

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 heard this week that our school had the most completed Summer Reading Challenge entries! This is wonderful news – thank you so much for supporting this great initiative. The library is offering a number of tickets to one of their productions as a prize. Let's keep up the reading and not just limit it to the summer!



In our worship this week, we started the first in our series for Black History Month, as we celebrated bold men and women in black history. I would love to involve our school community in our Black History celebrations. If you have any stories that you are happy to share with our pupils, please do email me.

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER



Year 3 working hard in their pairs deciding how to match input, device and output during their computing lesson.

On Friday 6th October, Year 5 participated in a choral workshop with a member of staff from MMF in preparation for a very exciting opportunity. Year 5 pupils will be performing in a special concert at the Royal Albert Hall on the evening of Monday 11th March 2023 so put this date in your diary. More information will follow closer to the time.



Reception had lots of fun learning about and labelling different body parts! We measured our feet and bodies!

Parent Teacher Consultations

This term's Parent Teacher Consultations meetings will be held on-line, over a 4 day period, between Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October. The consultations for different classes will be held on different days and at different times during the afternoon and early evening.

The booking window opened at 7am on Tuesday 3rd October and will close again at 7am on Tuesday 10th October. Please look out for the ParentMail message sent on Monday morning with full details of how to book.

Share My Learning – Friday 13th 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 13th 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.

Morning Drop and Go!

Please continue to drop your children (Years 1-6) and then vacate the playground as soon as possible please – this really does help the children settle quicker.

Pokémon Cards

Please ensure that no Pokémon, or other trading cards, are brought into school. They are a distraction and can easily get lost. Thank you.

No Nuts

This is just a reminder that we are a no nut school. Please ensure that packed lunches and snacks do not contain any nuts at all – this includes Nutella in sandwiches. Thank you for your support with this.

Punctuality

This is just a reminder that pupils (Reception to Year 6) should be in school by 8.45am, and should enter via the Faraday Gate. We are seeing a number of children arriving after this time, and coming through the Effra Gate, or the main school office. Early work takes place in class as soon as children arrive in school, children who are late are missing this valuable learning time.

Parents/carers in school

Please do not enter school via the back door from the playground, but instead come around to the main school office where you can be signed in. Thank you so much for your support.

Schools Sunday – Sunday 15th October, 10am @ Holy Trinity Church

We encourage as many children and families as possible to come to the special Schools' Sunday service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 15th October at 10am. Children do not need to wear their school uniform. The choir will be singing, so we would certainly ask that as many choir members as possible attend. Even if your child is not in the choir, they would be welcome to sing along too. The children will be singing *Siya hamba*, which you can listen to by clicking on this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZQrrt72eps>

Poetry Competition



The Holy Trinity poetry competition is back!

The theme is 'my FAVOURITE PLACE'

You could write about :

- Where you like to play or relax
- Where you feel happiest
- What does it look or feel like in your favourite place?

There will be prizes for the winners and the winning poems will be displayed in the school.

Your poem can be any style, any length and can be rhyming or non-rhyming.

Please submit your entries by **Friday the 20th of October** via the envelope in the school lobby.

Good luck and happy writing!

Christmas Cards

If you haven't returned your child's artwork yet, please do so by the morning of Monday 9th October – this will be the last opportunity, as the artwork will be sent off to Art Projects for Schools.

Once the company have received your child's artwork, they will input it into their system and you will be able to order cards, wrapping paper, labels, bags or mugs, using your child's unique code.

You must order from APFS before midnight on the 31st October otherwise you will incur additional postage charges.

The items will be delivered to your child by the end of November.

Thank you for your support.
Miss McHenry

New Trim Trail

On Tuesday 10th October, work will start on our new Trim Trail. Please ensure that you keep young children well away from the area for their safety.

Reception and Nursery Entry in September 2024/ Open Days

Please see our Reception and Nursery Admissions pages on the website for information about how and when to apply for places to start next Autumn:

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/reception_admissions

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/nursery_admissions

These pages also provide details of the open days we will be hosting this autumn. If your child is due to join us in September 2024, please do sign up for an event. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what we can offer here at Holy Trinity.

HOTS NOTICES

After 3 brilliant years on the PTA committee, our wonderful treasurer, Tony, is looking to pass the HOTS chequebook along. That means **we are looking for a new treasurer** to be part of the work we do to support the school.

If numbers are your thing, perhaps you are an accountant or just numerically inclined, then this could be the role for you!

The work we do is so important to the school and provides vital resources to every year group. The brand new trim trail being installed in the playground next week is being funded entirely by HOTS and the generosity of our amazing parent community.

We are also looking for new committee members to join us and be a part of the difference we are making. If you want to help shape the future of the school and join HOTS then please email us at hotsemail@gmail.com

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Parenting Children with Characteristics of ADHD*
A webinar for primary school parents

Education Wellbeing Service

*Open to all parents and carers of children with characteristics of ADHD, whether they have a diagnosis or not.

DATE / TIME


Monday 9th October 7:30-9pm
Wednesday 11th October 12.30-2pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by following the link in the description

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



The NHS-in-School Education Wellbeing Service is offering an evening and lunchtime Webinar for parents of children with characteristics of ADHD. You can sign up for the session that suits you best by clicking on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

**BAME VOICE WITH
MERTON CLIMATE ACTION GROUP**

Invite you to:

"BREAK EVERY CHAIN"

CHAINS OF HISTORICAL OPPRESSION, ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION, EMOTIONAL RECOVERY

DATE: SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023 11 am - 5 pm

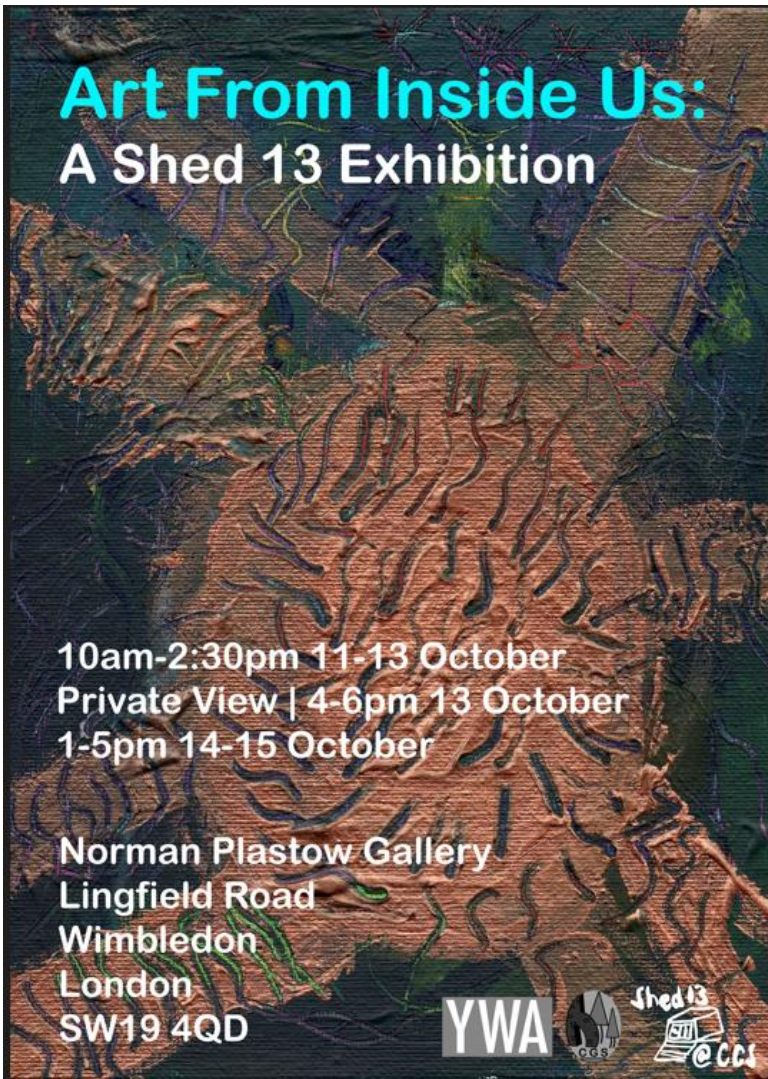
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LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS & PERFORMING ARTISTS —
EMMANUEL THE MAGNIFICENT ACROBATIC DANCERS & DRUMMERS
STALLS—HEALTH & WELLBEING, YOUTH GROUPS

VENUE: NEW CENTRE COURT GROUND FLOOR
WIMBLEDON SW19 8YE
Buses 57,93,163,164,200
Tram, Train, Tube close by.









Pupils from Cricket Green School are holding an art exhibition. Do consider going along to support them.

Attached Items:

None today

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

- First day: Monday 4 September 2023
(INSETs Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September so children back Wednesday 6th September)
- Last day: Thursday 21st December
- Half term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

Spring Term 2024

- First day: Monday 8th January 2024
(INSET Monday 8th January so children back Tuesday 9th January)
- Last day: Thursday 28th March 2024
- Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term 2024

- First day: Monday 15th April 2024
- Last day: Wednesday 24th July 2024
- Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
(INSETs Monday 3rd June and Wednesday 24th July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4th June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23rd July 2024)

Key Dates for the Term

Any new dates added will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
13 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 15 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
16-19 th October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 th October		Break up for half term
30 th October		Autumn 2 begins
2 nd November	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
7 th November		School Eucharist @ school
9 th November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
13 th – 17 th November		Anti-bullying week
17 th November	9.45-10.15	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
27 th November – 1 st December		Assessment week
1 st December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 th December	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
12 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
14 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
15 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
18 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	14.00	Break up
8 th January 2024		INSET Day – School closed
9 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
11 th January	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 th -27 th March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 th April		Summer term begins
19 th April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th – 10 th May		Year 4 PGL
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
24 th May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day – School closed
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
4 th – 7 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 th – 14 th June		Assessment Week
10 th – 14 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
29 th June		Summer Fair
19 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 rd July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards