

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

I have just returned from the Southwark Diocesan Headteacher's Conference at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, where we heard such inspiring talks from a range of speakers, all on the theme of Belonging. One of the speakers, Asley John-Baptiste, author of *Looked After: A Childhood in Care*, spoke of the importance of adults taking an interest in him and seeing his potential. This is something at the heart of our Christian vision here at Holy Trinity.



All of our KS2 children have visited Wimbledon Bookfest this week and been inspired by authors they heard. Here is one of our Year 5 pupils helping Stephen Mulhern with a magic trick!



Many congratulations to Rafe, who won a prize at the Summer Reading Challenge prizegiving. Many congratulations to everyone from Holy Trinity who completed the challenge, as we won the overall prize for the highest number of children who complete the challenge. Miss Davies represented our school, and we have received a book voucher to buy books for the library.

Our Golden Lunch Hall Rules



School lunch halls are very busy places with lots of chat and fun with friends. Without the constraints of the classroom and with the volume of children, it can become a very noisy and chaotic space which can be overwhelming for pupils and staff. At the start of term each class worked together to problem solve the lunchtime experience and devise a set of golden rules focusing on what was important to them.

All the ideas were collated and the recurring themes became our whole school golden lunch hall rules. Year 5 contributed the idea of starting each rule with 'thank you' which we thought was an effective way of displaying them. The classes talked a lot about noise, table manners and mess and so we have emphasised the importance of being calm, using cutlery not hands, eating with our mouths closed and giving each other personal space. It would be great if this was a message that could be reinforced at home.



International School Award

Certificate

This is to certify that

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

has achieved

Foundation level

Introducing internationalism

Scott McDonald
Chief Executive, British Council



We are delighted that we have been awarded Foundation level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.

Many thanks to Madame Poleviou and Miss Burnham for all of their work on this award.



Every year, the children at Holy Trinity create amazing Christmas themed designs which are then made into cards or other personalised items to share with friends and family. You can purchase them from 'Art Projects for Schools' (APFS), and at the same time help raise money for our school.

Your child will bring home a Christmas card design and information leaflet today (Friday) or early next week. If you would like to order some cards, wrapping paper, labels, bags or mugs, please visit the website and input the unique artwork code found on the back of your child's design.

You must order from APFS before midnight on the 29th October otherwise you will incur additional postage charges.

The items will be delivered to your child in the week commencing 10th November.

Thank you,

Miss McHenry

School Sunday – Sunday 19th October, 10am

We would love to see as many children as possible at the Schools Sunday service, at Holy Trinity Church, on 19th October 2025. The service starts at 10.00am. The choir will be singing *City on a Hill*, so it is hoped many of the choir, and others, will be able to make it. The children do not need to wear school uniform.

Share My Learning – Friday 17th October, 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 half-term will be held on **Friday 17th October**. The sessions are suited to parents/carers of children in Reception through to Year 6. It can sometimes be too unsettling for the nursery children at this stage in the year when it comes to parents leaving after the session.

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.

If you are a key worker, and unable to come in and see your child's work, do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk and I will work out a way for you to see the books.

Secondary School Applications – Year 6 parents/carers

Merton have asked us to remind you that the applications for secondary schools, for entry in September 2026, need to be completed by 31st October 2025. Do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you need any support with this. The applications can be completed via the following website:

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

Merton Education Wellbeing Service is a service offering parents guidance and support from the earliest stages of concern around a range of common challenges. They work with parents of children from ages 3 to 11. NHS Wellbeing Practitioners offer ideas and can offer 1:1 sessions with parents to help with:

- *Calmer routines and fewer conflicts at home
- *Helping your child feel more confident in new situations or social settings
- *Helping your child cope with fears, worries and build resilience
- *Helping parents feel supported, reassured and not alone

They've work with 100s of parents from our local Merton schools each year. They believe that all parents can benefit from a space to reflect and think through evidence-based ideas, and at a preventative and early stage. You don't need to wait until things get more difficult for help. Over 90% of parents who engaged with the service made progress with their goals.

You can reach out to them and find out more here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>.

Cycle to School Week – 13th – 17th October 2025

Cycle to School week is next week – have you planned to walk, cycle or scoot to school that week if you usually drive?

Frog Bikes is proudly sponsoring the family pledge for Cycle to School Week (13–17 October). Cycle to School Week is all about making the school run fun, active, and a chance to build lifelong cycling skills together. Whether it's the first pedal strokes or a confident ride to school, every trip boosts confidence, independence, and quality family time.

Frog's lightweight, child-specific bikes are built to make the school run easier, safer, and more enjoyable – helping young riders master their skills and arrive at school ready to learn.

This Cycle to School Week, encourage families of your school to make a pledge to cycle together this October.

Make your family pledge today

HOTS Updates

Autumn Disco: Tickets on Sale Now!!!

Friday October 17, 2025

Nursery/KS1 is 5:30-6:30, and KS2 is 6:45-8pm.

It's time to party! Join us for a fun-filled hour of dancing, treats and celebrating the arrival of Autumn! There will be cakes, sweets and drinks on sale as well as nail painting, tattoos, glow sticks and plenty more party delights! Children are welcome to wear fancy dress/costume but please do not bring any accessories/toy weapons!

Children must be supervised by a parent/carer or another adult. SPACE IS LIMITED in the hall, so we recommend 2-3 children attend with each adult. Please note that this event is only for current enrolled students of Holy Trinity School, and there is not enough space for siblings to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to assist. If you are able to help please feel free to register online on the event link, or email us at hotsemail@gmail.com.

* Buggies/Bikes/Scooters must be left outside

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/>

Save the Date: Christmas Tree Fundraiser December 6th!

HOTs will be hosting our annual Christmas Tree Sale in the coming weeks. Collection Day will be Saturday, December 6th. More details to follow.

Follow us on Social Media:

Keep up to date with our activities via Facebook and Instagram!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hotsfriendsofholytrinity?igsh=MWJsMnZoY2hpMnNmZw==>

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



Online Safety thought of the Week

You receive several unkind messages from a classmate whilst playing an online game. They're making fun of how you play and telling others not to team up with you.

What should you do?



FREE

RAYNES PARK LIBRARY

BIG JUNGLE INSTALLATION

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

10AM, 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 12PM, 1:30PM, 2PM, 3PM,
3:30PM, 4PM & 4:30PM

Welcome to Concrete Youth's Big Jungle! Get ready for an epic sensory adventure as we dive deep into the rainforest.

You'll meet our amazing jungle friends - the mischievous monkey, the vibrant rainbow bird, and the super cool crocodile- all in an incredible, immersive setting. But the jungle has a secret... its song has gone missing! Can you help us find it?

This experience is specially created for people with learning disabilities, including profound and multiple learning disabilities - but everyone is welcome to take part.

NO BOOKING REQUIRED.



 Green Libraries Week

www.merton.gov.uk/libraries

 LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON



MULTI SPORTS CAMP
 HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
£44 PER DAY OR £114 FOR 3 DAYS (£38 PER DAY)
8AM - 6PM*

Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th October
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 - Child's name, School year, Class name, Mobile Number & Any medical info

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Attachments:

- Library Newsletter

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

The 2026-2027 term dates will be confirmed soon.

Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
13 th – 17 th October		Cycle to School Week
16 th October	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
17 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 19 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th – 23 rd October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
24 th October		Break up for half term
3 rd November		Autumn 2 begins
6 th November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
10 th – 14 th November		Anti-bullying week
10 th November		Odd Socks Day
November		School Eucharist @ school Date TBC
24 th – 28 th November		Assessment Week
27 th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
6 th December		Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
9 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
10 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
12 th December	9.15	Year 2 Concert (with orchestra)
16 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	14.00	Break up
5 th January 2026		INSET Day – School closed
6 th January 2026		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
8 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
19 th – 23 rd January		Science Week
10 th February		Safer Internet Day
13 th February		Break up for half term
23 th February		Spring 2 term begins
23 rd – 27 th February		3H Swimming
2 nd – 6 th March		Book Week including World Book Day 6 th March
2 nd – 13 th March		Assessment weeks
9 th – 13 th March		3T Swimming
16 th – 20 th March		
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 rd – 27 th March		Year 6 in France
27 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter
13 th April		Summer 1 starts
13 th – 16 th April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
20 th – 24 th April		Art Week
22 nd April		Earth Day
6 th – 8 th May		Year 4 PGL
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
21 st May		Cultural Day
22 nd May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		Summer 2 term begins
2 nd – 5 th June		Sports Week
2 nd – 5 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
15 th – 19 th June		Assessment Week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
13 th July		DT Day
17 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
17 th July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Headteacher