



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 26th September 2025



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 **Molly** in **Axolotl**, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	26
Shaw	37
Tabrums	34
Marsh	24



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Gracie

Eagle – Charlie T

Axolotl – Pixie

Rabbit – Eloise

Tiger – Reuben

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.



Being kind is the best thing you can be. So 52 Lives have created a Kindness Club just for kids. If you haven't already, visit <https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club> and join the club (it's free!) and you will receive our fortnightly Kindness Club email. There is also a monthly competition and quiz to enter as well as other kindness information.

Class Summary

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

This week we share an insight into Axolotl class.

Axolotl Class Summary

We have had another great week in Axolotl Class - we have been extremely busy!

In art this week, we have been designing and creating Anglo Saxon brooch patterns and shapes. We have used lolly sticks and sticks to imprint onto foam before using them to print them onto paper. We got a bit messy but their designs and creations were amazing!




In English this week, we have finished our non-chronological reports based on the Anglo Saxons. I am immensely proud of the work and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm for learning about the Anglo Saxons and their life in Britain after the Romans left. We have found out some incredible facts such as: there was no police force or prisons, if a jury couldn't reach a verdict they turned to 'Trial by Ordeal' which was fascinating to read and find out about. Also, if you were 10 years or older you were considered an adult!

They all thought this was crazy!!

Anglo-Saxons

Introduction
Have you ever heard about the Anglo-Saxons? I've not read any reports! The Anglo-Saxons were a group of people from Denmark, Germany and Holland. They were in Britain since 410 AD. I think you might like to know about this because some are punishment. Read on to find out more!

Home and Religion
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Research work (great information throughout) Ships.

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In maths, we have continued to work on comparing, ordering and partitioning numbers and we have just started our work on rounding to 10 and it has been lovely to see the children challenging themselves! We are going to be working out trying to round to 100 and 1000 over the next few days!

It has been great to witness the children challenging themselves in Fast Maths! We are getting more and more children working quicker to achieve completing the mixed up 12 x 12 times tables grid in 10 minutes!

In science, we have been learning about the Digestive System. Last week, we learnt about how food travels throughout our body and the functions of the stomach and the small and large intestine. This week our focus was on our teeth and the role they play in digestion. We identified the types of teeth from incisors to molars and what function they have and how this aids digestion as well as sharing some information of the importance of good oral hygiene.

Monday 22nd September 2025

I can identify the types of human teeth and their functions.

with out your teeth you cant eat and your gum will hurt.

You have 32 teeth when you are an adult but when you are a kid you have 20 teeth.

When you are born you have milk teeth but when you are a kid you have adult teeth.

So you loose your adult teeth it doesnt grow back.




incisors
canines
premolars
molars

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you only have two sets of teeth. In your adult teeth, all out they wont grow back. This is good because your baby teeth fall out because it means your adult teeth is coming through. They help you to smile and talk. You have 20 baby teeth and you have 32 adult teeth. Milk makes your teeth strong and sugar makes them weak.



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In PE, we have been working on aspects related to fitness exploring our stamina, balance, co-ordination and teamwork – it has been a busy week – I don't know how we fitted it all in!



Overall, we have had a super week!

Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

Congratulations to all the children in Year 6. They all have a new role in our school and have received a badge in recognition of this.

Head Pupils

Grace & Gracie

Sports Ambassadors

Thomas H, Luke, Sasen, Fearne, Preston, Emily, Keaton & Faye

House Captains

Fenn – Thomas B & Ferdinand

Shaw – Jesse & Theo

Tabrums – Ophelia & Ronnie

Marsh – Lexi & Izzy

Worship Warriors

Oliver, Maddie, Darcey, Maxwell, Grace & Gracie

Official Helpers

Oscar, Charlie, Esmail, Bobby, Connor, Hareem & Ayan



Harvest Festival

With Harvest Festival fast approaching, we are asking for donations from our families to support South Woodham Food Bank. We would be very grateful for donations of any of the items from the list below.

Donations can be brought in until 9am on Wednesday 1st October 2025. Rev Jacqui will be talking to the children about the importance of Harvest Festival in the Christian Calendar and the difference that the children can make to the lives of others.

Donations can be sent directly into class with the children.

We are looking forward to seeing the difference we can make to the lives of families in need in our local community.

Examples of donations

Dried Goods- pasta, rice, noodles, flour, sugar

Tinned Goods - beans, spaghetti hoops, soup, tomatoes, sweetcorn, tuna

Pasta sauces

Breakfast cereals

Wrapped biscuits, cakes, crisps

UHT milk and fruit juice

Squash

Tea, coffee

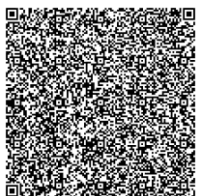
Please may all donations have a minimum shelf life of 3 months.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you to those that made it to our coffee morning, it was so fantastic to see everyone coming together for such a worthy cause. A special thanks to Marie Knight, Nicola Smith, Liz Carter, Loraine Bunn and all the staff and parents that baked and attended.

We raised an AMAZING **£700**.



If you were unable to join us but would still like to donate our fundraising page is justgiving.com/CM25004068 or please scan the QR code, it's not too late to make a difference!

Congratulations to Lianne Webber, for finding the missing coffee bean and Jackie Peach who was the closest to guessing how many coffee cups were on the poster (166).

Thank you again – Emma & Nicola.

Attendance

Congratulations to class **Eagles** who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **95.83%**. Whole school attendance is **94.32%**.

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

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.

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.

Secondary School Applications

Please note, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on the 15th of October 2025, to take Individual & Sibling Photos.

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: JRUTJAKTDW
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Don't miss out - pre-register today!

Letters Emailed Home

Y6 Residential 2026
Census Day Special Menu
Tiger Class Phonics Workshop for Parents
School Fund
Register to View School Photos

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy taught us about what our role as Christians is in Harvest Time and how this can represent thankfulness. Harvest is a time to look at things we have that others may not and to help those in need. We learnt about the different perspectives around the world and what we should be grateful for.

Tuesday - Miss Hume told us about different perspectives of Harvest from around the world. We looked at different pictures and traditions of other countries like Thailand and different religions like Judaism. We learnt that even though it may look different, Harvest is a time for thankfulness across the world.

Wednesday - Miss Frith explored Chinese New Moon festival which celebrates the moon goddess of China Chang'e. This time celebrates the importance of family and harmony and celebrates the year's harvest. They celebrate this using traditional foods like moon cakes.

Thursday - Miss Morrison-Nicol taught us all about the New Yam festival that is celebrated in Nigeria. This starts at the end of the rainy season, when the first yams are ready to eat. Yams are an important food for many people there, so the festival is a way to thank God and the ancestors for a good harvest.

Headteacher Summary

Congratulations to all of the children in year 6 who have received a badge for their role this year – I know they will all do a fantastic job.

NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying National Fitness Day whether that was outside, in the school hall or learning theory in the classroom. The event promotes physical and mental well-being by encouraging people of all ages and abilities to get active, with this year's theme being "Powered by you!"

I started the week by leading Collective Worship about the meaning of harvest. Every class has chosen to focus on a different country to explore the country's harvest festival and traditions. Hedgehog class studied Thailand, Tiger class explored America and the first Thanksgiving and Axolotl class looked at China and the Moon Festival.



purple mash

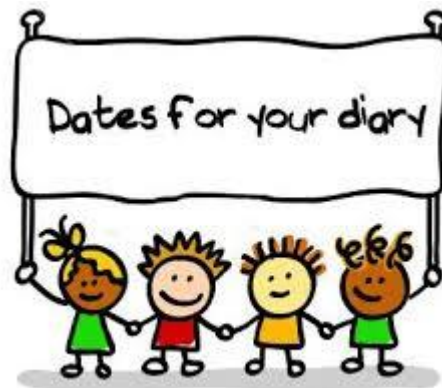
Earlier in the week, teachers had a training course on the use of Purple Mash and recent updates that have been made to the site. Children all have access to Purple Mash and I would encourage them to explore the site as there are so many different topics and programs available. There are many e-books available to read on Purple Mash as well. We follow the ICT and Computing curriculum on Purple Mash but the training opened our eyes to how much more there is available.

Have a good week.
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	
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
14 th November 2025	Children in Need Day
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 are working on the Event Diary for 2025 / 2026 and will have dates for your diary soon, some of our events will be as follows:

FOTSMS Event Diary

November	Clothing Collection
December	Wear Something Christmassy
February	Coin Wars between year groups World Book Day
March	Mother's Day Sale Easter Raffle

Don't forget your Barleylands Tickets

We are
barleylands

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

DAY AT THE MOVIES

2nd October 2025
Census Day

MAINS

BEEF BURGER
VEGETABLE BURGER (VG)
PLANT BASED FRENCH BREAD PIZZA (VG)
JACKET POTATOES

SIDES

COLESLAW
POTATO WEDGES
SWEETCORN

DESSERT

POPCORN CRISPY CAKE

dolce