

### 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 children (in yellow t-shirts) have had a wonderful experience this week, performing with hundreds of other young people, at Merton Music Foundation's concert at The Royal Albert Hall. Other children from our school also performed as part of MMF's bands and choirs.



Here are some of their comments about the concert:

"I really enjoyed how everyone got a chance to show off their musical talents including those with disabilities."

"I liked how we could express ourselves through singing. They did well with the organising and picked really good people for solos and instruments."

"I like how we sang and played together all at the same time."

"I liked the daleks- it made the audience laugh. "

"I liked how they did readings between each song."

"I liked the special effects. The whole performance with the daleks going off and on the stage was awesome."

"I liked seeing how a performance was made. How the people behind the scenes work together controlled lights, sounds and all kinds of things. I kind of felt like a celebrity on the stage. "

"When can I do a solo there?"

"Very enjoyable!"

"I really liked the songs and they were very creative."

"It was very fun."

" I had always dreamed of performing at the RAH. It was a dream come true."

"Higher than High is great-truly uplifting!"

"I would love and appreciate to go again."

"It was amazing to perform there."

"Power of Flight awesome."

"Thank you for having us."

" I liked the mini story they told us and we sang the music."

"Clouds - I want to perform this amazing song in public again – please, please, please!"

My thanks go to Miss Neil-Smith and the other adults who gave up their time to give the children such an awesome experience.

We are delighted to announce the recent birth of two healthy baby girls – Nancy Bolt and Pippa Fullman. Many congratulations to Mrs Bolt and Mrs Fullman. We are looking forward to them visiting school.



The whole school took part in the Mini-marathon on Monday. We are so proud of everyone.

Nick, the organiser, sent this message to us:

*I just wanted to say a massive thank you for organising the mini-marathon event today. It went incredibly well and I had a thoroughly enjoyable day at your school. All the pupils and staff were so kind and welcoming.*

*Every single year group did such a good job of completing their number of laps!*



Year 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a performance of *Sisters 360*, by the Polka Theatre.



Last Friday Abe, who usually is cooking up a storm in the kitchen, came to visit Year 4 to tell us about Ghana as part of our learning about Africa. We learnt about traditional clothing, sang a song and asked lots of questions to find out what life in Ghana is like, including what Abe's favourite food to cook in Ghana is (fufu and stew)!



Our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors enjoyed helping Miss Davies run the book stall on World Book Day last week.

### **Lent and Easter Activities**

Please look at the Parentmail sent out this week, which contains further information about how to purchase tokens for the Mini-Market and raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle.

This year we are supporting 3 charities, all chosen by the House Captains:

Cancer Research <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

Young Minds <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

The Bishop's Lent Appeal <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>

### **Mini-Market – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

If your child is running a stall, please make sure they have everything they need for it. All children will have the opportunity to 'spend' their tokens at the Mini-Market. The Mini-Market will be held during the school day.

### **Easter Egg Raffle – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00am**

Our staff very generously donate Easter eggs each year for the raffle, which takes place during the school day.

### **Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00am**

Children are invited to come to school with an Easter Bonnet or Hat on the last day of term, to celebrate the joy of Easter.

### **Chess Success**

Huge congratulations to our KS2 chess team, who have qualified for Chess Coaching Services National semi-finals. They came 13<sup>th</sup> out of 81 schools to secure their space at the semi-finals. Well done to everyone who took part.

## Share My Learning – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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 term will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

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 and prepare the Mini-Market!

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.

### School Uniform Consultation/Snapshot

From September 2026, primary schools will only be allowed to have 3 mandatory branded items of school uniform. Other branded items can be optional. We have surveyed the children, but I would be keen to hear from our parent community too, about the 3 items that you might choose! Please do click on the link to share your views.

<https://forms.gle/2Xmyax63G9paxokk9>

### Effra Road Parking on Zig-Zag Lines

Just a reminder that parking is not allowed on the zig-zag lines outside the school (except at the designated times). Many parents are parking here when collecting children from activity clubs or the After School Club. Please support us in keeping all of our community safe.

### Volunteer Opportunity — School Governor Committee Clerk

We are looking for a parent or community member to take on the role of Clerk to our Business Sub-Committee, with a start date of September 2026.

After three happy years, our current Clerk Paul Allen is stepping down and is keen to ensure a smooth and supported handover. Full training and handover from Paul will be provided.

The commitment is modest: six morning (07:45 - 09:00) meetings per year (one every half-term) with around 3–4 hours of preparation and follow-up for each. Meetings are recorded to keep the admin as simple as possible, and take place via video call.

You don't need a governance background — just good organisational skills, an eye for detail, and the ability to write clearly and confidentially. As this is business committee an interest in business; finances and how the school runs and operates from a commercial; legal and financial perspective would help.

Please email Paul at [paulallenlondon@gmail.com](mailto:paulallenlondon@gmail.com) for an informal chat — no commitment required.

### HOTS Update

 ONE WEEK TO GO: HOLY TRINITY QUIZ NIGHT 

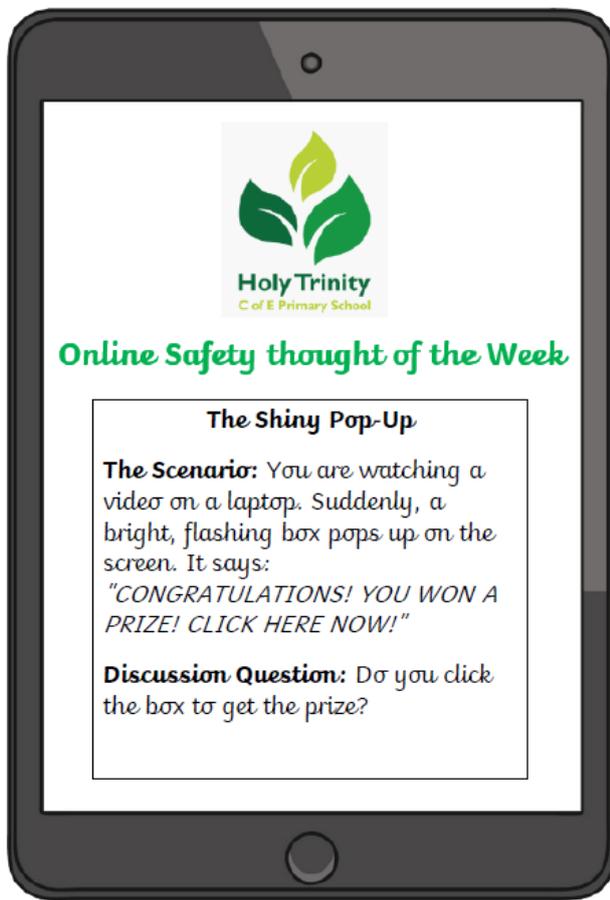
Tables are filling up fast and we're nearly at capacity!

Fuel your brain with award-winning pizza from the Made of Dough van  , then battle it out over puzzles, trivia, terrible puns and PTA glory.

Expect laughs, prizes, and possibly someone taking the quiz far too seriously.

 Grab the last tickets here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112928>



### Online Safety thought of the Week

#### The Shiny Pop-Up

**The Scenario:** You are watching a video on a laptop. Suddenly, a bright, flashing box pops up on the screen. It says:

*"CONGRATULATIONS! YOU WON A PRIZE! CLICK HERE NOW!"*

**Discussion Question:** Do you click the box to get the prize?

KS1 Online Safety Thought



### Online Safety thought of the Week

#### The "Let's Move to Private"

**The Scenario:** You have been playing with a "friend" on a public game server for a few weeks. They seem really nice and help you build things. They say: *"The chat filter on here is annoying. Do you have Snapchat or Discord? Let's move the chat there so we can talk properly."*

**Discussion Question:** Why is moving from a public game to a private app dangerous?

KS2 Online Safety Thought

## HELPING YOUR CHILD THRIVE IN THE EARLY YEARS



### BY REDUCING SCREEN TIME

**You are not to blame**

Phones and tablets are everywhere, and they are designed to grab attention. But did you know that too much screen time - for both parents and children - can make it harder for little ones to develop key skills they need to **grow, learn, and connect**?

**Too much screen time can:**

- 1 Delay speech and communication**  
Young children learn to talk by hearing real voices and taking part in conversations. Screens often reduce these important moments of connection.
- 2 Make it harder to handle emotions**  
If screens are used often to calm a child down, they may miss out on learning how to cope with frustration, boredom or big feelings in other ways.
- 3 Impact feeding**  
Screen use during feeding can make it harder for babies to connect with their parents and for their needs to be noticed. It can also affect how children learn to try new foods and recognise when they're hungry or full.
- 4 Reduce active play**  
Children need to move, use their hands, and explore. Long periods of screen time can limit this, affecting coordination, strength and posture.
- 5 Impact focus and attention**  
Fast-moving videos can make it harder for children to focus on slower, real-life tasks, such as playing, reading, or listening.

**Why this matters**

In the first five years, your child's brain is growing faster than it ever will again. These years lay the foundation for how they think, move, talk, and build relationships, which are important for being ready for school.

**What can help:**

You do not need to do it all at once  
Small steps matter. This isn't about guilt, it's about giving your child the best chance to grow and thrive. What your child needs most is you: your attention, your voice, your time.

- 1 Make time for screen-free activities** like play, outdoor time, or reading.
- 2 Keep screens off during mealtimes and before bed.**
- 3 Watch or play alongside your child** when screens are used - this helps support learning.
- 4 Keep screens out of bedrooms overnight** - yours too, if possible.
- 5 Be a role model** - children copy how adults use phones and tablets.



**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR SAFER SCREENS**

This leaflet has been developed by experts at Health Professionals for Safer Screens, led by Dr Kelly Brown, Consultant Neonatologist and Olivia Dann, Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist.

VISIT HPSS

## Maths Webinar - Monday 16th March at 4-5pm

Manipulatives are objects that learners can interact with to represent mathematical ideas. They can be powerful tools in supporting high quality maths teaching and learning, but like any tool, it is how they are used that is important. In this webinar, Grace Coker, Maths Content and Engagement Specialist at EEF and Dr Paula Fieldhouse, Curriculum Lead at Learning with Parents will be discussing how manipulatives can be used effectively both in the classroom and at home.

A recording will be available after the event. To receive a link, please register using this link.

[https://learningwithparents.com/blog/2026/02/26/eeef-manipulatives-matter/?fbclid=IwY2xjawQcDnhleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETBzRFdtZ3llbVNoUmIIZ2Ruc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHoYtCjtnk4HNcLDoviMsyE0glI08RC\\_YuC5pDW-WvMkguc3CY\\_yLRz-Fehm\\_aem\\_jlI0GZxe8Kkd6WGbqxyIA](https://learningwithparents.com/blog/2026/02/26/eeef-manipulatives-matter/?fbclid=IwY2xjawQcDnhleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETBzRFdtZ3llbVNoUmIIZ2Ruc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHoYtCjtnk4HNcLDoviMsyE0glI08RC_YuC5pDW-WvMkguc3CY_yLRz-Fehm_aem_jlI0GZxe8Kkd6WGbqxyIA)



**Manipulatives Matter Webinar**

Free and open to all

with the Education Endowment Foundation

Explore:

- Why and how manipulatives can deepen understanding and confidence with maths
- Practical strategies for using manipulatives effectively both in the classroom and at home

Monday 16th March 2026

4 - 5pm

Online (Zoom)

Register now!



# STORIES OF MERTON'S YOUNG MEN

24 March 2026 | 4.30 - 6pm | FREE TICKETS

Vestry Hall, 336 London Rd, Mitcham CR4 3UD

VOICEBOX



# Parent Feeding Group for Children with Autism

Feeding challenges are common for children with autism, especially between ages 4 and 8. These can include strong food preferences, sensitivity to certain textures, sticking to only a few familiar foods, or needing mealtimes to follow a very specific routine. These patterns can affect nutrition and make family life such as mealtimes, social activities, and daily routines more stressful.

Many children also experience eating-related anxiety, which can lead to worry before meals, refusal, or meltdowns, making picky eating even harder to manage.

## Who is the programme for?

**Parents of children with a formal diagnosis of Autism between the ages of 4 and 8 years old.**

The programme is designed to support parents in understanding the links between anxiety and feeding challenges and to provide practical tools to reduce stress around mealtimes.

## How will the group run?

The group will run **in person** with a total of 7 sessions over 6 weeks. You will be committing to the following:

- 5 weekly sessions of 90 minutes.
- 1 session with your child of up to 45 minutes in clinic.
- 1 in person / virtual feedback group session of 90 minutes



## How to sign up

If you would like to take part in an **in person** parent feeding group that will run for **6 consecutive weeks** on Monday Mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am, please scan the QR code, or click on the link below to complete the referral form.

Following referral parents will be sent a food diary electronically to have a better understanding of your child's food repertoire. Parents will then be booked in for an initial assessment session to discuss current concerns.

SIGN UP!

**Where: DBT Clinic, Birches Close,  
Mitcham, CR4 4LQ  
6 Mondays from 11/05/2026 10-11:30am  
Free onsite parking available**

<https://forms.office.com/e/21xjg9LkR2>



## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Supporting common child anxieties and worries including around exams

It can be hard sometimes to know how best to support your child's fears and worries. This webinar provides a range of guidance, tips and tools for supporting common childhood fears and worries, including around exams.

We will look at different ways you can:

- Talk with your child about worries
- Identify key worries
- Support your child with their anxieties and worries
- Provide some key resources



#### DATE / TIME

Tuesday 24th March  
100-2:00pm



Scan the QR code or click here

#### LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by clicking here

[wellbeing@schoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeing@schoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk)

#### DATE / TIME

Thursday 26th March  
7:00-8:00pm



Scan the QR code or click here

# PETITS KIDS APRIL CLUB

Arts and Crafts, Messyplay,  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Butterfly Lore

- £45 per day / £160 for the week
- 10% discount for siblings

Mon 30th March to Thur 2nd April 2026  
9am to 3pm

Holy Trinity Primary School  
Effra Road  
SW19 8PW

For more information: 07 842 085 816

[www.petitskidsclub.co.uk](http://www.petitskidsclub.co.uk) ✉ [petitskidsclub@gmail.com](mailto:petitskidsclub@gmail.com)

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8AM - 6PM\*

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

\*10% sibling discount available

To register your child for the camp, simply send the following information to [Elliot@fitness4schools.com](mailto:Elliot@fitness4schools.com) - Child's name, School year, Class name, Mobile Number & Any medical info

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## EASTER HOLIDAYS

# Street Dance + Gymnastics

**Part 1 at Meadow Primary School,**  
Sparrow Farm Road, Stoneleigh, KT17 2LW

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Part 2 at St Dunstan's Primary School**  
Anne Boleyn's Walk, Sutton, SM3 8DF

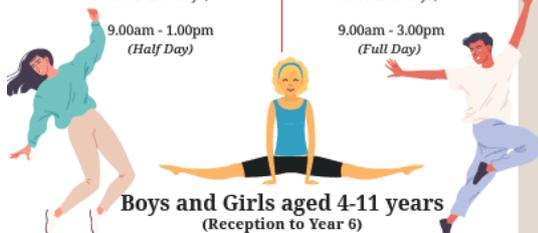
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

£25 per half day  
(£20 per half day if you book five days)

9.00am - 1.00pm  
(Half Day)

£32 per full day  
(£25 per full day if you book five days)

9.00am - 3.00pm  
(Full Day)



Boys and Girls aged 4-11 years  
(Reception to Year 6)

Activities include Routines, Coordination Skills and Fun Games  
To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

# Street Dance + Gymnastics

Should you wish for any further information then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at [info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk) or check out our website at [www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk)

Your child should arrive with: appropriate clothing to enable movement and flexibility, appropriate footwear, lunch and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email [info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk) confirming the following details:

1. Child's Name
2. Current School Year
3. Emergency Contact Number
4. Medical Requirements (if any)
5. Days You Would Like To Book

Once we receive your booking request we will contact you to explain how to make payment.



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
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March		3T Swimming
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		Lent Appeal – Mini-Market
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening	HOTS Parent Quiz Night
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 in France
27 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00	Break up for Easter
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Fitness 4 Schools Holiday Club @ Holy Trinity <b>Petit Kids @ Holy Trinity</b>
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 (for years 5 & 6)
22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Earth Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.00-10.00	Wellbeing Coffee Morning for parents/carers – Helping my child with common fears and worries
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
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	AM	Year 6 to Southwark Cathedral
8 <sup>th</sup> July	18.30	Year 6 Production
9 <sup>th</sup> July	18.30	Year 6 Production
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.

Izzy Rickards  
Headteacher