

### 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

Thank you so much for your support in what has been a happy, but busy half term. Thank you so much to our wonderful HOTS team for organising such a brilliant disco last week – there were many excited children!

I hope you found the parent/teacher meetings helpful this week. Do take time to look at the Learning Platform over half term for ideas of how to support your child at home.

I hope that you all have a special half term break.



Mrs Poleviou was so impressed by the number, and quality, of posters she received in the recent competition about why it's important to learn a different language. Do take a look at some of the entries.



Year 4 has been exploring how to create a 3D effect using tints (adding white to a colour) and shades (adding black to a colour) and also learned about different painting techniques such as dabbing, stippling, washes and pointillism.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Do email [headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holyltrinity.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>

### **Term Time Absences for Holiday**

This is just a reminder that term-time absences for holiday will be unauthorised. Despite this, I am grateful to the parents/carers who are honest and inform us that they are going on holiday, rather than those who inform us that their child/children are ill, when we suspect this is not the case. The new DfE guidelines allow us to record absence as unauthorised if we suspect that families are not being truthful. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Morning Drop and Go**

We have seen an increasing number of Year 1 parents waiting in the class lines, or near to the class lines in the mornings. Please can I urge you to say goodbye to your child in the playground and then vacate the premises as soon as possible. We find that this helps all of the children to settle into the school day much better in the morning. Most children who are unsettled when you leave them, quickly settle in as soon as they get into class. If there are ever any problems we will contact you.

Do chat to your children during half term to prepare them for this. Thank you so much for your support with this.

### **A letter Mrs Poleviou**

I am writing to you as the Key Stage 2 French Teacher/lead at Holy Trinity Primary School. It has been a wonderful start to the academic year, with the children once again showing so much enthusiasm and interest in not only French but all the languages around them!

Once again, we have renewed our subscription to the award-winning platform Linguascope (<https://www.linguascope.com>). Please note the new password below.

Linguascope is a website offering interactive resources in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Polish, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, Maori, and English to match curriculum requirements. We, of course, at school are focusing our attention on the French resources.

Organised in topic areas, the materials are presented via a host of immersive multimedia activities. The site covers all topics encountered in lessons throughout the year and also includes printable worksheets.

As part of our licence, all our students can access the Linguascope website from home. The website can be used independently by students to consolidate what they have learned in class, revise for upcoming tests, get a head start learning new vocabulary, or even introduce themselves to a new language.

The interactive activities are also tablet-friendly, with FREE iPad and Android apps that students can install on their mobile devices: <https://www.linguascope.com/apps/>

To log in to the platform, students have the username and password as detailed below:

Username: **trinitysw**

Password: **holytrinity19**



Once logged in, to access the French material, please click on the French flag. “Elementary” or “Beginner” are the sections that are most suitable for our Key Stage 2 children.

### Anti-Bullying Week Preparation – Odd Socks Design Competition

In preparation for our Anti-Bullying Week, we are holding an Odd Socks Design Competition. Have a go during half term, at designing a pair of socks on the theme of *Choosing Respect*. You can use this template.

**Design a pair of odd socks.  
Can you include this year's theme?  
'Choose Respect'**

Name: .....  
Class: .....

## HOTS Notices

### Autumn Disco Success:

Last Friday's disco was a huge success! Through everyone's support and contributions, we raised over £5K (after expenses) for our school. Events like this not only help raise valuable funds for our school, but also provide opportunities for our community to come together. We are not able to host these events without volunteers. HOTS would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone that assisted or supported the disco. We are very grateful for your generosity.

### Panettone from Vallebona:

Traditional and chocolate panettone from Vallebona are now available to order from HOTS online shop. These come in a stylish box and are perfect to give as a gift or enjoy yourself! Every purchase makes money for our school so treat yourself to a delicious treat this holiday season!

Order Panettone: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=88412&isProductGroup=1>

### Christmas Trees:

Christmas Trees are also available to order online via the HOTS website in various sizes. These beautiful Nordman fir trees can be collected during our upcoming Christmas Carol event on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Order Christmas Trees: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=88413&isProductGroup=true>

### Christmas Carol Event:

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5:30pm)

Join us for a festive evening as we kick off the Christmas season with our Christmas Carol event. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together to enjoy music, a glass of mulled wine, mince pies, and crafts for children to participate in. This event will also be the time to collect Christmas tree, and panettone orders. More information and details to come. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

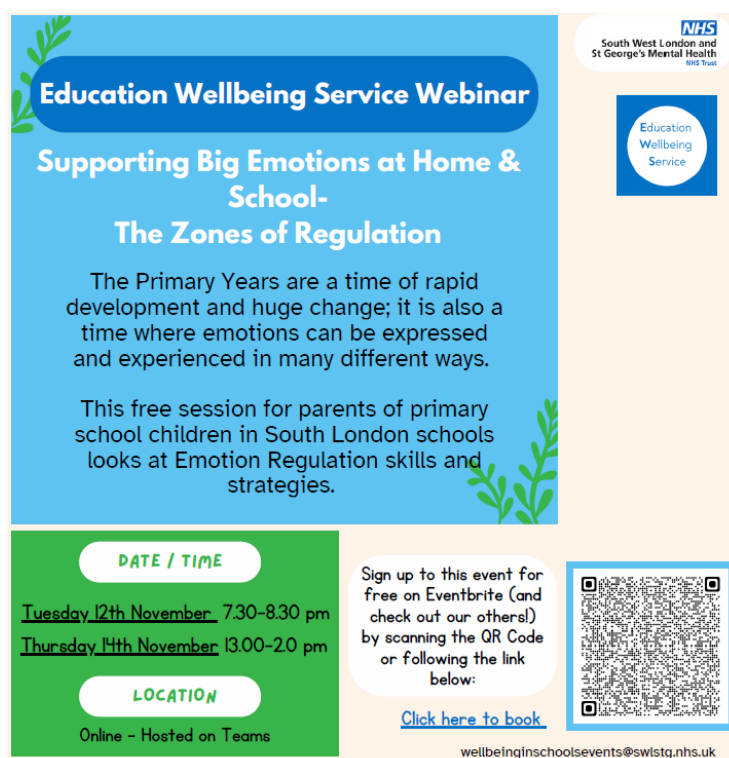
Order Christmas Carol Tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=88532>

### Social Media:

Stay up to date on the latest news and information from HOTS through our social media pages!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hotsfriendsofholytrinity?igsh=MWJsMnZoY2hpMnNmZw==>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216>



**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](#)



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## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2024

First day: Monday 2 September 2024 (INSETS Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

**Children start back Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025 (INSET Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025)

**Children break up Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

### Autumn Term 2025

First day: Monday 1 September 2025 (INSETS Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

**Children start back Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January)

**Children start back Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June)

**Children start back after half term Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July)

**Children break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

## Key Dates 2024-2025

Any new dates will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
25 <sup>th</sup> October		Break up for half term
4 <sup>th</sup> November		Autumn 2 begins
7 <sup>th</sup> November		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-bullying week
12 <sup>th</sup> November		Odd Socks Day – children are welcome to come to school wearing odd socks as a sign of our wonderful differences.
12 <sup>th</sup> November		School Eucharist @ school
18 <sup>th</sup> November		Flu Vaccinations for children (only for those whose parents/carers have given consent)
28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Assessment week
6 <sup>th</sup> December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
12 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a festive jumper/top, together with their usual uniform bottom half.
13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
17 <sup>th</sup> December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18 <sup>th</sup> December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 <sup>th</sup> December	14.00	Break up
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Spring 1 Term begins for all children

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

I hope you have a wonderful half term.

Izzy Rickards  
Headteacher