



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 20th June 2025



DEDICATION



Our Core Christian Values

School Hours

Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am for all children.

The school day finishes at 3.25pm for all children.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the Lunchtime Cup is awarded to **Issy, Laurel & Zoe** in Humite, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	36
Shaw	41
Tabrums	30
Marsh	26



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Thomas Boh

Emerald – Keaton

Amber – Emi

Ruby – Oscar D

Topaz – Henry

As we are now recognised as a kindness school we are sent a certificate every term to award to a pupil who has demonstrated an outstanding act of kindness. Staff are always looking for children who have demonstrated kindness in school. We now have kindness stickers to acknowledge this. **If you want to nominate a child, whether it be your own or another child in the school, for an outstanding kindness award for an act of kindness outside of school then please email the office.** Senior leaders of the school will then consider all nominations before awarding the certificate at the end of the term.

Class Summary

Each week we will be highlighting what one class has been up to in school.

This week we share an insight into **Ruby** class.

Ruby Class Summary

Ruby class have had a jam-packed and exciting week full of learning, creativity and teamwork.

As part of Sports Week, the children have been incredibly enthusiastic about trying out a variety of new sports. From learning how to throw and catch a frisbee to developing new skills in lacrosse and having a go at cricket, everyone showed brilliant sportsmanship and a willingness to try something new. We have focused on teamwork, coordination and perseverance. It has been wonderful to see so many children encouraging one another and stepping out of their comfort zones. There were lots of smiles, laughs and personal achievements throughout the week, and the children should be really proud of how they represented Ruby class.

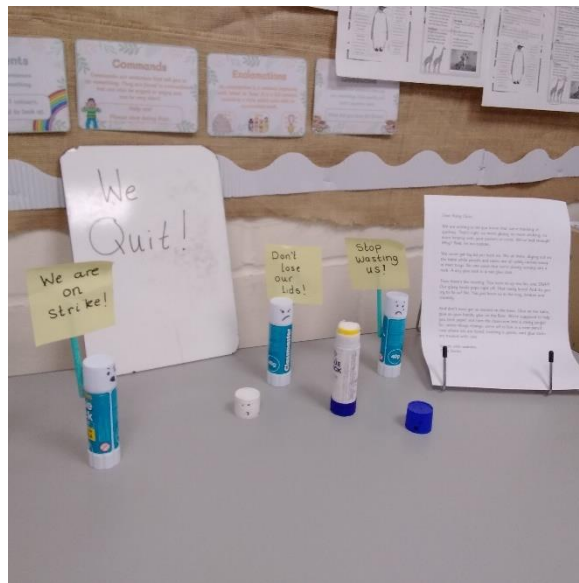
In maths, we have been learning how to tell the time. The children have explored o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to using practical clocks, games and number lines to support their understanding. We have enjoyed setting times for each other and spotting clocks around the classroom. Many children have been really proud to show their growing confidence with this tricky concept.

English has been especially exciting this week. On Tuesday morning, the children came into the classroom to a big surprise – all of our glue sticks had quit! They left a note explaining that they felt unappreciated and overworked. Thankfully, we have been learning all about persuasive writing. Ruby class rose to the challenge and wrote fantastic letters to convince the glue sticks to return. They used powerful language, rhetorical questions and emotive phrases, and it worked.

The glue sticks were so impressed, they agreed to come back and help us with our work.

In design and technology, we have been thinking about drinks that are nutritious and help us stay cool in the summer. After taste-testing a variety of smoothies last week, the children have been planning their own smoothie recipes. They have been thinking carefully about the steps involved, the ingredients they want to include, and how to combine fruits and vegetables in a tasty and healthy way. We are looking forward to putting these plans into action next week.

Well done, Ruby class, for another fantastic week of learning, imagination and enthusiasm!





WDF Badminton Event

Well done to **Eloise, Gracie, Ophelia, Thomas B, Thomas H, Max and Zoe** for taking part in the Badminton event at William de Ferrers on Tuesday. The children represented the school remarkably and we are very proud of the effort and determination they displayed throughout the competition.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98%**. Whole school attendance is **93.65%**.

If your child is absent then please remember to report this before 8.30am either by telephone or via Studybugs stating the reason for your child's absence. **We do not accept emails for reporting absence.** Thank you.

Get the app or register now <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Please also be aware that if you plan on taking your child out of school then a leave of absence form must be completed or a copy of the appointment letter must be shown prior to the absence.

Please be reminded that absences need to be reported daily. Therefore if your child is off for more than one day, updates must be provided to the school via Studybugs or voicemail.

In August 2024 the Department for Education issued "Working together to improve school attendance" which is statutory guidance that as a school we must follow. From the 2024/25 academic year schools now have a responsibility to submit a sickness return to the local authority for any child who will miss 15 days consecutively or cumulatively because of sickness.

We will be rewarding attendance every half term this year. A class receives the attendance cup each week. The class that receives the cup the greatest number of times will receive a treat in the last week of that half term.

Lateness

We are seeing quite a few latecomers each morning, arriving via the office. Please be reminded that the gates close at **08:55** for all children. Any child arriving after this time through the office will be given a late mark and you may be called in to discuss this. All late arrivals must give a satisfactory reason.

General Reminders

Lost Property

We currently have a lot of unnamed items in our lost property box. If your child has lost anything this term please take a look through the box to see if it is there, **the box is located under the shelter in the playground. We will be destroying/recycling any unclaimed items at the end of the term.**

Year 6 - Ties

If any of our leavers would like to donate their ties this year, we would be most grateful for some spares in the office. Thank you in advance.

Nominate our School

National Book Tokens are offering five schools the chance to **win £1,000 in National Book Tokens** and fill their shelves with new books, as well as **£300 in cash** to create a fun and welcoming library space for all!

Nominate our school and if ours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also receive a **£100 National Book Tokens gift card** to spend in your favourite bookshop.



Please follow this link to nominate TSM:

<https://newsletters.booktokens.co.uk/c/1qxqIBRFh52hSKEwyFCnoYSOt>

Earrings

As the summer holidays are nearing closer, parents are encouraged to actively work with TSM in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum when we return. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to and that ears are pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time (note newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed).

We are following national guidelines and children who do wear earrings to school on PE days will be expected to remove them by themselves. Staff are unable to help with this and we are not allowed to tape over earrings for P.E. lessons.

Thank you for your support with this policy, the expectation will be there will be no children returning with newly pierced ears.

Letters Emailed Home

Free School Meals Check Year 2 going into Year 3

Year 6 WDF Transition Days

RotaKids – Rotary invite letter

Safe & Responsible Social Media Use

Collective Worship

On Monday Miss Hoy introduced this week's theme which is National Schools Sports Week. The aim for this week is to ensure every child is active for a minimum of 60 minutes a day to support our physical and mental health. We discussed the effects of being active, on our bodies and mental health; better mood, strong heart and bones, helps with attention and learning. We then played a game of guess the sport by listening to the clues given.

We were told the story of the tortoise and the hare on Tuesday. The tortoise and the hare are going to race each other. When the race starts the hare sprints off while the tortoise crawls along. When the hare is almost at the finish line he is so confident that he's going to win that he decides to rest under a tree and falls asleep. He doesn't notice the tortoise stroll by and cross the finish line. We discussed perseverance and how it's not about winning but trying your best.

Open the Book were in on Wednesday to share a bible story called The Beautiful Gate. A beggar sat outside a temple in Jerusalem. Many people walked by him every day and some gave charity and most ignored. Two disciples Peter and John walked by the temple one day and saw the beggar, they decided to use the power of Christ to heal the man. This story shows us the power of faith and belief in Jesus.

Yesterday we had a virtual assembly with Living Streets. The assembly was all about walking to school and the importance of active travel. The positives of active travel are; exercise, less pollution and valuable time with family or friends. Traveling by vehicle causes air pollution that is bad for our health and the planet. We finished with a fun quiz about pollution.

Written by Worship Warrior Eloise

Organisation for September

For the wellbeing of the children, we have organised the following:

Ice breaker/ team building sessions

I have timetabled an ice breaker session for the new 2/3, 3/4 and 4/5 classes next week.

Lunch in year groups

From September, children will be eating their lunch in year groups.

Enrichment days

From September, children will be taught in year groups when they have enrichment activities led by Essex Kids Camp - once every half term and during Sports Week.

Collective Worship and assemblies

From September, children will sit in year groups.

Class names

HEART is part of the foundation of our school. We will be keeping the acronym HEART. From September we will use the theme of animals. In the first transition session, on Monday 14th July, staff and children will discuss and vote for their class name.

Class bases

From September the new 2/3 class will move into the classroom which is next to the current Ruby class.

Book bags and rucksacks

From September years 1 and reception will need a book bag and from year 2 to year 6 the children can bring their own rucksack to school.



Headteacher Summary

What a fantastic week it has been celebrating National and TSM Sports Week. Thank you to Essex Kids Camp who have been in our school three days this week giving children additional sports. Thank you, as always, to Mr Radley for teaching PE at our school weekly.

Roger Gatford attended the RotaKids meeting to congratulate the committee and all of the children at TSM for such a successful readathon. He also presented certificates and awards for the rotary art competition to Ted, Molly and Ava K.

The Eco Committee met with Terry from Bioscapes UK. The children learnt about the importance of protecting local wildlife. They joined in with a minibeast hunt and identified a wide range of creatures that they caught. The children also spent time planting a range of flowers and herbs that will encourage pollinators to our SuDS planter that was donated by Essex County Council.

I am looking forward seeing many of you at the Summer Fete after school today. A huge thank you to FOTSMS who continue to work incredibly hard to organise events throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our supportive parents. We appreciate your help in providing a supportive, respectful environment for all of our pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Have a great weekend.
Miss Hoy

TSM Key Dates 2025

Please find a list of our key dates below. The list will constantly be updated throughout the school year, so please keep an eye out for any changes. Further information will also be sent home, as usual, closer to the dates if needed.

Summer Term	
23 rd June 2025	Well Being/Ice Breaker Sessions - new 2/3, 3/4 & 4/5 classes.
24 th June 2025	WDF Mini Olympics Year 2
24 th June 2025	Emerald & Year 5 Humite, Essex Schools Food & Farming Day Class Trip
24 th June – 25 th June 2025	WDF Year 6 Induction Days
25 th June 2025	New to Reception Settling in Session
25 th June 2025	Eco-Committee Bird & Bat Boxes Session
26 th June 2025	Schools in Bloom Judging with Eco-Committee
1 st July 2025	Practise Sports Morning
2 nd July 2025	Topaz Sealife Adventure Class Trip
3 rd July 2025	TSM Sports Morning
4 th July 2025	Summer Reading Assembly
4 th July 2025	Year 6 Park Fun
9 th July 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Water & Summer Safety Assembly
11 th July 2025	Year 6 Film Treat
14 th July 2025	Class Transition Session
15 th July 2025	Rocksteady Music Summer Concert
16 th July 2025	Class Transition Session
17 th July 2025	RESERVE TSM Sports Morning
18 th July 2025	Year 6 Park Fun
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 rd July 2025	Summer Holidays



Summer Fete – Friday 20th June

It is Summer Fete day, we are all so excited for the event this afternoon, please come along and support our class stalls, our external suppliers and of course let the children enjoy the inflatables on the field for the afternoon.

Trinity St Mary's
SUMMER FAIR
Friday 20th June
3:20pm-5:30pm
Join us for an exciting event!!
**Wristbands £8 in advance
or £10 on the day!**
Includes access to 3 x Castles, 1 slide,
1 fun run & mini golf set

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Phoebe's Pantry | Gelato Ice Cream | Reggie's Diner
Rainbow Raffle | Face Painting | Class Stalls

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS