



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 6th 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: **Lottie** in **Ruby**, **Jesse** in **Amber**, **Sienna**, **William** in **Emerald** and **Laurel** in **Humite**.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the winning ticket for the cup is **Lucy** in **Topaz** Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	44
Shaw	94
Tabrums	72
Marsh	41



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Ella

Emerald – Jesse

Amber – Pixie

Ruby – Charlie

Topaz – Darcey

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

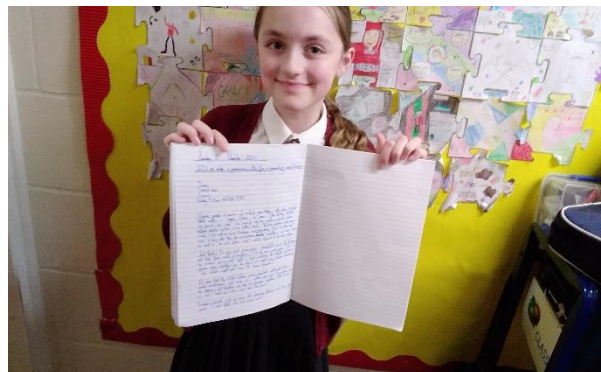
Each week we will be highlighting what one class has been up to in school.

This week we share an insight into Humite class.

Humite Class Summary

What a busy and exciting week it has been in Humite Class!

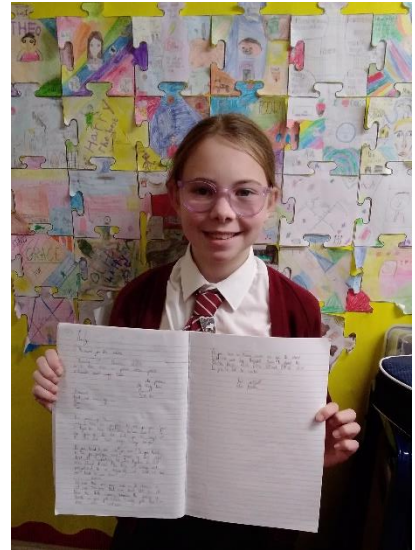
In maths, we began exploring the concepts of area and perimeter. The children have been calculating the size of spaces and their boundaries, applying these skills to real-world contexts such as designing floor plans and solving practical challenges. They have worked hard to understand how to measure accurately and interpret different problems.



In English, we focused on persuasive writing by creating letters from the perspective of one of the Pevensie children in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. These letters were addressed to the people of Narnia, urging them to unite in the fight against the White Witch. The children demonstrated an excellent grasp of persuasive techniques, including rhetorical questions, emotive language, and modal verbs. Their creativity and influence shone through in their writing!

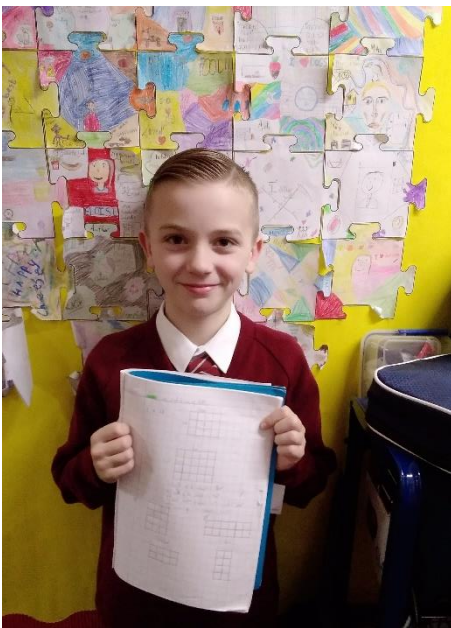
Science this week was both interesting and active as we investigated heart rates and heart health. The children measured their pulse rates at rest and after exercise, collecting data to identify patterns and trends. We discussed how exercise, diet, and other lifestyle choices impact heart health and considered the importance of looking after our bodies. It's safe to say we were definitely out of breath by the end of the lesson!

A highlight of the week was participating in the Essex Kids Camp Cup Stacking competition! The room was buzzing with energy and excitement as the children competed against each other to complete their cup-stacking challenges. Their teamwork, focus, and determination were fantastic to see, and it was a great reminder of the value of perseverance.



"I really enjoyed the cup stacking because we got to experiment with different building structures" says **Bethan**.

"I enjoyed science this week because we were active and were able to calculate our BPM" says **Zoe**.





Year 5 & 6 WDF Football Match

This week, our boys' football team (Theo, Thomas B, Harry, Thomas Bou, Keaton, Ferdinand & Billy) played exceptionally well in a series of matches against other schools. Their skill on the pitch and their ability to work together as a team were impressive to watch. Beyond their performance, the boys demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, showing respect to their opponents and referees at all times.

Finishing in 4th place, the team should feel incredibly proud of themselves for their effort, resilience, and positive attitudes. They represented Trinity St Marys with distinction, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Well done, boys!

"I'm proud that we played as a team to come 4th" says **Billy**.

"I am very impressed with our strikers, midfielders and defenders who carried us to the win!" says **Harry**.

TSM Choir at Tylers Ride

This week Miss Hoy and I took the choir to Tylers Ride to help start the Christmas festivities by performing a great set of Christmas songs. All the children performed brilliantly, they sang clearly, smiled beautifully and did all their dance moves with their usual fabulous enthusiasm. I was very proud of them all.

After their performance the children were very lucky to receive a visit from Mother Christmas, who delivered some goody bags to say thank you to the children for their wonderful performance. It was lovely to hear the residents say how the performance made them feel happy and how seeing the children really helped to put them in a Christmassy mood! As a kindness school, it is important to us to try and spread kindness not just in school, but also in our local community and the choir certainly did a good job at doing this! Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs. Allan



Collective Worship

On Monday Miss Hoy led collective worship, which was about the miracle Jesus walking on water. The importance of this miracle is that when you are struggling to follow Jesus you will begin to sink but keeping your faith strong will help you walk on water.

In Tuesday's collective worship we learnt about the school vision. We went over the story of the wise and foolish man. We talked about how our Christian values help us build strong foundations for our future.

On Wednesday 'Open the Book' told the Christmas story. They got people to be shepherds and angels and showed us how Angel Gabriel helped share the good news.

On Thursday it was a summary of the Christmas story and explaining the importance of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. We talked about how the birth of Jesus was bringing us joy and salvation. How Jesus was the King and how the gifts from the wise men reflected the significance of the birth.

By Worship Warriors **Thomas & Billy**

Panto Performance – Aladdin

Thank you to FOTSMS for arranging the 'Big Bubble Theatre Company' to come in and perform Aladdin on Thursday!

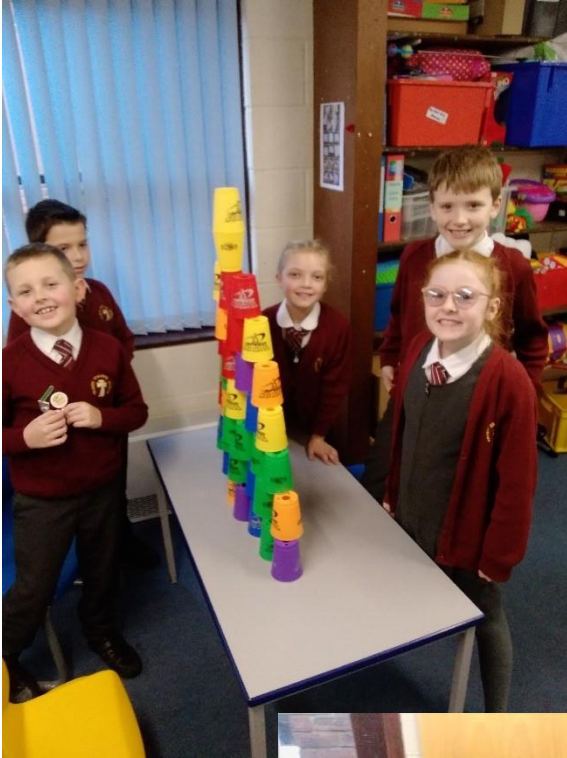
The children and staff, had a great time watching the show, it was very interactive with lots of laughs, cheering and booing from all!



Essex Kids Camp

Thank you to Captain North from Essex Kids Camp, who had a great day today here at TSM, the classes took part in speed stacking with cups.

It is always a favourite session with the children and they all had lots of fun!



TSM Christmas Events - Save the Date!

Rocksteady Christmas Concert – Tuesday 10th December
Parents/carers of band members only are invited in for a 10am start.

KS1 Christmas Performance to KS2 – Tuesday 10th December, pupils only, during school hours.

Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance – Thursday 12th December
2pm & 6.30pm Performances. 2 tickets per family available per performance.
Tickets to be booked via ParentPay opening next week.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Thursday 12th December

TSM Choir Singing at Holy Trinity Church – Friday 13th December – selected pupils only/limited numbers. 5.15pm meet for a 5.30pm start.

Carols by Candlelight – Monday 16th December 5pm

Whole School Santa Dash – Tuesday 17th December, during school hours – P.E. kit required.

KS2 Christmas Performance to KS1 – Tuesday 17th December, pupils only, during school hours.

Rotary Sleigh Visiting TSM – Wednesday 18th December 5pm

KS2 Christmas Performance – Thursday 19th 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 20th December, non-uniform

Christmas Interhouse Competition – Friday 20th December



Attendance

Congratulations to **Ruby** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.50%**.

Whole school attendance is **93.91%**.

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.

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.

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 13th 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 17th 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

Letters Emailed Home

KS2 Christmas Performance Tickets

Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance Tickets

Rocksteady Concert

Forest School – Humite Class

Ruby Class – Swimming

Choir Town Carol Service

Santa Dash

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 another busy week at TSM. Not only are we starting to enjoy the festivities but also the additional activities such as Essex Kids Camp coming in today. The children thoroughly enjoyed cup stacking with Captain North. I was very impressed with the team spirit that the football team showed on Tuesday – they all really boosted morale in the cold conditions. It was brilliant to see and hear the children enjoying the pantomime that visited our school yesterday – I hope the children all came home to tell you about Aladdin!

I have been continuing to lead tours of our school for perspective families. Comments that many families make about our school are that the children are well behaved, the school has a warm and caring ethos and atmosphere and I will quote one family who said 'You just walk into this school and get that feeling and that is what we needed.'

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hoy



Adventures of the official office elfer Derek Elfison



26/11/24
6.12.24
2x Trolly
2x +rolley Amber-
Derek Elfison 9-am

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	
10 th December 2024	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
10 th December 2024	KS1 to KS2 Performance
11 th December 2024	Year 3 Home Safety Session, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
11 th December 2024	Topaz Class Trip – Thameside Nature Discovery Centre
12 th December 2024	KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm
12 th December 2024	Amber Roald Dahl Workshop
12 th December 2024	Christmas Dinner
13 th December 2024	Choir Event @ Holy Trinity Church
16 th December 2024	Carols by Candlelight
17 th December 2024	Santa Dash – P.E kit required.
17 th December 2024	KS2 to KS1 Performance
18 th December 2024	Rotary Father Christmas Visit
19 th December 2024	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm
20 th December 2024	Wear Something Christmassy Day
20 th December 2024	Christmas Interhouse Competition
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
17 th January 2025	Art Gallery
22 nd January 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
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
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
17 th March 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Year 6 Respect Assembly
21 st March – 23 rd March 2025	Swimathon 2025
2 nd April – 4 th April 2025	Year 6 Residential
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATs Week



We hope the children enjoyed Aladdin the pantomime, yesterday, we have heard good things about it!

We did amazingly with the ASDA cash pot, thank you to everyone who signed up.



Adventure Island Tickets



We have our last ever Adventure Island tickets for sale valid until 2025.

They would make a fantastic present to put away for Christmas and a day out to look forward to when the weather improves.

These are £15 and once they are gone, we are not getting any more!

Barleylands Tickets - £10



With the holidays coming up we have Barleylands tickets for sale, they do not include a Santa visit etc.

£10 each for a day out.

Wear Something Christmassy – Friday 20th December.

**NON-SCHOOL
UNIFORM/
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

We are also 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

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



**ARTS AND CRAFTS
WITH BIBLE THEME**

First Saturday of the Month

10am till 12noon

Sat 7th Dec.

Refreshments Available

Everyone is Welcome

No Need to Book

*(children must be accompanied
by an adult)*

Trinity St Mary's CofE (VA) Primary School,
Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers,
Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 5JX

The Methodist Church

Essex Library Service



Winter Reading Challenge

The Dragons' Adventure!

Arriving in your local library this January!

Children across Essex are being challenged to complete 6 challenges (from a choice of 12) to help some mischievous Dragons make their way home!



For every challenge you'll get a sticker and if you complete 6 you will receive a certificate and a pencil prize. You'll also be able to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some wonderful prizes such as tablets, book tokens, and arts and crafts packs!

**Thursday
2 January
to Saturday
22 February**

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk

