



Holy Trinity

Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a real pleasure to welcome you and your children back to Holy Trinity for the start of a new academic year. I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer and that our children return refreshed, excited and ready for everything that lies ahead.

Last year was an exceptional one for Holy Trinity. Across the school, we saw significant improvements in children's learning, attendance, behaviour and the breadth of opportunities available to them. Our pupils experienced a richer and more ambitious curriculum, enjoyed visits and experiences that brought their learning to life, represented the school with pride and continued to demonstrate just how much they are capable of achieving. Equally importantly, Holy Trinity continued to grow as a community—a school increasingly characterised by high expectations, aspiration and a shared belief that our children deserve the very best.

As proud as we are of everything that was achieved, our ambition is not simply to maintain those standards but to build upon them. We want this year to be even better. Our focus remains firmly on providing an excellent education for every child: strong teaching, a rich and inspiring curriculum, excellent pastoral care and a school culture in which every pupil is known, valued and encouraged to flourish.

There is a great deal to look forward to over the coming months, and I am incredibly excited about the next stage of Holy Trinity's journey. We will continue to introduce new opportunities for our pupils, strengthen the quality of education across the school and work closely with you as parents and carers to ensure that every child can succeed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust, encouragement and support. The progress Holy Trinity made last year was achieved through the collective efforts of our children, staff, families and wider community. I look forward to working together once again as we make **2026/27 another exceptional year for Holy Trinity.**

Kind regards,

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Mr D. Martin
Headteacher



Attendance Update: Autumn 1

Attendance

Weeks	Days
7	35

0 days off	1 day off	2 days off	3 days off	4 days off
100%	97%	94%	91%	88%

A child is considered **persistently absent** if they miss 10% or more of their possible school sessions. No child should have an attendance rate below **95%**. Missing school can impact a child's academic progress and achievement.



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A Year of Transformation at Holy Trinity: Achievement at the end of 2025/26

Statutory Data			
	2024/25	2025/26	National (2025)
REC GLD	67%	75% (well above national) (Good Level of Development)	68%
Y1 Phonics	66%	85% (above national)	80%
Y2 Phonics Retakes	69%	63% of retakes 89% of cohort (in line with national)	89%
Y4 MTC	23%	59% achieving full marks 82 % scoring 20 and above Avg. score 22 (substantially above national)	37% (full marks) Avg. score 21
Y6 Writing	73% EXS 10% GDS	75% EXS (above national) 7% GDS (moderated)	(National 2026) 73%
Y6 SATs	Reading – 57% Maths – 60% RWM Combined 53% RWM Combined GDS 0%	Reading – 79% EXS 18% GDS (above national) Maths – 79% EXS 21% GDS (above national) Combined 75% (substantially above national) Combined 4% GDS	(National 2026) Reading – 75% Maths – 75% RWM Combined – 63% RWM Combined GDS – 8%

We are incredibly proud to share the achievements of our children at the end of the 2025/26 academic year. Across Holy Trinity, outcomes have risen significantly, with pupils in several key areas now achieving above national standards.

In Reception, 75% of children achieved a Good Level of Development, compared with 68% nationally. In Year 1, 85% passed the Phonics Screening Check, above the national figure of 80%. Our Year 4 children also achieved exceptional results, with 59% gaining full marks in the Multiplication Tables Check, compared with 37% nationally. At the end of Key Stage 2, 79% of pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading and Mathematics, while 75% achieved the expected standard in Writing. Most significantly, 75% achieved the expected standard across Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined, compared with 63% nationally and 53% at Holy Trinity the previous year. These results represent much more than numbers. They show what is possible when children experience high expectations, excellent teaching, an ambitious curriculum and a school that genuinely believes in what they can achieve. The transformation taking place at Holy Trinity is deliberate. We are determined that children in Handsworth receive an education that is every bit as ambitious, challenging and enriching as that available anywhere else.

We are immensely proud of our children, staff and families, but our work is not finished. Our ambition is not simply to maintain these standards, but to build upon them. At Holy Trinity, excellence is the expectation for every child.

Autumn Term 1

PE Days



Year	Day
Rec	Tuesday
1	Tuesday
2	Friday
3	Wednesday
4	Friday
5	Wednesday
6	Monday

Swimming (every Thursday)



Year	Term
5	Autumn (up until Christmas)
4	Spring (until Easter)
3	Summer 1
6	Summer 2

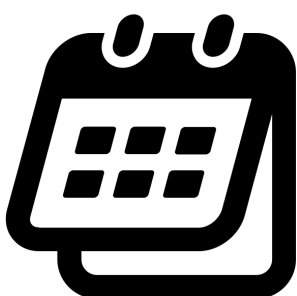
As always, we are committed to ensuring that our children receive the very best so we have now paid for 2 swimming teachers at the swimming baths.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate swimming gear and a towel.

Key Dates

Children return to school on Monday 7th September

Your child's teacher will be in school from Tuesday 1st September receiving 4 days of intense training and professional development.



School Uniform Codes can be collected from the school office

Tuesday 1st—Friday 4th September 12:00—16:00

Parent Meeting—Friday 11th September PM 14:30 'Meet the Headteacher'

Young Shakespeare Company - Macbeth Performance for KS2

Friday 18th September 09:00—11:00

School Library Launch Day—Friday 18th September PM 14:00

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Meet the Team

It is with much pride that I can proudly share that Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy has retained all of its teaching staff. This means we start the new school year with all of the same teachers that we had last academic year. This is an incredible achievement and it speaks to the care and hospitality that has become a cultural norm for the school over the past year.

We are now adding members of the team that will strengthen all that we have begun, so please welcome the newest members of the Holy Trinity Team who will take the school into the next leg of its journey with the vision and energy that is required to continue the good work that we have started. We also say a huge well done to Mr Shaw who interviewed for the Sports Coach role and was successful.



Miss Hayley Sturridge-Packer
Deputy Headteacher

I am absolutely delighted to be joining Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy as the new Deputy Headteacher.

I feel extremely proud and privileged to be given the opportunity to be part of the Holy Trinity school family within BDMAT.

I am passionate about giving every child the best possible education and feel driven to bring my expertise, experience, enthusiasm, hard work and passion to the role of Deputy Headteacher.



Miss Seema Naraine
EYFS Teaching Assistant



Miss Raz Garcha
Year 2 Teaching Assistant