

### 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

Thank you so much for all of your support this week. We have spoken to our Year 5 and 6 children this morning, reassuring them that we live in a safe community and that what happened yesterday is very rare, but that there are measures we can take to keep us even safer when we are walking to and from school unaccompanied.

Some of the measures we spoke about included:

- Walking with purpose and not dawdling
- Meeting up with friends to walk together
- Keeping to the busier roads
- Walking behind other HT families, who are on their way to school
- If they have a phone, keeping it in a pocket or bag so that it is out of sight
- If they are concerned about someone near to them, walk into a shop or cafe and speak to the adults there
- If someone calls their name, to assess the surroundings and then turn around to see who it was, rather than immediately turning around

Do take a look at these resources for further information to use with your children at home.

<https://clevernevergoes.org/>

<https://capt.org.uk/walking-to-school-alone/>

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.saferschools.online/blog/posts/tips-for-walking-home-from-school-safely/>

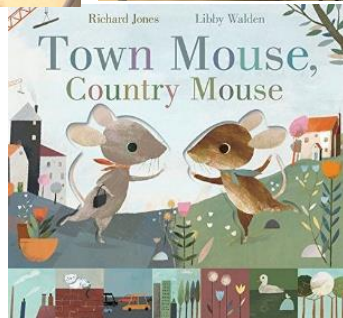


Many congratulations to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Lyons, Mrs Mills and Mrs Panners, who all received their 25 year service award from Merton. We are so proud of you all, and grateful for your service at Holy Trinity.



Nursery have had a wonderful week learning about people who help us. They particularly enjoyed their visits from PC Simon and Archie, and Kit, the Builder.

This week author, Libby Walden (Bella's auntie) came to visit Year 2. She read us two of her books and kindly donated some books for the Year group. She set us a challenge of composing 10-word stories as a class and were so inspired to write that we had a go at writing our own stories!



### Science Week – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Science Week is fast approaching and the theme this year is 'Curiosity'. To help us celebrate, we will hold our annual Science dress-up day on **Friday the 23rd of January**. Our theme this year is '**Curious Creatures and Scientists**'. Maybe your child wants to be an alien from outer space, or a mythical creature in disguise? Maybe they want to be a mad scientist or entomologist, which is totally bug-obsessed! What about a mixture of the two in the form of a creature pretending to be a scientist, with a tail hanging out of the back of their lab coat? The possibilities are endless and we can't wait to see everyone's creative costumes!

### A message from Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club have asked me to let you know that they are full, and unable to take any more bookings. They would also like to remind you that all children must arrive by 8.00am.

### Smartphone Free Schools – A date for your diary

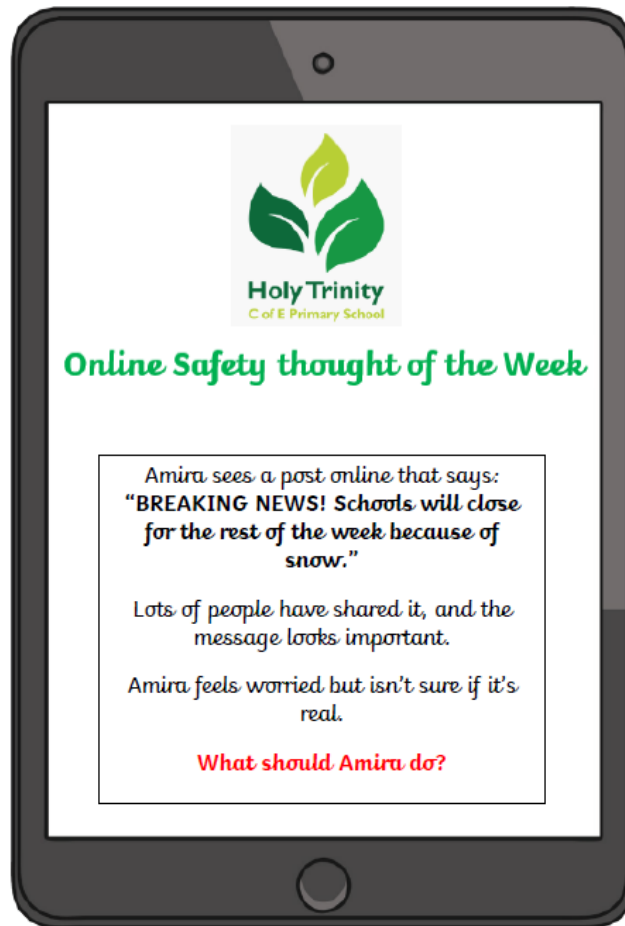
On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at 6.30pm, Jennifer Powers, from the Unplugged Coalition (<https://unpluggedcoalition.com/>) will be coming to deliver a talk for parents/carers about reclaiming childhood from addictive technology. I heard her speak at a recent meeting for headteachers, and she was inspiring. Do put the date in your diary.

### Cost-of-living Events

Merton holds cost-of-living events across the borough where residents can access free advice and support on their finances, including bills, debt and benefits, as well as energy saving. This is a free event and is open to all Merton residents. Also, every household that attends will receive a £10 supermarket voucher.

Date: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Time: 10.30am – 1:30pm. Venue: Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX.



## **HOTS Update**

### **Beetle Drive - Friday 6th February 17:45 - 20:00**

Our Beetle Drive tickets are on sale NOW via our website. Join us for this new games' night where adults and children play alongside each other in an evening of family fun. All tickets include a snack of pizza in the break and there will be a licensed bar to keep the juices flowing.

Numbers are limited so don't delay!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110584>

### **Parents' Quiz Night - Friday 20th March PM**

Get ready for a night of brain power and fun! 🧠 Our HOTS Parents' Quiz Night in March is **CONFIRMED** for **Friday 20th March!**

🗨️ 👥 More details on buying tickets will be sent out early February, so keep an eye out ✉️.

It's going to be a fantastic evening, don't miss out! 😊

### **Easyfundraising - Holiday Booking**

Thinking ahead to your holidays this year?

Many travel companies have signed up to Easy Fundraising including Eurocamp, Tui, Booking.com, P&O Ferries, Brittany Ferries and Disneyland Paris.....

Enter their website through your Easy Fundraising account and, should you make a booking, they will donate to HOTS at NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

### **And last but by no means least.....**

We're absolutely delighted to announce that **Lucy Lever** will be the next HOTS Treasurer. Lucy is a parent to children in Nursery and Y1, and is looking forward to supporting HOTS and the school in this vital role. Welcome onboard Lucy!

## Parent Webinar Opportunity

Join [Voicebox](#) for a **free 1-hour online webinar** for parents and carers of boys and young people of all genders in Merton. Our Parent Webinar is designed to help parents and carers understand and respond to the messages boys and young people are receiving about **masculinity**, and to support them in growing into **confident, caring** and **emotionally resilient** people.

**DATE: Wednesday 28th January 2026**

**TIME: 6pm - 7pm**

The link to the [Google Form](#) where parents / carers can sign up: <https://forms.gle/fWpGa5QGyU5wfATE7>

### Layout of session:

Led by Voicebox the webinar will take place on **Zoom** and will last 1 hour.

### Understanding masculinity

What is masculinity? What makes it unhealthy or healthy? This webinar explores how ideas about masculinity are shaped, where they come from, and how they impact the emotional and social development of boys and young people today.

### The context of masculinity in the 21st century

We'll explore the wider social context shaping boys' beliefs and behaviours—including the influence of social media, online influencers, "the [Manosphere](#)", and pathways to online radicalisation. We'll also discuss the challenges many boys and young men face, from mental health struggles to peer pressure and gender expectations.

### Promoting healthy masculinity at home

You'll gain practical strategies for:

- Encouraging healthy, respectful ideas about masculinity
- Promoting positive male role models
- Modelling empathy, care and emotional openness
- Responding to harmful attitudes or behaviours in everyday life

We'll also share further reading and resources to support ongoing conversations at home.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Brownies have spaces

Second Wimbledon Brownies have space for this term. We have an action planned term including a residential weekend! We meet on Tuesdays at Marchard Hall 6pm - 7:15pm. If you would like to sign up your daughter for this term we have put the link below. Please contact Natasha or Dani on [secondwimbledonbrownies@outlook.com](mailto:secondwimbledonbrownies@outlook.com) if you would like more information or use the sign up link <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

### It's time to get creative

Submissions are now open for the Young Artists' Summer Show 2026, our popular online and onsite exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts featuring work by artists aged 4–18.

We can't wait to see what you've been creating! Find out more and get involved.

**Free to enter. Deadline is Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 5pm.**

[Register](#)

[Find out more](#)



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COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

## Term Dates 2025-2026

### 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**

## Term Dates 2026-2027

### Autumn Term 2026

- First day: Tuesday 1 September 2026  
(INSET Days Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September)  
**Children start back Thursday 3 September 2026**
- Last day Friday 18 December 2026
- Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

### Spring Term 2027

- First day: Monday 4 January 2027  
(INSET Day Monday 4 January 2027)  
**Children start back Tuesday 5 January 2027**
- Last day: Thursday 25 March 2027
- Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

## Summer Term 2027

- First day: Monday 12 April 2027
- Last day: Wednesday 21 July 2027  
(INSET Day Wednesday 21 July)
- **Children end Tuesday 20 July 2027**
- Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027  
(INSET Day Monday 7 June)
- **Children return from half term Tuesday 8 June 2027**

## Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January		Science Week Dress-up Day Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00	Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with SEND, led by Merton's SEND Outreach Worker
5 <sup>th</sup> February	18.30	Smartphone Free Schools – talk for parents/carers by the Unplugged Coalition
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Evening	HOTS' Beetle Drive
10 <sup>th</sup> February		Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
23 <sup>th</sup> February		Spring 2 term begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February		3H Swimming
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March		
26 <sup>th</sup> February	AM TBC	Multiplication Workshop for Year 2 parents/carers
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March		Book Week including World Book Day 6 <sup>th</sup> March
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Assessment weeks
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March		3T Swimming
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <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
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening	HOTS Parent Quiz Night TBC
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 in France
27 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00	Break up for Easter
13 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer 1 starts
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> April		Art Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Earth Day
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening	HOTS' Disco
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
21 <sup>st</sup> May		Cultural Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Break up for half term
1 <sup>st</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Summer 2 term begins
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
27 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00 – 16.00	Summer Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> July		DT Day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
20 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day</b>

Have a wonderful weekend.

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