



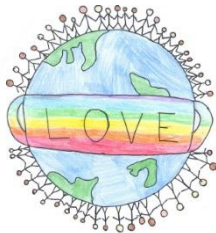
Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 18th July 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 Lunchtime Cup is awarded to all the children in **Year 6**, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	19
Shaw	24
Tabrums	28
Marsh	35



The overall winning house for 2024-2025 is **SHAW** who came 1st with a total of 2911 house points.

Followed by **Tabrums** in 2nd, **Marsh** in 3rd and **Fenn** 4th.



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Thomas Bu

Emerald – Emelia S

Amber – Lydia

Ruby – Isadora

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.

Class Summary

Each week we will be highlighting what one class has been up to in school.

This week we share an insight into Amber class.

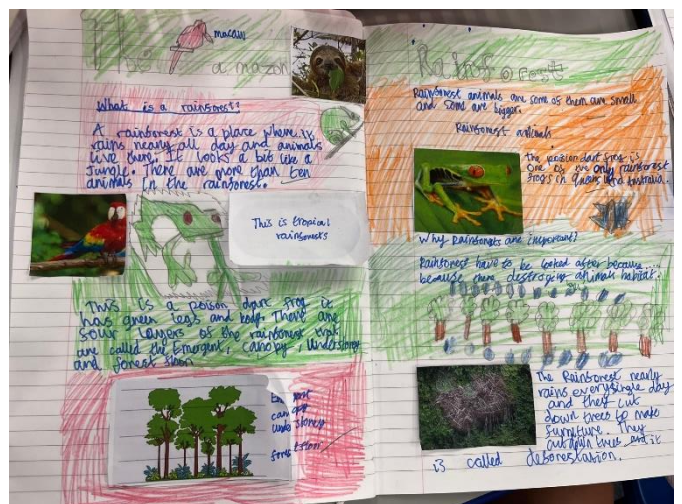
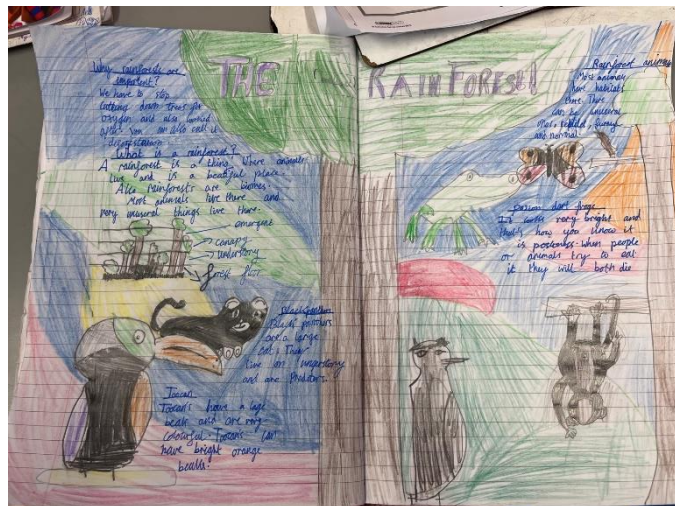
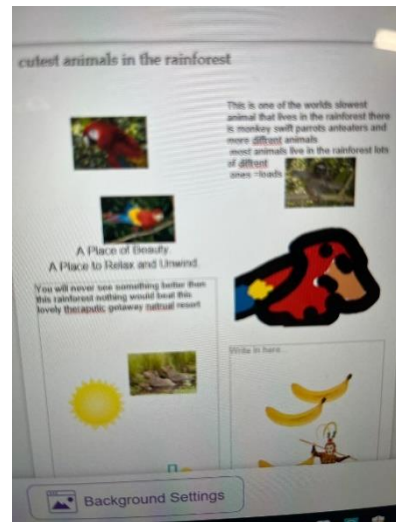
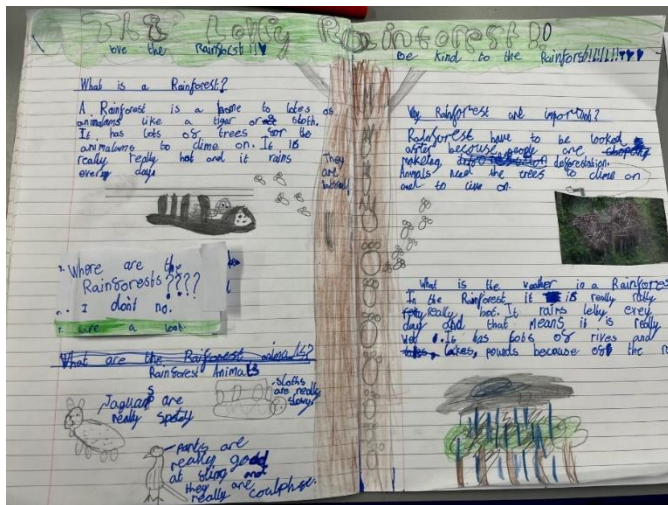
Amber Class Summary

On Monday and Wednesday this week, the children in Amber class spent some time in with their new teacher. In literacy, they wrote wonderful letters to their new teachers which have been gratefully received. In PE this week, we have continued our gymnastics learning. The children have learnt various balances and partner balances, in small groups. In maths, the children finished their end of unit assessments for position and direction and have started their final topic for the year - statistics. Children have been learning about how data can be represented in different ways including pictograms, bar graphs and line graphs.

We have finished our geography topic on Rainforests and the children have enjoyed creating 'two-page spreads' to showcase their learning in their topic books. In computing, the children have created impressive 'Rainforest Retreat' brochures on Purple Mash using a variety of media.

We have continued to learn about the Ancient Greeks in history. Last week the children learnt about the Battle of Marathon between the Athenians and the Persians. This week, they have finished the final lesson on Gods and Goddesses. On Thursday the children really enjoyed the sports quizzes, comprising of Beetle Drive, Guess the Sport, Match the Flag and Sport's Quiz. They enjoyed competing in their house teams, some were extremely competitive! It was lovely to hear them all singing so enthusiastically in the hall for our assembly and they celebrated the Tabrums' win with gusto!

We have enjoyed looking at the Aboriginal artist, Melanie Hava and have taken inspiration from her work to create our own rainforest pictures. We looked at the typical patterns she uses on her leaves and animals and started to plan our own paintings which we have painted this afternoon.



Attendance

Congratulations to Humite class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.24%**. Whole school attendance is **96.45%**.

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.

Interhouse Morning

Children worked in teams to compete for the house cup. Firstly, the teams competed in a sports quiz, then a seaside beetle drive, flag and country match up and finally the children had to guess what sport was being described. The classrooms were a hive of activity. The final scores were:

FENN 83

SHAW 95

TABRUMS 110

MARSH 91



Congratulations to **TABRUMS**. The team captains, **Elsie-Mae** and **Ava K**, were presented with the cup and their team banner which they paraded around the hall.

Rocksteady Music Summer Concert

Well done to all our Rocksteady pupils, who put on an amazing concert earlier in the week. A big round of applause to;



Riley, Bobby, Alfie, Indie-Rose, Pixie, Matilda

Oliver, Ezra, Sienna, Otis

Paxton, Owen

Emi, Gabriel, Charlie

RotaKids & Eco Committee Litter Pick

On Thursday the children from our RotaKids and Eco-committee joined forces to carry out a litter pick around the town. Armed with gloves, litter pickers and bags, they collected a vast range of rubbish, including crisp packets, shoes, cans, glass bottles, plastics, gas canisters and cigarette butts. The children (and adults) were both saddened by the amount of rubbish that had been carelessly thrown away but were pleased to have made a difference through the amount of litter they collected. The children were delighted to be joined by David Smith (Environment and Leisure Officer, SWF Town Council) and Geoff Thompson (Vocational and Youth Chair - SWF Rotary) who helped with the litter pick and also commented on the enthusiasm of all the committee members.

A big thank you also to our wonderful governors, Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Quare for giving up their time to come and support this event.

A huge well done to all the children for working so hard to make our town a cleaner place to live. I am very proud of you!

Mrs. Allan



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/1qxxgIBRFh52hSKEwyFCnoYSOt>

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

Thank you to those parents who have signed up already to the Arbor Parent Portal. 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.

RotaKids Readathon News



A huge congratulations to our fabulous RotaKids committee for running the highly successful Readathon event earlier this term. I am delighted to announce through the generosity of all our pupils and families, the Readathon raised a very impressive total of £**1250.96** for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

On behalf of the RotaKids committee, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children for their amazing reading and to all our families for supporting this event. This amazing donation will make a big difference to GOSH.

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Allan

Letters Emailed Home

Year 6 Leavers

Collective Worship

Monday Miss Hoy's Collective Worship. The Parable of the Sower. Jesus tells the story of a farmer who scatters seeds, which fall on four different types of ground, The Path - seeds fall on the path and are eaten by birds. Represents people who hear the word but don't understand it.

Rocky Ground - seeds sprout quickly but wither due to shallow roots. Those who receive the word with joy but fall away when trouble or persecution comes. Thorny Ground - seeds grow but are choked by thorns. Represents those who hear the word but are distracted by worries, wealth, and worldly desires. Good Soil - seeds grow and produce a bountiful harvest.

Symbolizes those who hear, understand, and embrace the world.

Wednesday was Open the Book - Jesus feeds the five thousand. Max from Humite helped them with the show. In the show Max was the boy who shared his lunch with the five thousand aka all of the school. They showed us how Jesus and his disciples rowed to the other side of the river but the crowd of 5000 followed. The message is when you trust God so much can happen.

Written by Worship Warrior **Thomas Bh**

Headteacher Summary

Well, I cannot believe that this is the last newsletter of the academic year!

It was lovely to see all of the children enjoy the class transition sessions this week. Part of the first session involved the classes choosing their class name. Next year the class names will be:

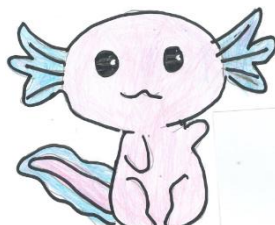
Tiger



Rabbit



Axolotl



Eagle



Hedgehog



Well done to our artists who have designed the animals that are representing each class:

Hedgehog by **Preston, Ronnie, Charlie and Connor**

Eagle by **Emelia S**

Axolotl by **Megan**

Rabbit by **Henry**

Tiger by **Jessie**

It has been wonderful celebrating with Year 6 as they have enjoyed the treats and events to end their time here at TSM. Today the children have enjoyed fun at the park including a visit from an ice cream van. I really hope that all of the children in Year 6 have enjoyed the afternoon.

It was wonderful to hear that members of the public commented on how well-mannered and respectful the children were when litter picking. One member of the public commented on what a wonderful job they were doing – thank you to our RotaKids and Eco-Committee members.

If I do not see you before the end of term, can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a fantastic summer break.

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.

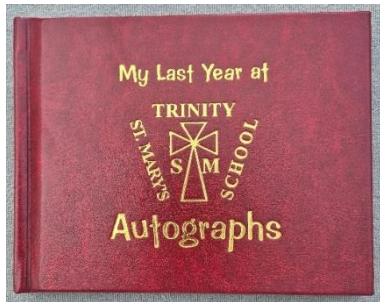
Summer Term	
21 st July 2025	Molly's Lolly's Whole School Visit
21 st July 2025	Bird & Bat Box Decorating - Eco Committee
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 rd July 2025	Summer Holidays
Autumn Term 2025/2026	
1 st September 2025	Inset Day
2 nd September 2025	Start of Term



Over the school year FOTSMS purchase items for children in school and it is always an honour to deliver these items to school for the children to use and enjoy.

This week we have delivered:

Year 6 Leavers – Autograph Books



Reception Class - Book Bags



We have also funded 16 new laptops that have been delivered to school recently, for TSM to use in the next academic year.

When we come back in September FOTSMS will announce the next school years events, so please keep an eye out for our events calendar for 2025-2026.

Don't forget your 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](#)



Happy summer holidays to all our families and we will see you all in September.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



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.



Trinity St Mary's C of E
Primary School

GOLD AWARD



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include participating in a wide range of intra-school and inter-school games, including; football, badminton, netball, lacrosse, kurling, gymnastics and multi-skills to name but a few. We have also participated in a range of inclusion events, with one of the highlights being our KS1 team winning gold and our KS2 team winning silver in the Panathlon inter-school competition!

We have had a high level of pupils competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, and their excellent sportmanship attitude throughout.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all the staff and volunteers who have helped with running and supporting these events and competitions.

Congratulations again to all our pupils for achieving this award. Well done to everyone!

We look forward to hopefully continuing our success next year and applying once again for our School Games Mark Award in 2026!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Allan





**Trinity St Mary's Church of England
Primary School**

**has achieved the Gold School Games Mark
award for their commitment, engagement
in the School Games for 2024/25.**



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	

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SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL

FUN AT CHAMPIONS **FREE**

Ages 0-11

Moji
Children's Entertainer

Thursday 7th August 2025
1pm - 3pm
Bring your suncream, blanket and drinks

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL

FUN AT CHAMPIONS **FREE**

Ages 0-11

PARTY MONSTERS

Thursday 28th August 2025
1pm - 3pm
Bring your suncream, blanket and drinks

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL

FUN AT CHAMPIONS **FREE**

Ages 0-11

Teddy Bears
PICNIC PARTY

Thursday 14th August 2025
1pm - 3pm
Bring your teddy bear, suncream, blanket and picnic

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL

FUN AT CHAMPIONS **FREE**

PAPALARNY
creating **MAGIC**

Ages 0-11

Thursday 21st August 2025
1pm - 3pm
Bring your suncream, blanket and drinks