

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

The children have settled back into school quickly, for this, the final term in the academic year. We are thrilled with the new MUGA/playground surface, and the refurbishment of the Year 1 block.

It would be great to have a push on punctuality and attendance this term. There have been a growing number of children arriving to school after 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in school before this time. You may not know, but many of our interventions take place right at the start of the school day, and some of our children are missing this key input.

A prayer for the start of this new term

Almighty God,

We give you praise for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new term with our friends and teachers.

Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all.

May the new beginning of this school term remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again.

Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.

Help us to learn and to work together.

Thank you that you are with us always.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Parent Survey – We would love to hear your views on our school!

Our annual parent 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/7ck5iS5f7bTD8wRV7>

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 Parent Forum, to discuss aspects of the survey in more detail. Watch this space for further information.



Thanks to the lovely weather on Thursday, 5H completed their sponsored Lent litter pick in the local area.



Many congratulations to talented gymnast, Jack.

Jack won five medals last weekend at his gymnastics competition . This is the first one he has entered since joining the men's artistic squad. He won gold on the pommel, silver on floor (including landing his first forward handspring) , silver on rings and silver on parallel bars. Overall, he got bronze in his development squad.

Amazing – well done Jack!

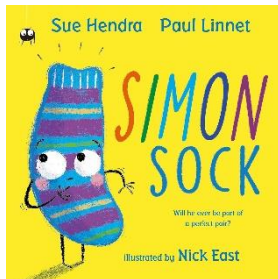
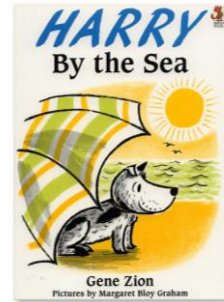
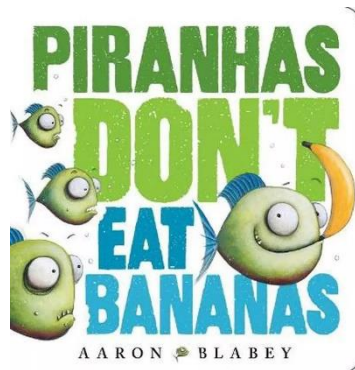


Year 3 having fun learning about perimeter.



Reception made cheese straws into caterpillars to start their topic of Minibeasts.

Nursery started their Mystery Reader project this week. The children were very excited to see who the first Mystery Readers would be! With a drum roll entrance...we had Bertie's mum read to us in the morning and Abimael's mum in the afternoon. Bertie's mum read us Piranhas Don' Eat Bananas and then a favourite book from her childhood, Harry By the Sea. Abimael's mum read us Simon Sock which we all enjoyed. We can't wait to see who next week's Mystery Readers will be!



Class Photographs – Tuesday 23rd April

Our photographer will be in school on Tuesday 23rd April to take group photographs of our classes. Please send your child to school in their full school uniform, **including green sweatshirt/ jumper/ cardigan and in the correct black school shoes**. If your child comes to school without these items, we will try to telephone you to ask you to bring them in and/ or lend them clothing from our lost property box. If your child has PE or a school sports practice or Activity Club on Tuesday, they may bring named trainers to change into.

Uniform Reminder

From this term, children in KS2 may wear one of the school-branded white polo shirts instead of a shirt and tie. If a shirt is worn, then the tie must also be worn.

PE Uniform – this must be the branded school PE uniform. The only alternatives are that, now we are in the summer term, children may wear plain black shorts or skorts, instead of the tracksuit trousers.

We have a growing number of children wearing trainers as the norm. School shoes must be worn, unless your child is in their PE uniform for PE or a sport club.

If you have any concerns/questions about the uniform please speak to Mrs Rickards, or email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Hair

All hair that is long enough to be tied up, should be tied up. This is for both girls and boys. We have many incidents of nits in the school, and this is one way of reducing the spread. Thank you for your support with this.

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child has been selected to attend a prestigious writing workshop to work with an author for the day to further expand their writing skills.

Books will be available to purchase on the day and Neal will be happy to sign and personalise them for the children!

Please see titles and prices to the right.

Please bring money on the day of the event to purchase a book.

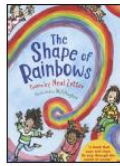
**Authors
Abroad**



Neal Zetter

Neal is an award-winning poet, author, entertainer and educator who uses the writing and/or performing of poetry to develop literacy, self-expression, confidence, creativity and presentation skills in children, teens and adults.

Neal makes language fun and accessible for the least engaged, while stretching and challenging the most able. He performs in his workshops too, as he has a long track record of appearing in West End comedy and poetry clubs and theatres plus he runs his own club in north London.



NEW: The Shape of Rainbows

Age: 6-12

Neal's first mixed-themed poetry book since 2016 has something for everyone: *Peanut Butter Nutter, Police Car, Two Mums, Living Next Door to a Viking, Bad Smells and The Day I Ate My School* are just a few of the titles you'll find inside it.

Price £9.00

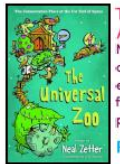


Scared?

Age: 6-12

48 inventive, insightful poems exploring the darker side. From bullies to black holes, cats to clowns, these original, thought-provoking poems are a roller coaster ride through both the silliness and sadness of being human.

Price £9.00

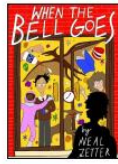


The Universal Zoo

Age: 6-12

Many funny and a few sad poems about a menagerie of mysterious endangered alien creatures all cared for by the Keeper in this special places, a long way from Earth.

Price £8.00



When The Bell Goes

Age: 6-12

Crammed with poems about school days and childhood.

Price £9.00

Three of our talented writers from Year 3 attended the A.I.M. High Writers day at Albemarle Primary today.

HOLY TRINITY COFFEE MORNING



Coffee Morning Topic:

Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School

JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY AT 9AM -

- Focuses on learning what emotion regulation is and how to support the development of emotion regulation in children
- Discusses the zones of regulation
- Gives tips and strategies on how you help your child with their emotions

Provided by our NHS-in-School Education Wellbeing Service

Sewing Volunteer

We have a small-ish sewing job and wondered if we had any parents/carers who might have time to help us with it please. Do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk for more information. Thank you.

Car Park Safety

When collecting children from Activity Clubs or After School Club, please be mindful that the car park is occasionally in use at this time. Please ensure younger siblings are supervised at all times. Thank you for your co-operation as we try and keep everyone safe.

HOTS NOTICES

HOTS is looking for a new Treasurer...

Our current Treasurer will be resigning from the role at the end of May, therefore we have a vacancy for someone to get actively involved in HOTS. The time commitment is minimal, generally determined by the timing of our social events, and you will have a great opportunity to be involved in both the staging of events and the decisions around the areas of school funding that HOTS supports. If you are keen to help or have any questions please do get in touch with Tony or any of the committee: hotsemail@gmail.com

Wine Tasting - Thank you

A huge thank you to Nick Wolridge (3H parent) for hosting a brilliant wine tasting evening last night. We all enjoyed a great selection of wines, learnt lots of new things and stayed longer than planned!! Thanks for everyone who attended too and supporting this fundraising initiative!


Quiz tickets

They will be live next week - we'll send an update via WhatsApp once the link is live but, in the meantime, keep Friday 17th May free!

Junior Park Run

Did you know that Wimbledon holds a Junior Park Run?

Find out more information by following this link <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/wimbledonpark-juniors/>




Music Classes for 2-8 Year Olds
MERTON MUSIC FOUNDATION'S
SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL
WIMBLEDON COLLEGE


HUMMINGBIRDS
Parent & Toddler (2-3 yrs)
Saturdays, 9 - 9.45am

OWLS
Ages 4-5
Saturdays, 11.30am - 12.15pm

SHOWSTOPPERS
Ages 6-8
Saturdays, 9.45am - 10.30am

BEGINNER UKULELE GROUP
Ages 6-8
Saturdays, 10.45 - 11.30am

 www.mmf.org.uk/stepintomusic

 Merton Music Foundation

Attached items:

None today

Term Dates 2023-2024

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
30 th April	9.00	Eucharist
1 st May	9.00	Coffee Morning hosted by the Educational Wellbeing Service on the topic of <i>Managing Big Emotions</i> – in school hall
2 nd May		Year 2 to Florence Nightingale Museum 4H to British Museum
8 th – 10 th May		Year 4 PGL
9 th May	2.30-3.15	<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i> – an opportunity for parents/carers to come into school to visit a number of prayer stations to reflect and pray
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
16 th May		4T to British Museum
20 th – 24 th May		Arts Week and postponed Lent Activities
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
10 th July	18.30	Year 6 Production
11 th July	18.30	Year 6 Production
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 wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards