



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



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025



DEDICATION



## 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.

Tiger



Rabbit



Axolotl



Eagle



Hedgehog



### Lunchtime Cup

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

### House Points

Fenn	37
Shaw	64
Tabrums	48
Marsh	59



### Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Hedgehog – Esmail**

**Eagle – Bella**

**Axolotl – Nelle**

**Rabbit – Freddie**

**Tiger – Nancy**

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.

### RotaKids

Thank you, to those children who applied for RotaKids committee roles. Leading our fabulous RotaKids team this year will be:

President: **Theo**

Vice-President: **Molly**

Secretary: **Ophelia**

Treasurer: **Oliver**



Congratulations. I am looking forward to seeing all the committee at our first event 'End Polio Campaign' on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

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 Hedgehog class.

### Hedgehog Class Summary

Wow! What a fantastic week! Hedgehog class has been super busy this week with an extremely challenging subject. We have started long division this week and it has blown me away to see the resilience of everyone in the class. With Mrs Rix, the class has persevered, even when it was very difficult, and it is clear to see the progression into the subject. Mrs Rix has covered the class for the first part of the week, delving into newspaper writing. This not only tested the children's formal writing but also linked to our topic of WW2 - with some newspaper reports detailing the events of Dunkirk, the Blitz and evacuation stories. The class explored the use of propaganda and its uses not only in WW2, but also in modern time. They selected one of the infamous propaganda posters and annotated these to highlight what techniques have been used to persuade opinion.

In PE, we continued our focus of hockey, and we are lucky enough to have brand new hockey equipment that we were all very excited to see! Thank you very much for organising this Mrs. Allan!

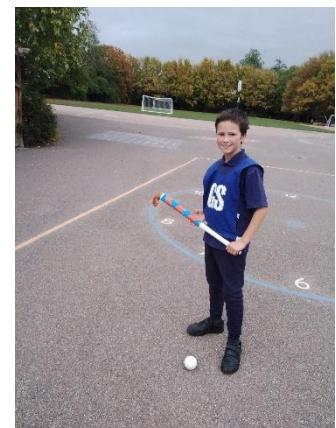
On Thursday, Miss Hoy helped Year 6 to begin their Anderson shelter models in DT using a range of different materials. They designed these using knowledge of ratio in maths, and using perspective drawings from their sketch books. Next week, we will be finishing these models and making them as accurate and detailed as possible to really represent the necessity of them during WW2.

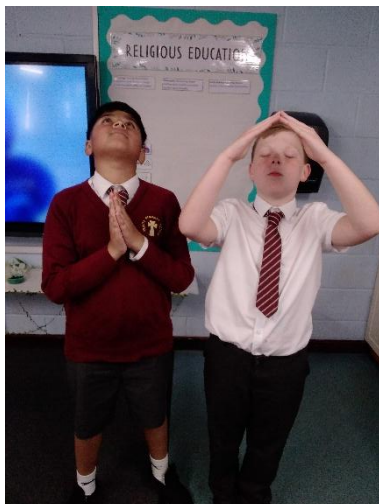
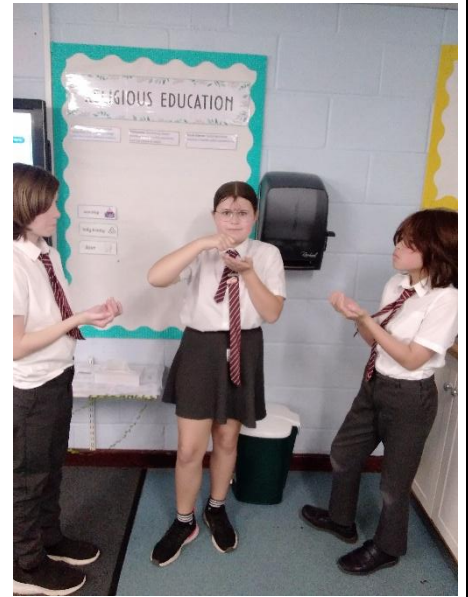
This week has also been our focus week on the Lord's Prayer which has presented some very interesting and unique perspectives on such a core part of Christianity. The class summarised what each line of the prayer means to them, as well as acting out the message of this through freeze frame pictures. It was great to see the children really delve into their critical thinking and reading beyond just the text.

Another amazing week in Hedgehog class full of hard work and lots of fun. Well done to all of the children for their continued hard work and kindness in and out of the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Hume





## Harvest Festival Donations – Thank you!

Thankyou to all our TSM children and families for donating an amazing 164 items; ranging from tea, coffee, pasta, sugar, tinned goods, jars, cereal, biscuits and rice, for our Harvest Festival collection.

Earlier this week, Rev Adrian kindly came and collected the generous Harvest Festival donations from TSM and delivered them to SWF Bank. The team there asked to pass on a big 'Thank you' for the kindness of our pupils and families.

Thank you to everyone for all your support.

Mrs. Allan



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.17%**. 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.**

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](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.

### **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.

### **Christmas Church Bazaar**

As part of the turning on of the Christmas lights on Saturday 22nd November, the church will be holding a bazaar. TSM will run a tombola stall at this event, so we are kindly asking for donations. If you have any bottles or unwanted gifts, please could you send them in to the school office over the next few weeks. We kindly ask that all donations are made by Monday 17th November.

Your support is very much appreciated.

## **Letters Emailed Home**

FOTSMS Autumn 2025 Newsletter  
Year 6 SATS Club  
Head Lice  
Christmas Church Bazaar  
Axolotl & Eagle St Osyths Priory Trip  
After School Club Menu

## Collective Worship

On Monday we were visited by Neil from Essex County Fire & Rescue Service to show us how we can be safe over Halloween. We watched lots of videos that helped us to realise why safety over Halloween is so important and how we can keep ourselves and others safe. We also learnt about the firework code that can help us manage the risk of fireworks on bonfire night.

On Tuesday, Mrs Rix began Collective Worship, by asking 'Where do bubbles go?' We spoke to our partners about what this could mean and linked it to a prayer - When we pray, our prayer reaches God. We spoke about also praying for things that we love in our lives to show gratitude.

Wednesday – we had our school photos in the hall so classes did their own individual worships! In Year 6, we focused on the Lord's Prayer and how we can represent the message portrayed in the words.

On Thursday, Reverend Jacqui spoke with us about the importance of our names. She told us that all of our names have great importance and are most likely spiritually connected to our parents or carers. She references Isaiah 43:1 whereby God said, 'I have called you by name - you are mine'. We finished with a message to appreciate all of our names and their differences because we are as God made us.

## Headteacher Summary



It has been a busy week at TSM. Children had their individual and sibling photos taken by Carmel Jane. It was wonderful to see our Eco Committee members beaming as they returned from the wildflower planting workshop yesterday. Adults and children spoke so positively about the session. Then today our children have enjoyed an archery session led by Essex Kids Camp.



I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Axolotl and Hedgehog class this week. In both of the classes, the children's behaviour, determination and enthusiasm for learning shone and it was a pleasure to teach them.

I hope to see many of you at parents' evenings next week.


Have a lovely 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	
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	FOTSMS Xmas4schools Artwork Deadline
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	New to Reception 2026 Open Afternoon & Evening
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 Sports Ambassador Training – WDF
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	FOTSMS Clothing Collection
4 <sup>th</sup> November – 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Remembrance Week
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Crocus Planting – Tigers, Rabbits & RotaKids
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Y6 NHS Resilience Workshop
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	RotaKids Community Planting Event
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Children in Need Day
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Eagle & Axolotl St Osyths Priory Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025	SWF Christmas Fayre
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	FOTSMS Disco
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Cup Stacking
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Year 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
Spring Term	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Inset Day
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Road Safety – Reception, Year 1 & Year 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	TSM & National Story Telling Week
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Year 6 Respect Session
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5 & 6 Gambling Workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term

 Essex County Council  
Libraries



# Potion Commotion!

South Woodham Ferrers Library

Tuesday 28 October 2025

10:30AM

- Join us for a magical Halloween event where children can invent their very own enchanted potions using delightfully strange ingredients
- No booking required



[libraries.essex.gov.uk](https://libraries.essex.gov.uk)



# Xmas4schools™



## ARTWORK INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS/ORGANISERS

Please read these instructions carefully to ensure you get the best results:



### DO ✓

- Bright, colourful Christmas designs that fill the A4 paper produce the best results.
- Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils.
- Use collage.
- Use glitter glue.
- Make sure any text is bold, legible and kept AWAY from the edges of the A4 paper.

### DON'T ✗

- Please **DO NOT** use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) - it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!
- If you are doing collage, please **MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE FIRMLY STUCK DOWN TO STOP THEM FALLING OFF**
- Avoid metallic finishes over large areas.
- Pale coloured pencils on a white background do not reproduce well.



**PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW FOR THE BEST RESULTS**



### DO ✓



- You can colour right up to the edges, but any important drawings or wording needs to be kept at least 1cm away from the sides of the paper.

### DON'T ✗



- Please also **DO NOT** draw a border unless you want it to appear on the final product.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to our

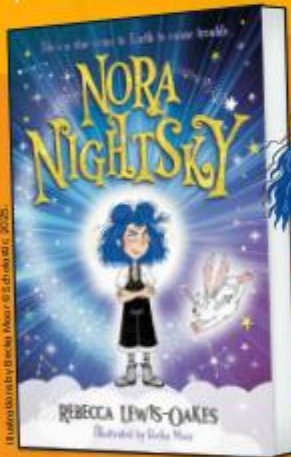
# BOOK FAIR

to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

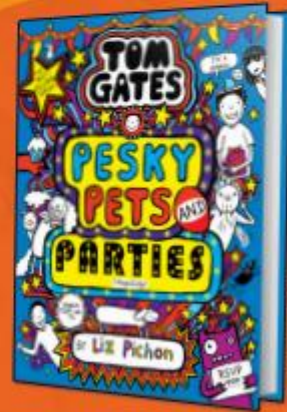
Every book you buy earns  
**FREE BOOKS**  
for our school!



Come and find me!



My brand new book!



DATE:	TIME:
LOCATION:	



 TRAVELLING BOOKS



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online  
or visit [travellingbooks.co.uk/pay](http://travellingbooks.co.uk/pay)

Your child will soon be sent home with a Wish List. If you would like to make any purchases you can pay easily and securely for their chosen books by using the online payment link at [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting our school from the drop down menu (**cash payments will not be accepted**). The deadline for receiving online orders is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3pm** to ensure all orders can be fulfilled.

Your support is always appreciated.

### Easy Step by Step Guide

- **Step One** Make online payment at [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay)
- **Step Two** email [essex@travellingbooks.co.uk](mailto:essex@travellingbooks.co.uk) with your name, payment reference and details of the books purchased.

**There is no need to return the wish list to school.**

The books will also be on display during the Parent Consultation Meetings for you to view.

**Once Travelling Books have received your information the books can then be delivered to the school after Half Term. If the details are not sent to Travelling Books, the order may be delayed.**