



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



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 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 winning ticket for the cup is **Joseph & Stanley** in **Topaz** Class. Well done!

### House Points

Fenn	24
Shaw	55
Tabrums	60
Marsh	31



### Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Humite – Oliver**

**Emerald – Connor**

**Amber – Hattie**

**Ruby – Maddie**

**Topaz – Archie**

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.

### Art Focus

We are currently holding an art focus in school up to and including Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Every class will be studying an artist, their works and their style and techniques. Every child will then create a piece of art work for our art gallery.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January you are invited to our TSM art gallery. Please see the time below for your allocated viewing session:

Humite – 1 – 1.20pm

Emerald – 1.25 – 1.45pm

Amber – 1.50 – 2.10pm

Ruby – 2.15 – 2.35pm

Topaz – 2.40 – 3pm



Please come in through the foyer. The children from the class will meet you in the hall to view the art work in the school hall.

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Ruby** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.32%**.

Whole school attendance is **94.07%**.

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 Tuesday Miss Hoy had a collective worship on Epiphany. Epiphany is where Christians come to gather on the 6th of January to celebrate the wise men bringing Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold represented how Jesus is King, the frankincense represented faith and the myrrh represents suffering.

In collective worship on Wednesday it was led by Miss Frith. The collective worship was on the Good Shepherd. What does it feel like to be a part of Gods kingdom? Excited, loved, belonging, someone to take care of you, equal, special, included, peaceful, happy, created by love. God is the shepherd and we are the sheep.

It was Miss Cosgrove's collective worship on Thursday. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." Jesus' parable tells us that acts of kindness small or big can make someone's day. "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together"  
Vincent Van Gogh.

**By Worship Warriors Emily and Thomas**

## RotaKids Meeting

On Thursday our RotaKids held their first meeting with the new committee. The new RotaKids President Laurel, along with the Vice-President Theo, the Secretary Thomas and the Treasurer Zach, led the meeting brilliantly. Rotarians Geoff and Roger welcomed all new members and talked about the role of the club, explaining the importance of working together to have a positive impact, locally, nationally and globally. The committee then held a very enthusiastic discussion about projects and charities they would like to support. All the adults at the meeting were very impressed with the children's knowledge about a vast range of worthwhile causes and their passion to make a difference. More information about their chosen projects will be shared soon.

During the meeting the new committee members were presented with their RotaKids certificates. Geoff also delivered their t-shirts which will be distributed by the President and her team in school. All committee members were also presented with their RotaKids wristbands.

It was a fabulous first meeting and I was very proud of the way the committee worked and the enthusiasm of everyone involved. I am very much looking forward to seeing the children's fantastic plans be put into action.

Thank you to Geoff, Roger, Maureen Graham (and our two visitors from Wickford Rotarians) for all your support.

Mrs. Allan



## 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.

### Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

### 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

P.E Days – HEART  
Office Hours  
Humite – Titanic Theme Day  
Parent Leaflet – Year 1,2, 4 & 6  
Young Voices 2025  
Amber Class Parents Evening  
Multiple Club Bookings Open  
Amber Year 4 Homework  
Netball Match – Selected pupils  
Spring Theme Day Menu

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.



## Headteacher Summary

What a cold start to 2025 it has been so far!

The children have come back to school eager and ready to learn about their new topics. I have seen many examples of good work and it has been great to see the children keen and interested and proud of their work. All classes have been studying a different artist this week in preparation for creating a piece of artwork for our art gallery next week. I have really enjoyed teaching in Ruby and Emerald this week.

Well done to Emerald class who won the attendance award last half term and have enjoyed their reward today. I was reminding the children the other day about our attendance reward. We award an attendance cup each week. The class that wins the attendance cup the most times in a half term chooses a reward at the end of the half term. So far this year Topaz and Emerald have enjoyed an attendance reward. What class will win the attendance reward this half term?

I am sure many of you have seen our kindness tree in the foyer. Mrs Foote has been very creative and has made the tree – it is fantastic – thank you Mrs Foote. Children have helped to decorate the tree with flowers and creatures. Well done to Molly, Oliver H, Archie, Alfie, Paxton and Skylar who have shown an act of kindness this week. They have been to see me to explain their act of kindness, received a kindness sticker and also got to hang a kindness tag on the tree. Let's watch our kindness tree grow.



I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Cosgrove well as she starts her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing from her as she waits for the arrival of a baby girl.

Have a wonderful weekend – stay safe and warm!  
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	
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Art Week/s
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Swimming Lessons begin for Ruby
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Art Gallery
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Amber Parent Consultation Meetings
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
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
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos



## Disco



We hope the children enjoy the disco this afternoon, it isn't too late to come along you can just pay on the door £5.00.

KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom)  
KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm

## March 14<sup>th</sup> - James Martin Ticket - Raffle

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

This show is almost sold out and the ticket value is over £100. Tickets are for adults only, non-transferable, have no cash value and are for the date and time specified.



Unlike any stage show you will have seen before this has amazing sets, comedy, crazy recipes and live music. Even if you aren't a fan of James Martin this is an excellent night out!

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 for future purchases for the children of Trinity St Mary's School.

The draw will take place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of February**, when the winner will be notified and details of how to collect the tickets will be provided. Please support our fundraising by sharing with friends, family and anyone that may be interested.

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.
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# INTO THE WILD!

OUTBACK EDITION

Thursday 16th  
January 2025

## MAINS

Bear's Battered Chicken Gryll  
Didgeridoo Dog (VG)  
Coral Reef Wrap Bar (V)  
Boomerang Baked Potato (V) (VG) (GF)

## SIDES

Canberra Chips  
Gold Coast Corn  
Kanga-Roos Spaghetti Rings  
Bush Tucker Salad Bar  
Kookaburra Ketchup

## DESSERT

Jam Tim Tam (VG)  
Sunshine Sorbet (VG)  
Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

dolce