

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

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break. We have had a busy start to the half term with our World Friendship Ambassadors taking worship, in preparation for Anti-Bullying week next week; Reverend Mary shared with us all about All Saints' Day; the Growing Together in Spirit Team have planned our next Eucharist with Father Mark and Reverend Mary, and Reception participated in a Germ Workshop, complete with germ-busting superhero capes!



As part of our Nursery Rhyme topic this term, we sang *The Grand Old Duke of York* and marched like soldiers. We also talked about how poppies help us to remember and think about soldiers and their families. The children worked together to make a beautiful class poppy, showing great teamwork and care.



Year 3 had loads of fun painting on 'cave walls' recently.

Odd Socks

As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2025, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 10th November**. Please encourage your child to wear a pair of odd socks on Monday 10th November to celebrate that each and every person is valued and unique. **The jazzier the better.**

As part of Odd Socks Day, we will also be holding our annual 'Design a Pair of Odd Socks' Competition. Children will be given the entry sheets in class. Please encourage them to design their odd socks and then hand their entry into their class teacher.



Parent/Carer Prayer Group

Did you know there are parents who pray for Holy Trinity School? You'd be so welcome to join our next prayer meeting.

- Friday 14th November
- 9am
- Holy Trinity Church

Come and connect with fellow parents and join us in lifting our school up in prayer. For more info, contact Hannah Lamont at 07742671108. Hope to see you there! 🙏

HOTS Updates

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Wow! What a talented bunch of pupils we have here at Holy Trinity. We were absolutely blown away by the entries for the recent Pumpkin Carving Competition.

It was super hard to choose, but many congratulations go to Emilie (6T), Luca (4T), Felix (Y2 Squirrels), Elliana (Y1 Otters) and Mia (Reception Robins). Between them they have been awarded a half day workshop at Art-K, tickets to see Polka Theatre's Christmas production, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, and vouchers for Hobbycraft. But in fact it was so difficult deciding that we've snuck in some runner up prizes to others as well!

Photos of our 5 winners' pumpkins are below, but please do follow us on Instagram @hotsfriendsofholytrinity where you'll see many more of our pupils' fabulous creations.

A big thank you also to the parents who got behind this new event. As you may know, the HOTS Committee are a relatively small group of parents who work to fundraise for the school on a purely voluntary basis, so your enthusiasm for our ideas is really appreciated.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Don't forget to buy your Christmas tree this year from HOTS. We are selling beautiful Nordmann Fir trees which are available in 5 different sizes and at a significant discount to high street prices. Please spread the word as these are available for the wider community to purchase too.

Orders must be placed by November 27th and will arrive at the school on Saturday December 6th. We've asked for a morning slot from the supplier and exact times will be announced nearer the date.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106627&isProductGroup=true>

CHRISTMAS CHEER & CAROLS - Saturday 29th November

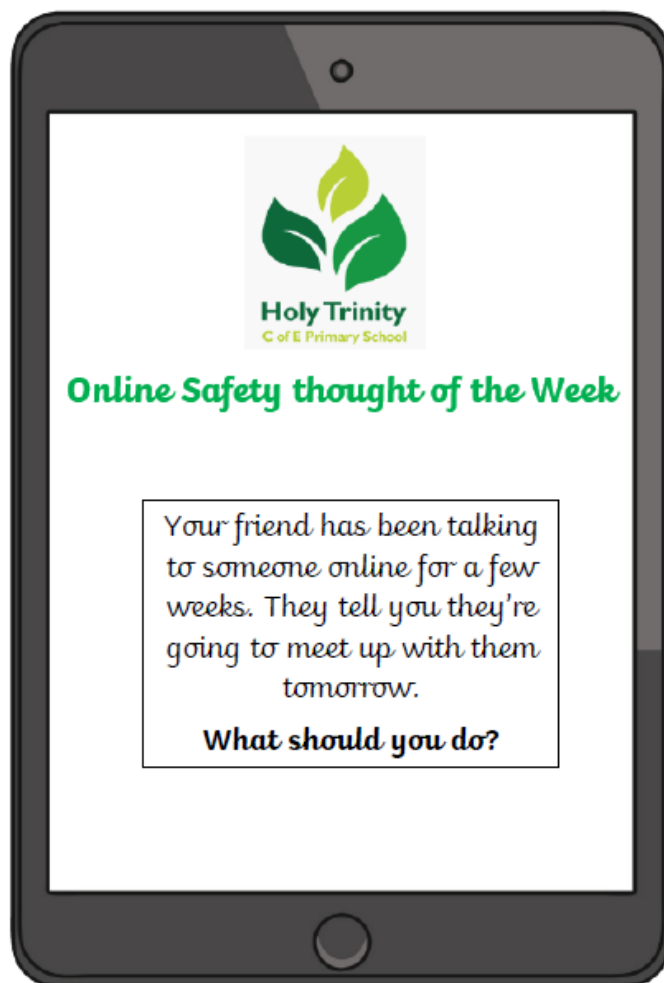
Join us for a wonderful family afternoon of Christmas cheer on Saturday 29th November from 4-6pm. There will be festive treats such as mulled wine, mince pies and crafts for the children, as well as music and carols accompanied by a live brass band, the Merton Concert Band. Magical!

Tickets can be purchased from the link below:-

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106777>

Holy Trinity Church Fair - Donations

Wimbledon 2nd Brownies have a stall at the Holy Trinity Christmas fair. We will be selling children's clothes and would welcome contributions in very good condition (suitable for resale). If you want to contribute we will accept donations on Tuesday nights between now and 25 November 2025 between 6-7pm at Marchard Hall.



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Promoting Positive Behaviours

Want to reduce challenging behaviour and enjoy more positive moments with your child?

Join our workshop for parents and carers of children aged 0-5.

Learn simple, effective ways to encourage good behaviour through the power of praise, positive attention, and play.

This workshop will give you tools you can use straight away to create a calmer, happier home.

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 18th November
100-200pm



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DATE / TIME

Thursday 20th November
6.00-7.00pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Resilience in Primary School Children

Practical advice for parents who are open to thinking about their role and what they can do to help develop resilience in their child.



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Wednesday 19th November
8.00-9.00pm



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Talk Autism is a forum for parents and carers of children, young people and adults with autism in Merton

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) - a talk by the SEND Community Outreach Officer

Date

Monday 10 November 2025, 10am – 12pm

Location

Church Road Children Centre
243 Church Road, Mitcham
CR4 3BH

Event details

We will be joined by Tracy Clarke, Merton's SEND Community Outreach Officer, who will be explaining her role, describing her support for parents and how her service focuses on a few areas of development in Merton.

The session is appropriate to parents of a family member with autism.

Tracy will be telling us about the development of the Local Offer and how parents can use it to find local support and services.

The session will also cover:

- ✓ Details about the M-Card, identifying additional concessions that M-Card members can benefit from
- ✓ The development of the Neurodiversity pathway, and the neurodiversity offer in Merton – Tracy is keen to obtain parents' views about this during the session

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences with the team and other parents.

Book your place NOW!

Book your place at this free session by contacting Maria Solari, Talk Autism Manager:

By email: maps.coordinator@mertonmencap.org.uk or Phone: 07709 715206

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 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

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
10 th – 14 th November		Anti-bullying week
10 th November		Odd Socks Day
18 th November		School Eucharist @ school
24 th – 28 th November		Assessment Week
27 th November	9.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
29 th November	16.00-18.00	HOTS' Christmas Cheer and Carols
6 th December		Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
9 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity (Owls)
10 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity (Robins)
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		
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	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
	14.00	Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher