

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 have been so proud of the children during our two assessment weeks. They have really demonstrated to us what they have learnt this term.

As I write this, the wonderful HOTS team are busy setting up for the disco. I am so grateful to our wonderful parent/carer community that give so much for the good of our school – thank you.

Year 6 are packed and ready for their adventure in France next week. Please do pray for them to have a safe, fun and wonderful learning experience.



Year 5 had such a wonderful afternoon at St. John's with Soo Bishop, listening to, and learning about Louis Armstrong.



Year 4 did a super recorder performance for a year 2 & 3 class and did an amazing job at performing all the pieces they had learnt to play this term.



The children in Year 4 explored the work of sculptor Sokari Douglas Camp, in particular her 2012 work, 'All the World is Now Richer', which depicts life-size figures dressed to represent a timeline of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. Messages spread behind from each figure like a shadow, such as, 'We were sold, bought and used', 'We survived' and 'All the world is now richer'. The children thought about a quality they would like to see in other children and created their own shadow sculpture. We were lucky the sun came out!



Over the last few weeks, Reception have been learning how to log into a laptop. They have also been developing their mouse control skills.

Share My Learning – Friday 28th March (Nursery to Year 5) & Friday 25th April (Year 6)

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 28th March (Nursery to Year 5) & Friday 25th April (Year 6)**. 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.

Lent and Easter Activities

Please look at the Parentmail sent out today, which contains further information about how to purchase tokens for the Mini-Market, raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle and donating to the Trinity Trek!

This year we are supporting 3 charities, all chosen by the House Captains:

Cancer Research <https://www.cancerresearchuk/>

Young Minds <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Make a wish <https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/>

Mini-Market – Monday 31st March

If your child is running a stall, please make sure they have everything they need for it. All children will have the opportunity to 'spend' their tokens at the Mini-Market.

Trinity Trek – Thursday 3rd April @ 1.45pm

The whole school will be taking part in the Trinity Trek (think Marsden March!) around South Park Gardens.

Easter Egg Raffle – Friday 4th April @ 9.00am

Our staff very generously donate Easter eggs each year for the raffle, which takes place during the school day.

Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade – Friday 4th April @ 9.00am

Children are invited to come to school with an Easter Bonnet or Hat on the last day of term, to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Are you a dentist?

We are looking for a dentist to come in to talk to some of our children about the importance of cleaning their teeth. If you might be able to help us, please email headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk

Online Safety Thought of the Week

Do take a look at this link as it has some useful information parents to help us stay one step ahead of our children.

https://smartsocial.com/teen-slang-emojis-hashtags-list?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3dx9HIGpVcZHy0li6cSkIaRvRhWuq2lh7I_N0MT4Y7CkxjegqtXEIbtU_aem_kqo-NMS2R268ZyFYi5HJQA



HOTs Announcements

Dons Local Action Group: School Uniform Donations

HOTs recently partnered with Dons Local Action Group to help give back to families in need. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to pass on plain uniform donations. These uniforms will be sorted and dispersed by Dons volunteers throughout Merton Borough. Thank you for your contributions and helping families in our area.

Amazon Book Wish Lists:

In honour of the recent World Book Day, HOTs partnered with our teachers to help build up book resources needed in the classroom. We will keep these lists running throughout the remainder of the month. Thank you to those who have contributed. The school is so grateful for the support.

Quiz Night: April 25th

Tickets are available now online to join our Quiz Night. There is a max of 15 teams with 8 people per team. For more details see the event website or email hotsemail@gmail.com.
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=94266>

Educational Wellbeing Service

Struggling sometimes with your child's behaviour or big emotions at home? Want to improve your relationship with your child? Or does your child have fears and worries that can make things difficult for them? This could be struggling to leave your side or join clubs, finding bedtimes tough, a phobia or not feeling confident. Get some early professional 1:1 advice, help or support from our in-school Education Wellbeing Service. Find out more and apply here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9hA10GNKqk>. 95% of parents made progress with their goals in 2023-24.

The poster is for the Education Wellbeing Service, part of NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust. It features a blue header with the NHS logo and the service name. The main text describes the service's role in providing professional advice and programs to promote child wellbeing. It lists three key offerings: 1:1 advice, help, and support; local primary parent webinars; and recorded workshops, groups, and workshops. Each offering includes a QR code for more information. The poster also includes a YouTube logo and a call to action to 'Picture this poster'. The background is decorated with colorful confetti and illustrations of children's heads at the bottom.

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

Education Wellbeing Service
NHS in School

Education Wellbeing Service

We work in your child's school to provide friendly and accessible professional advice, help and programs to promote child wellbeing

What do we offer?

1:1 Advice, Help and Support

Early and preventative evidence-based wellbeing programs your child's:

- Common fears and worries or
- Tricky or challenging behavior and emotions

For more information, apply here or speak to your school's mental health lead for a paper form

Local Primary Parent Webinars

Free NHS evening and lunchtime webinars for parents on a number of wellbeing related topics throughout the year.
99% of parents recommended the webinars last year.
Sign up using the QR code

Recorded Workshops, Groups and Workshops

We also offer workshops and groups for children and parents in school. See our youtube channel for more resources and recorded workshops:

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Thursday 27 March, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)

Discover more about Merton's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme and help shape the HAF activities on offer for SEND

with Bob Allen, HAF Programme Manager

Merton's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme gives children and young people opportunities to enjoy physical exercise, arts, cultural activities, healthy food, trips out and other fun activities. HAF Holiday Clubs are free for children and young people between 5 and 15 years old eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

Share your experiences and ideas in this special parent carer engagement opportunity and help shape the service for SEND!

In person at the Community Room at: Canons Leisure Centre, Madeira Road, Mitcham CR4 4HD

A message from Bob: *"When I started managing HAF, I imagined a SEN HAF programme would mirror the mainstream HAF programme but with more staff, smaller groups and some adaptations to activities. I looked for specialist providers but found most had little or no capacity to expand and our specialist schools were cautious about staff working in school holidays. While there were a few great examples in individual holidays, I developed little sustainable new provision.*

So, I asked a different question. What could we do which would make being a child with SEND, or a parent of a child with SEND, more joyful, and how could we offer opportunities to grow, develop and make friends?

As the SEN programme has developed, I've talked to many parents about their children – which has been a real pleasure! I'd love to talk with your parents about progress so far in SEN HAF and what's planned for Easter and beyond. There are of course many gaps in provision, and I'm happy to talk with you about those too. I look forward to meeting you all!" - (Bob Allen, HAF Programme Manager)



TERM DATES

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.

2025-2026

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 |
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| 24 th – 28 th March | | Year 6 in France |
| 24 th – 28 th March | | Science Week including Dress-Up Day on Friday 28 th March – children are invited to come dressed in anything linked to science! |
| 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 |
| 28 th March | | Science Week Dress-Up Day on Friday 28 th March – children are invited to come dressed in anything linked to science! |
| 31 st March | | Mini-Market – Lent Appeal 2025 |
| 1 st April | 9.15 | Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church |
| 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 |
| 25 th April | 19.30 | HOTS Quiz Night for 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 |
| 23 rd – 27 th June | | Sports Week |
| 23 rd June | AM | Year 3 Sports Day |
| | PM | Year 2 Sports Day |
| 24 th June | AM | Year 4 Sports Day |

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| | PM | Nursery (PM and Full-time) |
| 25 th June | AM PM | Year 5 Sports Day Reception Sports Day |
| 26 th June | AM PM | Year 6 Sports Day Year 1 Sports Day |
| 27 th June | AM | Nursery (AM and Full-time) |
| 28 th June | | Summer Fair |
| 8 th & 9 th July | | Year 6 Production Times TBC |
| 16 th July | | Music Festival |
| 16 th July | | Reports out |
| 18 th July | 8.15-9.00 | Extended Share My Learning |
| 18 th July | 9.30 | Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church (due to a clash of bookings at church it has become necessary to move our Leavers' Service) |
| 21 st July | 14.00 | Term ends |
| 22 nd July | | INSET Day – School closed |

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher