

### Growing together as children of God



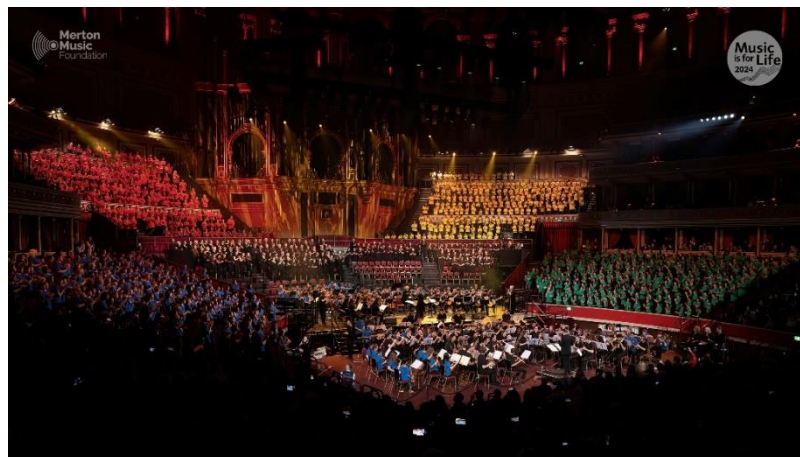
At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ 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 had an amazing experience on Monday evening when they performed, with hundreds of others, at the Royal Albert Hall. Our children were wearing yellow! Thank you to everyone who made this experience possible. The children (and adults) were very tired afterwards!

Soo Bishop, from Merton Music Foundation, writes, “Well, that was quite a night! Thank you for the vital role you and your colleagues have played in supporting your children and MMF, to produce an engaging and polished performance of the highest quality. The evening was truly inspirational - an over-used trope, but in this case entirely justified. I hope you felt your efforts paid off and that your school’s involvement in such a diverse and inclusive event was a positive and joyful experience for all.”





Reception children have been exploring 'Arctic and Antarctic Animals' and created lots of different crafts and lovely writing!



Before half term Reception planted their beans - look how they have grown!



Miss Davies went to Waterstones on the weekend to claim her free World Book Day books using her **World Book Day £1 Book Token** and ran into Supervet, **Neil Fitzpatrick!** He signed a book for 3T and had lots to say about reading and how much he enjoyed writing his latest book '**The Super Pets and Me**' in which he tells true stories about his life and journey to becoming a vet and the animals which he met along the way. Fitzpatrick has also written popular children's book '**Vetman and his Bionic Animal Clan**', Miss Davies found out topic secret information that **Vetman 2** was also in the works...

3T have been reading chapters of their special signed edition together throughout this week.

Neil Fitzpatrick is an author of one of this year's chosen book week books (**more info coming soon!**), so Miss Davies was ecstatic to meet him!



Year 3 had a great time putting their Sentence Stacking sentence together to see how a letter is structured. They even got to mail their letters! The best part was watching their excitement when they received a letter from Lydia Grace in preparation for their Big Write.



Reception had a wonderful time learning some Irish songs for St Patrick's Day.

### Lent Appeal 2024

Our House Captains are busy planning our Lent Appeal 2024, which will take place over the last 2 weeks of term. This year, we will be raising money for 3 different charities, all chosen by the House Captains:

- Cancer Research UK <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>
- Young Minds <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- Good Hope Orphan Care in Zimbabwe <https://donkendall.wixsite.com/kokokidz>

There are a number of different ways that you can be involved, and donate to these charities. These include:

- **Class sponsored events** – all classes will be taking part in different sponsored events. More information about these will be given via the Learning Platform and class teachers.
- **Easter Egg Raffle** – you can buy tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle, which will be drawn on the last day of term.
- **Easter Bake Off** – you can enter a cake/baked goods into the Easter/Spring-themed Bake Off, which will take place on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Entries cost £1, and all cakes/baked goods should be sent in to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a cake sale after school on that day.
- **House Captain's Lent Fair** – the House Captains are organising different stalls on 2 days in the final week of term (during school time). Stalls will include beating the goalie, throwing sponges, smell test, pick a lolly, skittles and others. Classes will visit the stalls in turn.

**Please take a look on Parentmail - here you will be able to donate to the sponsored events, buy Easter Egg Raffle tickets, enter the Bake-ff and pay for tokens that your child can 'spend' at the Lent Fair. If you have any questions please email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)**

### Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Children are welcome to (but there is no need to) come to school wearing an Easter Hat or Bonnet on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### RefSpect Success

Over the last 3 weeks, our sports teams have come back with 4 RefSpect awards – I am so proud of them all. These awards are voted for by all of the teams at the competitions and awarded to the team that shows the greatest sportsman/womanship and respect during the event.

## **After School Club Opening Hours Update/ New Pricing for FY2024-25**

We are pleased to let you know that from the summer term onwards, After School Club sessions will end at 6pm rather than 5.45pm. We have made this decision as a result of parent feedback from last year's ASC parent survey, benchmarking with other After School Clubs in the local area and changes in government guidance around wraparound care. From 15<sup>th</sup> April onwards, children may be collected at 4.30pm, at 5.15pm or at any time between 5.30pm and 6pm.

Our After School Club fees are reviewed every March in time for the new Financial Year. Despite increased staffing, food and energy costs, we chose not to increase our prices last April. This year our governors have agreed to increase the price of a standard ASC session to £20 from April onwards. Ad hoc short sessions will cost £13 and ad hoc full sessions will cost £22.

Please find attached our new After School Club Bookings and Admissions Policy which confirms both the change in timings and the new pricing.

## **Share My Learning –Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March for Nursery to Year 5 – 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 for Nursery to Year 5 is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 8.15-8.45am.

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](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) and I will work out a way for you to see the books.

## **Vacancies – School Business Manager and Part-time Learning Support Assistant**

Mrs Samantha Joiner will sadly be leaving us soon. She has been an amazing School Business Manager, who will be sorely missed. Mrs Joiner will soon start in her new role as Chief Operating Officer at Tiffin School in Kingston. We will be able to say a proper goodbye before she leaves, but we wish her God's blessing in this new challenge.

As a result, we are recruiting for a new **School Business Manager**. Might you have the skills required for this pivotal role, or might you know someone who would be ideal? Do take a look at the job information on our website at [https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job\\_vacancies/307910](https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/307910) and eTeach at <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-business-manager-1406816>

## **Resources for use at home – especially suited to families where English is an additional language**

Please see the attached PDF which has a number of resources for use at home, but you might also like to visit these websites too.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>  
<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/listen-watch/short-stories>  
<https://www.inclusionhub.co.uk/resource-categories/video-stories/>

## **NSPCC Online Safety Parent Workshop**

Thank you for those of you who were able to attend the NSPCC workshop this week. For those of you who were unable to make it, you can see the presentation by following this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>

## **Free Wellbeing support available to all families**

Did you know that we have a free in-school NHS Wellbeing Service? They offer 1:1 cognitive behavioural therapy-based sessions with parents to understand and help children struggling with common behavioural difficulties or anxiety and worries. Children can be involved in sessions too. You can read more and apply here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>

## Science Week – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Friday 22<sup>nd</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.

## Special Easter Lunch Menu – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March



### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2025

These are the key dates for Year 7 September 2025 entry process for the six schools listed above who work together to conduct a joint Selective Eligibility Test.

REGISTRATION DATES	
1 May 2024 (Wednesday)	Online Registration System <b>OPENS</b> . Visit the website of any of the schools to access the system.
14th June 2024 (Friday)	Deadline for requests for special adjustments for candidates with SEN and for supporting evidence (see further guidance online).
2nd August 2024 (at midnight) (Friday)	Deadline for Registrations – the online system <b>CLOSES</b> . No late registrations will be accepted under any circumstances.
OPEN EVENING DATES	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Greenshaw High School - 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Nonsuch High School for Girls – Please refer to the school's website for further information.
Held in September 2023	Sutton Grammar School – Please contact the school if you want a tour
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Wallington County Grammar School 3.30pm to 8.00pm (last entry 7.30pm).
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Wallington High School for Girls – Please refer to the school's website for further information.
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Wilson's School Tour and Head's Talk (see website for how to book).
TEST DATES	
17 September 2024 (Tuesday)	Selective Eligibility Test
For the participating schools that have second stage tests, all boys/girls who reach the required standard in the Selective Eligibility Test will be invited to sit the Second Stage Entrance Examination on the following dates:	
5th October 2024 (Saturday)	Shared Second Stage Entrance Examination for Sutton Grammar School, Wilson's School and Wallington County Grammar School.
28th September 2024 (Saturday)	Joint Second Stage Entrance Examination for Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls

For further information about the tests and admissions process and each School's admission criteria, please visit the participating schools' websites or contact the schools' admissions offices.

CONTACT DETAILS			
SCHOOL	WEB ADDRESS	TEL NO	EMAIL
Greenshaw High School	<a href="http://www.greenshaw.co.uk">www.greenshaw.co.uk</a>	020 8715 1001	<a href="mailto:admissions@greenshaw.co.uk">admissions@greenshaw.co.uk</a>
Nonsuch High School for Girls	<a href="http://www.nonsuchschool.org">www.nonsuchschool.org</a>	020 8394 3400	<a href="mailto:admissions@nonsuchschool.org">admissions@nonsuchschool.org</a>
Sutton Grammar School	<a href="http://www.suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk">www.suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk</a>	020 8642 3821	<a href="mailto:admissions@suttongrammar.school">admissions@suttongrammar.school</a>
Wallington County Grammar School	<a href="http://www.wcgs-sutton.org.uk">www.wcgs-sutton.org.uk</a>	020 8647 2235	<a href="mailto:admissions@wcgs.org.uk">admissions@wcgs.org.uk</a>
Wallington High School for Girls	<a href="http://www.wallingtongirls.org.uk">www.wallingtongirls.org.uk</a>	020 8394 3400	<a href="mailto:admissions@girlslearningtrust.org">admissions@girlslearningtrust.org</a>
Wilson's School	<a href="http://www.wilsons.school">www.wilsons.school</a>	020 8773 2931	<a href="mailto:admissions@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk">admissions@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk</a>

ON BEHALF OF THE ADMISSIONS OFFICES OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



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<https://neat.pembee.app/activity/65d5fc31fee5208b77a70e9e>

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11AM  
16th of March

FREE Open Gates Session ALL Afternoon

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[www.facebook.com/groups/mertonsaintsbmx](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mertonsaintsbmx)

#### Attached items:

- EPEC – Being a Parent Group
- Resources for families where English is not the first language
- After School Club Information

#### 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
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 22 <sup>nd</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
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Lunchtime	Special Easter themed lunch – more details to follow
28 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00	<b>Easter Hat/Bonnet Parade</b> Break up for Easter holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Arts Week
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		Sports Week – Sports Days will be held this week. More details to follow.
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Book Fair in school
29 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Reading/Book Week
17 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports out
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 weekend.

Izzy Rickards