



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 11th July 2025



Our Core Christian Values

Sports Morning

Due to the weather forecast we have made the decision to cancel sports morning.



We have taken into account the health and safety for children and adults in our decision making.

I appreciate that this may be a disappointment for many parents and children. However we are planning an interhouse morning next Thursday instead. Children will still come into school wearing their PE kit which can include a coloured t shirt representing their house team. Activities are being planned for in the classroom. At the end of the morning points will be added together and during an assembly we will celebrate the winning team and house captains will be presented with the cup.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	124
Shaw	50
Tabrums	69
Marsh	56



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Sophia

Emerald – Bella

Amber – Lydia

Ruby – Louis

Topaz – Harrison

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!

We have used a variety of different tools and techniques in art to recreate some pictures based on the Titanic, first we used water colours to explore and experiment creating different gradients, tones and hues. Then we used oil pastels and experimented with a variety of different techniques to create our pictures on black paper to show contrast.





We have also been learning about icebergs and found out some interesting facts, such as:

The iceberg that the Titanic struck was over 5000 years old.

Its largest iceberg ever seen was in 1956. It was bigger than the country of Belgium!

When very large icebergs break off a glacier and flip, they can even push the entire glacier backwards for a few minutes. This can cause earthquakes as powerful as an atomic bomb!

incredible icebergs!

What is an iceberg?
An iceberg is a big mountain of ice that can be separated by its peaks and ridges out to sea. Icebergs are made out of ice (in the snow) and sea ice. It is so dense it will be strong, big and tough. Icebergs can be up to 100m in height, under water and 100 to 150m above. If boats come into icebergs which are dense, the most likely thing is that it is going to sink. The Titanic crashed into a dense iceberg they.

Fun Facts!
Icebergs are not as hard as concrete!
How are icebergs formed?
Icebergs are made when glaciers and ice shelves are pushed together and turn a big lump of ice. Sometimes rivers of ice flowing over Antarctica and the Arctic can also form icebergs. Floating around on icebergs just let go of their anchor to take a break from water!
How can icebergs be dangerous?
Icebergs look like huge white mountains floating in the water and can hit into you.

Best you don't go swimming in the Atlantic ocean!
Why is an iceberg only visible by one leg?
Icebergs can in most of them shape and sizes they show with a one to the size of the vessel. The tip of an iceberg can go up to 50 metres above the surface.

Here are some examples:

How do we spot icebergs?
Back in the times of the Titanic, they used binoculars but now we use cameras on electricity.
Then Now Discovery by using a ship.

THE ICE THAT DID IT.

An iceberg is a piece of ice that has broken away from the hot ice shelf of glaciers. They break in Greenland, but some break off in Antarctica and America.

How they move:
Strong currents and powerful wind pushes it all the northern parts of the ocean and sometimes the southern parts.

Size:
Icebergs can be as small as a car and some are as big as a city. Most are an iceberg size.

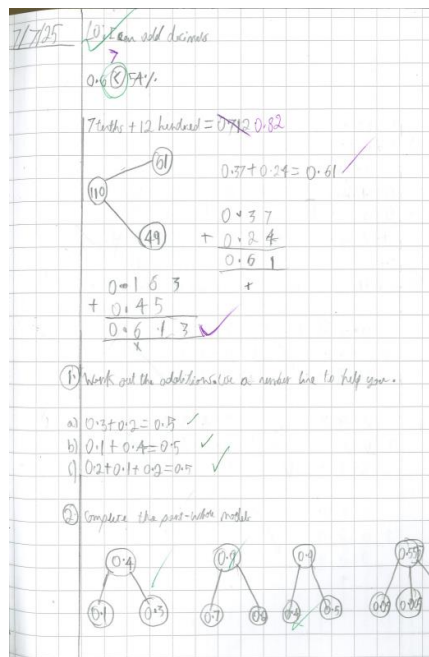
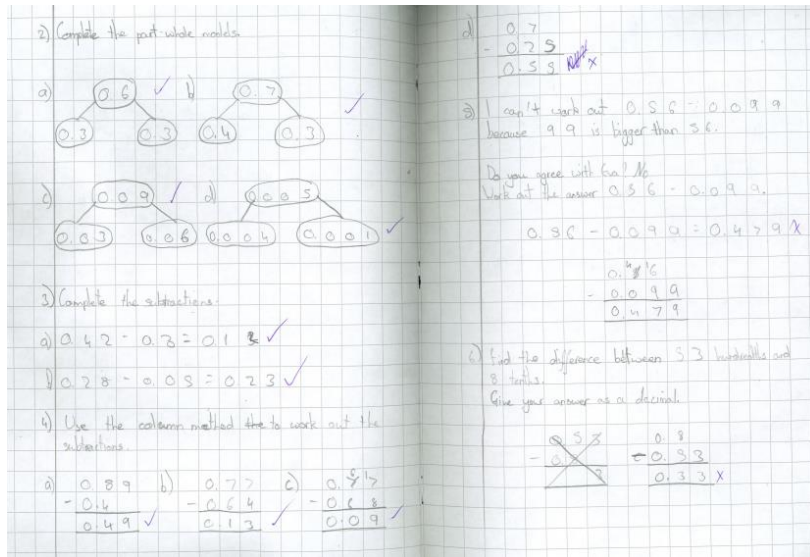
Why they are dangerous:
Icebergs are so dense that they are harder than concrete and 1000 denser than water. Icebergs can be more than 100m high in the water. They are made of old ice that is really old and it really is dangerous to hit a iceberg.

Why icebergs exist:
Icebergs have many effects on the water around it and an effect is that they can be dangerous to ships and sailors. Some people say that the Titanic sank because of the iceberg which hit the ship. It was a big iceberg and it was very old but global warming melts the ice and makes it melt again.

Ships:
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The children in Year 5 enjoyed their taster day at WDF telling me about all the activities they did. In maths we have finished exploring decimals, adding, subtracting and really honing our skills in multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 – this is a key part of 100 Club.



In computing we have looked at making and composing music – exploring the tempo, creating rhythms and harmonies.

Overall, we have had a super week!

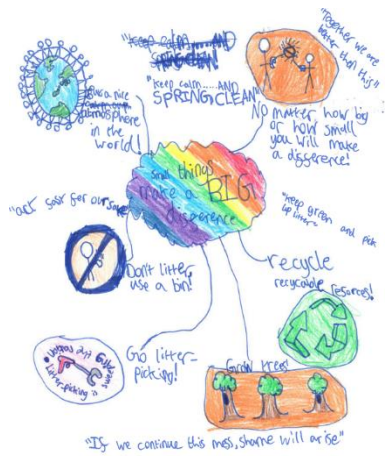
Town Council Great British Spring Clean Poster Competition

The Town Council were pleased to announce the winners of the Great British Spring Clean poster design across Trinity St Mary's and Collingwood Schools, the winning designs are below.

Congratulations to;

- Otis & Albie of Amber Class
- Jesse & Thomas of Emerald Class
 - Jasmine of Humite Class
 - Oscar C of Ruby Class

These posters will be up from next week around town so keep your eyes peeled for them.



Amber WDF Multi Skills Festival

Amber class enjoyed an afternoon at William de Ferrers school on Monday taking part in Multi-Sports activities on the 3G pitches. The event, was run largely by students and comprised of eight different activities such as throwing "Howler" balls, stacking cups, relay racing, hockey slalom and beanbag throwing to name a few. As ever, the children behaved beautifully and had lots of fun!



Attendance

Congratulations to **Amber** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **95.88%**. Whole school attendance is **94.87%**.

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.

Clubs

Please note all our extracurricular teacher led clubs have now finished for the summer term. Clubs will resume again in the Autumn term; further details will be communicated on our return in September.

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.

Arbor Parent Portal

This week we have released Parent Portal for Arbor, thank you to those parents who have signed up already. If you haven't already done so we would urge you to do this as soon as possible in preparation for September. In September we will stop using ParentPay and Parents Booking and the booking of trips, clubs and parent consultations will be done through the Parent Portal. If the school doesn't currently hold an email address for you please do provide us with one as soon as possible so that we can give you access to the portal.

Hairbands

Please note in line with our uniform policy **no** bulldog clips are allowed. Children may wear a plain hairband or hair grips, no braids or bows. Thank you.

Letters Emailed Home

Rocksteady Music Summer Concert

Uniform update

Year 6 SATs Reports

Collective Worship

Monday

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a lively musical based on the biblical story of Joseph from the Book of Genesis. It follows the journey of a dreamer with a gift for interpreting visions, who is betrayed by his jealous brothers, sold into slavery, and eventually rises to power in Egypt. With vibrant songs and cheeky humour, the show celebrates Joseph's resilience, his dazzling coat symbolizing hope and destiny fulfilled. The story's charm lies in its blend of pop, rock, and calypso styles—all wrapped in a Technicolor tale of forgiveness, faith, and fabulous fashion.

Tuesday

Miss Knights Collective Worship. Helping others performing acts of kindness is free. We can help our families by doing our chores. We can help our friends by showing them how to do something. We can help around school by putting stuff away properly. We can help around the town by doing litter picks. Hebrew 13:16

Wednesday

Over the holidays we would come across seas, lakes, ponds, pools, streams, waterfalls, rills and fountains, fireman Neil came in to talk to us about summer safety. We learnt the water safety code and what the flags at the beach mean. We learnt about how to stay safe in the sun and what to do in the event of a fire. We also learnt the green cross code which helps us learn how to cross the road safely.

Thursday

Miss Friths Collective Worship. "Do good and to share what you have, for God is pleased with such sacrifices." We listened to a story about Salen who went on a journey with an empty bag to collect treasures. On her journey she helped other people she met. They gave her gifts to thank her for her kindness. She realised that treasure comes from doing good things for other people. We reflected on how we can help - give money to charity, be kind and respectful to teachers, donate food, make jokes, help someone up, share, give stuff away and clean class.

Written by Worship Warrior **Thomas Bh**

Headteacher Summary

What a busy week it has been! Essex County Fire & Rescue Service delivered a Water & Summer Safety assembly on Wednesday. I hope Year 5 enjoyed the Taster Day at WDF yesterday. The children that I spoke to, when they returned, said that they really enjoyed art and drama.



The last of the new to reception settling in sessions happened this week. The children who will be in Mrs Allan's mixed reception and year 1 class from September had the opportunity to meet. We also introduced a buddy system for this class. Children who are currently in year 5 have been allocated a reception or year 1 buddy. We introduced the buddies to each other in this session also.

Year 6 enjoyed a film treat this afternoon. They voted to watch Despicable Me.

On Monday and Wednesday next week all of the children will have transition sessions. This will allow the children to meet their new class mates, their new teacher and go to their new classroom.

I hope you all 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	
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	Interhouse Competition
17 th July 2025	RotaKids & Eco Committee Litter Pick
18 th July 2025	Year 6 Park Fun
21 st July 2025	Molly's Lolly's Whole School Visit
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 rd July 2025	Summer Holidays



Barleylands Tickets

Barleylands have lots of Foamy Summer Fun planned throughout the summer holidays and now have an amazing outdoor play area.

FOTSMS sell tickets for £12.50 each which is a huge saving on the gate prices.

Contact Marie Knight or our Facebook page for more details [FOTSMS \(Friends of Trinity St Mary's School\) | Facebook](#)



Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

Special Menu on Thursday 17th July



Dolce Disco
14th - 18th July 2025

Mains
Dolce Disco Dog
Dance Floor Dog (VG)
Party Time Pizza (BBQ Chicken)
Hip Hot Potato Bar (V) (GF)

Sides
Funky Town Fries
Boogie Beans
Panic at the Disco Peas
Stayin' Alive Salad Bar

Desserts
Glitter Ball Cookie
Fruit Ice Lolly
Fresh Fruit

dolce



During the afternoon of Monday 21st July every child will have the opportunity to buy an ice cream or an ice lolly from the ice cream van that will be parked in our playground.

Single with a flake £3

Single without a flake £2.50

Ice lollies range from £2 - £3

Dairy free Magnum £3

There are more expensive options available.

You will also be able to enjoy a treat from the ice cream van after school.



Essex Kids Camp

SUMMER CAMPS 9AM-3PM

@ ELMWOOD SCHOOL

WED 23RD JULY	MON 4TH AUGUST	THU 14TH AUGUST
THU 24TH JULY	TUE 5TH AUGUST	FRI 15TH AUGUST
FRI 25TH JULY	WED 6TH AUGUST	MON 18TH AUGUST
MON 28TH JULY	THU 7TH AUGUST	TUE 19TH AUGUST
TUE 29TH JULY	FRI 8TH AUGUST	WED 20TH AUGUST
WED 30TH JULY	MON 11TH AUGUST	THU 21ST AUGUST
THU 31ST JULY	TUE 12TH AUGUST	FRI 22ND AUGUST
FRI 1ST AUGUST	WED 13TH AUGUST	

INCLUDES DRAGON ASSAULT COURSE!

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 Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk

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To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking
 There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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