



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



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## 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.

### Our Christian Values Book

The following children have demonstrated one or all of our Christian Values: love, honesty, sharing, dedication and forgiveness. Well done to: **Charlie**, **Maddison** in **Ruby** and **Hattie** in **Amber**.

### Lunchtime Cup

This week the winning ticket for the cup is **Jasmine** in **Humite** Class. Well done!

### House Points

Fenn	50
Shaw	73
Tabrums	98
Marsh	56



### Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Humite – Elsie-Mae**

**Emerald – Izzy**

**Amber – Hattie**

**Ruby – Jack**

**Topaz – Ellyn**

**Office – Derek Elfison**

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.

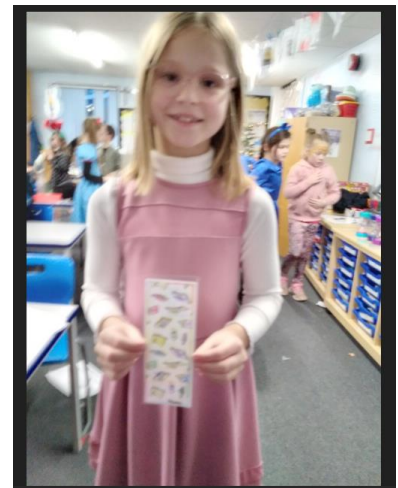
### Class Summary

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 Thursday we had an amazing Roald Dahl day in class Amber! We started off by acting out winning the golden ticket and some children had to play the part of a reporter. The children really got into character especially with their costumes. We then made dream jars inspired by the BFG and used a range of paints, sparkle, beads and cotton wool to create these. In the afternoon we had an online Roald Dahl museum workshop which showed us around the museum and we had some fun activities such as quizzes and creating characters. We ended our brilliant day with making our very own Roald Dahl book marks.





In maths this week we have looked at 8 times table and division. We have been working on our pictorial and working out methods. In English we have been working on inverted commas in our writing and using descriptive language to create a character. We have also been reading extracts of Matilda and Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

**Zach** – “I liked when we had to explain about what religions are similar and not so similar”.

**Kieran** – “I have enjoyed singing the Christmas songs in the church ready for our performance next week!”.

**James** – “I have enjoyed coding in computing this term!”.

**Charlie T** – “I have loved painting pictures of the BFG and blending colours together”.

**Emi** – “I liked learning about the Stone Age this term and learning about how they survived”.

**Oliver** – “I have loved learning about the different capital cities in different countries”.

**Molly** - “In history I loved learning about Tim Peake in our Space Week and how he survived”.

**Isla-May** - “I have loved in science learning about different types of rocks that come from volcanoes”.

**Otis** – “In PE I have loved doing corners with Mr Radley and in French I have liked learning the vegetable song”.

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Lo: I can write an eye witness statement

I was walking down the wet, dark street. As I peered in the gloomy shop window I saw a little poor boy open a delicious chocolate bar.

Sp Suddenly, in surprise shimmered a slash of a golden ticket and as soon as he pulled it out surprise with a cheer other people came surprise rushing over to him.

People with amazed faces and greedy the little boy was surrounded by tons of people, he started to look afraid.

The little boy ran out of the gloomy shop out with happy tears.

As I thought to myself, he's lucky and poor because his clothes had rips and holes in his shirt, he looked very cold.

Tuesday 20th Dec 2024  
I can recognise what the holiness means Christians

The Father

God

The Holy Spirit

The Son

## Topaz Trip to Thameside Nature Discovery Centre

On Wednesday the children in Topaz had a fabulous time at Thameside Nature Discovery Centre learning all about winter and habitats. In the morning the children learned about a range of birds and how they migrate to warmer habitats. Using binoculars, the children were able to identify birds that were feeding on the Thames and learned about how winter conditions mean they have to adapt.

The afternoon had a very Christmassy feel, with the children making wildlife friendly reindeer food and wooden Christmas decorations. They also played the snowball challenge and then explored the woods to complete a Christmas trail. If this wasn't exciting enough, the children then got to visit Mother Christmas and talk to her all about their Christmas plans. Mother Christmas told me that she had never met a group of such kind, caring and polite children. Well done Topaz class, I am very proud of you.

Thank you to Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Munro for accompanying us on the trip. It was a really lovely day!





## **Rocksteady Christmas Concert**

On Tuesday the children that attend weekly Rocksteady music lessons, performed a concert to the whole school and their parents/carers.

The bands who performed together were:

**Matilda C, Scarlett, Alfie, Riley, Sofia, Pixie & Matilda J**

**Casey, Ezra, Sienna, Jake, Otis & Ernest**

**Charlie, Owen & Lexi**

**Emi, Gabriele & Oliver**

The children have worked so hard during their sessions with Band Leader Ivano and they were amazing, well done to them all.



## **Year 3 Home Safety Session, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service**

Neil from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service visited Amber class (Year 3) for a Home Safety Session this week, all the children thoroughly enjoyed their lesson.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service are working in collaboration with the Police and cover both Fire and Police messages through their education programme, this week's objectives covered;

To understand how to prevent fires in the home.

To understand how to keep ourselves safe in the home.

## **TSM Christmas Events - Save the Date!**

**Carols by Candlelight** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

**Whole School Santa Dash** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, during school hours – P.E. kit required.

**KS2 Christmas Performance to KS1** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, pupils only, during school hours.

**Rotary Sleigh Visiting TSM** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

**KS2 Christmas Performance** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
2pm & 6.30pm Performances. 2 tickets per family available per performance.  
Tickets to be booked via ParentPay opening next week.

**Wear Something Christmassy** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, non-uniform

**Christmas Interhouse Competition** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.85%**.

Whole school attendance is **93.94%**.

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.

## 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.

### **Christmas Cards**

As an Eco school we would once again like to reduce the number of Christmas cards that are sent within school so for this year to be more sustainable classes will be making a class card, this will be done in school and each child will bring home one card that has been signed by all of their class, which they will come home with on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **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.



### **Santa Dash**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December the whole school will be participating in a Santa Dash. Each class will be walking or running laps round the playground. Their laps will be counted and added together. The aim is to complete as many laps as possible in the hope that we can get to the North Pole!

On this day, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit and sports trainers. They are also more than welcome to wear a Christmas jumper and Christmas hats or antlers. Mr. Cooper from WDF PE department will also be joining us and encouraging the children to complete as many laps as they can. I'm sure this will be a fun event for everyone.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs. Allan

### **Carols by Candlelight**

Just to remind you our Carols by Candlelight service will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 5pm, all TSM families are invited.

The children have been practicing all the carols and this will be a lovely opportunity for everyone to attend.

Please arrive at the main school entrance at 4.50pm to be taken through to the church.

We are looking forward to sharing this event with you.

## **Rotary Father Christmas and Snowman visit to TSM - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Just to remind you that despite his very busy schedule, the Rotary Club of South Woodham Ferrers have managed to arrange for Father Christmas and his sleigh to visit TSM on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5pm-5.45pm.

All our families and friends are welcome to come back to school to see Father Christmas and have their photos taken next to his sleigh. The snowman will be collecting donations for local charities, so if your child would like to bring some small change with them, this would be gratefully received. Following his visit to TSM, Father Christmas will then set off on his journey around the town.

This should be a lovely event, especially so close to the end of term and we look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks.

Mrs. Allan

## **TSM Reverse Advent Calendar**

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the Food Bank, it has been lovely to go into each class to see the boxes filled with all sorts of items.

The donations will be taken to the Food Bank on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, so if anyone would like to make some last-minute donations then they would be very welcome before this date. We will count up all the items donated on Wednesday and announce the total amount in the newsletter next week.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs. Allan

## **Letters Emailed Home**

RotaKids Meeting

Carols by Candlelight

Year 5 – Bikeability for Year 6 2025

Amber Homework

Father Christmas Reminder & Food Bank Reminder

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 was wonderful to see the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 perform in 'Simply The Nativity' yesterday. The children really impressed me with their fantastic singing, along with actions and also the confident speakers. The children looked amazing in their donkey, shepherd and king costumes. Obviously, the stars of the show were the children – thank you for putting on such an amazing performance. Thank you to all of you for supporting this event and supplying the costumes. Thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Allan who works tirelessly to bring events such as this together for everyone to enjoy.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying Christmas dinner yesterday. Whether the children enjoyed a school dinner or had a packed lunch, the hall had a very Christmassy feel which included music, table cloths and everyone being given antlers to wear. I thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and the atmosphere.



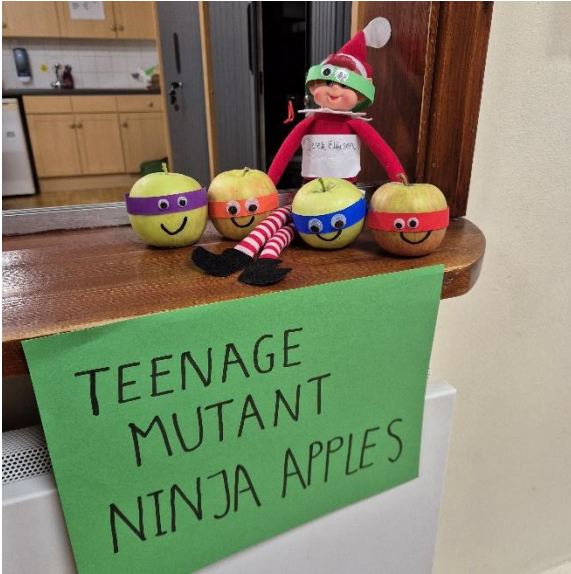
I cannot believe that there is only one week left of school before we finish for Christmas. I really do enjoy this time of year especially in school. I am looking forward to the last week of Christmassy events and I hope the staff and children are too. I hope to see many of you at Carols By Candlelight on Monday evening and then at our KS2 'A Magical Musical Concert' on Thursday.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hoy



Adventures of the official office elfer Derek Elfison



After falling off the cups,  
I have gone to the office  
for my friend Derek to  
give me first aid



## 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	
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Carols by Candlelight
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Santa Dash – P.E kit required.
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS2 to KS1 Performance
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Rotary Father Christmas Visit
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Wear Something Christmassy Day
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Interhouse Competition
23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Christmas Holidays
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Inset Day
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Art Week/s
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	RotaKids Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Art Gallery
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Glider Challenge – Emerald Class
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
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
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
2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 6 Residential
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



We hope the children all enjoyed their Christmas lunch and gift from FOTSMS, yesterday. They could always wear them again for the Santa run on Tuesday!

### Wear Something Christmassy – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December



We are excited to have our annual Wear Something Christmassy on the last day of term.

Your child can wear a Christmas - jumper / tshirt / dress or maybe just some tinsel in their hair. This is on ParentPay and the suggested donation is £1.00.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

### FOTSMS Event Diary

20 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear Something Christmassy	Children can come into school wearing something Christmassy. A £1.00 donation can be made via ParentPay.
10 <sup>th</sup> January	School Disco	<p>£4.50 pre-booked on ParentPay or £5.00 cash on the door.</p> <p><b>DEADLINE to pay online is 5pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.</b></p> <p>KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom.) KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm</p>