



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 8th 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: **Kieran** in **Amber**, **Jasmine** and **Lucas** in Humite.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the winning ticket for the cup is **Tobi** in **Topaz** Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	55
Shaw	84
Tabrums	40
Marsh	58



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Elsie-Mae

Emerald – Preston

Amber – Charlie T

Ruby – Frankie

Topaz – Sofia

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.

Children in Need



On Friday 15th November 2024 we will once again be supporting Children in Need by having a non-uniform day, please wear something spotty and get involved. NO football kits, make-up or jewellery please and hair must be tied back.

To make a suggested donation of £1.50, the item can be found on ParentPay. Thank you.



Christmas Craft Morning

Parents are invited in for a Christmas craft session with your child/ren on the morning of Tuesday 26th November from 9.15 - 10.15 am.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Amber** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.93%**.

Whole school attendance is **96.35%**.

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.



School Project

Our prayer space is in need of a bit of TLC, if there are any parents/carers who would be willing to redecorate this area for us or know of anybody who would, we would be really grateful.

Thank you.

Collective Worship

In our collective worship we focused on celebrating All Saints' Day, a special time in the Christian calendar where we honour all saints who have shown faith, courage, and commitment to helping others. We looked at the life of St Peter, discussing how he followed Jesus, faced challenges, and grew in his own faith. St Peter's journey reminded us that no one is perfect, yet we can all do great things with dedication and faith. His story inspired us to consider how we can use these qualities in our own lives.

We explored how their examples tie into our school's Christian values, such as kindness. St Peter's life teaches us about the power of forgiveness and the importance of community, which links closely to our motto, "many hearts make a school." St Peter's faith helped to build a strong Christian community, each of our hearts brings something valuable to our school family. We discussed how, by supporting one another and working together, we can create a school environment where everyone can flourish.

By Worship Warriors Billy & Thomas

General Reminders

Volunteers

Just a reminder we are still looking to recruit some more volunteers to support the school with reading, swimming and Forest School activities. If you are interested in applying or any carers/grandparents, please contact the office for a form.

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.

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.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Please note we will no longer be continuing to use Times Tables Rock Stars. Please see the attached document for some helpful websites to use if you want to practice Maths at home with your child(ren). Thank you.

Children's Health Matters

[Children's Health Matters](#) email series is part of a wider campaign, now in its third year, to provide parents and carers across mid and south Essex with vital information on children's health and wellbeing.

The information, co-produced with local parents/carers, continues to offer practical advice on topics such as:

- Managing common childhood illnesses, including coughs, colds, and fevers
- Recognising the signs of Sepsis
- Supporting good oral health
- Raising awareness of antibiotic resistance
- Promoting children's mental health and wellbeing
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles through nutrition and exercise

The [Children's Health Matters email subscription service](#) delivers weekly emails directly to parents and carers, featuring guidance from local health professionals on managing childhood health, seasonal advice, and support for recognising illnesses such as bronchiolitis and chickenpox.

Please click on the links/see the poster below for more details on how to sign up.

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.

Carmel Jane School Photos are now live!

If you pre-registered, please check your inbox for your unique access link.

If not, please contact www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support

and insert school code: JRNVU64JV3

There are limited time discounts available, so act fast!

All photographs will be sent straight to your home address.

Nut Free School

Please be reminded we are a nut free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats. Thank you.

Letters Emailed Home

Class Cover – Amber

Cut Your Carbon

No African Drumming Club – 11/11

Parent Governor Vacancies

Fitness Club Cancellation – 14/11

Bikeability Group 2

TSM Reverse Advent Calendar Letter

School Photos are now live!

Year 6 SATS Information Meeting

Choir Christmas Preparations!

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/1FAIpQLSf7ikYBos5CvRZKCKrRrn2iXqCEJKutOT3nqENTAQycd2UEQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Rotary Father Christmas and Snowman Visit to TSM - Wednesday 18th December

We are delighted to let you know that despite his very busy schedule, the Rotary Club of South Woodham Ferrers have managed to arrange for Father Christmas and his sleigh to visit TSM on Wednesday 18th December 5pm-5.30pm.

All our families are welcome to come back to school to see Father Christmas and have their photos taken next to his sleigh. The snowman will be collecting donations for local charities, so if your child would like to bring some small change with them, this would be gratefully received. Following his visit to TSM, Father Christmas will then set off on his journey around the town.

This should be a lovely event, especially so close to the end of term and we look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks.

Mrs. Allan

Headteacher Summary

I can not believe that we are now in November and talking about Christmas! It has been a good start to this half term. The children have been kind and considerate – well done to you all. I have taught in Ruby and Amber class which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

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	
10 th November 2024	RotaKids Remembrance Service – Selected Pupils
11 th November 2024	War Memorial Visit @ St Mary's Church – Emerald & Amber
11 th November 2024	SATS Info/Club Meeting for Year 6 Parents 2.45pm
13 th November 2024	World Kindness Day Assembly
15 th November 2024	Friendship Friday
15 th November 2024	Children in Need
18 th November – 19 th November 2024	Bikeability Group 2
20 th November 2024	Eco Committee Meeting
22 nd November 2024	KS2 Anglian Water Workshop
23 rd November 2024	Choir performing @ SWF Christmas Fayre
26 th November 2024	Christmas Craft Morning
2 nd December – 6 th December 2024	Santa Dash Week
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
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
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
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
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	Swimarathon 2025
2 nd April – 4 th April 2025	Year 6 Residential



Happy School Bag Collection

Thank you to everyone that donated to the clothing collection, we raised a fantastic **£94.05**, just from people having a wardrobe clear out so thank you for taking the time to support this event.



School Disco – 15th November – POSTPONED



We are so sorry to write that we are having to postpone our DISCO on Friday 15th November.

We were hoping to advise the new date but we are just awaiting the hall availability, so please bear with us.

If you have already booked please don't worry we can transfer your payment to the new date once it is confirmed.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

29 th November		Christmas decorations go up in school.
5 th December	Aladdin - Panto	<p>We're thrilled to announce that FOTSMS have booked a pantomime company to come in and visit the whole school this year.</p> <p>Why we have chosen a panto to come to school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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!
12 th December		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.



Win STEM activities for your school

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**CHILDREN'S
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MATTERS**

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home?

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Flu Vaccine Catch up Clinics

Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running catch up clinics in your area for the flu vaccine this winter, the Next Clinic is:

Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP
On Saturday 23rd November 2024

Please call

0300 790 0597 Option 1

To Book an Appointment

For information on school aged vaccinations please visit our website: eput.nhs.uk/childrensvaccines

#GetWinterStrong



SAT
23
NOV

3pm - 6pm

Light Switch On 4.30pm

SWF Christmas

Fayre

KADA AND GENESIS DANCE SCHOOLS OPENING THE
FAYRE WITH PERFORMANCES FROM 2.30PM

FOOD AND
DRINK
STALLS



GIFTS, CRAFTS
& CHARITY
STALLS

DOLLY PARTON 9-5 SHOW | MARTIN & SU ESSEX RADIO
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TOWN COUNCIL

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