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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 House Captains have worked so hard this week, organising and running our postponed Lent events – well done to all of them for their huge commitment and dedication to their role. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and other sweet treats for our Bake Sale. We are so grateful for all of your support.

Year 6 attended their Leavers' Service at Southwark Cathedral this week, on the theme of valuing the gifts of everyone. It was a special occasion, which we shared with a number of other schools from Southwark Diocese.

As I write this, Year 2 and Year 4 are off to the Polka Theatre for a show. We are so privileged to have access to such enriching opportunities.

This week was our last week of Mystery Readers in Nursery. Luke's mum read us 'Six Dinner Sid', where we all enjoyed hearing about the cheeky cat Sid. In the afternoon, Mrs Channell read us 'You Can't Stop the Big Bad Bogey'. It was such a funny book, we all laughed so much! On Tuesday, James and Tamara's dad read us 'This is Not My Hat' and 'I Want My Hat Back'. We really enjoyed all the funny voices for the different characters. Our final Mystery Reader was Jasper's mum. She read us 'There's Nothing Faster Than a Cheetah' and 'The Lion Inside'. The Cheetah story had a very funny and surprising ending!

We have loved Mystery Reader so much and have heard over 50 stories during the project. Thank you so much to all the mums, dads, grandparents and extended family that have been part of Mystery Reader, we couldn't have done it without you! We are hoping to have Mystery Reader in even more year groups next year!









Many congratulations to Duncan who was selected to attend Championship courts during Wimbledon finals last week to showcase his skills and promote the work of the Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative. Duncan has been training with the WJTI for over 2 years.

Duncan had an absolutely amazing day from playing on court 5, which is right outside centre court, to watching Alcaraz practise and then win, snapping some selfies with the invitation gentlemen's doubles winners.







Mrs Poleviou was inundated with Modern Foreign Languages Calligram posters, as a recent of her recent competition. Here are just a few of the amazing entries. Well done to everyone who took part.

End of Term - 2.00pm, Tuesday 23rd July

This is just a reminder that we finish for the term at 2.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July.

Design and Technology Items

Are you having a summer clear out? If so, we would LOVE your old crafting items including fabrics, tools, buttons, wadding and anything you are able to donate. Thank you.

Music Festival House Winners

In worship this morning, Miss Neil-Smith announced the winners of the Music Festival House Competition.

4th place Evelyn: 335 points 3rd place Trinity: 430 points

2nd place Faraday 485 points 1st place Effra 490 points

138 pupils auditioned for the music festival. Every child who auditioned was awarded 5 points for their house and every pupil who performed in the final got 10 points for their house. The scores added together created the totals above.

Faraday actually earnt the most points in the final but more pupils from Effra house auditioned so overall Effra won but only by 5 points in it! 4H had the most pupils audition of any class in key stage 2- great effort!

Parent/Carer DBS Checks

HOTS have kindly agreed to fund some more DBS checks for parents or carers, to increase the number we have on our files, to support with school trips. If you are available on a frequent basis, and would be happy to have a DBS check completed, then please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk. We are keen for a good spread of adults across the different year groups if possible. Thank you.

Parent Webinars

The **Education Wellbeing Service** is offering a series of Live parent webinars on the below topics across July, August and September.

I) Finding Your Feet – Children's Wellbeing & Starting School for Early Years Parents
Starting school can be an exciting time for children and parents - it can also bring along some worries and challenges for your child and you as parents. This Education Wellbeing Service webinar, led by a Clinical Psychologist, will talk you through some common anxieties and worries that children and parents may face and provide different ways you could approach some of these challenges.

There are several dates between 10th July and 11th September. The webinar will draw on child development and cognitive behavioural ideas and hopes to be practical and engaging.

You can sign up for one of the sessions by using this link:

Primary Parents - NHS Wellbeing Workshops | Eventbrite

2) 'A Toolkit To Tackle Fears and Worries When Starting Secondary School'

This webinar is for parents of current Yr 6 students transitioning to Year 7. This Education Wellbeing Service webinar will talk about what anxiety is and provide a range of tools for helping with common fears and worries associated with starting secondary school.

There are to two opportunities for parents to join the live webinar: Tuesday 20th August 12.30-1.30pm and Wednesday 21st August at 7.30-8.30pm

You can sign up for one of the sessions by using this link:

Secondary/College Parents - Workshops | Eventbrite

3) Social Media & Gaming - What Parents Need to Know

This webinar is for parents of children aged 11+. This Education Wellbeing Service webinar talks through the relationship between mental health and different forms of screen time – some of the myths, science and also tips for how to think about and support your teen around different forms of screen time.

There are to two opportunities for parents to join the live webinar: Tuesday 31st July 7-8pm and Wednesday 1st August at 12.30-1.30pm

You can sign up for one of the sessions by using this link:

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Take a look at this link to see some Holy Trinity Alumni in action https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmAoIEprAIE&feature=youtu.be



Free Parenting Course - run by one of our governors, Sarah Williams

I'm writing as we are running a free parenting course for parents / carers with primary aged children over six weeks starting on Sunday 15th September.

We are a Christian church; however, the course is open to anyone of any or no faith. The course uses material produced by Care for the Family, a national charity promoting family life. The course isn't faith specific and covers a range of topics including:

- What being a parent is really like
- Children's needs
- Feelings and listening
- Boundaries and parenting styles
- Keeping children safe
- Building strong families

The six week course is free and we will run on consecutive Sunday mornings starting 15th September at Ark Putney Academy. The bonus is that we will have free childcare available for children aged 1-18, provided by our kids and youth teams as part of normal Sunday services.

You can find more info on the course here: https://swlv.churchsuite.com/events/vqpvwdkl



Term Dates 2023-2024

Summer Term 2024

Last day: INSET Wednesday 24th July 2024 (Last day for children 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 I 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 I September 2025 (INSETS Monday Ist 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 |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| 23 rd July | 9.15 | Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church |
| | 14.00 | Term ends |
| 24 th July | | INSET Day – School closed |

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards