



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



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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.



## Our Christian Values Book

Since the beginning of the term the following children have demonstrated one or all of our Christian Values: love, honesty, sharing, dedication and forgiveness. Well done to: **Ellyn** in **Tigers**, **Frankie B, Penny, Isabella, Stanley** in **Rabbits** and **Felix** in **Axolotl**.

### Lunchtime Cup

This week the Lunchtime Cup is awarded to **Arthur** in **Tigers**, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

### House Points

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Fenn    | 60 |
| Shaw    | 93 |
| Tabrums | 88 |
| Marsh   | 58 |



### Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Hedgehog – Connor**

**Eagle – Otis**

**Axolotl – Indie H**

**Rabbit – George**

**Tiger – Carter**

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.

### WDF Football

Congratulations to our TSM football team who played a fast paced 7 games, over at William de Ferrers on Tuesday afternoon and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, a massive well done and great attitude from all the boys;

**Theo, Thomas H, Jesse, Luke, Keaton, Ernest & Thomas B**

Thank you also to Mr Hennessy, for his support at the WDF sports partnership event.

Mrs Allan

## **Class Summary**

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

This week we share an insight into Rabbit class.

### **Rabbit Class Summary**

Rabbit class have had another super week and have been very busy everyday creating fantastic work!

This week in maths we have been comparing numbers and objects. Using manipulatives, we had a go at creating a variation of numbers and then worked together to compare the numbers we had made. We enjoyed comparing objects and getting stuck into working out the comparisons. We also enjoyed some challenge work where the children paired up to see who could solve the problem the quickest!

In English we explored the word 'Protest' and linked it to our story this week 'Speak Up!'. In the story the main character Rocket read about Rosa Parks. This sparked some great conversations among the class. Next week we will be learning more about Rosa Parks as we begin Black History Month. The children were very excited to link the story to our own school library and came up with creative ideas to implement in our classroom. The children worked hard to create persuasive speeches on saving the school library and had a go at presenting them to one another.

Our topic lessons have focused on 'Inventors and Inventions'. The children have been fascinated to learn about Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone. This week they have started to create a fact file on Alexander Bell and have enjoyed learning about his life and the history of the telephone.

In science we enjoyed learning about food chains and the children were interested to find out which animals would come out on top in certain habitats. We learnt about producers and consumers and had a go at creating our own food chains for a variety of habitats.

PE this week has been lots of fun as we have been practising throwing for distance. The children have enjoyed working in teams and pairs to develop their throwing skills. They worked hard to recognise which movements make long distance throws and which movements are for closer distances.

We are looking forward to another great week next week!

Wednesday 1st October 2025

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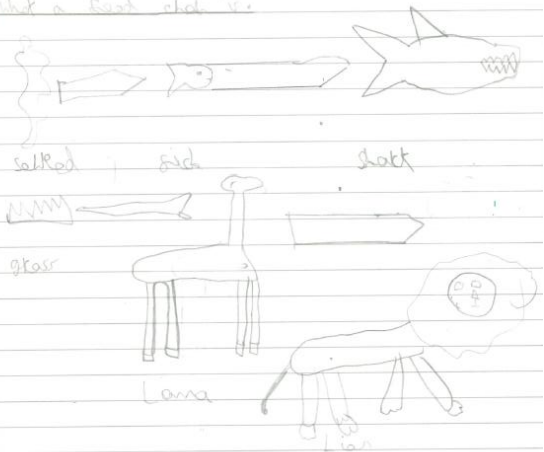
Berries get eaten by a mouse a mouse gets eaten by a lion.

Lions get eaten by a lion and a lion gets eaten by a tiger.

What is a producer?  
a producer is a plant because it makes its own food.

Wednesday 1st October 2025

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A plant is a producer because they make their own food.

An animal is a consumer because they need to eat some thing.  
What do they eat?  
animals or plants.

Wednesday 1st October 2025.

Lo I can describe where food comes from and what a food chain is.



A plant is a producer because they make their own food.

An animal is a consumer because they need food.

Because they eat plants and animals.  
plants need other food?

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Lo I can compare the Jewish festival of Sukkot to the Christian festival of Harvest.

| Sukkot                              | Harvest                            | Both                                 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| People build a hut called a sukkah. | CHRISTIAN festival                 | celebrated in autumn                 |
| Last for 7 days.                    | celebrated in schools and churches | Thanking god for good and crops      |
| Jewish festival                     | special prayer and songs           | people bring food to share           |
|                                     |                                    | decorations with fruit and vegetable |

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## Year 6 Bikeability



Well done to **Theo, Thomas H, Hareem, Maddie, Emily, Ophelia, Grace, Darcey, Ronnie, Ayan, Jesse, Luke, Keaton, Preston, Oliver** and **Ferdinand** who all completed their Level 1 & 2 Bikeability course this week.

Well done to every child. It was so nice to hear positive feedback again from the instructors. They all did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves! Well done!

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Axolotl** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.7%**. Whole school attendance is **95.37%**.

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.

### **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](http://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](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk)
2. Enter your unique code: JRUTJAKTDW
3. Include your child's full school register name.

## **Letters Emailed Home**

ROTAKIDS 2025-2026  
Parent Consultation Meetings – Autumn Term  
Remembrance Day Project – Eagle

## Collective Worship

Monday - On Monday, Mrs Rix spoke about the story of the 10 lepers. Jesus told the men to go and show themselves to a priest and they would be healed. Only one man thanked Jesus which Jesus commended him for and thus showed how gratitude is important to Christians.

Tuesday - Miss Mason talked about the importance of one of our Christian values of sharing. We discussed the importance of sharing and how this links to Harvest time where we share with those in need.

Wednesday - Wednesday was our Harvest celebration assembly! It was so nice to see everything that we had collected for those in need and we were told where this food would go, along with singing our Harvest hymns. We spoke about the importance of harvest and why we celebrate this. The worship warriors had presented the collective worship and thanked all of the farmers for this year's work!

Thursday - Reverend Jacqui introduced the image of seeds of faith. She told us that our faith is as important as anyone else's faith, no matter how big or small this is. We sang a hymn about a mustard seed that represents the power of faith.

## Headteacher Summary



Our Harvest Festival service was led by our new Worship Warriors team. The Worship Warriors spoke clearly and confidently and they should be very proud of themselves especially as this was their first event. Thank you also to Mrs Allan who had written the service.

It is brilliant that we have achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with distinction! This is a fantastic achievement and I am looking forward to seeing what the Eco Committee achieve this coming year.



I would like to say thank you and goodbye to Vicki Bohr. Vicki has been a long-standing member of FOTSMS and in recent years the chair of our PTA group. I wish her and her family well.

I have worked with our Improvement Advisor and also our Inclusion Partner this week. Both advisors work for the local authority who work with us to support our vision for our school allowing our children to flourish.

Have a great 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   |  |
|---|--|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                  | Tiger Parents Phonics Workshop                                       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                  | Eagle – STEM Space/Rocket Session                                    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                 | Essex County Fire & Rescue Service<br>Halloween & Fireworks Assembly |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                 | Carmel Jane Individual & Sibling Photos                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                 | Eco Committee Wildflower Planting<br>Workshop                        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                 | Essex Kids Camp – Archery  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025      | Travelling Book Fair   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025              | Parent Consultation Meetings   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                 | Inset Day  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025      | Half Term  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025                                 | Inset Day  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                                 | New to Reception 2026 Open Evening                                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November – 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025     | Remembrance Week   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                                | Y6 NHS Resilience Workshop   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                                | Children in Need Day   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025                                | SWF Christmas Fayre  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                                | Essex Kids Camp – Cup Stacking                                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025                                 | Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Year<br>3 Home Safety           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025                                 | Rocksteady Christmas Concert   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026 | Christmas Holidays   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                                  | Inset Day  |



This is the last newsletter I will write as the Chair or a member of FOTSMS.



I have really enjoyed my 9 years on the PTA supporting the children and school with our events and fundraising. I want to thank the children, families and staff of TSM for all your support over the past 9 years with our events and fundraising. I have always loved our summer fete and the Christmas coffee morning. Although I think my absolute favourite event was our Live Aid 80's concert to celebrate the school turning 40!

A special thank you also to anyone who contributed to my amazing leaving gifts, I was so surprised to receive these at the end of last term and feel very grateful.



Thank you  
for your  
support

This is the end of an era for me, both my children have now left TSM and now it is my turn!

I am leaving behind an amazing team of ladies, who have volunteered on FOTSMS for years and will continue to support your children with events and fundraising ideas.

The team however, is small and could really do with some extra support. So, if you have some free time and can help at events or become a committee member, come along to the FOTSMS AGM on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the school hall to find out more.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



# Thank you for making our Coffee Morning special

Together, we raised a fabulous

£700

to support people living with cancer.

It's not too late to donate.

Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate to your host's Coffee Morning.

It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.



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CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (263037), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (694). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC0095\_Invite & Thank You Poster



# Eco-Schools

Distinction | 2025 - 2026

## Green Flag Award

Certified in recognition of excellence in improving sustainability and environmental learning in our setting.


*Allison Ogden Newton*

Allison Ogden-Newton  
Chief Executive,  
Keep Britain Tidy

*Pramod Kumar Sharma*

Pramod Kumar Sharma  
Senior Director of Education,  
Foundation For Environmental  
Education



 Carmel Jane

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DAY IS ON...

15/10

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