



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



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 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 **Ellison** in **Topaz**, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

### House Points

Fenn	87
Shaw	174
Tabrums	71
Marsh	158



## Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Zoe

**Emerald** – Gabriele

**Amber** – Lydia

**Ruby** – Louis

**Topaz** – Sofia

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 **Topaz** class.

### Topaz Class Summary

It's been a very busy time in Topaz class, with the children all being brilliant and working their socks off as usual!

Last week everyone had great fun being very active during our TSM and National Sports Week.

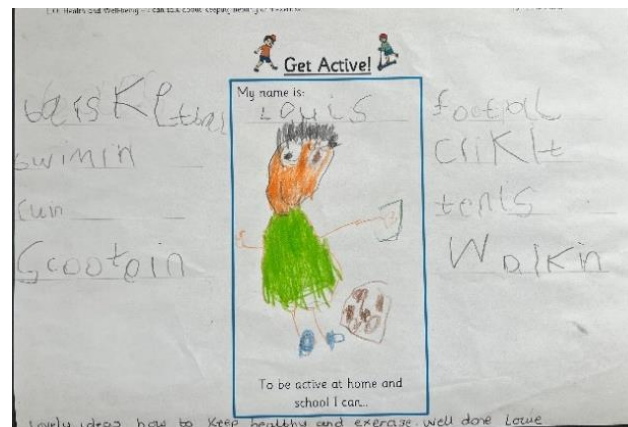
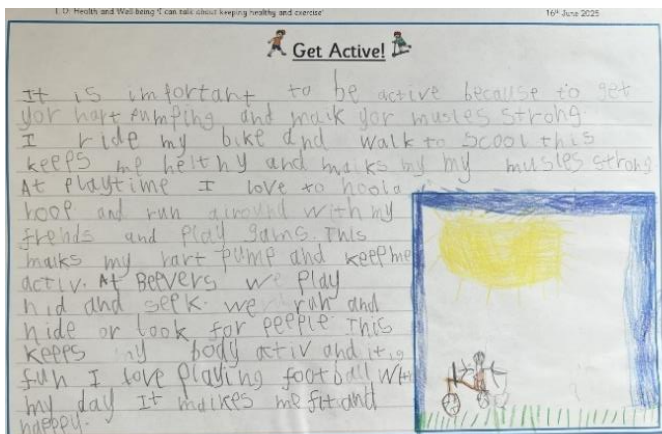
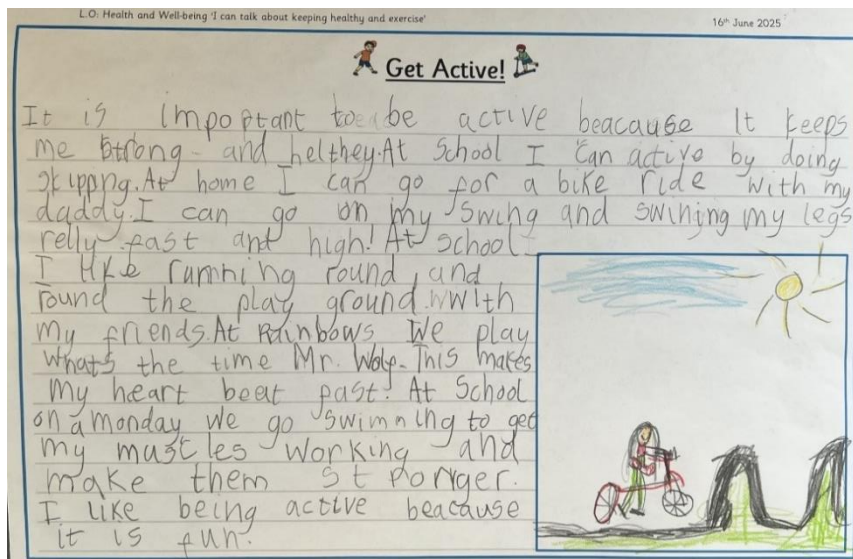
Working with Mr. North from Essex Kids Camp, the children developed skills in a range of fantastic sports including, frisbee golf, cricket and lacrosse! It was fabulous to watch the children increase their own skills whilst also demonstrating how superb they all were at being part of a team.





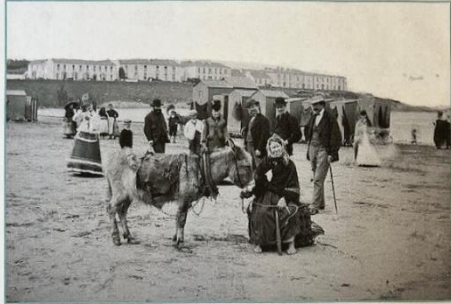


In addition to having an amazing time during our extra sports sessions, back in class the children also extended their understanding of the importance of living an active life. The children discussed their ideas for keeping healthy. They made some fabulous suggestions about how to keep themselves in tiptop condition, including, getting enough sleep, eating a balanced diet, keeping clean, discussing worries and emotions, exercising regularly and even wearing sun cream and a hat in the summer to protect their skin! They also did some amazing writing about how they keep active in school and at home. I was very impressed with their level of knowledge. Good job, Topaz class!



The children have continued to be very enthusiastic about our topic of 'Beside the seaside'. In addition to further developing their understanding of features of a seaside, the children have also continued to improve their excellent skills at being historians. Following research using historical sources and recounts, the children identified similarities and differences between a present day seaside resort and a Victorian seaside resort.

L.O 'I can identify some similarities and differences between life in the past and life now'




I see... people in smog cloths and Julie dressed in dresses hats and jackets. I can see an old lady sitting on a sea looking after a donkey.

I think... the people WOOD be sweeter in their cloths and very hot

I wonder... if enny oser animals were allowed on the beach.

L.O 'I can identify some similarities and differences between life in the past and life now'



I see... the beach filled with pebbles and stones. There are rowing boats on the beach and in the sea and people wearing all their cloths.

I think... The people would be hot in their cloths and the beach would feel full.

I wonder... Why there were boats on the beach and not in the sea.


The children also discussed their own experience of visiting the seaside and discovered a whole range of features that could make a seaside holiday even more fun!

L.O 'I can talk about features of my seaside holiday'

18th June 2025

At the seaside.

sunshine  
sandcastle  
bucket and spade  
rock pool  
sea gulls



padel board  
sun cream  
rubber ring  
beach ball  
shells

When I go to the seaside, my favourite thing is...  
going on a paddle board


Great features of your seaside holiday

L.O 'I can talk about features of my seaside holiday'

18th June 2025

At the seaside.

ice-cream  
sun chair  
surf board  
sun cream  
fish  
sea



beach ball  
sand  
gulls  
fowl  
rocks  
sun globe

When I go to the seaside, my favourite thing is...  
having an ice cream


Great features of your seaside holiday

L.O 'I can talk about features of my seaside holiday'

18th June 2025

At the seaside.

pebbles  
sea  
fish and chips  
sand castles

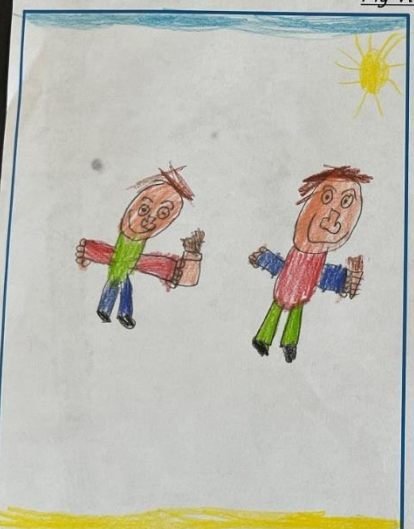


ice-cream  
beach ball  
light house  
rock pool

When I go to the seaside, my favourite thing is...  
I like to play with a beach ball at the sea-side. Hudson had some great ideas on the seaside


After continuing to research more facts about the Victorian seaside, the children used their imagination and travelled back in time and went on a Victorian Seaside Adventure! It was fabulous to read about adventures in which the children were watching a Punch and Judy show, or getting changed in bathing machines, or going on a donkey ride. It was excellent to listen to the children read their work out loud and really demonstrate how much they had learnt about Victorian times.

*My Victorian Seaside Adventure*



On my Victorian seaside adventure I went to watch Punch and Judy and it was fun. After I rode a donkey called Daisy. I walked across the pier and watched people fishing then I went back to collect shells they were shiny and smooth. I used them to decorate my sand castle. At the end of the day I had fish and chips and ice cream.

*My Victorian Seaside Adventure*



on my Victorian seaside adventure I fish in the rock pool for crabs then I went in the sea for a paddle. I got changed in the bathing machine. I went in to see Punch and Judy put it in a show. It was fun. Mr. Murrey let me go on a donkey ride. The donkey was called Freddie. Then I sat on deck chairs and I ate fish and chips.

As if the last few weeks haven't been exciting enough, we are now also looking forward to our exciting school trip next week and our whole school Sport Morning. I am sure the children are going to have a great time at both events!

Well done Topaz class for all your hard work, I am very proud of all of you!

Mrs. Allan 😊

## WDF Mini Olympics Year 2

On 24<sup>th</sup> of June we went to a mini Olympics event at William de Ferrers. When we got there, we waved our flags and put on our colourful hats. We played with a parachute, darts, snakes and ladders and had a jumping competition, we also did long jump. Our favourite part was when we played hockey. We all got a certificate for mini games.

Written by **Oscar D** and **Megan**



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.67%**. Whole school attendance is **96.34%**.

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**

School Photos are now live!

WDF Year 5 Taster Day

TSM Sports Morning – Postponed

## Collective Worship

Miss Hoy told us the story of Jonah and the Whale on Monday. God had asked Jonah to go to Nineveh to talk to the people. Jonah didn't want to go so he got on a boat going away from Nineveh. A storm struck and the other people on the boat knew this was because God was mad so they threw Jonah into the sea. Jonah was swallowed by a whale, he then prays to God to ask for forgiveness, the whale then spat him out. Jonah then went to Nineveh to talk to the people.

This story teaches us about having faith in God and if we do mess up God will forgive us.

On Wednesday Miss Mason told us the story of David and Goliath. A giant named Goliath taunted the Israelites daily, challenging them to fight him but everyone was too scared. A young shepherd named David hears Goliath's challenge and asks to see the king for permission to fight Goliath. David takes his slingshot and 5 small pebbles from the stream, Goliath laughs at him. David fires one pebble and it hits Goliath between the eyes and he falls down. This story is a lesson in having faith and courage to face our challenges.

Miss Knights told us the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den on Thursday. A law was passed that meant everyone had to pray to only the King and no other God. Daniel was devoted to God and continued to pray. He was caught and his punishment was to be placed in the lion's den. When Daniel was placed in the den the lions became peaceful and Daniel continued to pray. The next morning the king was surprised to see that Daniel was ok. We reflected on how Daniel was feeling as he was placed into the den and how we feel when facing challenges. God will always be with us when facing our fears.

**Written by Worship Warrior Thomas Bh**

## Headteacher Summary

It was lovely to start the week with Well Being/Ice Breaker sessions for the new 2/3, 3/4 & 4/5 classes. I hope all of the children involved enjoyed the sessions. It was great to see the new to Reception children enjoying their settling in session earlier in the week too.

I accompanied Emerald & Year 5 Humite to the Essex Schools Food & Farming Show on Tuesday. The children explored the different arenas and then enjoyed free samples such as milkshake, jam, vegetables and crisps. The children were very well behaved.



Children in Year 6 have enjoyed induction sessions at the secondary school that they will be going to in September. I have spoken to many of the children and they seem to be excited and ready for September.



Thank you to staff and children who have been involved in the Eco-Committee Bird & Bat Boxes session and making it possible to participate in the Schools in Bloom competition. We have received a certificate for taking part in the competition. Extra certificates will be given out for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. 1st place also receives a £100 voucher to spend on gardening supplies at Meadow Croft Garden Centre. We will let you know how we have done we when find out the results.

Due to the weather forecast for next week, Sports Day is postponed. Sports Day will now be on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

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.

<b>Summer Term</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Topaz Sealife Adventure Class Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Summer Reading Assembly
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Park Fun
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Water & Summer Safety Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 5 WDF Taster Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Film Treat
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Class Transition Session
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Rocksteady Music Summer Concert
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Class Transition Session
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	TSM Sports Morning
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Park Fun
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Summer Holidays



A huge THANK YOU to everyone that attended our Summer Fete last Friday. We raised an amazing **£1,150.90**

The summer fete wraps up our events for this school year. Our next meeting will be in September where we will plan our 2025/2026 events calendar.

If you are interested in joining FOTSMS we will have our AGM in October where we will be looking for new members of the committee as well as new members to help with events.

# WHY JOIN?

## 8 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA

### 1. YOUR CHILD BENEFITS

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. We support the school by helping to provide things like new books, Bug Club, new playground, sports equipment and much more.

### 5. BECAUSE IT'S FUN

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hair-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

### 2. TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As well as fundraising, the PTA organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. Our PTA organises the School Disco, Christmas Market and the Summer Fair, along with many more fun events. This creates a real sense of community and benefits our children.

### 6. BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head teacher, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community.

### 3. FEEL INVOLVED

As a parent or carer in our school you are already a member of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA). Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new faces. Please consider coming along to our meetings, or volunteer an hour of your time at an event.

### 7. IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, grandparents, aunts or uncles and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring other dads.

### 4. ITS TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs like putting up a poster, helping sort uniform or running a stall keeps everything running smoothly.

### 8. KEEP THE PTA GOING

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents, to keep the PTA going, year after year.

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# Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



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**Arriving in your local library this summer!**

**The challenge where children across Essex explore the magical connection between storytelling and nature! Read six books or do a range of other challenges to receive a certificate and medal!**

**Saturday 19 July to  
Saturday 6 September 2025**


**Find out more about how to take part in this free activity:**

**[libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge](https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge)**



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# Bloom & Buzz

children's pollinator events

Saturday 2 August  
11AM - 12 noon

Taking place at libraries of  
Chelmsford, North Melbourne,  
Broomfield, Galleywood and Writtle

In collaboration with Summer Reading Challenge - StoryGarden

Craft your own plant in a pot.

Measure how it grows with the plant diary before it home

A Free event but booking is required to secure your place



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# Schools In Bloom 2025



## CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

This Certificate Is Awarded To

**Trinity St Mary's C of E Primary School**

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For Participation In The Annual Meadow Croft Garden Centre  
Schools In Bloom Competition

June 2025

