

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 10th October 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.



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: **Kieran** in **Axolotl**.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	23
Shaw	49
Tabrums	64
Marsh	53



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Thomas B

Eagle – Jessica

Axolotl – Isla

Rabbit – Sofia

Tiger – Arthur

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 Tiger class.

Tiger Class Summary

Wow, what a fantastic first term it has been so far. All of the staff in Tiger class have been very impressed with how well all the children have settled in. Our Reception children have quickly adapted to their daily routine and our very grown up Year One children have been super helpful with this too.

On the first day of school, our classroom looked a bit bare, but has quickly become very bright and happy due to all the superb work that the children have been doing.

The children love our class name and used some impressive collage techniques to make their own tiger face for our class display. We think each one really reflects each child's personality!



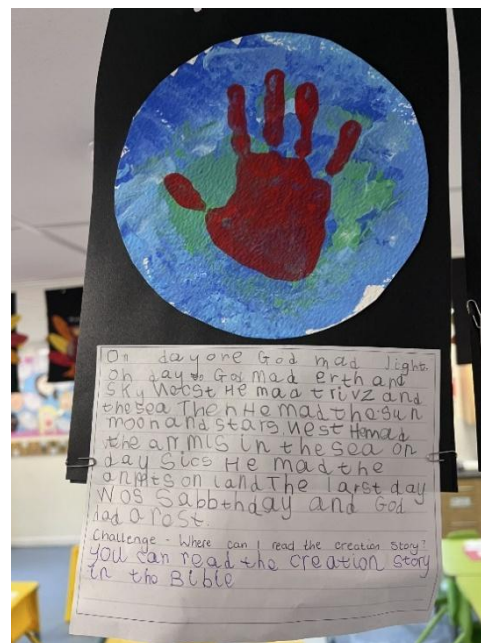
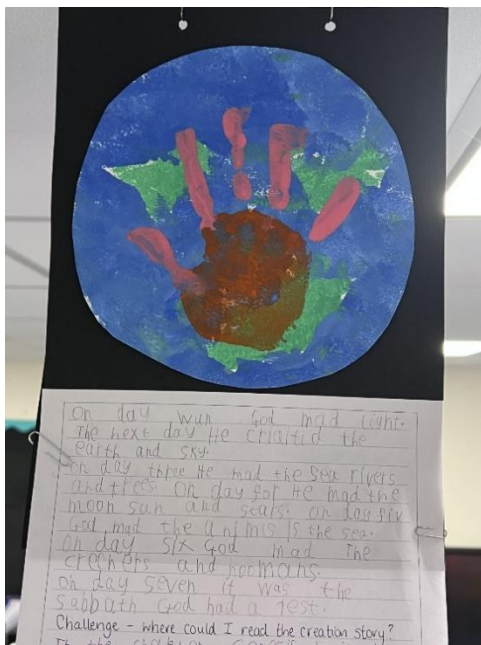
The children also demonstrated their excellent art skills when painting their self-portrait. Using a mirror, the children used careful observation skills to look at the colour of all their facial features. They then used colour mixing techniques to make their portraits as accurate as possible. We think they did an amazing job and it is very easy to see which painting belongs to which child and the display really makes us smile!

In class, we have also been doing lots of work on our school Christian Values of 'Love, Honesty, Dedication, Sharing and Forgiveness'. After discussing what each value meant the children gave examples of how they show each value. I was very impressed with how thoughtful their ideas were. It is also lovely to see all of our class demonstrate these values every day. Well done Tiger class!





In R.E we have been learning about the 'Creation' story. The children wowed us when they recalled how some Christians believe that God created the world on seven days. It was great to hear them talk about what God created on each day and how he took a well-earned rest on the Sabbath Day.



The children have also been learning about the Christian Festival of Harvest. We had an amazing class discussion about what happens at Harvest time and how some Christians show thanks. As well as learning about Harvest Festival in our country, the children also found out all about the First Thanksgiving in America. They had great fun painting their own 'Thanksgiving Turkey' and then added some fabulous feathers with some very thoughtful ideas of what they were thankful for. We had a wide range of excellent suggestions including being thankful for our families, our world, our pets, our teachers, our friends and there were also quite a few children who were thankful for chocolate and ice-cream!



It really is fabulous to see all the children working so hard in all areas of the curriculum. I am very proud to see them all trying their best every day and I am looking forward to seeing even more fantastic work over the rest of the term. Well done Tiger class!

Mrs. Allan

RotaKids Committee 2025-2026

A big thank you to all the children who expressed an interest in joining RotaKids this year, we have had a huge response of children wanting to join.

Congratulations to the new RotaKids committee, who for their first event will be supporting the End Polio Campaign on Thursday 6th November 2025:

Lucy, Lottie, Scarlett, Ava, Archie, Penny and Isabella in **Rabbit**

Molly, Nelle, Isla, Pixie, Matilda, Lacey, Charlie, Eleni, Hattie, Tori, Oscar and Maddie in **Axolotl**

Neve, Evelyn P, Emi, Jessica and Zachary in **Eagle**

Gracie, Oliver, Ophelia and Theo in Hedgehog



Eco Committee 2025-2026

Welcome to the Eco-Committee...

Tiger – Hope, Reuben

Rabbit – Scarlett, George, Darcey

Axolotl – Felix, Molly

Eagle – Ernest, Oliver, Charlie T

Hedgehog – Theo, Gracie



Attendance

Congratulations to **Axolotl** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.32%**. Whole school attendance is **94.19%**.

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

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.

Parent Consultation Meetings – Booking Open

We are excited to inform you that the booking window for parent consultation meetings is now open on Arbor! This is a great opportunity for you to meet with teachers and discuss your child's progress.

Please note that bookings will close on ****Monday, 20th October at 16:00****. We encourage you to secure your appointment as soon as possible to ensure you have the time that works best for you.

To book your consultation, please log in to your Arbor account and follow the instructions provided.

Letters Emailed Home

Choir – Town Council Christmas Fayre

Parent Consultation Meetings – Booking Open

Netball Club Change of Schedule after Half Term

Change in Lego/Drawing Club Schedule after Half Term

Exciting Archery Sessions with Essex Kids Camp next Friday – PE Kit Required

Flu Clinic Letter

Collective Worship

Monday - On Monday, we were greeted by a lovely song by Andrea Bocelli that sang the Lord's Prayer. Miss Hoy showed us a powerful video that showed Christians around the world saying the prayer. It represented that anyone could say the prayer, wherever they are. We discussed what lines of the prayer were our favourite and why.

Tuesday - Tuesday's collective worship was about Heaven and what this means to Christians. The line 'who art in Heaven' represents the presence of God in Heaven. We looked at descriptions of Heaven including that it is 'a city of gold and jasper with 12 glass gates'. We also looked at how we can go to Heaven and be with God forever.

Wednesday - This collective worship was looking at the line 'hallowed be thy name' in the Lord's Prayer. We discussed what this means and how it calls on us to worship God and 'hallow' his name. We spoke about how this can be done not only through words but through actions.

Thursday - We focused on 'thy kingdom come' and spoke about what God's Kingdom is and how we can feel it. We reminded ourselves about the importance of faith, no matter how big or small. We linked this to the seed of a mustard tree which is tiny but grows to be a big plant, representing the small faith that grows into God's Kingdom.

FOTSMS



A massive thank you to everyone that came along to our first FOTSMS meeting of the new school year. We said a final goodbye and thank you to Vicki who stood down as chair after 9 years of running events and fundraising.

We welcomed back our small but mighty team and are really happy to say that we added two new members to the FOTSMS family.

We discussed lots of exciting plans and some small changes to the way that we do things. Next week you will be sent a separate newsletter from us with a rundown of the events coming up this term and ways that you can get involved with fundraising.

Have a lovely weekend!
The FOTSMS team

Headteacher Summary



Thank you to those of you who could attend the phonics workshop that was led by Mrs Allan for the parents of children in Tiger class. I hope you found the session informative.

It was wonderful to see children in Eagle class enjoying the STEM space/rocket session yesterday. I know that many children were excited for this project, it looked fantastic and it was wonderful to see children leaving with their rocket at the end of the school day.



Congratulations to Marie Knight who is now the Chair of FOTSMS. I know you will do a wonderful job. I am very appreciative of FOTSMS, for all their work, the time that they dedicate to the school and the support that they are always willing to offer.


I hope you 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	
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 (PE Kit Required)
20 th October – 23 rd October 2025	Travelling Book Fair
21 st – 22 nd October 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings
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	FOTSMS Xmas4schools Artwork Deadline
4 th November 2025	New to Reception 2026 Open Afternoon & Evening
4 th – 6 th November 2025	FOTSMS Clothing Collection
4 th November – 10 th November 2025	Remembrance Week
6 th November 2025	Crocus Planting – Tigers, Rabbits & RotaKids
10 th November 2025	Y6 NHS Resilience Workshop
14 th November 2025	Children in Need Day
22 nd November 2025	SWF Christmas Fayre
27 th November 2025	FOTSMS Disco
28 th November 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Cup Stacking
2 nd December 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Year 3 Home Safety
9 th December 2025	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
22 nd December 2025 – 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term	
5 th January 2026	Inset Day
2 nd – 6 th February 2026	TSM & National Story Telling Week
10 th February 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Year 6 Respect Session
12 th February 2026	Year 5 & 6 Gambling Workshop
16 th – 20 th February 2026	Half Term

 Carmel Jane

ARE YOU PHOTO READY?

GET READY! YOUR
SCHOOL PHOTO
DAY IS ON...

15/10

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