you may know, ALDI will soon be opening in Wimbledon Town Centre. Our school has been invited to participate in the opening of the store on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, at the early time of 6.45am!

I am looking for 5 pupils who might be able to join me at the opening. The pupils will be needed from 6.45 to 7.15am, and will then be free to go home until the start of the school day.

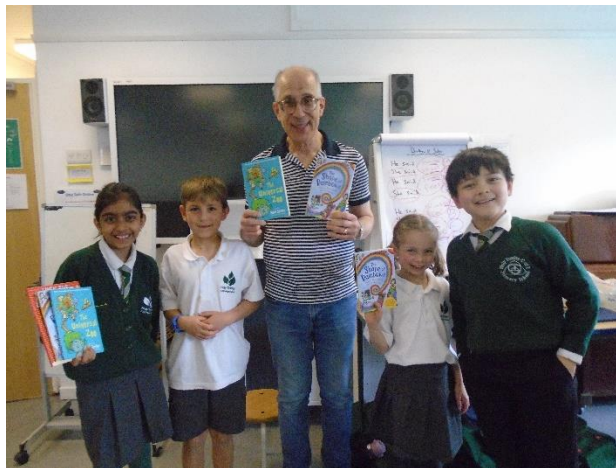
Please do email at [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) me if you would be happy to take part.

### **Parent/Carer Survey – We would love to hear your views on our school!**

Our annual parent/carer survey is going live today. Please do take the time to complete one response per family. If your answers are different for different children, please use the comments boxes to give further information.

To complete the survey, please click on the link below: <https://forms.gle/8XkxoaHPN85t3DCDA>

The information we obtain from this survey is so helpful in shaping our School Improvement Plan for the next academic year. Following the survey, governors will organise a way to discuss aspects of the survey in more detail. Watch this space for further information.



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2 students from Year 3 and 2 from Year 4 went to a creative writing workshop where we were taught how to write our own poems. During the workshop, led by an author Neal Zetter we had fun writing poems; one about a Memory we had and the other a rhyming one which we wrote and acted out in groups and the audience had to guess the last rhyming word of the poem . I had the chance to read out my Memory poem , about a birthday, to everyone. We had an opportunity to buy books written by the author as well.

Just after lunch we played some word games as a group, next we had a few poems read out to us. The workshop was terrific and we all enjoyed it a lot !

**Ahana (Year 4)**

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Uniform Expectations**

This is just a reminder about the current uniform expectations for KS2:

- Children may wear school polo-shirts with either grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirts or a grey pinafore. If children opt to wear a white shirt (not a polo-shirt), then they must wear a tie with this.
- For PE, children may wear plain black shorts or skorts (these should not have any logos on), with their house PE T-shirt.
- Black school shoes should be worn with school uniform. Trainers should only be worn with PE uniform.

If you have any questions, please email me at [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

### **Naming Clothes**

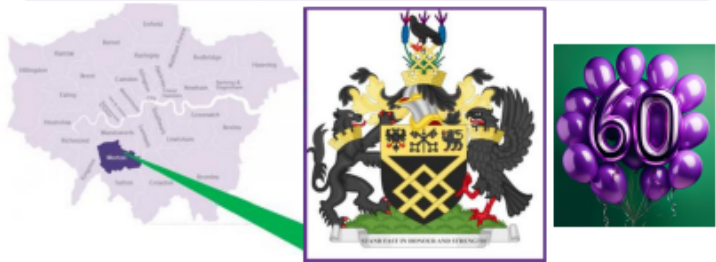
With the warm weather, children are taking off their jumpers/PE tops! Please ensure that all items of uniform are named. We have an ever-growing pile of un-named jumpers and PE tops.

## Competitions


There are a number of competitions available for our children to enter this term:

### Looking Back, Looking Forward

A Competition for Merton Schools to mark 60 years of the London Borough of Merton.



#### ART COMPETITION!

 **MERTON** is launching a competition for local school children as part of Merton's 60th anniversary celebrations.

The theme is "Looking Back, Looking Forwards", and your artwork could be a poster, photo, painting, drawing, craft—the choice is yours!

This is your chance to show what you think should be celebrated from the past 6 decades of Merton's history (for example AFC Wimbledon, Wimbledon tennis, Olympic stars, Elys, the cleaning of the River Wandle, Tramlink, famous residents...) **and / or** what your hopes and dreams are for Merton's future—**you** are Merton's future after all!

#### Terms and conditions:

- ◊ Entries can be done A4 or A3 size (one side only)
- ◊ Include on the back: your full name, age, a title for your artwork and a parent/carer's phone number or email address to ensure that permission has been granted.
- ◊ Entries must be given to Miss McHenry by **Friday 23rd May**.

## WRITING COMPETITION

### Looking Back, Looking Forward

A Competition for Merton Schools to mark 60 years of the London Borough of Merton.



To coincide with the Merton Art competition there is also a writing competition, a chance for you to be creative with your words whilst imagining the future of Merton.

You can tell us about your hope and dreams for Merton's future. How would you like the borough to change? You might want to end homelessness, make sure that everyone has a job, improve people's health, clean the environment or even develop new clothes or technology. You are Merton's future, so the choice is yours.

Your piece of creative writing could be a speech, a poem, a story or just your thoughts.

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- Include on the back: your full name, age, a title for your artwork and a parent/carer's phone number or email address to ensure that permission has been granted.
- Entries must be given to Miss Hann by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Selected entries will feature in a 2-week exhibition at Wimbledon Library
- Successful entrants will be invited to a special launch at Merton Arts Space on 7 July (4-6pm)
- Prizes will be awarded for the entries chosen by a local panel.



## Languages

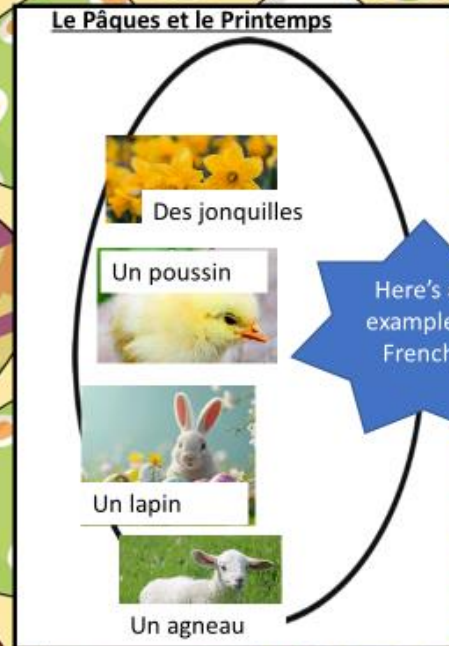


### The theme is **Easter** and **Spring!**

In an egg, draw and label symbols of Easter and Spring – in a foreign language of your choice! (not English!).

(use the internet / dictionaries to help you find words...).

### Entries to Madame Poleviou by Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May!



## **HOTS Notices**

### **Quiz Night Success!**

A huge thanks to everyone who attended our quiz fundraiser last Friday! We made over £2.3k on ticket and bar sales and had a lot of fun in the process! Huge congratulations to our winners (Team Badger, Badger, Badger, Mushroom!!!) and thank you again to our amazing quiz and bar teams.

### **Summer Fair (Saturday, June 28th):**

Mark your calendars and save the date...the annual Summer Fair is just around the corner! We will have more information on stalls, estate planning boards, and details in the coming weeks through the class reps.

### **Coin Jar Challenge:**

Congratulations to Reception Owls and Y2 Squirrels at being the coin jar champions! Through the generosity of our amazing community, we were able to raise over £1400 in contributions. Well done to every class! The money raised will go towards the refurbishment of a quiet garden and other various school needs. We are so grateful to everyone's participation. We look forward in the coming months to see all the children of the school enjoy the beauty and tranquillity this garden!

## **Supporting neurodivergent children to play safely online**

One of our team found this excellent article supporting our neurodivergent children to play safe online.

<https://www.flipsnack.com/internetmattersorg/supporting-neurodivergent-children-to-play-safely-online/full-view.html?sfnsn=scwspmo>

## Online Safety Thought of the Week



Talk Autism is a forum for parents and carers of children, young people and adults with autism.

**Next event**  
Monday 12 May 2025 10am – 12pm

**Location:** Church Road Children Centre  
243 Church Road, Mitcham  
CR4 3BH

### **Merton Family Information and Support Hubs (FISH)**

We will be joined by Early Help Support Co-ordinator Kavi & Silvia who will be giving advice and guidance to help parents/carers to find and access the supportive information, they also provide resources and support to families and parents/carers.

Family hubs offer support to children, young people, parents/carers and their families. They provide a single place to go for support and information from a variety of services. Family hubs make it easier for you to get the support you need.

### **The workshop will comprise: Information about the following**

We can help parents with any aspect of family life, including:

- ✓ Your child's development
- ✓ Behaviour and emotions
  - ✓ Relationships
  - ✓ Money
- ✓ Training or work
  - ✓ Benefits
- ✓ Finding childcare
- ✓ And more Our Early Help Co-ordinators
- ✓ Questions and answer session

The session is appropriate to parents and carers of children, young people & adults with autism.

Register now to attend this free session by contacting Maria Solari:  
By email: [maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk](mailto:maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk)  
Phone: 07709 715206

## NHS-in-School Education Wellbeing Service

We work in your child's school to provide friendly and accessible wellbeing support, advice and programs to promote child wellbeing

### What do we offer?

#### 1:1 Programs for Parents

Early and preventative evidence-based wellbeing programs lasting 6-8 weeks to help your child's:

- Common anxieties and worries or
- Tricky or challenging behavior

For more information, apply here or speak to your school's mental health lead for a paper form



#### Local Primary Parent Webinars

Free NHS evening and lunchtime webinars for parents on a number of wellbeing related topics throughout the year.

99% of parents recommended the webinars last year. Sign up using the QR code



#### Recorded Workshops, groups and workshops

We also offer workshops and groups for children and parents in school. See our youtube channel for more resources and recorded workshops:



Picture this  
poster



## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Helping kids navigate body image issues

Children of all genders have much to navigate nowadays in terms of their body image and views of themselves, and influences including friends, school, community and social media.

This session will share some ideas, tools and resources for parents and carers to support their children with common body image challenges, and how to help them navigate these during the childhood years.

Education  
Wellbeing  
Service



#### DATE / TIME

Friday 9th May  
12.30-1.30pm



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

Monday 12th May  
7.30-8.30pm



Scan the  
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**MULTI SPORTS CAMP**

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**£44 PER DAY OR £114 FOR 3 DAYS (£38 PER DAY)  
 8AM - 6PM\***

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> May - Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> May  
**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](mailto:Elliot@fitness4schools.com) - Child's name, School year, Class name, Mobile Number & Any medical info

WE DELIVER HIGH QUALITY EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTING ACTIVITIES USING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES TO REINFORCE PHYSICAL BENEFITS AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT.






**Family Support  
 Volunteer  
 Requirements**

- Minimum 18 Years Old
- Commit to 2 hrs a week
- Experience of young children and family life
- Support in a group (term only) setting or in the family home (2 hours visits)

**FULL TRAINING GIVEN  
 &  
 CONTINUED STAFF  
 SUPPORT**



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!  
 VOLUNTEER WITH US!**

Parenting is seen as a beautiful journey, but when you are navigating the challenges of raising children it often takes a village to support parents. The joys and moments we often take for granted might feel harder to grasp amidst added challenges.

***Do you believe in the power of community and making a real difference?***

VOLUNTEER with us, BECOME THE VILLAGE of support and help children reach their full potential.

**BECAUSE CHILDHOOD CAN'T WAIT!**

At Home-Start Merton, we're looking for compassionate individuals committed to help parents with young children, offering support & friendship through challenging times.

✉ [admin@homestartmerton.org](mailto:admin@homestartmerton.org) <https://homestartmerton.co.uk/>



## TERM DATES

### Summer Term 2025

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

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025)

**Children break up Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

### 2025-2026

#### Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January)

**Children start back Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July)

**Children break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

### Key Dates 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday – school closed
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
20 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 to Chessington
21 <sup>st</sup> May		Cultural Diversity Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 <sup>rd</sup> May		Break up for half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Summer 2 term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	AM PM	Year 3 Sports Day Year 2 Sports Day
24 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 4 Sports Day Nursery (PM and Full-time)
25 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 5 Sports Day Reception Sports Day
26 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 6 Sports Day Year 1 Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Nursery (AM and Full-time)
28 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 Production Times TBC
16 <sup>th</sup> July		Music Festival
16 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports out
18 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church (due to a clash of bookings at church it has become necessary to move our Leavers' Service)
18 <sup>th</sup> July		Last day for Nursery
21 <sup>st</sup> July	14.00	Term ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.



Izzy Rickards  
Headteacher



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