

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

We said goodbye to Coach Bailey today, and farewell to Mrs Fullman. We wish Coach Bailey well as he explores new adventures with NEAT. We are so grateful to him for all that he has done to inspire our young people, and to develop our sports provision under Miss Hann's leadership. We will be praying for Mrs Fullman as she starts her maternity leave, and look forward to hearing her news in due course. Reception has a baby shower for her!



It has been a busy week with Year 1 learning more about castles in their workshop and Year 2 exploring the delightful Chelsea Physic Gardens. All of the year groups have focused on Internet Safety this week as Tuesday was the national Safer Internet Day.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term.



Reception loved their visit from Lucas' mum, who came to talk to them about Chinese New Year.



Nursery have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year. They have done the following:

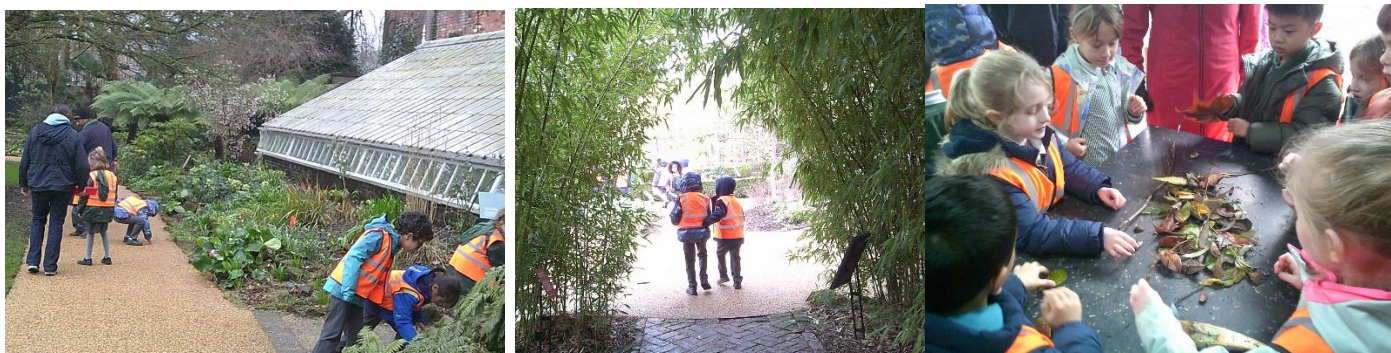
- Role played preparing for CNY cleaning, cooking and get ready in the Home Corner.
- Cleo shared her experiences with the class as did Hugo's mummy who used to live in China
 - They practised writing Happy New Year in Mandarin
- The children decorated a giant class dragon together and made red lanterns
 - The children did a dragon dance indoors and outside
- Having listened to the story of The Great Race, the children made a "raft" outside and pretended to the animals crossing the river



To finish their RE Buddhist unit, Year 5 explored responding to the world kindly and calmly. They then practised some mindfulness activities and created their own mindfulness bottles to help calm their minds.



Yesterday, to finish our place value unit, Year 5 played a competitive game in groups having to throw a paper ball into the correct place value column to answer questions given to us.



Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Chelsea Physic Garden! We took part in a workshop where we became 'Plant Hunters' and completed a scavenger hunt around the garden. We had so much fun exploring and learned lots of interesting facts about all of the plants.



Congratulations to Daphne, Isabelle, Isobel and Imogen, who gained a "special distinction" award for having the best shopping list in a foreign language in the recent Richmond and Merton Primary Languages Competition.

Lent Appeal – Mini-Market

Our House Captains spoke to the children in Worship today about our Lent Appeal 2026.

The House Captains have decided to hold a Mini-Market on Friday 20th March 2026 (yes, the same day as *Share My Learning!*), to raise money for different charities.

How the Mini-Market will work

The Mini-Market will be coordinated by the House Captains, but run by the KS2 children. Children in Years 3-6 will form small groups of between 3-6 children (if they would like to), and will each decide on a mini-stall or activity to run.

Examples of the types of activities include:

- Beat the Goalie
- Lucky Dip
- Crazy hair
- Tattoo transfers
- Make a bracelet
- Quizzes
- Coconut Shy
- Hoopla

The groups will set up their stalls in the small and large halls, or outside. At least 2 children will 'man' their stall at any one time. Each small group is responsible for providing everything for their stall - this includes all equipment and any prizes.

Year groups will then be allocated times to come and visit the Mini-Market and spend their money (in the form of tokens). Everything will 'cost' one token.

After half-term, we will send another Parentmail, giving information about how parents can pre-order tokens for their child to spend. This will mean that no cash is needed on the day.

The children are very excited about this!

I am sure there will be a number of questions, so do not hesitate to email me if you need to know more information.

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

National Storytelling Week
Soundtrack your story

GO ALL IN.
National Year 2 Reading 2026
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HOLY TRINITY BOOK WEEK


Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March 2026

This year, Holy Trinity's book week will be themed around storytelling and we will be exploring the National Storytelling Week resources from the National Literacy Trust.

National Storytelling Week celebrates the power of stories through oral storytelling, reading and writing for pleasure. Through an interactive workshop led by Alim Kamara, supported by engaging classroom resources, pupils will have the opportunity to explore and develop their storytelling and creative writing skills.

There will also be a dress up day on World Book Day and a whole school writing competition!

WORLD BOOK DAY
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COMPETITION

Deadline: Friday 3rd April 2026

Take your story telling to the next level and **write your own story!** All entries to be **handed to Miss Davies** by **Friday 3rd April.**

There will be prizes for the most creative and inspiring stories for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, so get writing!

WORLD BOOK DAY: DRESS UP DAY

Thursday 5th March 2026

On **Thursday 5th March 2026** there will be a national **dress up day** to celebrate World Book Day! Come to school in a book or reading themed costume to celebrate. Remember, costumes can be handmade - be creative and resourceful with what you have at home!

SURPRISE STORYTELLERS

This book week we have invited **parents** to come into their child's class to read a story!

We will also be taking part in **shared reading** where older year groups will read with younger year groups. This is a great opportunity for pupils to practise their storytelling skills.

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK SALE

WORLD BOOK DAY

On **Thursday 5th March 2026** our reading ambassadors will be holding a World Book Day book sale, where pupils can exchange their World Book Day token for a free book or buy a book for a £1 donation. All money raised will go towards buying more books for the school!

WORLD BOOK DAY
The reading for fun charity
5 March 2026



Choose your £1 book for free!

with your World Book Day® book token

Books are available in shops from 12 February until 15 March 2026.

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World Thinking Day and Founder's Day

Children who attend any of the Guide/Scout uniformed organisations (Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Brownies etc) are welcome to come to school on Monday 23rd February in their uniform to celebrate World Thinking and Founder's Day.



Smartphone Free Childhood

Thank you to those who came to hear Jennifer Powers, from the Unplugged Coalition, talk about the benefits of a Smartphone Free Childhood. We will share the slides in due course and you can listen to the talk by clicking on this link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UFOI9g7gmQJVFQe4S3yYK3Wj3PsdYVRr/view?ts=6985a984>




Here is the link for parents to sign up to the **Parent Pact**, the digital pledge to not give your child a smartphone until they are 14 or older: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact>

If you would like to join like-minded parents/carers then do consider joining this WhatsApp group that Clare Williams, one of our Year 1 parents, has set up.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GGlyMVplPVI DgJBACEZWjn?mode=gi_c

A few reminders

- Please ensure that children are supervised after school when waiting for siblings
- Children are not allowed on any of the equipment after school
- Children should not ride bikes or scooters in the playground, to make it safer for everyone
- Children from Year 2 to Year 6 are dismissed from the MUGA. We have had cases of parents taking their children from the line as the teacher leads the class to the MUGA. Please do not do this, as it is difficult for the teachers to account for every child.
- Do take the opportunity in half term to label all items of clothing, and water bottles




**Support my Child's Sleep
Free Online Parent/Carer Group**

Sleep is one of the most common challenges for Merton parents of young children aged 4-8.


This free NHS group programme offers practical, evidence-based advice to help improve your child's sleep - and yours - over the course of three weeks.

What do the sessions cover:

- The Science of Sleep and why it matters
- Common Sleep Difficulties in children aged 4-8
- Creating the right environment and routines.
- Supporting your child to sleep more independently.
- Practical tools and strategies you can use straight away



When does it start:
Fridays online between 12.30pm-1.30pm starting Friday the 27th of February, 3x weekly sessions



Please scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to sign up for the group

If your child attends a Merton Primary School but you can't do this time - you can still complete a form to register interest for future groups or 1:1 sessions.

Struggling with your child's sleep? 🌙

Merton Education Wellbeing Service is offering a **free three-session Support My Child's Sleep group**, designed to help parents tackle common sleep difficulties in children aged **4-8 years**.

The sessions start on **Friday 27th February at 12:30pm** and will take place **online via MS Teams**, making it easy to join from home or office.

★ **Over 90% of parents** who have used the service would recommend it and reported making positive progress towards their goals.

Sign up now using the link below:

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/Av6mW9W88P>

Useful Potty Training Information

https://startingreception.co.uk/potty-training/?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=127611028&utm_content=127611028&utm_source=hs_email

New online safety website launched as part of government campaign

We need your help in keeping children safe online. We're launching a new website on 16 February 2026 to support families and encourage regular conversations about what they're seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?". Based on parents' main concerns and needs, it provides:

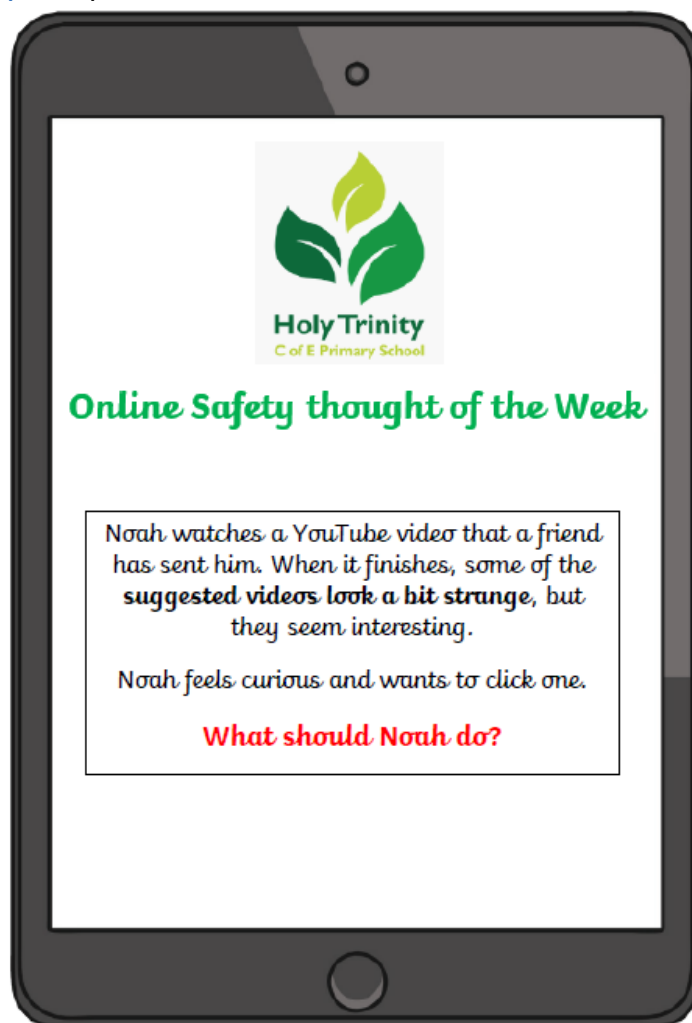
- tips for parents' conversations with their children
- actions to support each stage of their child's life

- parental controls information

We are also signposting to trusted resources from charities and third parties, where parents can access other forms of support (like speaking to an expert).

The website will continue to grow and be developed this year, supporting the [Online Safety Act](#) and wider government aims.

Please share [Kids online safety](#) with parents.



HOTS Update

QUIZ NIGHT, Friday 20th March from 19:15

Time to get swotting, the ever popular HOTS Quiz Night is back! Join us for a child-free evening of trivia, light-hearted competition and big fun.

This year is extra special as we have a pizza van, Made of Dough, coming to provide delicious freshly-made, wood-fired pizzas. Yum! There will also be a fully licensed bar selling drinks, snacks and sweet treats.

Teams can be ANY size up to 8 people, if you have fewer than 8 we can try and play matchmaker on request. Please note teams under 4 people may automatically get paired up to ensure we can accommodate as many as possible. Either way please book together under one booking so we can plan capacity.

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>

Term Dates 2025-2026

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

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
23 th February		Spring 2 term begins
23 rd – 27 th February 2 nd – 6 th March		3H Swimming
26 th February	AM TBC	Multiplication Workshop for Year 2 parents/carers
2 nd – 6 th March		Book Week including World Book Day 5 th March Dress-up Day 5th March
2 nd – 13 th March		Assessment weeks
9 th – 13 th March 16 th – 20 th March		3T Swimming
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
20th March		Lent Appeal – Mini-Market
20 th March	Evening	HOTS Parent Quiz Night
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
24 th April	Evening	HOTS' Disco
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
27 th June	12.00 – 16.00	Summer Fair
3 rd July	AM	Year 6 to Southwark Cathedral
8 th July	18.30	Year 6 Production
9 th July	18.30	Year 6 Production
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 Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful half term.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher