

### 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

Father Simon led a beautiful School Eucharist this week, ably assisted by the Growing Together in Spirit Team. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.



Year 5 have been creating their own printing plates to create collographs.

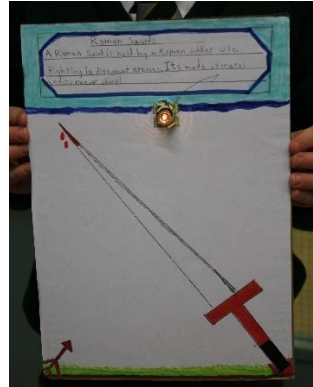
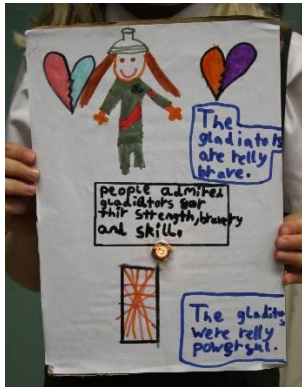




As part of their Design and Technology unit, Year 6 created these spectacular adventure playgrounds.



Nursery tasted some vegetable noodles and spring rolls today as they have been learning about Chinese New Year



Year 3 had a great time assembling their electric posters as part of their information design unit in DT.



As part of their Art unit about sculpture this half term, Year 4 learnt about the artist Barbara Hepworth and created sculptures of their own using bars of soap! It was a lot harder than it looked but their creations were brilliant!



Reception had Aston and Andrea's parents in to talk about Chinese New Year – they even wrote Chinese sayings for them. sayings for them

### 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@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk), if you are interested in being involved.

Also, on **Friday 18<sup>th</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. More details will be given after half term.

### Children's Mental Health Week

It has been Children's Mental Health Week this week. We have been thinking about the theme of having our voices heard, as our voices matter. We have reminded the children about how important it is to speak out, and to share any concerns they have.

We have also partnered with St Mary's Primary School, together with Thrive London. Children have shared what is important to them in the local community, and what they could do to make the community a better place for young people to live in. These are their thoughts and ideas.

<https://thriveldn.co.uk/latest/news-and-blog/all/childrens-mental-health-week-my-voice-matters/>.



### Read Write Inc Phonics

As a school, we use the Read Write Inc Phonics scheme to teach our children. If you would like to support your child, please do take a look at the following links, which give further information to help you:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/s8xZIMLj/mX3EZ9hX>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/S40ZFFI2/nDHxmc8e>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MFPmRofU/ALkag34c>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/w9AATKK2/NnRQUHqF>



## Number Day thank you

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Number Day. As a result of your generosity, we have been able to send £332 to the NSPOCC. Thank you for your support.

## Safer Internet Day

This week we observed Safer Internet Day – children were reminded about the importance of keeping safe when they are online. Do take a look at the following links, which have very useful information for parents and carers.

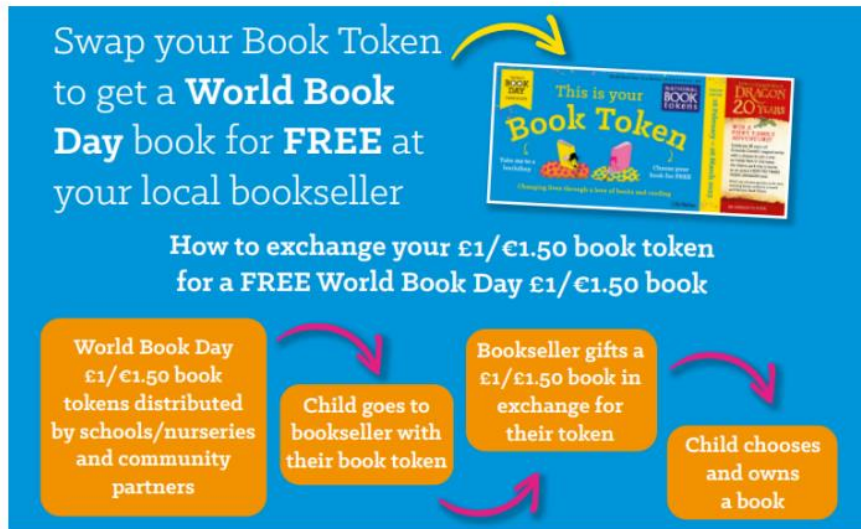
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

Miss Davies wants to remind you to use your World Book Day Book Token to claim a free book or use it towards a new book. See below on how to claim your free book. For more information on the books available please see the attached **World Book Day Book Information Sheet**.

Happy reading!



**Please see the attached letter for more information.**

## Co-opted Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body. Might you be interested in supporting the school in this way, or know of someone who might? Do contact [headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk) for more information.

## Nursery Application Deadline for September 2024 (children born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021)

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery from September 2024, please be aware that the deadline for submitting your forms is 5pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February (the Monday in Half Term). For more information please see our website [https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery\\_admissions/544973](https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions/544973)

## A message from Mrs Poleviou – our French Teacher

I am writing to you as the Key Stage 2 French Teacher/lead at Holy Trinity Primary School. It has been wonderful getting to know the children this year. All the interest and enthusiasm they have brought to our French lessons has been wonderful and thoroughly inspiring!

I'd like to bring to your attention that our school has a subscription to the award-winning platform Linguascope (<https://www.linguascope.com>).

Linguascope is a website offering interactive resources in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Polish, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, Maori, and English to match curriculum requirements. We, of course, at school are focusing our attention on the French resources.

Organised in topic areas, the materials are presented via a host of immersive multimedia activities. The site covers all topics encountered in lessons throughout the year and also includes printable worksheets.

As part of our licence, all our students can access the Linguascope website from home. The website can be used independently by students to consolidate what they have learned in class, revise for upcoming tests, get a head start learning new vocabulary, or even introduce themselves to a new language.

The interactive activities are also tablet-friendly, with FREE iPad and Android apps that students can install on their mobile devices: <https://www.linguascope.com/apps/>

To log in to the platform, students have the username and password as detailed below:

Username: **trinitysw**

Password: **htpsl23**



Once logged in, to access the French material, please click on the French flag. "Elementary" or "Beginner" are the sections that are most suitable for our Key Stage 2 children.

See the attached letter for more curriculum information.

## HOTS NOTICES

### Thank you from Kibera

We received a huge thank you this week from the children of the Kibera slum and the Deputy President for recent donations of school uniform. Please keep sending in donations of pre-loved (but clean, good condition!) school uniform and also send in **pre-loved football kit** age 7+ as they are trying to get the children more involved in football at school.



Thank you video  
from Kibera.MP4



### Lego Competition Winners

Huge congratulations to our Lego competition winners Jemima and Archie - prizes are on their way to you!

KS1: Jemima (Nursery) with Rapunzel's Castle

KS2: Archie (4T) with Time Travel Machine



Many thanks,

The HOTS Committee

[hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>

### Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Our school is very involved in the Mental Health in Schools Team programme. As a result of this, we are able to make referrals to an Educational Wellbeing Practitioner. These professionals are trained to support families with anxiety in children and any low level behavioural issues. Do take a look at our website, which also has a referral form you can access. [https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/health\\_and\\_well-being/334137](https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/health_and_well-being/334137)

**Education Wellbeing Service Webinar**

Supporting Common Child Anxieties and Worries - Including Around Exams

For KS2 Parents & Carers

**DATE / TIME**

Tuesday 27th February 7.30-8.30 pm

Thursday 29th January 12.30-1.30 pm

**LOCATION**

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by following the link in the description

wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

The NHS-in-School Education Wellbeing Service is offering a Webinar for KS2 parents and carers on supporting common child anxieties and worries, including around exams . You can sign up for one of the sessions by using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309>

## Attached items:

- Linguascope

## 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
19 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
8 <sup>th</sup> March		International Women's Day
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
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 18 <sup>th</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
28 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
19 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
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		Book Fair in school
29 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
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 half term.

Izzy Rickards