

Growing together as children of God



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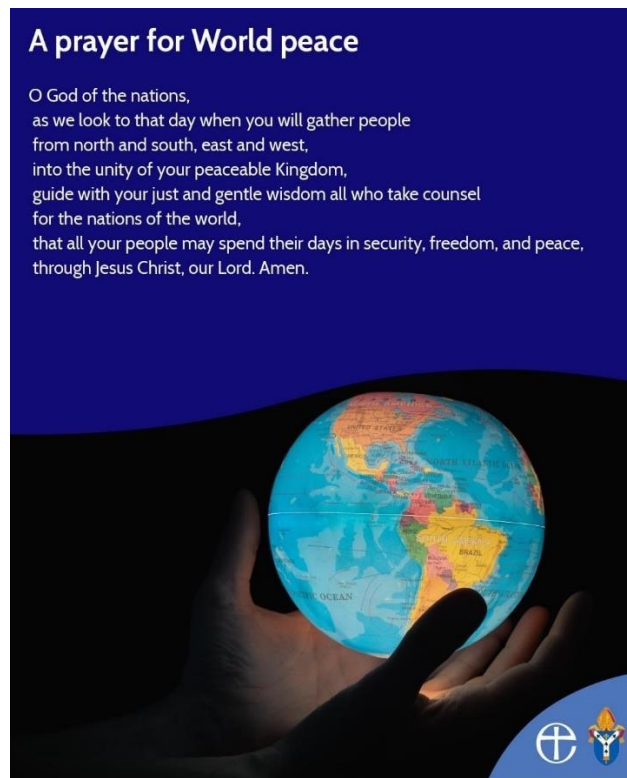
- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting 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

As a school, we marked Remembrance Day with 2 minutes' silence, and a special Remembrance Worship. Our KS2 children looked at Remembrance from a French perspective this week too. The Church of England issued the prayer below on Remembrance Day, as a reminder to us all to pray for world peace.

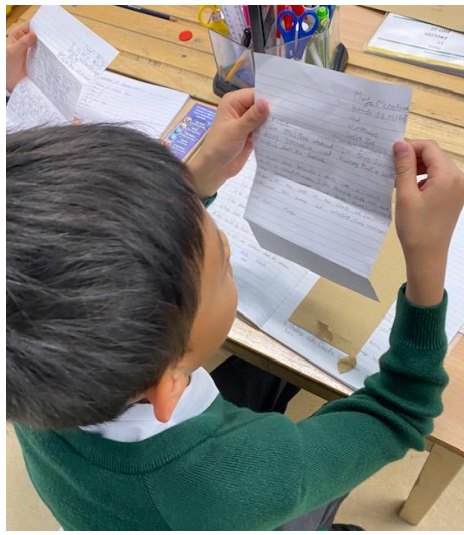
A prayer for World peace

O God of the nations,
as we look to that day when you will gather people
from north and south, east and west,
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel
for the nations of the world,
that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

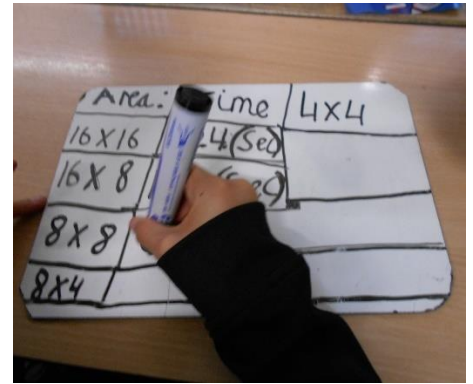


We were thrilled to see so many of you at our Share My Learning sessions this week. The children were so proud to show their work to you. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to Sarah and Ifrah for organising the International Coffee Morning today, which was so well attended. The next one will be on 10th December.



Year 4 has been learning to write informal letters, and wrote letters to a friend in the class. They enjoyed posting them, and then receiving the letters written to them the following week, delivered by the 'postman'!



Year 5 tasted different types of Bolognese sauce as part of their Healthy Foods topic in DT. They also explored the effect of air resistance in Science, by completing a paper drop experiment.

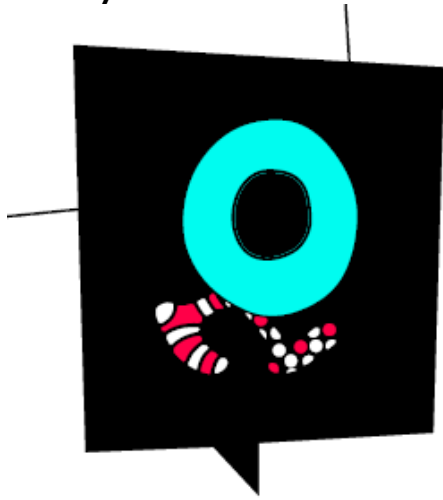


Ella, from Year 5, created this wonderful fact file on Josephine Baker.



Year 3 had great fun creating frame by frame animations during their computing lesson this week.

Monday 15th November – Odd Socks Day



**WOOHOO... MONDAY
15TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**



Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 15th November, to launch the start of our Anti-Bullying week. The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying, and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

School Closed on Friday 26th November

As you are aware, the Government has allowed schools to choose a day to close this academic year in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 (which falls in the May half term).

We have chosen to close on **Friday 26th November 2021**, but other schools may have chosen a different day.

I apologise for any inconvenience that this might cause.

Flu Immunisation Catch Up Session (Reception to Year 6) – Tuesday 16th November

The immunisation team will be returning to school on Tuesday 16th November (exact timings TBC) to administer flu vaccines to those children whose families had given consent but were unable to have the vaccine on the Friday before half term.

There is an opportunity for new children to be added to the list so if you missed the sign-up deadline or if you have changed your mind and would now like your child to have the vaccine, please contact Samantha Joiner (SBM@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) by Wednesday 10th November to request a new consent form.

Carol Services

Our KS2 children have started learning songs for the Carol Services at the end of term. This is just advanced notice that all KS2 children are expected to attend these services.

15 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited

COVID Update

If there is a positive COVID case in your child's class, I will send a Parentmail to the whole class to let them know. Due to changes in the self-isolation rules, only the child (or adult) who has tested positive would need to self-isolate for 10 days. Schools no longer have the responsibility of identifying close contacts as NHS Test and Trace fulfil this role. If your child is in the class of a positive case, even if you are not contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you are advised to get a PCR test for them as a precautionary measure. If you are getting a PCR test as a precautionary measure, the current guidance is that there is no need for your child to self-isolate until the results are in. If we have a positive COVID case in school, this is reported to the Merton Public Health Team.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them off school, and arrange for them to have a PCR test. Please keep school informed.

To keep us all safe, families are strongly advised to take regular Lateral Flow Tests to pick up any asymptomatic cases. For further information about COVID and testing click on the link <https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/test>

Further information for parents/carers can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

HOTS NOTICES

Christmas Trees

We are selling beautiful non-drop Nordman fir Christmas trees again this year. You can order your tree online and collect it from school in plenty of time to get it dressed and ready for Christmas! Choose from a selection of sizes from our online shop and collect your tree from the school car park on December 4th. Please place your order before the end of November at pta-events.co.uk/hots **Spread the word to family and friends who can also order from us and help support our brilliant school!**

Carols by Candlelight

On Saturday 11th December we invite you to join us to sing Christmas carols by candlelight together outdoors in the playground from 4-6 pm. We will be selling mulled wine, lanterns, and hot chocolate and enjoying having our community back together to share some festive joy! Tickets are available from pta-events.co.uk/hots

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair Saturday 4 December 11am-4pm

Do make a note of the date and we hope to welcome many of you, having missed a year!

Two requests at this stage: first, would anyone be happy to display an estate agent's board advertising the Fair?

Second, is anyone interested in helping oversee and run one of our stalls?

For offers of help with either of these, please contact churchwarden Richard Blades:

churchwardens@ht-sw.org.uk

Attached/Linked items:

- Come and Sing and Play @ Holy Trinity Church

Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
(INSETs Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd so children back Friday 3rd)
- Last day: Friday 17 December 2021
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

Spring Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022
(INSET Tuesday 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

Summer Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022
(INSETs Monday 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022
(INSETs Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd so children back Monday 5th September)
- Last day: Friday 16 December 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Spring Term 2023

- First day: Tuesday 3 January 2023
(INSET Tuesday 3rd so children back Wednesday 4th January)
- 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)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
15 th - 19 th November		Anti-bullying week including Odd Socks Day on 15 th November	
17 th November	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
26th November		Extra Bank Holiday – School closed	In lieu of Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday in May 2022

29 th November – 3 rd December		Assessment week	
1 st December	2.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2022	Informal talk in nursery and tour
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Robins' parents/carers to watch
8 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Owls' parents/carers to watch
9 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show	Year 2 parents/carers invited
10 th December	8.45	International Coffee Morning	Small Hall – enter via Effra Road
10 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity	Nursery parents/carers invited
10 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children Fund	
11 th December	4.00-6.00pm	HOTS Carols by Candlelight	
14 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert	Year 1 parents/carers invited
15 th December	6.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 th December	6.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited
17 th December	2.00pm	Break up	
4 th January 2022		INSET Day – School closed	
5 th January 2022		Term begins for all children	
11 th February		Break up for half term	
21 st February		2 nd half of term begins	
1 st April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 th April		Summer term begins	
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS	
27 th May		Break up for half term	
6 th June		INSET Day – School closed	
7 th June		2 nd half of term begins	
6 th June -17 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
21 st July	9.15	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 st July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards