

### 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

Our Year 5 pupils have been working hard to prepare for the forthcoming Merton Music Foundation on Monday at the Royal Albert Hall. It will be a wonderful, and memorable occasion for them all.



In French this week, for World Book Day, the children have been reading stories in French. Year 5 have been working on a French project on the topic of music. They have been listening / singing and understanding the song "On écrit sur les murs" (we write on the walls). It is a song which sends a positive message of hope and aspiration for the future. They have looked at the history of French graffiti too and given opinions. This week, the children looked verbs/nouns up in the dictionary and produced their own positive graffiti messages.



Year 5 have been learning about Wisdom in RE. We chose our favourite proverbs and created a Wall of Wisdom for our school community.

## Lent Appeal 2024

Our House Captains are busy planning our Lent Appeal 2024, which will take place over the last 2 weeks of term. 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** – you can enter a cake/baked goods into the Easter/Spring-themed Bake Off, which will take place on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Entries cost £1, and all cakes/baked goods should be sent in to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a cake sale after school on that day.
- **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, enter the Bake-ff and pay for tokens that your child can 'spend' at the Lent Fair. If you have any questions please email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)**

## Share My Learning – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for Year 6 parents, and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March for all other year groups – 8.15-8.45am

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

The *Share My Learning* session this half-term for Year 6 is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 8.15-8.45am, and for all other year groups on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 8.15-8.45am.

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.

If you are a key worker, and unable to come in and see your child's work, do email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) and I will work out a way for you to see the books.

## Vacancies – School Business Manager and Part-time Learning Support Assistant

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](https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/307910) and eTeach at <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-business-manager-1406816>

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Do take a look at the Parentmail message about how to book a parent/teacher meeting. Bookings open on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## NSPCC Online Safety Parent Workshop – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 5-6.00pm held virtually

The NSPCC will be running an Online Safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, from 5-6.00pm. This workshop will be held online, do join using this link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82878677363>

## Free Wellbeing support available to all families

Did you know that we have a free in-school NHS Wellbeing Service? They offer 1:1 cognitive behavioural therapy-based sessions with parents to understand and help children struggling with common behavioural difficulties or anxiety and worries. Children can be involved in sessions too. You can read more and apply here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>

## Science Week – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Thank you so much to those parents/carers who have already contacted me and who are willing to be involved in our Science Week. We are looking for any more parents/carers who work in the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics), or anything linked to the theme of time. We are hoping to hold a STEM Careers Fair for our older children on the afternoon of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, and would love to have parents/carers to come in and talk about their jobs. Please do email me at [headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk), if you are interested in being involved.

Also, on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, there will be a **dress-up day**. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a scientist, or anything linked to the theme of time.

## Special Easter Lunch Menu – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March



## HOTS NOTICES

### SPRING DISCO

Tickets for next week's Spring Disco are available to buy online until next Wednesday. Don't miss out! Stalls include glow sticks, sweets, cakes and snacks, nail painting, face gems, tattoos and coloured hair spray, pre-loved uniform, new school teddies and refreshments.

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

### DONATIONS OF CAKES

We would greatly appreciate donations of cakes to sell at the spring disco. Please take donations to the school office next week or pass to staff on the gate at drop off. Thank you in advance to all the bakers out there (and shoppers too 😊).

### MATCHED FUNDING

Does your company offer matched funding? Please do check with them if you haven't already as it's a great way to raise funds for the school. Banks and other professional services are very likely to offer it. Please email us if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

The HOTS Committee

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## TYPING'S COOL

### Easter holiday touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s

Tuesday 2 – Friday 4 April 2024

Monday 8 – Thursday 11 April 2024

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## Attached items:

- Library Newsletter

## Term Dates 2023-2024

### Spring Term 2024

Last day: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Half term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Summer Term 2024

First day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Last day: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

(INSETs Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024)

## Term Dates 2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETS Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**Children start back Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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.**

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

Date	Time	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 5 @ Royal Albert Hall for Merton Music Foundation Performance
11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Assessment weeks
13 <sup>th</sup> March	17.00-18.00	NSPCC Online Safety Parent Workshop – this will be held online and further details of how to join the workshop will be given nearer the time
15 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share My Learning– an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening	HOTS Spring Disco

18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Year 6 in France
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Science Week and Neurodiversity Week Including dress-up day on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
20 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Lunchtime	Special Easter themed lunch – more details to follow
28 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Arts Week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week – Sports Days will be held this week. More details to follow.
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Book Fair in school
29 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Reading/Book Week
17 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports out
19 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Izzy Rickards