



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



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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: **Casey, Charlie D, Emi, Evelyn P, Molly, Ted & Zachary** in **Amber**.

### Lunchtime Cup

This week the winning ticket for the cup is **Kalianne** in Humite Class. Well done!

### House Points

Fenn	20
Shaw	45
Tabrums	37
Marsh	30



## Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Humite – Ophelia**

**Emerald – Sienna**

**Amber – Ted**

**Ruby – Finley**

**Topaz – Mya-Mae**

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 Ruby class.

### Ruby Class Summary

Last week, Ruby class had a fantastic time exploring the science of flight! We started with a fun classroom experiment, testing how different weights affected the flight of paper planes by adding paper clips and observing their flight patterns. The children were curious about why weight makes such a difference, and this hands-on activity helped them investigate how planes stay in the air. We learned new words like *thrust* and *lift* to describe how an aeroplane's specially shaped wings help it stay airborne.

To expand our learning, we visited the Duxford Air Museum, where pupils discovered how planes have evolved over time. We saw an aircraft similar to the one flown by Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia—a true inspiration! The children even stepped inside a Concorde, learning fascinating facts about its supersonic speed. We also loved seeing iconic planes like the Spitfire and learning about the symbols on different planes. The highlight of the day was watching a real plane take off! It was an inspiring and educational experience that brought our science lessons to life and sparked excitement about flight and history.

In English, we are now exploring the features of a personal recount in preparation for writing about our exciting trip to Duxford.

On Wednesday, we participated in a kindness assembly, reflecting on the many ways people can show kindness. We discussed how we can perform random acts of kindness in our community and thought about people in our lives who do kind things for us. We also explored ways to show appreciation for their kindness. Following this, we focused on building and strengthening our friendships by discussing what makes a good friend, sharing stories, and practicing ways to be kind and inclusive. It was heartwarming to see the children showing kindness toward one another and coming up with ideas to spread positivity and support their classmates.

Today, we celebrated *Children in Need*! We wore our brightest clothes and participated in a fun-filled day to help raise money for this important cause. The children enjoyed learning about how their contributions can make a real difference to other children across the UK, sparking wonderful discussions about empathy and generosity. It was a week full of learning, compassion, and community spirit!

**Erin** "I liked watching the aeroplanes taking off!"

**Ava** ' My favourite part was when we went inside the aeroplanes'

**Nancy** " I liked exploring the Concorde. It was so big!"





## RotaKids Remembrance Service

On Sunday I was delighted to accompany a small group of wonderful RotaKids to the Town Council Remembrance Service. The service, led by Rev Jacqui began in the town square outside the church. All of the children joined in the hymns, prayers and the National Anthem brilliantly. They also stood perfectly during the Last Post and the two-minute silence. Following this service, the children, along with members of the Rotary walked to the Millennium Memorial where they participated in the wreath laying service. Despite standing for a very long time and it being very cold, all the children continued to join in this service with enthusiasm, respect and maturity. I was exceptionally proud of every one of them. Well done and a huge thank you to Charlie, Gracie, Ava, Oscar and Laurel for giving up your Sunday morning and for representing TSM and the RotaKids so fantastically. You were a real credit to our school. My thanks also to all the parents, members of South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club and Mrs. Graham for all your support too.

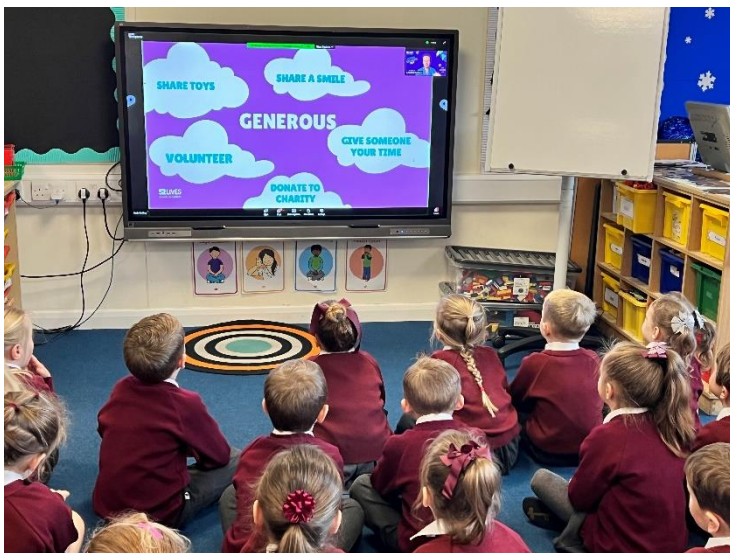
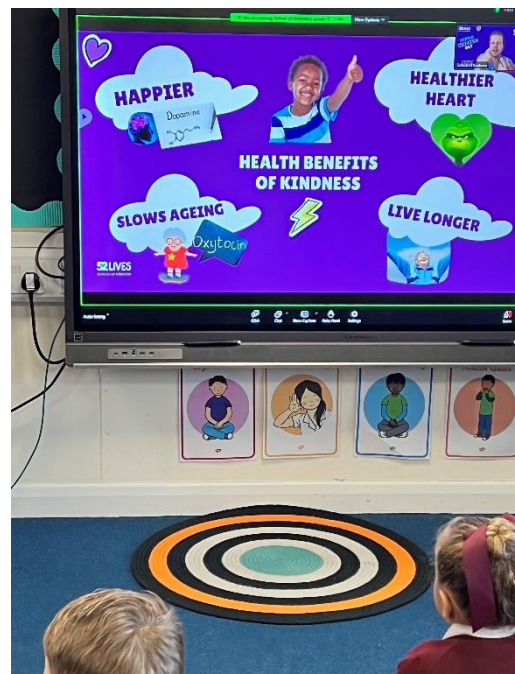
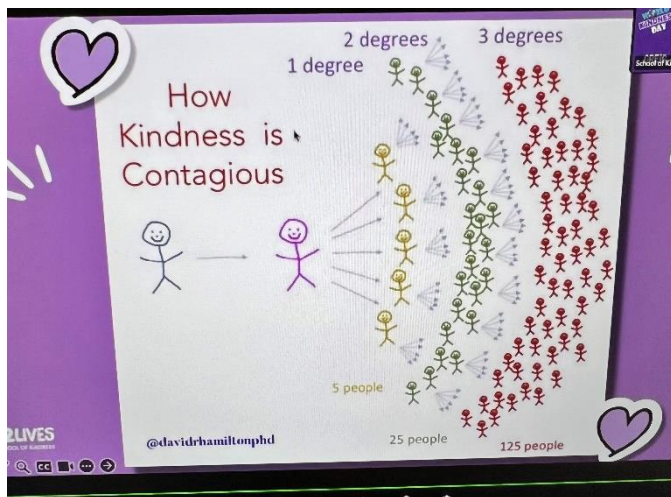
Mrs. Allan



## World Kindness Day

On Wednesday, all our children took part in a special live assembly with Greig from the Charity 52Lives. As part of our Kindness School project, the children learned not only about how spreading kindness improves the lives of those around you, but also how being kind physically improves your own health and wellbeing.

Following the live assembly, the children then wrote kindness certificates that they then delivered to people both in and out of school. This definitely put a smile on lots of faces. What a great day!



For Kindness Day Amber explored what it meant to be kind and how we can share kindness. We then wrote some kindness poems!

This week in Emerald to celebrate Kindness Day, we talked about what makes us special and designed our own odd socks to recognise and celebrate our differences. We also created our own kindness poems and explored some of the key features in poems.

## Children in Need



ParentPay

Amber looked at what the charity does and who they help. We had some excellent spotty and Pudsey, as well as Blush outfits today, we even had a go at drawing Pudsey.



To celebrate Children in Need the children in Emerald class designed their own Pudsey booklets to show what we celebrate Children in Need and the importance of it. We have discussed what these children face and how we can help children in a range of ways and why it is so important to be charitable and what happens to the money we raise.



Thank you for all your support, we will share with you the total raised by our TSM families next week.

## Friendship Friday

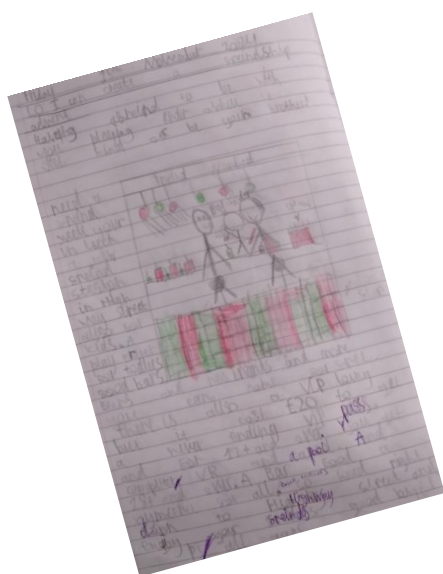
This Friendship Friday, Humite explored the qualities of healthy and unhealthy friends by creating a detailed chart, encouraging thoughtful discussions about the impact of our actions on others. We talked about strategies for handling situations we don't feel comfortable in and shared ideas on how to improve the way we support and care for our friends. Humite also reflected on the importance of being present for one another and offering kindness every day, knowing it is not for us to receive something back. It was a meaningful and reflective day, strengthening our understanding of friendship and the role we play in creating a positive classroom and school community.

Amber looked at the ingredients of a good friend. The class came up with some fab ideas:

What makes a good friend?

- They like us for who we are – we don't have to like the same things
- Being genuine and honest
- Helpful
- Kind
- Forgiving
- Sharing
- Caring
- Love
- Dedication – a good friend never gives up
- Believe in each other – cheer each other on
- Listen to each other
- Don't leave a friend out
- Respect each other
- Being thankful

They then created friendship adverts:



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Ruby** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.41%**.

Whole school attendance is **95.29%**.

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.

## Collective Worship

This week in collective worship, we explored a range of meaningful topics, including Remembrance Day and the inspiring lives of patron saints.

For Remembrance Day, we took time to honour those who have given their lives in service and reflected on the values of bravery, sacrifice, and peace. We discussed why it's important to remember these individuals and how we can show respect for their legacy, not only by holding moments of silence but by striving to live peacefully and support one another.

We also learned about Patron Saints such as St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. St Francis is remembered for his deep love and respect for all of God's creations, teaching us valuable lessons about kindness, compassion, and the importance of caring for nature and all living beings. His example encourages us to live thoughtfully and generously, showing kindness to each other and the world around us.

These themes tie closely to our school's Christian values and remind us of the importance of building a caring community. They also help us connect to our school's motto, "many hearts make a school," by reinforcing that each of us has a role in showing peace and compassion. We can continue to grow spiritually, understanding more deeply how we can make a positive impact in our school and beyond.

**By Worship Warriors Eloise & Emily**

## **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 new Cashpot for Schools scheme and encouraging friends and families to sign up as well. There are still 15 days left!

### **Christmas Bazaar**

TSM will be supporting the Christmas Church Bazaar again this year on Saturday 23rd November, your support is very much appreciated.

Please do not go out and buy anything, but if you, or any of your extended family have any unwanted gifts or bottles, we would be very happy to receive them in the office.

Thanking you in advance.

Also, if anybody would like to help run the stall, please contact the 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://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**

Y6 SATS Information Presentation  
Measles Letter and Vaccination Clinics  
KS1 & KS2 Panathlon Session WDF – Invited Pupils Only  
Egyptian Day Emerald Class  
Thameside Nature Discovery Centre - Topaz Class  
Y6 Bikeability Group 2 Reminder  
Y6 SATS Club Monday & Wednesday Groups  
Year 6 Sports Ambassador Training  
Amber Class  
African Drumming Club Cancellation  
Year 5 Walking Home  
No Drawing/Lego Club Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7ikYBos5CvRZKCKrRrn2iXqCEJKutOT3nqENTAQycd2UEQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7ikYBos5CvRZKCKrRrn2iXqCEJKutOT3nqENTAQycd2UEQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **Headteacher Summary**

What a wonderful week it has been celebrating World Kindness Day, Friendship Friday and Children in Need.

It was great that we could send two classes, Emerald and Amber, to the War Memorial at St Mary's Church on Monday. The team at St Mary's Heritage Hub worked hard to create an exhibition about all of the people that are in our thoughts at this time of year. It's called Woodham Remembers. The Woodham Remembers workshops took place alongside illustrated exhibition panels, audio tiles and objects which could be handled by the children.

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	
18 <sup>th</sup> November – 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Bikeability Group 2
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Eco Committee Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	KS2 Anglian Water Workshop
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2024	Choir performing @ SWF Christmas Fayre
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Emerald Class Egyptian Day
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Christmas Craft Morning
2 <sup>nd</sup> December – 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Santa Dash Week
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	Choir Event @ Tylers Ride
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Whole School Panto Performance
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Essex Kids Camp Day
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 3 Home Safety Session, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Topaz Class Trip – Thameside Nature Discovery Centre
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Dinner
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Choir Event @ Holy Trinity Church
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Carols by Candlelight
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Rotary Father Christmas Visit
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Wear Something Christmassy Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Christmas Holidays
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Inset Day
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Art Week/s
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Art Gallery
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Glider Challenge – Emerald Class
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Reception Class Road Safety Session
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Year 5 Road Safety Session
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025	Year 6 Cyber Safety Lesson – Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Young Voices Choir @ O2
17 <sup>th</sup> February -21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Half Term
21 <sup>st</sup> March – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	Swimarathon 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 6 Residential
12 <sup>th</sup> May – 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	SATS Week



### **Exciting news - School Disco – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



We are so pleased to announce the new date for our school disco is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Please do not worry if you have already paid we will transfer your payment to the new date so you will have nothing to pay.

The payment is still on ParentPay if you would like to pay before Christmas so you know you're all sorted for the New Year Disco.

### **School Panto – 5<sup>th</sup> December**



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

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 20<sup>th</sup> December**



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 will be £1.00.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



### FOTSMS Event Diary

29 <sup>th</sup> November		Christmas decorations go up in school.
5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas lunch gift for each child.
20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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



# Children's Crafts and



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## 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](http://www.stmarysheritagehub.co.uk)

£16 per child