



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 22nd November 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: **Molly, Kieran, Zachary, Ted & Lydia in Amber.**

Lunchtime Cup

This week the winning ticket for the cup is **Charlie** in **Emerald** Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	11
Shaw	53
Tabrums	55
Marsh	47



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Mia E

Emerald – Neve

Amber – Emi

Ruby – Nelle

Topaz – 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.

Class Summary

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

This week we share an insight into Amber class.

Amber Class Summary

We have started this half term off with lots of fun. We thoroughly enjoyed Kindness day, Children in Need day and Friendship Friday. We were also very lucky to have the afternoon at St Mary's Church for the War Memorial Exhibition, where the children had the opportunity to see artefacts as well as other activities to understand what it was like at wartime for people.

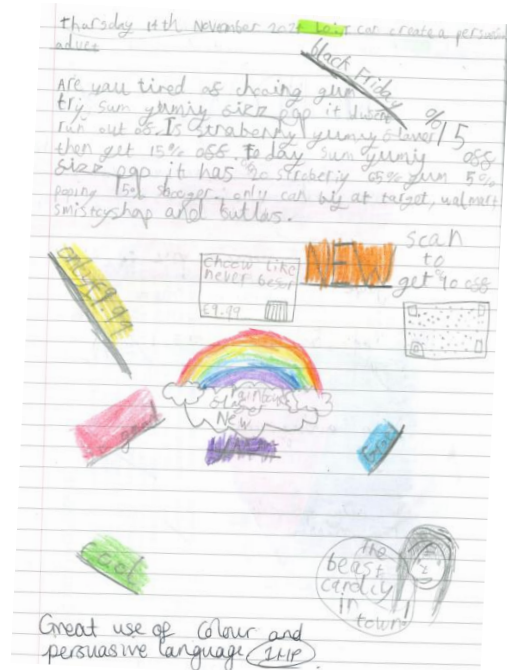
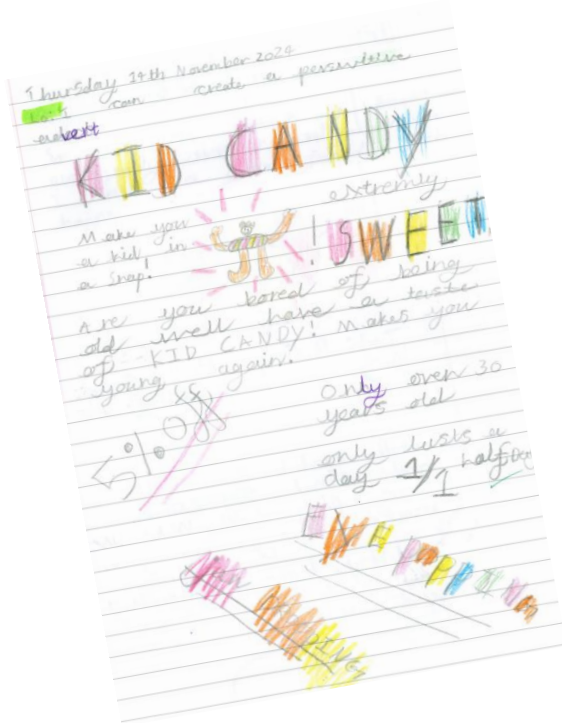
James: 'I liked the suitcases and seeing the stuff from the world war.'

Jess: 'I enjoyed the activity with the speaker that we listened to. It was about the Prime Minister on the radio!'

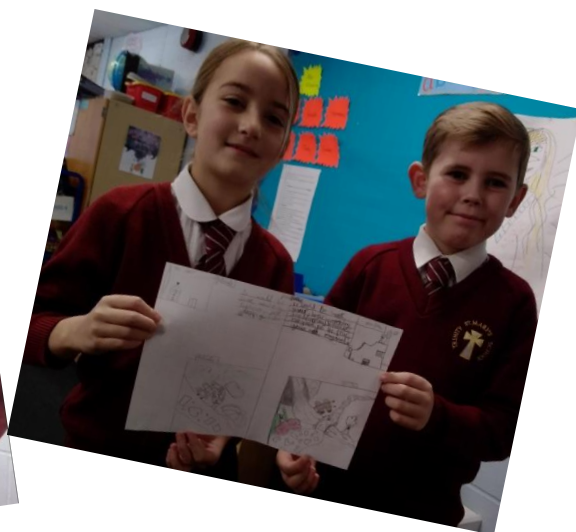
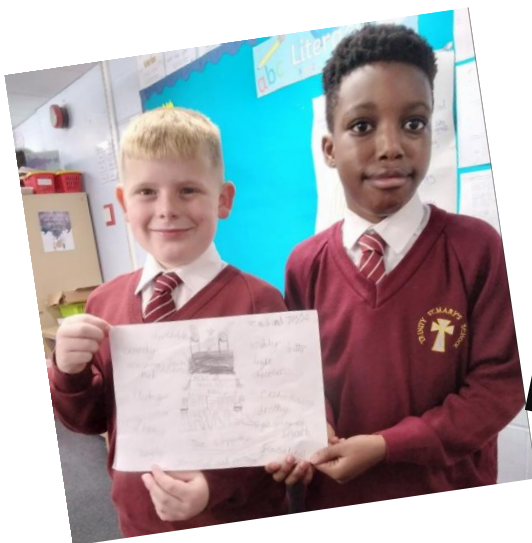
Matilda: 'I enjoyed reading about the facts. I found it interesting to see all the war graves.'

We have started off our English lessons looking at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

We have created our own sweets and made persuasive adverts for them, as well as doing some reading comprehension activities, looking at inference and how Roald Dahl has created his characters as well as creating our very own characters.



We have looked at the language used to create imagery in the book and how this is seen in clips from the movie. We have especially enjoyed watching the clips about the Chocolate Room and creating our own factory and using descriptive language, such as adverbs and expanded noun phrases.



In maths we have focused on multiplication and division, exploring our times table facts and how this helps us with division. We have especially enjoyed listening to times tables songs!

Molly: 'I have enjoyed looking at how I can make different number sentences using my dividing and times tables.'

Our science topic on rocks has been popular with the children asking lots of questions already! So far, we have explored the multiple layers of the earth and are beginning to look at how different types of rocks are formed.

Ted: 'I enjoyed learning about the different types of rock and how the Earth's crust is made.'

Emi: 'I found magma interesting!'

Bikeability – Group 2

Well done to Group 2 who all completed their Level 1 & 2 Bikeability course this week, the weather was very unkind to the children but not one of them complained and all continued the sessions with smiles upon their faces.

Well done to every child. It was so nice to hear positive feedback again from the instructors, they complimented the children for braving the elements and their impeccable behaviour. They all did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves! Well done!

Here are some of the children on a much brighter/drier day!



Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for all your support with the Book Fair this term, it is always appreciated. The monies raised from the sales helped us to raise an amazing **£185.16** in free books for the school.
Thank you and happy reading!



Children in Need



Thank you everybody for supporting the national event Children in Need on Friday 15th November 2024, it was hugely successful and we raised an amazing **£194.50**.

Sports Leader Training

On Tuesday, our fantastic Sports Ambassadors went to William de Ferrers to complete their Sports Leading Training. It was a very busy morning with the children participating in both theory and practical work. During their theory work the children had to write about inspirational leaders and then look at the qualities they have and how they could develop these qualities themselves to develop their own leadership skills. During the practical session, the children worked with pupils from another school to design and demonstrate games that they could lead back at TSM. I was very impressed with their creativity, great ideas and their confidence when explaining their game to everyone. Well done to all our Sports Ambassadors, you were a credit to our school.

Mrs. Allan



Key Stage 1 Panathlon

We were invited to compete in a Panathlon Multi Skills session on Wednesday afternoon at WdF. Our team, which consisted of **Felix, Nelle, Alfie, Freddie** and **Bobby**, competed in a variety of multi-skilled activities. While competing, adults were given the task of looking out for children to be recognised for showing determination, respect, honesty, teamwork, self-belief and passion. Our team enjoyed the afternoon of sporting activities and for all of their efforts they were rewarded by achieving bronze. A huge congratulations to you all.



Key Stage 2 Panathlon

On Wednesday, 8 pupils from KS2 (**Elsie-Mae, Harry, Sophia, Jack, Preston, Emily, Oliver and Charlie**) travelled to William de Ferrers for a Panathlon event! It involved multiple multi skill activities, where we could earn points for our team. We came second overall! The pupils brought home a trophy and certificate for the school, as well as a medal and certificate for themselves! A big well done to the children for their determination, perseverance, confidence and teamwork!





Our KS1 & KS2 children who took part in the Panathlon earlier in the week were proudly presented their medals and certificates, during our Celebration Assembly today.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **93.85%**.

Whole school attendance is **92%**.

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.

Collective Worship

On Monday it was Miss Hoy's Collective Worship, it was about Saint Michael the Archangel, who instead of killing the dragon, befriended it.

On Tuesday we were learning about spirituality and Miss Cosgrove led Collective Worship, teaching us that God is made up of 3 parts. He is made up of the father, the son and the holy spirit.

On Wednesday we had 'Open the Book' in. The story we were told, was about a mother taking her children to be blessed by Jesus.

On Thursday Miss Hoy was talking to us about how God goes by many names. Some of God's names included the father, the shepherd of all the sheep and he was also called the king.

By Worship Warriors Eloise & Thomas

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.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Please support our school by signing up to Asda's Cashpot for Schools scheme and encouraging friends and families to sign up as well. There are still 8 days left!

The ASDA logo is displayed in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

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.

Letters Emailed Home

Choir – Town Council Christmas Fayre Timings

Ruby P.E. Days

WDF Dodgeball Confirmation – Year 5 & 6 Invited Pupils

NCMP Letter – Reception & Year 6

WDF Football Match – Year 5 & 6 Invited Pupils

Parent Survey

We are constantly seeking to enhance every aspect of provision at TSM and we really value your views and feedback to make further improvements. The survey can be anonymous, but if you have specific concerns it would be useful to add your name so that we can address them directly with you. Please use the link below to access the survey which will close on Friday 29th November 2024.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7ikYBos5CvRZKCKrRrnh2iXqCEJKutOT3nqENTAQycd2UEQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Headteacher Summary

It has been another busy week. Mighty Oak Public Speaking is a programme that we have been involved in for many years. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 have all been involved in this programme this term. Our children benefit from learning about different aspects of public speaking. The programme is aimed at developing a child's confidence in public speaking with the evidence being seen in performances such as reading aloud in the Christmas performance or taking part in an event in another setting.



Children in Key Stage 2 benefited from an Anglian Water Workshop this afternoon. The lesson covered: An introduction to Anglian Water, where water comes from and how we fit in to the natural water cycle.

Well done to all the children who competed in the Panathlon events this week at WdF. I was able to accompany children from Key Stage 1. Well done to everyone involved.

I look forward to seeing those that can make it to our 'Christmas Craft' morning on Tuesday 26th November from 9.15 - 10.15 am.

Good luck to our school choir who will be performing at the South Woodham Ferrers Christmas Light Switch On tomorrow afternoon.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Hoy



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	
23 rd November 2024	Choir performing @ SWF Christmas Fayre
25 th November 2024	Emerald Class Egyptian Day
26 th November 2024	Christmas Craft Morning
2 nd December 2024	Choir Event @ Tylers Ride
5 th December 2024	Whole School Panto Performance
6 th December 2024	Essex Kids Camp Day
10 th December 2024	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
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	Christmas Dinner
13 th December 2024	Choir Event @ Holy Trinity Church
16 th December 2024	Carols by Candlelight
17 th December 2024	Santa Dash
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
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



29th November – Decorations



FOTSMS will be decorating school next Friday ready for the Christmas celebrations.

When children start in Reception class, they all decorate a Christmas decoration to go on our main tree in reception.

When they get to Year 6 those decorations go home with the child on the last day of term. Just another gift from the FOTSMS team to celebrate their time with TSM.

School Panto – 5th December



We're thrilled to announce that FOTSMS have booked a Pantomime company to come in and visit the whole school this year (pupils only.)

Why we have chosen a Panto to come to school:

- Convenient: Enjoy the performance right at your school.
- Inclusive: Perfect for children who rarely get to see live theatre.
- Engaging: Highly interactive and loads of fun.
- Festive: A great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

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 will be on ParentPay soon and the suggested donation is £1.00.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

29 th November		Christmas decorations go up in school.
5 th December	Aladdin - Panto	We're thrilled to announce that FOTSMS have booked a pantomime company to come in and visit the whole school this year.
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 closer to the time via ParentPay.
10 th January	School Disco	£4.50 pre-booked on ParentPay or £5.00 cash on the door. KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom.) KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm



St. Mary's Heritage Hub Team
stmaryshh@gmail.com

We hope your pupils have enjoyed a special visit to St. Mary's. As the Heritage Lottery Funded project approaches its conclusion, we are mindful that to continue supporting our local primary schools we need to generate more funds.

We attach a flyer which can also be found on our website www.stmarysheritagehub.co.uk.

On December 7th we are running our second "Audience with Father Christmas and crafts" event. It is tremendous value as it is run entirely by volunteers. Parents book a morning or afternoon slot. They pay £16 for each child who wishes to see Father Christmas and make crafts so baby siblings and parents/carers can attend for free. There is no additional booking fee. The children visit four craft stations and complete and take home their creations. The children also get a drink and a snack between taking up their allotted time slot in the grotto with Father Christmas. Home-made refreshments are also available to parents/carers for a donation.

All the correct DBS checks are in place. Last year was a tremendous success as the atmosphere is light hearted and relaxed with a lengthy time in the grotto.

To date we have 37 tickets left and the sooner they are allocated the sooner the elves can get started on the bespoke gifts.





Children's Crafts and



PARKING
AVAILABLE

An Audience with Father Christmas

AT

**ST MARY'S
WOODHAM
FERRERS**

**10.00-12.30 & 1.30-4.00
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

Tickets from
www.stmarysheritagehub.co.uk
£16 per child

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TO MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN

THANK YOU!

