



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



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 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: **Maddie, Ophelia, Paxton in Humite, Sienna in Emerald, Evelynne F, Ezra, Hattie, Molly in Amber, Gracie, Louis in Ruby, Darcey, Ellyn, Frankie, George, Harlee in Topaz.**

### House Points

Fenn	21
Shaw	60
Tabrums	95
Marsh	25



## Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Humite – Thomas Bu**

**Emerald – Keaton**

**Amber – Sofia**

**Ruby – Louis**

**Topaz – Hope**

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 Emerald class.

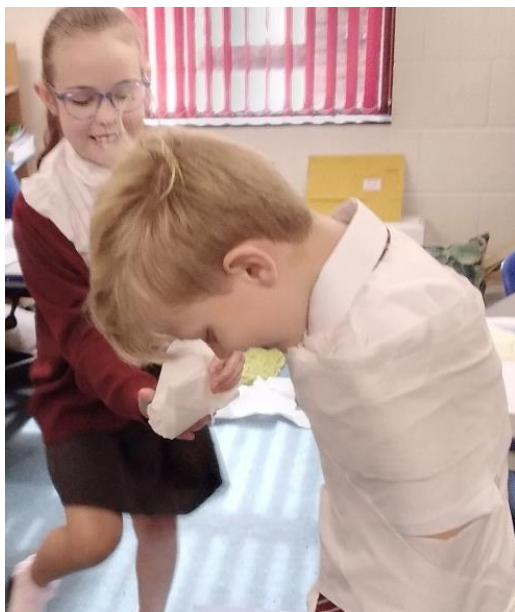
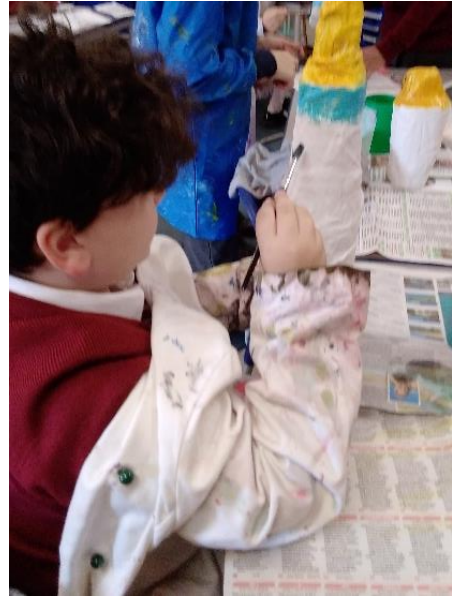
### Emerald Class Summary

We have had another great week in Emerald class - we have been extremely busy!

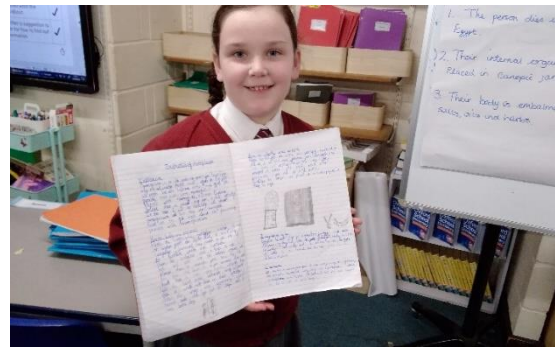
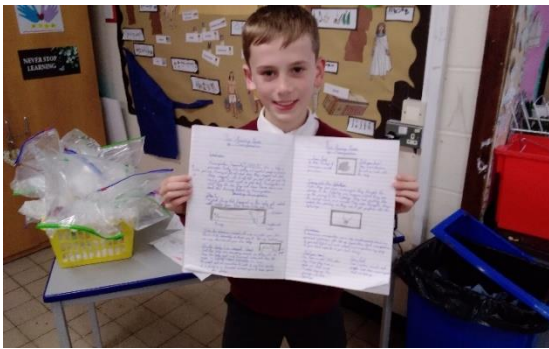
This week we have been continuing to learn about Ancient Egypt and in particular the magnificent process of mummification!

We have wrapped ourselves up as mummies, created and designed our own canopic jars and had the most fun of all at making apple mummies – which we will leave over half term and check what happens to them over time just like the process of mummification!





In English we have finished our explanation text on mummification writing about how and why it took place. We have practised using different forms of fronted adverbials, expanded nouns phrases and complex sentences to help make our sentence more elaborate, using subject specific and using ambitious vocabulary to interest and inform the reader.

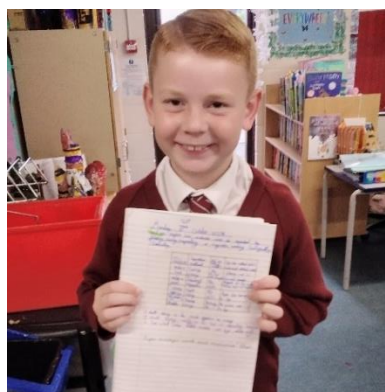


In art we have been designing our own Cartouche using hieroglyphics which we will be recreating on clay after half term.



In science we have continued to learn about the properties of materials – our focus for our lesson this week was to investigate and test out what is the best method of separating different mixtures by either sieving, filtration, evaporating or magnetism. In small groups the children had the chance to predict what they thought and then test out what method was the most efficient at separating:

- sand and water
- water and paper clips
- water and marbles
- water and salt
- water and gravel



## Living Streets - the results so far!

Wow! A huge congratulations to everyone for making such a great start with our Living Streets Walk to School Campaign. I am really pleased to see how many of our families are travelling to school in a sustainable manner. Each class is tracked, and the percentage of sustainable, eco-friendly journeys are recorded. The results for this half term are:

Topaz	79%
Ruby	83%
Amber	78%
Emerald	85%
Humite	79%

Congratulations to **Emerald** class for winning our WOW trophy for this half-term!

Every child who has met the target to walk to school a minimum of once a week in a month, will receive their badge next term. Well done to you all.

In Celebration assembly today, the Eco-committee also received their WOW Ambassador badges, well done! They will monitor and encourage their classes after half term and track how well everyone is doing. It would be amazing to see those percentages increase again. If you would like to see next month's badge design, check out the Living Streets website

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/>

Thank you to all our families for your support.

Mrs. Allan



## RotaKids Fundraising for Barrow Farm

On Tuesday our Head Pupils joined with members of the Rotary, visited Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled. During the visit we were lucky enough to meet Ann, who founded Barrow Farm RDA in 1976. Together with Janet, who is a Trustee, and the amazing volunteer Mel, we learned about this outstanding charity and how it helps change the lives of the people who have riding and driving lessons there. We were then introduced to all the beautiful ponies and heard about their superb personalities. We were also able to present the cheques with a combined total of £2132 that our very generous families raised at our RotaKids Crazy Hair Sponsored Walk. Ann, Janet and Michelle asked us to pass on their deepest thanks to the RotaKids and all our children and families for raising such an impressive amount. This money will be spent on toys and equipment to use during the lessons and to help with the huge food costs. A huge well done to our RotaKids for planning and running such a successful event and to all our families for their generosity and support.

Thank you so much.



Mrs. Allan

Deputy Headteacher





October 2024

To all at Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School

Thank you so much for your recent donation of £2,132 that was raised in conjunction with South Woodham Ferrers Rotary. We are very grateful for your support. The money will be used to help us continue to provide riding and carriage driving for 130 disabled children and adults every week. We are particularly looking forward to buying some new educational props for our school riders.



Riders like Louise who has

**Fun  
Friendship  
Fitness  
and  
Fulfilment**

from her weekly ride with us.

And parents who tell us: 'Barrow Farm is very central to our daughters life. She so looks forward to riding and being with the team who understand all her needs.'

We were so pleased that you were able to come a visit us and we hope you enjoyed meeting our wonderful team of horses and ponies. Thank you again for your support, it is very much appreciated.

With kind regards

*L Armstrong*

Lucy Armstrong  
Business Manager

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## Topaz and Rota-Kids End Polio Now Crocus Campaign



On Wednesday our new Rota-Kids committee joined with Topaz class to learn all about the Rotary End Polio Now Campaign. The children listened to Rotarian Derek Hutchinson talk about countries still affected by the disease and how the fundraising they do, helps to purchase these crucial vaccinations. Derek also explained that when the children receive their vaccination, they have their little finger dipped in purple dye to show that they have had it. The planting of the purple crocuses represents the colour of the dye and this then helps to spread awareness about the campaign. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed planting their crocuses, it was a bit messy but great fun. I was very impressed with how well all the children listened and were then able to explain about the campaign. The Rota-Kids are hoping that their fundraising efforts will help to make a real difference.

If you would like to learn more about this campaign, please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio> for more information.

Well done to everyone involved, we raised an amazing £90.40.

Mrs. Allan  
Deputy Headteacher.





## **Rota-Kids Committee Roles**

Thank you to all the children who applied for an additional role on our Rota-Kids committee. After meeting with the Rotarians on Wednesday we are pleased to announce the following roles:

**Treasurer - Zach**

**Secretary - Thomas Boh**

**Vice-President - Theo**

**President – Laurel**

Congratulations to you all. Our thanks go to all the children who applied, the Rotarians were very impressed with the level of enthusiasm. They also asked me to pass on how impressed they are with every committee member. Another local Rotary club is in the process of trying to launch Rota-Kids in one of their schools and they have asked to come and attend one of our meetings and talk to our committee so they can see how a successful Rota-Kids team work!

Well done to everyone! I am very proud of you all!

Mrs. Allan



## Interhouse Competition

Today is National Pumpkin Day. So, the children were challenged to compete in a pumpkin quiz. Children worked together in their houses to answer multiple choice questions all about pumpkins. I was impressed with their knowledge. Staff were keen to answer the quiz questions too.

Well done to all the children who took part in a very competitive Interhouse competition.

Congratulations to **Tabrums**, with great teamwork, who won the competition, when all the scores were combined they scored the most points.

**MARSH** – 38

**SHAW** – 39

**TABRUMS** – 50

**FENN** – 40



## Poppy Appeal 2024



We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and children will have the opportunity to buy a poppy for a suggested minimum donation of 50p.

This year we will also have other merchandise such as snap wrist bands, clip on poppies and ribbon bracelets. We have a limited number of these items and suggest a minimum donation of £1 for these goods.

If your child would like any of these items, please send them in with their donation after half term and they will be able to purchase their items from our Head Pupils/Official Helpers, who will be visiting each class in the afternoons during the week.

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Emerald** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.93%**.

Whole school attendance is **96.01%**.

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.

Congratulations to **Topaz** class for winning this half terms attendance.

The children and staff in **Topaz** enjoyed a drink and a biscuit with Miss Hoy this morning.





## 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

This week in collective worship, we learned about random acts of kindness and how they bring us closer to God. We talked about how showing kindness, love, and forgiveness to others helps us live out our Christian values and follow Jesus' teachings. Even small acts, like helping someone with their work or sharing a smile, can make a big difference in someone's day. It is like a ripple in a pond.

Doing these acts of kindness doesn't just help others—it helps us grow spiritually too. We feel more connected to God and to each other because we are putting love into action, just like God asks us to. We start to notice how good it feels to make others happy, and it helps us to feel God's love in our own hearts.

These acts of kindness make our school a better place because they create a friendlier, more caring atmosphere where everyone feels valued. Our school motto, "many hearts make a school," reminds us that every kind act helps us work together as a community. Each time we choose kindness, we're adding to the love and respect we all share, making our school feel like a family where everyone is important.

**By Worship Warriors Eloise and Grace**

## 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.

### **Secondary School Applications**

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2025) is **31 October 2024**. Any applications made late are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chances of being offered a preferred school.

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 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

### **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.

### **Letters Emailed Home**

Amber P.E. Days after half term

Emerald Class Trip

Amber Class Trip

Drawing/Lego Club

Netball Club – Match & Coaching Session

## Headteacher Summary

As I am writing this summary and reflecting on this half term, I have been drawn to our vision.



All of the children should be proud of their achievements in and out of the classroom. I hope you agree that we have given our children other opportunities throughout the term that have encouraged them to grow in confidence and flourish.

We welcomed Essex County Fire & Rescue Service on Monday. The team delivered a Halloween and firework safety assembly which was very informative and the children listened intently.

Thank you for coming to parent evenings this week – I hope you found this time informative.

Have a fantastic half term break and please remember that the children come back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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	
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Half Term
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Inset Day
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Duxford Museum – Ruby Class Trip
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	War Memorial Visit @ St Mary's Church – Emerald & Amber
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	SATS Info/Club Meeting for Year 6 Parents 2.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	World Kindness Day Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friendship Friday
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children in Need
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
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
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
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
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
2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 6 Residential



## Year 6 Hoodies



It was an absolute pleasure to hand out the Year 6 hoodies today in the celebration assembly, especially as this is the last time I will be able to hand them out.

Year 6 are allowed to wear their leavers hoodies into school on PE DAYS ONLY.

Thank you to everyone who had paid the contribution towards the hoodies too, it really does help towards the cost of them.



## Clothing Collection – 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> November



Our clothing collection is running after half term from 8.30am Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to 8.30am Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

We Accept:	We Don't Accept
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adult and children's clothing</li><li>• Paired shoes</li><li>• Fashion accessories</li><li>• Handbags, belts</li><li>• Hats, scarves</li><li>• Jewellery, perfumes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dirty, damaged, wet clothes</li><li>• Uniforms, underclothing</li><li>• Toys, books, DVD's</li><li>• Duvets, pillows, household linen</li><li>• Rugs, blankets, curtains</li><li>• Bric-a-brac</li></ul>

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days.

### October Half-Term SALE



We have reduced our Adventure Island tickets to **£10.00** for half term as Adventure Island shuts after half term to get ready for Christmas. This is a huge saving for a day out over the half term.



We also have Sealife tickets for £5 and Adventure Golf for £3.50 all valid until 31st December 2024.

## School Disco – 15<sup>th</sup> November



We are looking forward to our next school disco, as this falls on Pudsey day children can come to the disco in their non-uniform or KS1 can get changed in their classroom.

KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom)  
KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm

Tickets are £4.50 pre-booked on ParentPay or on the door £5.00 in CASH.

Tickets include a drink & a snack. **DEADLINE to pay online is 5pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please NOTE you must take **coats home** with you as we do not have space to store them, and Year 6 **NO MOBILE PHONES** please.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



## FOTSMS Event Diary

25 <sup>th</sup> October	DEADLINE for Xmas 4 Schools	Parents to return artwork to school by: <b>25<sup>th</sup> October. (Friday before half term).</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Clothing Collection	We will send bags home with the children and accept good condition clothes, shoes, coats etc.
15 <sup>th</sup> November	School Disco	<p>£4.50 pre-booked on ParentPay or £5.00 cash on the door.</p> <p><b>DEADLINE to pay online is 5pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.</b></p> <p>KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom) KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm</p>
29 <sup>th</sup> November		Christmas decorations go up in school.
5 <sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>• Convenient: Enjoy the performance right at your school.</li> <li>• Inclusive: Perfect for children who rarely get to see live theatre.</li> <li>• Engaging: Highly interactive and loads of fun.</li> <li>• Festive: A great way to get into the Christmas spirit!</li> </ul>
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.



# FIREWORKS & BONFIRE NIGHT

5TH NOVEMBER 2024

## ★ MAINS ★

Bonfire Banger  
Veggie Bonfire Banger (VG)  
Hot Baked Potato Bar with Choice of Filling:  
Banging BBQ Chicken  
Winter Warmer Quorn Korma (V)  
Baked Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna (GF)

## ★ SIDES ★

Sparkler Sweetcorn  
Firework Slaw  
Guy Fawkes Salad Bar  
Kindling Ketchup

## ★ DESSERTS ★

Rocket Lolly (VG) (GF)  
Chocolate Catherine Wheels (V)  
Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

dolce



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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  
90'S HITS BY MADDIE COLE | CHELMSFORD SILVER BAND  
MEN2SING | UNDERFRET | AND MORE...



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