FRIDAY BULLETIN

Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

 \checkmark 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.

 \checkmark 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.

 \checkmark 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

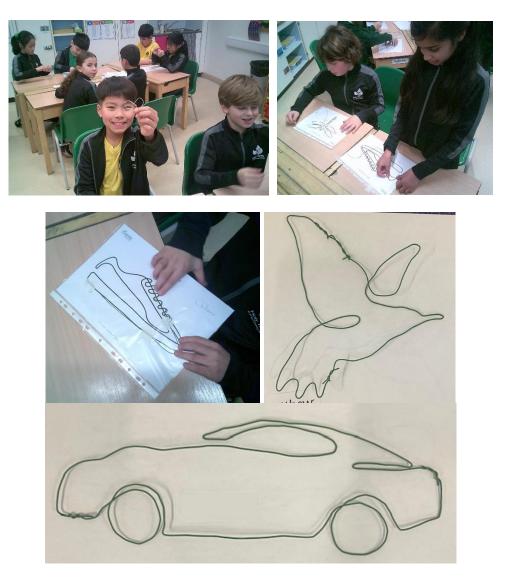
In worship this week we heard the story of Saint Valentine, a Christian priest who conducted weddings in secret. We reflected on God's great love, with John 3:16 as our focus.







Year 2 had a visit from Florence Nightingale this week. They had to help Florence clean the hospital and apply bandages to wounded soldiers!



As part of their sculpture unit in Art, Year 4 has been creating sculptures with wire. It proved to be incredibly fiddly and tricky, but new skills were learnt and patience tested!



This week, Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum as part of their learning on Evolution and Inheritance. They impressed us all on their knowledge of adaptations and were fascinated at having the chance to see extinct living things in the flesh.

Book Week 3rd March - 7th March 2025

This year Holy Trinity will be celebrating book week alongside national World Book Day to celebrate the joy of reading and books!

This years theme is Poetry - we will be exploring a range of different poems from several different poets and engage in the excitement of performing poetry. Each year group will have a week of reading lessons based on poetry. **Poetry is for everyone!**

competitions

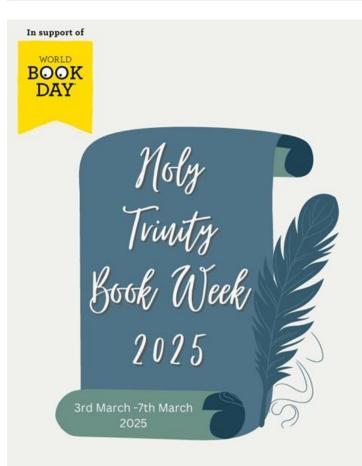
POETRY WRITING

EMBRACE YOUR INNER MICHAEL ROSEN!

Write a poem of **100 words or less**, your poem can be about anything you like. Entries handed to Miss Davies by **Monday 31st March.** Prizes for EYFS, KS1 an KS2!

WBD BOOK TOKEN DESIGN

National Book Tokens, are inviting children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards. A **template is available from Miss Davies and each classes learning platform page**. This competition is for all ages with 2 categories' being up to 8 years old and 9-12 year olds. **Deadline 31st March 2025**.



World Book Day

World Book Day 2025 will take place on Thursday 6 March 2025. This annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading

World Book Day

Visit the official WBD website for more information:





Every child in school will be given a **£1 Book Token** which can be used used towards a new book or one of the special World Book Day £1 books - making the book free! These books are available in most supermarkets and bookshops!

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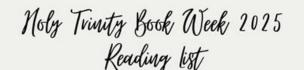
Avess Np Day

on Thursday 6th March the whole country will be dressing up to celebrate World Book Day!

We invite all children to dress up to celebrate reading and the wonder of books.

We will be inviting children (and adults!) to dress up in a book/reading themed costume.

We would like to remind parents and carers that there is no expectation to dress up for the occasion, and we encourage handmade costumes!



Owl and the Pussycat

Poems to Perform

Yapping Away

Carol Ann Duffy: New and Collected Poems for Children

Michael Rosen's A-Z Bright Bursts of Colour

Caribbean Dozen

Talking Turkeys

Funky Chickens

Laughter is an Egg

I Don't Like Poetry

Overheard in a Tower Block

Cloud Busting

The Final Year





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Design a National Book Token Competition 2025

Time for children to get creative and DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN for our annual competition! Our sponsors, National Book Tokens, are inviting children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards.

Six winning entrants will bag HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their schools and themselves – find out more below!

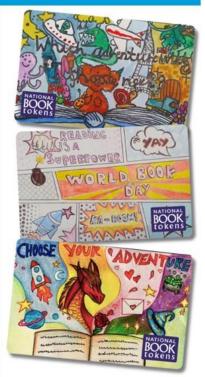
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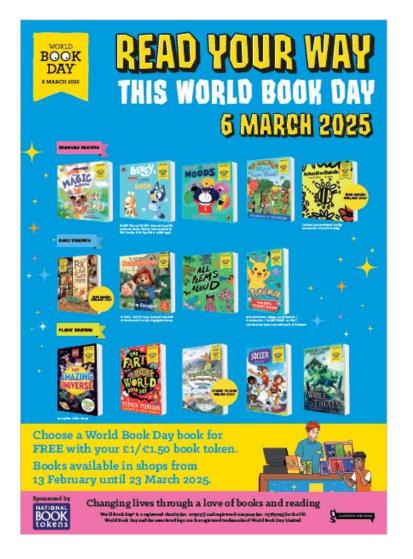
ONE OVERALL WINNER (chosen from the first prize winners in each category) will receive a $\pm 10/\pm 12$ National Book Tokens gift card in their design for every child in their class,* and the opportunity for their class to visit a real bookshop, virtually or in person, to spend their National Book Tokens.



Scan the **QR Code** or **click this image** to find out more and download a template.

Entries can be sent directly to following the details through the link or by handing then entry to Miss Davies before **Friday 31st** March 2025.





Choir Performance at the Merton Citizens Celebration Thursday 27th February 7pm

The School choir have been invited to perform at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 27th February at 7pm to open the Merton Citizens Celebration. This is an honour for the school choir to represent Merton and sing for many key figures in the local community. Choir members will need to wear full school uniform and arrive 6:50pm at Holy Trinity Church. Choir will only be needed for the first 10 minutes but you are welcome to stay for the duration of the event. It would be great to see as many singers as possible. If your child is not part of choir but they would like to sing they are welcome to join us on the stage to sing. We will be singing a Medley of assembly song that choir have voted for so it will be songs they will be familiar with.



Drumkit

Does anyone have drumkit that they don't need any more that they would consider donating to the school? If so please let the Music Teacher know: <u>maria.neil-smith@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk</u>

International Day of Mathematics

See document attached for more information



Staying Safe Online

This week was Safer Internet Day. Our Computing Lead, Miss Thomas, has asked me to share the following links with you, to help you keep safe online:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBRZ54hYgAs https://parentzone.org.uk/Everyday-Digital/Environment



HOTs Announcements

Save The Date: Spring Disco! Friday, March 21st EYS & KS1 5:30-6:30 KS2: 6:45-8pm

Join us Friday, March 21st for our annual Spring Disco. This year's event will be fundraising to revamp the school's Quiet Garden. This beautiful area provides opportunities for our students to enjoy nature, and outdoor tranquillity. More details to come after the half-term break.

Save The Date: Quiz Night!

Friday, April 25th

7:30pm

Back by popular demand is our Quiz Night! Join us Friday, April 25th, for an evening of fun entertainment, drinks, and laughter. Start getting your teams together for sign-ups. More details to come after the half-term break.

Save the Date: Summer Fair!

Saturday, June 28th

I 2-4pm

We are excited to announce our annual Summer Fair will be hosted on Saturday, June 28th. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Free School Fleeces/Reversable Jackets:

We are excited to offer free school fleeces/reversable jackets through our preloved uniform sales. Order now while supplies last!

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=29873&isProductGroup=true

Follow us on Social Media:

Keep up to date with our activities via Facebook and Instagram!

Instagram: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555943631216

Attached items:

• International Day Of Mathematics - competition information

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 I 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
14 th February		Break up for half term
24th February		Spring 2 term begins
3 rd – 7 th March		Book Week
<mark>6th March</mark>		Dress Up Day
10 th – 21 st March		Assessment weeks
<mark>21st March</mark>	Evening	HOTS Spring Disco
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
I st April	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
4 th April	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April		Summer I 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
<mark>25th April</mark>	<mark>19.30</mark>	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 I 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
	PM	Nursery (PM and Full-time)
25 th June	AM	Year 5 Sports Day
	PM	Reception Sports Day
26 th June	AM	Year 6 Sports Day
	PM	Year I 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
l 6 th July		Music Festival
l 6 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 half term.

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Headteacher