



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 12th September 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 **Darcey** in **Rabbit**, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	48
Shaw	30
Tabrums	52
Marsh	33



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Theo

Eagle – Neve

Axolotl – Tori

Rabbit – Darcey

Tiger – Louis

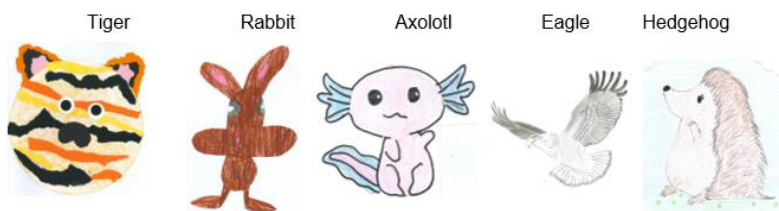
As we are now recognised as a kindness school we are sent a certificate every term to award to a pupil who has demonstrated an outstanding act of kindness. Staff are always looking for children who have demonstrated kindness in school. We now have kindness stickers to acknowledge this. **If you want 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.

Kindness Ambassadors

We want to empower children to create the kind of world they want to live in. We know there are so many kind children in our school, filled with ideas of how to spread kindness. We want to unlock those ideas and embed a culture of kindness in our classrooms, school and local community.

A Kindness Ambassador is a child with the responsibility of encouraging more kindness in their class, our school and in our local community.

Congratulations to the following children who are the Kindness Ambassador for their class, their badges will follow shortly:



Hedgehog – Theo

Eagle – Emi

Axolotl – Gracie G

Rabbit – Scarlett

Tiger – Louis

Class Summary

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

This week we share an insight into Hedgehog class.

Hedgehog Class Summary

Wow! What a start back into the year! I have absolutely loved teaching Year 6 so far and I am extremely proud of all of the children for settling in straight away and working hard. This week we have delved into the causes of WW2 and have learnt about key concepts such as the Treaty of Versailles, appeasement, and the rise of Adolf Hitler in Nazi Germany. I have loved hearing the children's perspectives on how they view the events of the war, as well as their constant curiosity to learn more about such an important part of history. Many children have also shared their personal stories of their own relatives that have experienced the war.

In English, we have focused on writing techniques used to convey tension - children have formed a solid concept of what emotive language is and visual imagery, which they have then implemented into their own work! We have created posters which are on display in the classroom as well as creating our own diary entries using the techniques we have discovered.

For maths, we have focused on the concept of place value, rounding numbers and have started to discover the 'other side of zero' which involves identifying negative numbers and using these in problem solving questions.

We have delved into parts of a Christian church and what each part symbolises, including the altar, stained glass windows, a font and many more! The children loved identifying these items from a scene in Home Alone where Kevin wanders through a church!

We ended the week on an introduction to our key text 'Goodnight Mister Tom' which the children have taken turns in reading aloud to the class, whilst also asking key questions and practicing comprehension.

The children's resilience has absolutely delighted me this week and I have heard nothing but lovely words about the class since the very first day back. Today they have even faced their first practice SAT's reading paper which I know we are all very proud of them for doing. I am very much looking forward to this year of hard work, fun, laughter and self-development.

Have an amazing weekend and stay happy and safe!

Miss Hume

**It's time for
Coffee Morning
and you're
invited**



This year TSM are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 26th September 2025** in the school hall from **10-11am**.

Please join us, whether we raise a little or a lot, let's do something amazing and raise money to help people living with cancer. Please save the date and let's make a difference.

If we have any budding Mary Berry's who would like to bake a cake for the morning, please remember we are a nut free school and a list of ingredients would need to accompany your showstopper!

We hope to see you on the day however our fundraising page is justgiving.com/CM25004068 in case you cannot make the date but would still like to donate. Thank you in advance!

Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.33%**. Whole school attendance is **95.72%**.

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

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

Clubs

Clubs will resume again this Autumn term; further details have been communicated this week, please see what's available @ <https://trinitystmarys.ovw1.juniperwebsites.co.uk/autumn-term-1>

Earrings

Please can we remind you that earrings and jewellery are not part of the uniform and this is clearly stated in our uniform policy.

Please remove your child's earrings before sending them to school. School staff are not permitted to remove or insert earrings from a child's ears, nor are they allowed to apply the tape to cover newly pierced ears.

As a school we follow the up-to-date guidance from 'Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity' to comply with Health & Safety. Sadly, children wearing earrings will not be permitted to join in any physical element of P.E. Parents/carers cannot choose to withdraw their child from P.E. lessons, as P.E. is a statutory subject in the same way that maths and English are.

The Governing Board, leadership and staff of our school are committed to maintaining high standards of uniform and behaviour, and expect all parents to support us in this.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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. This month 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.

Letters Emailed Home

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Flu Immunisation Sign Up Reminder

After School Clubs

Music Lessons

TSM Macmillan Coffee Morning

Collective Worship

On Monday, we looked at the story of Moses linked to the ten commandments that God gave him at the top of the mountain. Mrs Rix gave us lots of examples of the commandments and how we can fulfil them.

On Tuesday, collective worship was about how and why rules help us grow. We spoke about how rules help us flourish in life. This was also linked to the ten commandments.

On Wednesday, there was a whole school kindness workshop. We spoke about what 52 Lives represents and how they help. We finished with making our own kindness posters including little phrases and words.

On Thursday, we spoke about how the ten commandments strengthen our bond with God. Something else we discussed is that nobody can take away God's kindness and his love for us. We learnt about different rules of different religions.

Kindness Workshop

On Wednesday we had an amazing time watching the 52 Lives webinar on kindness. We had lots of things to talk about and we spoke about how we can be kind and how kindness makes us feel. We then made posters on how to be kind and shared these with our friends. It was very interesting and we loved all of the questions we were asked!

Vacancy

TSM are looking to recruit a Midday Assistant to work Monday to Friday between 11.30am and 12.30pm and a relief Midday Assistant to provide cover for absence, to apply please follow the links below;

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=113228>

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=113189>

Headteacher Summary

It has been lovely to speak to many children and parents this week. Children have been eager to show me their work. I have seen a range of work including art, history, maths and literacy. It was wonderful to teach in Rabbit class on Tuesday afternoon. We were learning about inventions and inventors in topic and the Jewish festival of light in RE.



“Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.”

– Barbara De Angelis

bekindandco.com

As we are a Kindness School, recognised by 52 Lives, children in years 2 to 6 joined in with a virtual kindness workshop on Wednesday morning. The focus of the workshop was to understand the importance of kindness and how we can spread kindness. Well done to all of our new kindness ambassadors – I am looking forward to meeting you as a group throughout the year and spreading kindness together.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Hoy

TSM Key Dates 2025/2026

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 2025/2026	
15 th September 2025	Meet the Teacher – Hedgehog
16 th September 2025	Flu Session
16 th September 2025	Meet the Teacher – Eagle
17 th September 2025	Meet the Teacher – Axolotl
18 th September 2025	Kindness Ambassadors Meeting
18 th September 2025	Meet the Teacher – Rabbit
19 th September 2025	Meet the Teacher – Tiger
22 nd September 2025	Harvest Festival RE Lesson
24 th September 2025	National Fitness Day
26 th September 2025	TSM Macmillan Coffee Morning
30 th September 2025	Year 6 Bikeability – Day 1
1 st October 2025	Harvest Festival
2 nd October – 3 rd October 2025	Year 6 Bikeability
9 th October 2025	Eagle – STEM Space/Rocket Session
13 th October 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Halloween & Fireworks Assembly
15 th October 2025	Carmel Jane Individual & Sibling Photos
16 th October 2025	Eco Committee Wildflower Planting Workshop
17 th October 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Archery
20 th October – 23 rd October 2025	Travelling Book Fair
24 th October 2025	Inset Day
27 th October – 31 st October 2025	Half Term
3 rd November 2025	Inset Day
4 th November 2025	New to Reception 2026 Open Evening
4 th November – 10 th November 2025	Remembrance Week
10 th November 2025	Y6 NHS Resilience Workshop
22 nd November 2025	SWF Christmas Fayre
28 th November 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Cup Stacking
9 th December 2025	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
22 nd December 2025 – 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
5 th January 2026	Inset Day



We have our AGM on Monday 6th October, if you would like to help out the PTA please feel free to message myself Vicki Bohr or Marie Knight via our FB page [FOTSMS \(Friends of Trinity St Mary's School\) | Facebook](#) to let us know if you would like to attend.

Our team is struggling with numbers and unless we have a full committee and additional volunteers, FOTSMS will have to cease, along with the events we plan for the children.

Are you able to help assist with marketing / our accounts / or be on site for the events we organise? If you can offer your time to help raise funds for our children, then please let us know.

Events we have organised in the past;

- School disco's
- Christmas cards, using children's designs
- World Book Day costume sales
- Clothing collections
- Wear Something Christmassy & gifts for children
- Coin Wars – Winning class wins an afternoon treat
- Mother's Day sale
- Easter egg raffle & gifts for children
- Summer Fete

Don't forget your Barleylands Tickets

We are
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Barleylands is a fantastic day out with animals to see and feed, along with shows, and a soft play.

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



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HOSPITAL CHARITY

Trinity St Mary's Cof E Primary School
Trinity Square
South Woodham Ferrers
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31 July 2025

Dear all at Trinity St Mary's Cof E Primary School,

Thank you so much for raising a fantastic £1,250.96!

We hope you all enjoyed fundraising for us and are proud of the amount you have raised together. We are very grateful that you chose to support Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity (GOSH Charity). The fundraising that you have donated will help Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) support seriously ill children and their families.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved - you have done something amazing.

Did you know that every day, around 750 seriously ill children and young people are seen at GOSH from all over the UK? Your donation of £1,250.96 will help the doctors, nurses and scientists come together to make medical breakthroughs that change the lives of thousands of children across the world.

This extraordinary hospital depends on the support of people like you to help fund:

- child-focused wards and medical facilities, which let the hospital treat more patients
- pioneering research to find treatments and cures for rare and complex childhood illnesses
- advanced medical equipment for treating the toughest conditions
support services that help make life in hospital as normal as possible for young patients and their families.

On behalf of the children, families, and staff at GOSH, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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