



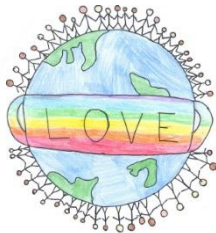
# Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



DEDICATION



HONESTY

## 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 **Sienna** in **Emerald** class for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

### House Points

Fenn	19
Shaw	42
Tabrums	24
Marsh	32



### Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Ella

Emerald – Thomas H

Amber – Otis

Ruby – Finley

Topaz – Stanley

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 has had a fantastic week full of creativity, exploration, and engaging activities!

In **Maths**, we've been investigating 3-D shapes. The children enjoyed hands-on learning as they identified and counted the vertices, edges, and faces of various shapes. Using mathematical language, they confidently described the properties of cubes, spheres, pyramids, and more.

In **English**, we've started our exciting new topic on the Great Fire of London. Using *Vlad and the Great Fire of London* as our inspiration, we delved into the events of 1666 to understand why the fire spread so quickly. To bring the story to life, we roleplayed as different characters involved in the fire. Through hot seating, the children asked thoughtful questions to gain new perspectives on the event and uncover the challenges people faced. This activity sparked excellent discussions and helped us prepare for writing our explanation texts.

This week was also **Art Week**, and Ruby Class showed incredible creativity. Inspired by Sonia Delaunay and her Orphism style, we explored shade, tint, warm and cool colours, and how to use shapes in abstract art. The children carefully planned their compositions, thinking about how to balance and overlap shapes to create bold, vibrant pieces. Their final artworks are a testament to their hard work and will be proudly displayed in the school gallery.

In **Computing**, we extended our exploration of art into the digital realm. We studied a variety of artists and styles, experimenting with digital tools to create our own artwork. The children were fascinated by how technology can bring a new dimension to art and produced some truly creative digital pieces.

What an incredible week of learning, creativity, and collaboration in Ruby Class! Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and hard work.



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Emerald** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.19%**.

Whole school attendance is **94.74%**.

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.

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.

## Collective Worship

On Monday we were thinking about what we wanted to achieve for the week and reflected on the previous week. We had time to look at what went well, what challenges we faced and what we could do better this week.

On Tuesday we listened to the story of the missing coin. The lady had ten coins and took great care of them. One day she lost one of the coins and was very upset. When she found the coin, she was happy. We talked about gratitude and reflected on our own experiences with losing something and how we felt. "When a person becomes closer to God, there is a party in heaven".  
We are like the ladies' coins, God loves us all.

On Wednesday we enjoyed a story told to us by Open The Book. The story was about the journey the three wise men took to reach Jesus in Bethlehem.

Thursday, we looked at World Religion Day, we discussed when and why it is celebrated. We were told the story of the peaceful picnic. We discussed what we would bring to a peaceful picnic to show what our beliefs were.

**By Worship Warriors Billy & Emily**

## **General Reminders**

### **Parent Forum Group**

We are looking for a volunteer to represent this year's Ruby class on the Parent Forum. If you would like to put yourself forward as the representative for Ruby class please contact the school office.

### **Follow us**

Thank you to everyone who is following us and liking our posts on Instagram and/or Facebook, please do promote our pages to family and friends.



### **Nominate FOTSMS – Movement for Good**



Please nominate **FOTSMS (Friends of Trinity St Mary's School)** to win £1000. Nominations can be made at **<https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity>** using charity number 1084258.

## **Letters Emailed Home**

Young Voices Letter

Mobile Phones

Headlice Letter

Sports Ambassadors – Gymnastics Training

SIAMS Inspection

Emerald Road to RIAT Consent Form

## Headteacher Summary

This week has whizzed by. I have been thoroughly impressed with the focus, effort and determination that I have seen from our children as they have been completing their final art piece for our gallery. We clearly have some very talented artists amongst us. Thank you to everyone who has visited our art gallery today. Many members of our local community including the mayor were thoroughly impressed and have expressed that they are keen to come back to such events in the future.

It has been fantastic that the children have continued to grow our kindness tree by adding their acts of kindness to it. We have a range of acts of kindness that the children have been eager to share. You are welcome to read the acts of kindness on our tree in the foyer.

As always it is wonderful to see our children participating in opportunities and experiences from the clubs that we have on offer, forest schools and the fantastic opportunity that the members of our choir have of performing in Young Voices at the O2. Mrs Allan has been working hard with the children in preparation for this event. Such events give our children the opportunity to flourish and pursue their interests.

If you are interested in being a parent governor of our school then please pop along to our session next Thursday at 2.30pm. You will have the opportunity to meet members of the senior leadership team and governors for a chat and a cup of tea.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hoy



## TSM Key Dates 2024 – 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.

Autumn Term	
21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	SIAMS Inspection
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Amber Parent Consultation Meetings
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Prospective Parent Governor – Meet the Governors
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Glider Challenge – Emerald Class
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Humite Titanic Theme Day
28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	NCMP – Reception & Year 6
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Reception Class Road Safety Session
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Year 5 Road Safety Session
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Kurling P.E. Kit
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025	Year 6 Cyber Safety Lesson – Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Young Voices Choir @ O2
17 <sup>th</sup> February -21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Emerald – Mighty Oak Session
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Year 6 Respect Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> March – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	Swimathon 2025
24 <sup>th</sup> March – 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Travelling Book Fair
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Essex Kids Camp
2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 6 Residential
7 <sup>th</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Easter Holidays
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Inset Day
12 <sup>th</sup> May – 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	SATS Week
19 <sup>th</sup> May – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Well Being Week
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Emerald Class – Road to RIAT Virtual Session
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos



## Biggest raffle prize ever!!!

FOTSMS have been generously donated two tickets to the live James Martin show at Cliffs Pavilion on **March 14th at 7.30pm**, by **Dan Bunn and Cuffe & Taylor**.

To enter this amazing raffle, a **ticket is £3.00** or **2 entries is £5.00**. You can pass the cash along with your full name to the school office or Marie Knight, or you can bank transfer to FOTSMS with JM and your full name as reference.



## Friends of Trinity St Mary's

Sort Code - 60-20-56

Account - 11031352

All money raised will be put towards replacing the laptops the children use within school. The draw will take place on **Friday 14th of February**, when the winner will be notified and details of how to collect the tickets will be provided.

## February 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Coin Challenge



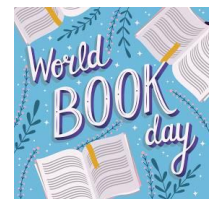
Which class will raise the most amount of money and earn themselves a sweet treat.

Each class will have a jar to put in any loose change / money they can collect in the week.

We will count up the money raised, dividing by the numbers in the class to ensure fairness and the winning class will get a donut treat on the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day Sale

World Book Day costume and book sale Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th February in the Outdoor Library.



## March

Mother Day Sale – Friday 28th March. You will be able to pre-pay on ParentPay closer to the time for up to 2 gifts at £1.50 per gift. Children will be taken to the Mother Day shop class by class and given to opportunity to purchase up to 2 gifts.



FOTSMS this year would like to invite the children to celebrate Mothering Sunday by surprising their special person with a gift chosen by them.

The sale will take place during school on

Friday 28th March 2025

*Payment will be accepted via either Parent Pay or cash on the day.*

*\* A maximum of 2 pre-wrapped gifts from a selection per child.*

## April

We will be running an Easter Egg raffle in each class more details to follow.



Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

## FOTSMS Event Diary

14 <sup>th</sup> February	James Martin Tickets	Raffle will be drawn and the winner will be announced in the newsletter.
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Coin Jar – Donut Wars  Winning Class will get their treat on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March.	The class that raises the most money per child will be crowned the winners and have a doughnut treat to celebrate.
25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> February	World Book Day Costume Sale	Come and buy a World Book Day costume for your little one.  <b>World Book Day 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>
28th March	Mother's Day Sale	Gifts can be pre-paid closer to the time on ParentPay and will be £1.50 each.  There will be a limit of 2 gifts per child. Children can bring cash on the day if you prefer.
24 <sup>th</sup> March – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Raffle  Winner announced 1 <sup>st</sup> April.	Each class will have an Easter Egg that they can win through the class raffle, 50p a ticket, enter as many times as you want!
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Gifts	Easter gifts given to children.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Clothing Collection	
June 2025	Summer Fete	More details to follow.