

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

In worship this morning we prayed for southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the devastating earthquake. You might like to consider donating to the Red Cross Appeal (<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>), and using the prayer at home.

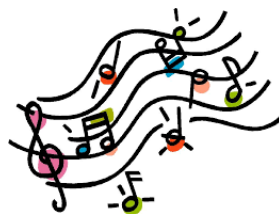
God of time and space,
we cry to you for your children - our neighbours - in southern Turkey and northern Syria,
following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives.
We give thanks for the aid that is already being given
and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

Comfort, we pray,
those who are trapped in collapsed buildings;
those who have lost loved ones;
those who wait for news and
those digging through rubble to save others.

Grant the gift of hope so that those caught between life and death know that you are with them and that others are ready to support them as they seek a future that overshadows the experiences of today.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of them.

Amen.



Did you know that at least 143 of our children are involved in extra-curricular music activities? We shared this statistic with Councillor Sally Kenny (Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning), Elisabeth Wigley (Head of Merton Music Foundation) and Rachel Bowerman (Head of Merton School Improvement) this week, when they came for a music showcase. They spent time in Praise Worship, talking to children, observing a music lesson, and speaking to Mrs Quinn. We received such positive feedback from them about the high quality of our music in school. A huge thank you to Mrs Quinn, and the children who spoke to our visitors.



Some of our Year 6 children led worship on Monday as part of Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year was *Let's Connect*. The children were encouraged to connect with others by writing notes of compliments, which were posted in our special post box.



This week we planted a Rowan tree in our Quiet Garden. The tree was kindly donated to us by the All England Lawn Tennis Club.



Reception celebrated 'Waitangi Day' and learnt about lots of different New Zealand facts! They had a visit from Rosa's parents who spoke about New Zealand and taught Reception the haka dance. They made fact books about what they had learnt.





Nursery have been exploring the nursery rhyme, '5 Little Men in A Flying Saucer'. There was a lot of role playing; singing and exploring the Solar System. We ended our week with our dressing up as nursery rhyme characters. Can you guess who the children have come to school as?

All Welcome Coffee Morning – Thursday 23rd February @ 9.00am

You are invited to a parent/carer Coffee Morning at 9.00am on Thursday 23rd February, run by some of our parents. Everyone is welcome, but this might particularly be useful to any families new to our school, or those for whom English is an additional language. Please enter via the school office.

Safer Internet Day – useful resources for parent/carers

This week we observed Safer Internet Day. The NSPCC has some useful resources for parents/carers to keep their children safe online at home. Do take a look at their resources via this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Governor Committee Clerk required

We are looking for a clerk to take the minutes at our governor committee meetings. This is a voluntary post. Might you have a few hours a term to spare please to serve in this way? If you would like more information please email Shipra Gupta (Chair of Governors) at governors@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

PE Days - Spring 2 2023

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Thursday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 5 – Monday and Thursday

6H – Monday and Wednesday

6T – Monday and Tuesday

Room available?

One of our families at school is in need of support. Does anyone have, or know of, a room that might be available for a family to stay in short-term? If you think you might be able to help, please email

headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

HOTS Notices

The school PTA is run entirely by parent volunteers. We organise events for children, parents and carers and aim to bring the school community together to connect and have fun. These events raise huge amounts of money for the school and in recent years we have been able to buy the school 30 laptops, new playground equipment, a new piano, hundreds of new books and much more.

We are looking for **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS** to help us continue this important work and **bring fresh ideas** to the table. It is **not a big time commitment** and can be done alongside a job. It is **incredibly rewarding** and you can make a big impact on the resources available to your child(ren) on a day-to-day basis. If you would like to hear more, please email hotsemail@gmail.com. We can't wait to hear from you :)

The HOTS Committee

Useful Podcasts

One of our parent governors has recommended the following podcasts that she uses with her family at home. You might like to listen to them too.

PSHE

- Bash Boom Best – children’s debate podcast on subjects of interest to children
- Short and Curly – Ethics podcast for children
- Ooh you’re in trouble – people talk about things they did when they were younger and discuss whether it was wrong and made a mistake or if it was a type of protest and should be rewarded
- The Big Life kids podcast – podcast on growth mindset and resilience

SCIENCE

- Wow in the world – Excellent fun science podcast for KS1 and 2
- Mysteries of Science – good KS2/family one from Science and Nature magazine
- The Big Fib – 2 experts talk about a particular subject and a child has to work out who is lying and who is telling the truth

ENGLISH


- Tremendous Tales with Liz Pichon – this is our favourite podcast, she interviews different famous children’s authors and illustrators
- Story Pirates – stories written by children performed by adults
- What if World – more stories written by children performed by adults

MATHS

- Million Bazillion – children’s podcast on how money and economics works

HISTORY

- Forever Ago - podcast on things we know and use and how they have developed through history


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

NHS Wellbeing Workshops

**Online Webinar for Parents:
Supporting Common Child
Anxieties and Worries –
Including Around Exams**

20th, 23rd, or 24th March




Anxiety and worries during childhood are completely normal. At the same time, they can cause stress for both children and those supporting them.

This webinar looks at different ways you can:

- Talk with your child about worries
- Identify key worries
- Support your child with their anxieties and worries

And it will provide parents with some key resources.

Sign up for free via Eventbrite:
www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309





Dyscalculia Day



SAVE THE DATE: 3 MARCH 2023

Designed to raise awareness of Dyscalculia and maths difficulties, Dyscalculia Day aims to support educators, parents and adults who struggle with maths.

For Educators

Dyscalculia Day Conference with world leading Dyscalculia experts

For Parents

Parent Dyscalculia Day Conference with Dyscalculia Academy

For Adults

Webinar for Dyscalculic adults to share their experiences

FREE Q&A session
with Dyscalculia Network's
Cat Eadle and Rob Jennings

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In association with:



Dyscalculia-Academy



Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2023

- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17th April 2023
 - Last day: Friday 21st July 2023
 - Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
- (INSETs Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July, so children end Thursday 20th July 2023)

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)

Date	Time	Event
20 th February		2 nd half of term begins
13 th – 17 th March		Assessment Week
20 th – 24 th March		Year 6 visit to France
21 st March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning
27 th – 31 st March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
31 st March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
17 th April		Summer term begins
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th May		Extra Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
26 th May		Break up for half term
5 th June		INSET Day – School closed
6 th June		2 nd half of term begins
5 th June -16 th June		Year 4 Timetables Check Window
12 th June – 16 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
12 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning TBC
20 th July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
21 st July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Izzy Rickards