

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

On Monday I had the privilege of presenting our pupil leaders with their badges. At Holy Trinity, we are keen to develop the leadership skills of our children, and so, we offer many opportunities for them to serve our school community. The children were asked to take their role seriously and responsibly, and to wear their badges with pride. This year we have the following different leadership roles:

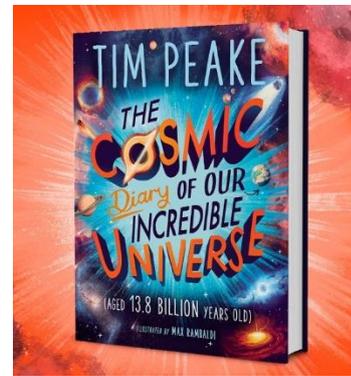
- Reading Ambassadors
- Digital Leaders
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Buddies
- PE Ambassadors
- House Captains
- Office Aides
- Language Ambassadors
- Junior Leadership Team (including Chair and Vice-Chair)
- Eco-Warriors (including Chair and Vice-Chair)
- Growing Together in Spirit Team (including Chair and Vice-Chair)



In Computing, Year 3 learnt about the journey of a file using key terms such as wireless access point, network switch and server.



Many congratulations to our Tag Rugby team who came second overall in the Merton competition today.



Year 4 had a superb time meeting Tim Peake at the Wimbledon Bookfest this week. It was wonderful to see the children reading Tim Peake's book as they left school that day.

Share My Learning – Friday 18th 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 18th 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.

Schools Sunday – Sunday 20th 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 20th 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 *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Stuart Townend version), do click on the link to practise at home <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

Secondary School Applications – Year 6 parents/carers

Merton have asked us to remind you that the applications for secondary schools, for entry in September 2025, need to be completed by 31st October 2024. Do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you need any support with this. The applications can be completed via the following website: <https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

Christmas Card Ordering



Every year, the children at Holy Trinity create amazing Christmas themed designs which are then made into cards or other personalised items to share with friends and family. You can purchase them from 'Art Projects for Schools' (APFS), and at the same time help raise money for our school and for the Woodland Trust, a charity that focuses on creating more woodland areas across the UK.

Your child will have brought home a Christmas card design and information leaflet today (Friday). If you would like to order some cards, wrapping paper, labels, bags or mugs, please visit the website and input the unique artwork code found on the back of your child's design.

You must order from APFS before midnight on the 23rd October otherwise you will incur additional postage charges.

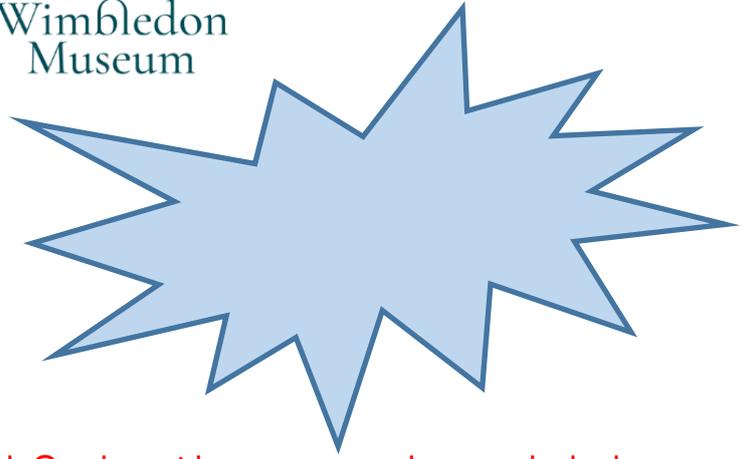
The items will be delivered to your child in the week commencing 11th November.

Thank you,
Miss McHenry



Wimbledon
Museum

Young Wimbledon Artists, Wimbledon Museum and Wimbledon Royal British Legion are joining forces to put on a winter show. The theme is **'We Will Remember Them'**, and they want young artists to interpret these words in any way they choose; inspiration could come from a poem, a family memory or what the poppy means to them. Pieces can be made in 2D or 3D, maximum size A3.



Entries must be given to Miss McHenry by Weds 16th October with your name and age on the back. Winning entries will be exhibited in the YWA 2024 Winter Show which runs from Nov 11th—Dec 30th.

New Menu

The new lunch menu is attached to this Bulletin and is on our website. Please note that the new menu starts after half-term. Caterlink accidentally left off the week beginning 21st October from the current menu – this week will be Week 1 of the current menu.

HOTS Notices

Autumn Disco Tickets!

One week left until the big event! It's still not too late to secure your tickets!

Friday, October 18, 2024
Nursery/KS1: 5:30-6:30pm
KS2: 6:45-8pm

Join us for a fun-filled hour of music, dancing, make over stalls, treats, sweets, and glow stick novelties. Children are welcome to wear fancy dress/costumes, but please do not bring any accessories/toy weapons. Children must be supervised by a parent/carer or another adult. SPACE IS LIMITED in the hall, so we recommend 2-3 children attend with each adult. Please note that this event is only for current enrolled students of Holy Trinity School, and there is not enough space for younger siblings to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to assist. If you are able to help please feel free to register when purchasing tickets or email us at hotsemail@gmail.com.

* Buggies must be left outside

Cake Donations Needed!

We are seeking donations of cakes and treats to sell at the Autumn Disco. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to drop off donations to the office the day of the event or drop off prior to the start of the disco. Please note key ingredients used and avoid nuts. This way we can prevent issues for guests with dietary requirements/allergies.

Disco Volunteers Needed!

We are still looking for volunteers to help at each group event. Currently, we need help with the makeover stalls in KS1, and volunteers with our cake stall in both groups. If you are able to help, feel free to sign up when purchasing tickets with the link below, or email at hotsemail@gmail.com.

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



Merton's Forum for Parents of Children and Young People with Disabilities or Special Needs

Free Kids First Events for 2024

Friday 18 October, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)

The role of the Merton CAMHS Team & the neurodevelopmental pathway for diagnostic assessment of autism/ADHD explained, plus, information about Kooth, an online counselling & emotional well-being platform for children and young people

with Henrietta Dewsnap, Service Manager for Merton CAMHS,

Kenneth Wong, Clinical Manager for Merton CAMHS, Vikki Cameron, Assistant Head of Children's Services (Merton), SW London Integrated Care System & Billie Kerr, Relationship Manager for SW London, Kooth

Hear about the role of the Merton CAMHS Team & an update on the neurodevelopmental pathway for diagnostic assessment of autism/ADHD in Merton.

The session will also cover information about the referral process, how referrals are screened, the assessment processes, wait times, post diagnostic support & any future plans.

Plus, Billie will be joining the session to talk about Kooth, an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people aged 10-25, which includes a free, anonymous chat service, offering a safe space to talk with a team of mental health professionals.

Come along & ask your questions. Book now!

The Chaucer Centre (Combi Room), Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX

TBA November, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)

Merton Short Breaks Consultation

with Clare Devane, Merton's Head of Service, Transformation Programmes, Allison Jones, Head of Early Years, Family Wellbeing and Early Help, & Jo Ross, Head of Family Support and Safeguarding Children, Lifelong Learning and Families Department

Following the first stage of Merton's Short Breaks Consultation in July & August, Clare will be presenting Merton's proposals for the Short Breaks offer from September 2025.

Short breaks are part of a range of services that support children & young people with disabilities, & their families. They are hugely beneficial as they give children & young people the chance to take part in fun activities & develop new interests, relationships, & greater independence, whilst at the same time giving parents & carers a break from their caring responsibilities. They can happen in the evening, after school, weekends, school holidays or overnight depending on the needs of your child. This is your chance to tell Merton what you think of the proposals & have your say to improve this valuable & much needed service for you & other SEND children, young people & their families.

Your views will help inform Merton's short breaks offer from September 2025 onwards, so don't miss this opportunity to get your voice heard! Book your place now!

The Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX

Friday 15 November, 10am to 12pm (Zoom meeting)

SEND Update

with Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Assistant Director of Education Children Lifelong Learning and Families & Karla Finikin, Head of SENDIS (SEN and Disabilities Integrated Service)

A great opportunity to hear the latest information from senior officers in Merton & ask your questions.

Register now to secure your place!

Thursday 5 December, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)

Police and youth engagement

with PC Sophie Lawrence 1395SW, SEND Youth Engagement and Diversion Officer & Junior Cadet Leader at Cricket Green School & The Sherwood School

Sophie has been working in schools in Merton as a Police Officer for ten years & specialises in working with children with SEND. Sophie currently runs a Met Police SEND Cadet Unit for students at Cricket Green school & regularly supports Cricket Green, Melbury College & Raynes Park High School. Sophie will be talking about her role as SEND Youth Engagement & Diversion Officer & will be talking through what happens in a stop & search interaction with a young person. Stop & search is probably the most likely interaction a child or young person will have with the police. Sophie will also talk about the procedures followed if a child/young person is arrested.

Plus hear information about the Police Cadets, for young people aged 13-18. The Police cadets is inclusive & helps young people to develop their volunteering & personal development opportunities, have fun, exciting experiences & learn about policing.

Following the presentation Sophie is happy to answer any questions you may have about the topics discussed & anything else you wish to know. Book now to secure your place.

Kids First is a project of Merton Mencap

Tel: 020 3963 0597 (Parent Forum Administrator)

Email: kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk

Website: www.mertonmencap.org.uk



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

Next event
Monday 14 October 2024, 10am – 12pm

Location
In-person at the Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden SM4 8PX

Merton Family Information and Support Hubs (FISH)

We will be joined by Early Help Support Co-ordinator Kavi & Silvia who will be giving advice and guidance to help parents to find and access the supportive information and services that you need.

The workshop will comprise:

We can help parents with any aspect of family life, including:

- ✓ Your child's development
- ✓ Behaviour and emotions
 - ✓ Relationships
 - ✓ Money
 - ✓ Training or work
 - ✓ Benefits
 - ✓ Finding childcare
- ✓ And more Our Early Help Co-ordinators
- ✓ Questions and answer session

The session is appropriate to parents and carers of children, young people & adults with autism.

Register now to attend this free session by contacting Maria Solari:

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

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting Big Emotions at Home & School- The Zones of Regulation

The Primary Years are a time of rapid development and huge change; it is also a time where emotions can be expressed and experienced in many different ways.

This free session for parents of primary school children in South London schools looks at Emotion Regulation skills and strategies.




DATE / TIME

Tuesday 12th November 7.30-8.30 pm
Thursday 14th November 13.00-2.0 pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:



[Click here to book](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

Backstage Careers at 'TheatreCraft – Next Generation'

This October half-term, TheatreCraft & White Light will be hosting an exciting event at the Science Museum, *TheatreCraft - Next Generation*; showcasing backstage careers in theatre. Aimed at children and teens aged 7 to 15, the event aspires to raise awareness of career opportunities in areas like lighting, audio, video, and rigging technology.

From Tuesday, 29th October to Friday, 1st November, we expect to welcome up to 20,000 visitors to the Technician Gallery, where they can explore a variety of backstage roles in the theatre industry via hands-on demonstrations pods and our CraftStage talks.

If you're planning to visit during the day, be sure to [prebook your free ticket](#).



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Online relationship support for parents



Parents in Merton can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.



To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents

For support, please contact an Early Help Support Coordinator by emailing FSD@merton.gov.uk





Family Information and Support Hubs (FISH)

We can help you with any aspect of family life, including:

- ✓ Your child's development
- ✓ Behaviour and emotions
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Training or work
- ✓ Benefits
- ✓ Finding childcare



Our Early Help Co-ordinators will offer advice and guidance to help you find and access the supportive information and services that you need.

Sessions take place Monday to Friday with free face to face and telephone appointments available.



Book an appointment by scanning the QR code or visit our website: www.eventbrite.com/cc/family-information-support-hub-1705749

Or, come along to one of our drop-in sessions (no appointment needed):

Family Hub at Church Rd Children Centre – Mondays, 1.30pm-4.30pm
Family Hub at Acacia Children Centre – Wednesdays, 9.00am-12.00pm

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OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL COURSE



St Dunstan's Primary School,
Anne Boleyn's Walk, Sutton, SM3 8DF

For Children aged 4 - 11 (Rec - Year 6)

Monday 28th October to
Wednesday 30th October



£25 per half day
(£20 per half day if you book three days)
9.00am - 1.00pm (Half Day)



£30 per full day
(£25 per full day if you book three days)
9.00am - 3.00pm (Full Day)



Coaching includes: Ball Skills, Fun Games and Matches.
Every child will receive a prize and there will be special additional trophies for excellent sportsmanship.
To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

FOOTBALL COACHING



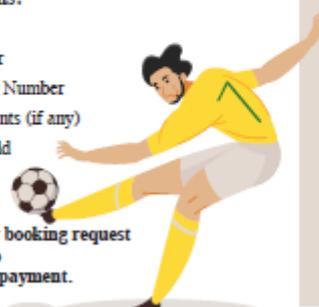
Should you wish for any further information about the holiday club then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with:
Weather appropriate sports clothing and footwear
Lunch and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk confirming the following details:

1. Child's Name
2. Current School Year
3. Emergency Contact Number
4. Medical Requirements (if any)
5. The Days You Would Like To Book

Once we receive your booking request we will contact you to explain how to make payment.



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OCTOBER HALF TERM

Street Dance + Gymnastics

St Dunstan's Primary School,
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Monday 28th October to
Wednesday 30th October

£25 per half day
(£20 per half day if you book three days)
9.00am - 1.00pm (Half Day)

£30 per full day
(£25 per full day if you book three days)
9.00am - 3.00pm (Full Day)



Boys and Girls aged 4-11 years
(Reception to Year 6)
Activities include Routines, Coordination Skills and Fun Games
To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Street Dance + Gymnastics

Should you wish for any further information then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with: appropriate clothing to enable movement and flexibility, appropriate footwear, lunch and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk confirming the following details:

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COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

Attached Items

- New Lunch Menu – starts after half term

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETS Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September)

Children start back Wednesday 4th 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 6th January 2025)

Children start back Tuesday 7th 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 2nd June 2025)

Children start back after half term Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22nd July 2025)

Children break up Monday 21st July 2025.

Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September)

Children start back Wednesday 3rd 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 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

Key Dates 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
17 th October	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
18 th October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
18 th October		DLD (Developmental Language Disorder) Day
Sunday 20 th October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st -24 th October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
25 th October		Break up for half term
4 th November		Autumn 2 begins
7 th November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
11 th – 15 th November		Anti-bullying week
12 th November		School Eucharist @ school
18 th November		Flu Vaccinations for children (only for those whose parents/carers have given consent)
28 th November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
2 nd – 6 th December		Assessment week
6 th December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
12 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
13 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
17 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
20 th December	14.00	Break up

6 th January 2025		INSET Day – School closed
7 th January 2025		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
9 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		Spring 2 term begins
10 th – 21 st March		Assessment weeks
24 th – 28 th March		Year 6 in France
24 th March – 3 rd April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	8.15-8.45	Nursery to Year 5 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
4 th April	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April		Summer 1 term begins
25 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
7 th – 9 th May		Year 4 PGL
12 th – 15 th May		Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 rd May		Break up for half term
2 nd June		INSET Day – School closed
3 rd June		Summer 2 term begins
3 rd – 6 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
9 th – 13 th June		Assessment Week
9 th – 13 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
18 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
21 st July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a good weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher