



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Thursday 23rd October 2025



DEDICATION



HONESTY

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 **Charlie** in **Axolotl**, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	26
Shaw	46
Tabrums	37
Marsh	11



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Lexi

Eagle – Jess

Axolotl – Timmy

Rabbit – Archie

Tiger – 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.



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.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.72%**. Whole school attendance is **94.84%**.

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.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

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.

School Photos are now live!

A message from Carmel Jane Photography:

We are excited to share that the photographs are ready, and they look amazing!

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

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

and insert school code: JRUTJAKTDW

There are limited time discounts available, so act fast!

All photographs will be sent straight to your home address.

Letters Emailed Home

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Book Fair

Y6 Sports Leader Training

Rabbit Class

Flu Clinic Booking Information

SATS Club Groups

Poppy Appeal 2025



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.

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy introduced the focus of the week with a look at what random acts of kindness are. We looked at how we can be kind to others and why it is important. We delved into why it is important to be kind, even when it means we do it and do not expect anything in return. We looked at real life stories from the news, of acts of kindness, which were really nice to see.

Tuesday - Miss Hume looked at a parable from the Bible where Jesus told a story about the Good Samaritan. The story reminded us that when we are kind, we do this from good will and not to be rewarded. We also linked the Samaritan to the values we have at TSM and how these can encourage us to be kind to everyone we come across, not just our friends.

Wednesday - We had in-class collective worship that focused on random acts of kindness. In Year 6, we watched a video on the impact of kindness and how this can spread. We spoke about a bee pollinating flowers and how we can act like this and spread kindness to others.

Headteacher Summary

I thoroughly enjoyed working with our kindness ambassadors this week. It was lovely to see the group eagerly working together to create a display for the hall to promote kindness.

Thank you for coming to the Parent Consultation Meetings this week. If you were not able to come or you would like a follow up meeting then please contact the school office to make arrangements for this.

Children in Year 6 have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the leaver's hoodies. The hoodies were handed out this morning by Marie, the Chair of FOTSMS. FOTSMS kindly subsidise the cost of the hoodies -thank you very much FOTSMS. Year 6 can enjoy wearing their hoodies on PE days.

I thought I would finish this half term by sharing an Autumn poem with you all.



I hope you all have a great half term break.

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	
24 th October 2025	Inset Day
27 th October – 31 st October 2025	Half Term
3 rd November 2025	Inset Day
4 th November 2025	FOTSMS Xmas4schools Artwork Deadline
4 th November 2025	New to Reception 2026 Open Afternoon & Evening
4 th November 2025	Year 6 Sports Ambassador Training – WDF
4 th – 6 th November 2025	FOTSMS Clothing Collection
4 th November – 10 th November 2025	Remembrance Week
6 th November 2025	Crocus Planting – Tigers, Rabbits & RotaKids
10 th November 2025	Y6 NHS Resilience Workshop
12 th November 2025	RotaKids Community Planting Event
14 th November 2025	Children in Need Day
18 th November 2025	Eagle & Axolotl St Osyths Priory Trip
20 th November 2025	Walk to School Assembly
22 nd November 2025	SWF Christmas Fayre
27 th November 2025	FOTSMS Disco
28 th November 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Cup Stacking
2 nd December 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Year 3 Home Safety
9 th December 2025	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
22 nd December 2025 – 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term	
5 th January 2026	Inset Day
19 th January 2026	Road Safety – Reception, Year 1 & Year 5
2 nd – 6 th February 2026	TSM & National Story Telling Week
10 th February 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Year 6 Respect Session
12 th February 2026	Year 5 & 6 Gambling Workshop
16 th – 20 th February 2026	Half Term



 TRAVELLING BOOKS



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

Your child will be sent home with a Wish List this week. 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 and simply selecting our school from the drop down menu (**cash payments will not be accepted**). The deadline for receiving online orders is **Thursday 23rd 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
- **Step Two** email 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.

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



Did you know...

that a packed lunch of the same nutritional value as a hot school meal is on average...

***90% MORE EXPENSIVE PER WEEK?**

Research conducted by School Health UK shows that even in the cheapest supermarket such as Aldi, a packed lunch is approx **£8 per week more expensive. Adding £312 extra per year** onto your shopping bill.

"Lily comes home everyday happy and satisfied with her lunch saying 'It was so delicious I wanted to go back for more!'"

- Happy Parent



You can find more information on our website www.dolce.co.uk
Find us on: @Dolces_Catering @dolce_schools_catering

*Source: School Health UK.



Chelmsford

Foodbank

Together with Trussell

CERTIFICATE

OF APPRECIATION

This is to certify that :

TRINITY ST MARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

HAS DONATED THE AMAZING TOTAL OF

65 KG

OF FOOD TO OUR HARVEST COLLECTION 2025



Thank you