



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 20th December 2024



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 **Ava** in **Ruby** Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	47
Shaw	83
Tabrums	66
Marsh	79



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Mia-Rose

Emerald – Scarlett

Amber – James

Ruby – Gracie

Topaz – Matthew

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 Emerald class.

Emerald Class Summary

We have had another great week in Emerald Class - we have been extremely busy!

This week we have finished our unit of work on Temples, Treasures and Tombs linked to Ancient Egypt by writing some diary entries as if we were Howard Carter finding King Tut's tomb.

I was exceptionally proud of their efforts and how they have been able to add in some descriptive techniques and grammatical features that we have learnt into their writing, such as; parenthesis, similes and personification.

I was very proud of their Christmas performance of 'A Magical Musical Christmas' and their efforts completing the Santa Dash.



In Science we have continued to learn about the earth's rotation and the phases of the moon.



TSM Reverse Advent Calendar

Our Reverse Advent Calendar has now come to an end, and I am delighted to tell you that we have collected an impressive **334** items for our local Food Bank. All the classes participated in the Reverse Advent Calendar with enthusiasm and as you can see from the photos a wide variety of items were donated.

We are very grateful to all our pupils and families for their generous contributions, these will make a huge difference to local families in crisis and will hopefully spread a little Christmas cheer throughout our community. Many thanks to everyone.

Mrs. Allan



Whole School Santa Dash



On Tuesday, we were joined by Mr. Cooper from WDF PE department to take part in the 'School Games' Santa Dash. This is a national event that encourages all pupils to be active, whilst having fun through its Christmas theme.

All of the classes ran for 15 minutes, and the children recorded their distance by collecting wristbands after every lap. The event had a very Christmassy feel, with the children singing along to Christmas music and wearing some very cool Christmas jumpers and accessories.

The combined distance covered by all the classes was a very impressive 269.61km! Wow! This distance is submitted to the 'School Games' website where it is combined with the distances from the other local primary schools to see if together, we can cover the distance needed to get all the way to Lapland.

A huge congratulations to all the children for making such an effort and for achieving such an impressive distance.

Mr. Cooper also commented on what lovely pupils we have at TSM! Well done everyone, what lovely feedback.





Christmas Interhouse Competition

We have a great time in the hall this morning with children from reception to year 6 working in their teams to compete in getting Christmas presents into Santa's sack in the quickest time.

Congratulations to **TABRUMS**, with great teamwork, who won the competition.

MARSH – 9 minutes and 2 seconds

SHAW – 8 minutes and 24 seconds

TABRUMS – 7 minutes and 42 seconds

FENN – 10 minutes and 19 seconds



Town Council Carol Service – Choir

Last Friday, a number of children from our TSM choir attended the SWF Town Carol Service.

The church was very busy with pupils from all five local primary schools, their families and members of the local community. Despite having a very big audience, the children sang their carol 'We Three Kings' brilliantly and they could be heard clearly throughout the church. I was very proud of all of them. A huge thank you to Mrs. Graham for accompanying the choir by playing piano at the service. It sounded beautiful.

Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs. Allan

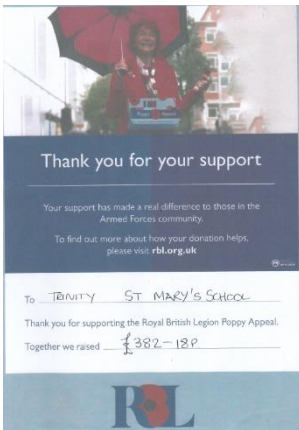
“Thank you very much indeed for the support of your school to the Town Carol Service last Friday.

The comments and response of members of the public, parents and from members of the Town Council has been overwhelmingly positive.

Would you please pass on my very sincere thanks to all in the school, staff and particularly the children for the great result of their efforts.”

*Michael Clark
Chairman SWF Christian Council*

Poppy Appeal 2024



Thank you once again for supporting the Royal British Legion with this years Poppy Appeal, TSM raised an amazing £382.18p.

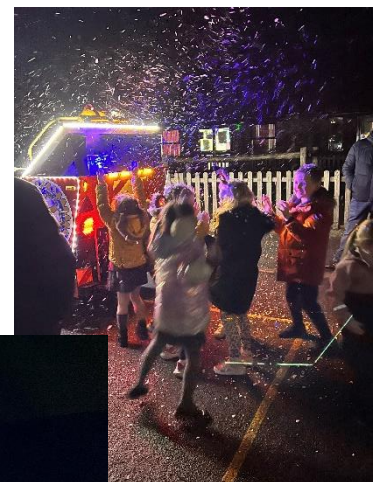
Rotary Father Christmas and Snowman visit to TSM

On Wednesday night we were very lucky to receive a visit from the main man in red himself. Along with his trusty snowmen, Father Christmas spent time talking to all the children and having photos taken together. The children were especially excited when the snowmen made it snow!

It was really lovely to see so many of our families share in this special visit. Many thanks to everyone for their donations to the Rotary charity too.

Father Christmas has asked me to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to remind all our children to go to sleep very quickly on Christmas Eve!

Mrs. Allan



Attendance

Congratulations to **Emerald** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.42%**.

Whole school attendance is **92.50%**.

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.

Art Focus

When we come back in January we will all be having an art focus from Tuesday 7th January to Friday 17th 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 17th 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.

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.

The website 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

Spring Term 2025 Clubs
Ruby Swimming Reminder
Amber Class Parents Evening
NHS Pharmacy Services

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

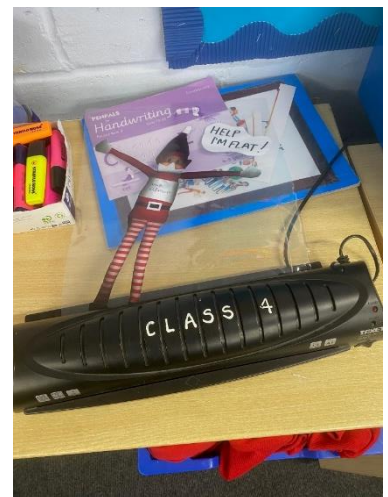
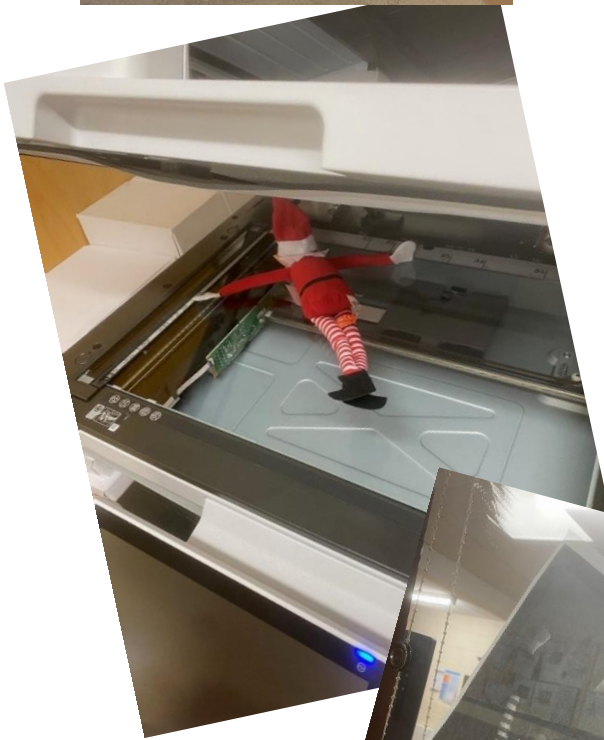
It has been a lovely ending to the term. The children in Key Stage 2 performed fantastically in 'A Magical Musical Christmas'. It was a very Christmassy feel in the church, with the children wearing Christmas jumpers and the Christmas tree. I am sorry to have missed the Carols by Candle on Monday evening. I hear that it was a wonderful occasion that was well attended. Thank you for attending our Christmas events – I hope you have enjoyed them as much as I have.

It has been lovely to see all of the children in the Christmas spirit today, wearing Christmas jumpers, celebrating in class, having selfies with Derek the Elf and joining in with our Christmas themed interhouse competition.



Miss Hoy

Adventures of the official office elfer Derek Elfison



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	
23 rd December – 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holidays
6 th January 2025	Inset Day
7 th January 2025 – 17 th January 2025	Art Week/s
9 th January 2025	RotaKids Meeting
9 th January 2025	Forest School begins for Humite
13 th January 2025	Swimming Lessons begin for Ruby
17 th January 2025	Art Gallery
22 nd January 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
22 nd January 2025	Amber Parent Consultation Meetings
24 th January 2025	Glider Challenge – Emerald Class
28 th January 2025	NCMP – Reception & Year 6
30 th January 2025	Reception Class Road Safety Session
31 st January 2025	Year 5 Road Safety Session
31 st January 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Kurling P.E. Kit
3 rd February 2025	Year 6 Cyber Safety Lesson – Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
5 th February 2025	Young Voices Choir @ O2
17 th February -21 st February 2025	Half Term
6 th March 2025	World Book Day
12 th March 2025	Emerald – Mighty Oak Session
17 th March 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Year 6 Respect Assembly
21 st March – 23 rd March 2025	Swimarathon 2025
24 th March – 28 th March 2025	Travelling Book Fair
2 nd April – 4 th April 2025	Year 6 Residential
7 th April – 21 st April 2025	Easter Holidays
22 nd April 2025	Inset Day
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATS Week
19 th May – 23 rd May 2025	Well Being Week



We want to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the FOTSMS team.

Thank you for supporting our events this past year, we look forward to organising some fab events in 2025.

Disco - 10th January

We look forward to welcoming the children back with a school disco.



£4.50 pre-booked on ParentPay or £5.00 cash on the door.

DEADLINE to pay online is 5pm Thursday 9th January.

KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom).

KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

FOTSMS Event Diary

10 th January	School Disco	£4.50 pre-booked on ParentPay or £5.00 cash on the door. DEADLINE to pay online is 5pm Thursday 9th January. KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom). KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm
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