



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



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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.

### Lunchtime Cup

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

### House Points

Fenn	73
Shaw	109
Tabrums	130
Marsh	75



### Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Humite – Max**

**Emerald – Charlie**

**Amber – Ezra**

**Ruby – Erin**

**Topaz – Scarlett**

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.

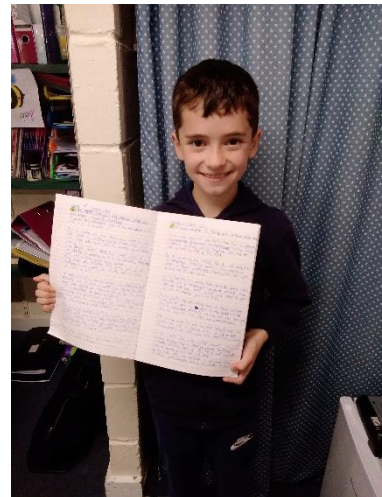
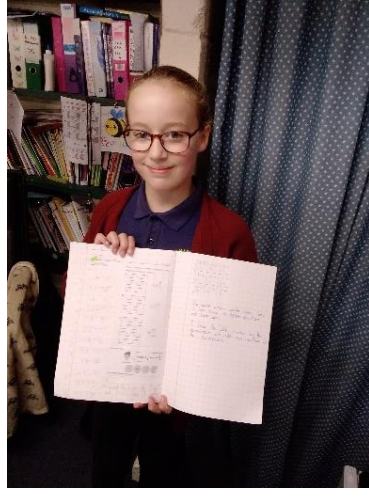
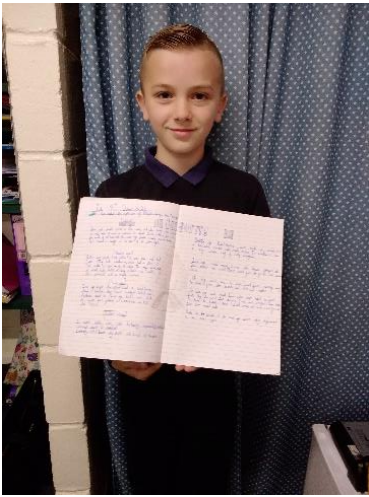
This week we share an insight into Humite class.

### Humite Class Summary

What a busy week in Humite class!

In maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions. We used bar models to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and created our own success criteria to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions.

We began to think about all the features of an effective newspaper report in English this week. We explored the differences between a tabloid and broadsheet, discussed the effect technology has on newspaper production, had debates about fact vs opinions, and polished up our skills on using inverted commas to quote others.



For our 'Stone Age to the Iron Age' topic in history, we explored Hillforts. We analysed different historical artefacts that gives us knowledge into how prehistoric humans from the Iron Age lived.

In PSHE, we had a valuable class discussion about managing our emotions. We explored the fight, flight, and freeze responses, talking about when each might be useful, when they can be unhelpful, and what we should do in different scenarios. We realised that learning to regulate our emotions not only leads to a happier, more peaceful life but also contributes to a positive working environment, allowing us to focus and work more effectively.

On Friday Humite took part in 'capture the flag' with Essex Kids Camp. We had so much fun and enjoyed exciting competition games!



"My favourite part of this week was 'capture the flag' because we got to play in teams" – **Billy**.

"I really enjoyed learning about fractions, I feel more confident with mixed numbers" - **Bethan**.

## Year 6 Bikeability Group 1

Well done to **Bethan, Eloise, Kaiden, Lenny-Ray, Maddie, Mia-Rose, Max, Seb, Thomas Bh, Thomas Bou** and **Zoe** who all completed their Level 1 & 2 Bikeability course this week. Well done to every child. It was so nice to hear positive feedback again from the instructors. They all did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves!

Well done!



## 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 from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 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

This week in collective worship, we explored the deeper meanings of the Lord's Prayer and its importance to Christians. We learned how it helps us connect with God, offering guidance and comfort. Each part of the prayer teaches valuable lessons about forgiveness, gratitude, and compassion, which we can apply to our daily lives at school. In class we reflected on this even more and discussed what it means to us personally. By reflecting on the Lord's Prayer, we saw how it encourages us to be kinder and more understanding towards one another. Spiritually, it reminds us to trust in something greater, helping us grow in faith and in our sense of community.

This links to our school motto, because if we come together and love and trust in God, we can have a happier, peaceful work space.

**By Worship Warriors Billy and Grace.**

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported us with our Tesco Stronger Start grant which ran during the summer. We came second place which meant we received a £1000 donation for our well-being snug. These are some of the new resources that we have been able to purchase for the room. Thank you!



## Parent Consultation Meetings – Booking Live

The system is now live to book a Parents Consultation Meeting and this booking system will remain open until 24 hours prior to the start day/time of the consultations.

If you require any assistance with the booking then please contact the school office.

Parents login: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/tsmcofe>

**Please note, any teacher led extra-curricular clubs will not be running week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, except Mr Radley's football club which will be on as normal.**

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Emerald** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.31%**.

Whole school attendance is **96.93%**.

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.

## Help



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.

## **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.

### **Coats**

We would like to stress the importance of pupils wearing the appropriate outerwear. As the weather is now changing and days are getting colder/wetter, please ensure that the children are coming into school with suitable coats to keep them warm and dry. **Please be aware, if as a parent/carer you are choosing not to send your child in with a coat that is fine, however we are unable to provide a spare.** Thank you.

### **Tights Donations**

We are running particularly low of girl's spare tights so if you are having a clear out, please keep us in mind, we do appreciate everything that we are given, thank you in advance.

### **Lost Property**

Once again, we have a large number of unclaimed/unnamed items in the lost property box. In the first instance please can you make sure your child's belongings are named, preferably not in biro but something long lasting. If the items are not claimed by the end of half term they will be passed on. Please feel free to come and have a look in the box which is located in the main entrance.

## Letters Emailed Home

Year 6 Mobile Phones

Choir Christmas Events

Missing Clothing Items – Emerald Class

Poppy Appeal 2024

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies Reminder

End Polio Now Campaign – Crocus Planting - RotaKids & Topaz Class

Duxford Museum – Ruby Class

## Headteacher Summary

It has been wonderful to see the children engaged in their learning in the classrooms. I have seen a fantastic maths lesson in Ruby class as well as the children in Humite class progress in the understanding in fraction work. Children in Emerald class were keen to show their works on hieroglyphics and also their creative work using mudrock.



Musical Mondays have continued this year after the success of last year. Children were inspired by the range of musical instruments that they played such as African drums and guitar. Children participated by copying the beat. Musical Mondays will continue throughout the year.

It is also fantastic that we are continuing to work with Essex Kids Camp and 'Captain North' again this year. Children that I have spoken to have thoroughly enjoyed participating in capture the flag or parachute games today.

Last night we welcomed prospective parents to our school. Thank you to Mrs Allan, Mrs Munro and Mrs Graham who led tours. I would like to thank Zoe and Laurel, our Head Pupils, who joined us last night also. Prospective families from last night and previous tours this week could not praise the girls enough. Well done Laurel and Zoe! Thank you very much to members of our FOTSMS team who provided refreshments and spoke highly of the school. I truly do appreciate all of your efforts.

Have a wonderful 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	
21 <sup>st</sup> October – 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Travelling Book Fair
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Firework Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024	TSM Head Pupils visit Barrow Farm
22 <sup>nd</sup> October – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Rotary Crocus Planting – Topaz & RotaKids
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
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



## 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.

## 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – DEADLINE – Christmas Cards

Don't forget to get your Xmas4Schools design into school by FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER if you wish for your design to be turned into Christmas cards / gift tags / mugs etc.



## FOTSMS AGM – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October



The FOTSMS AGM will be on Monday evening at 7pm in the school hall.

If you wish to come along to become a member of the team or join the committee please feel free. We will hold our October meeting after the AGM.

If you would like to join the committee the roles are as follows:

Chair  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer

## 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.

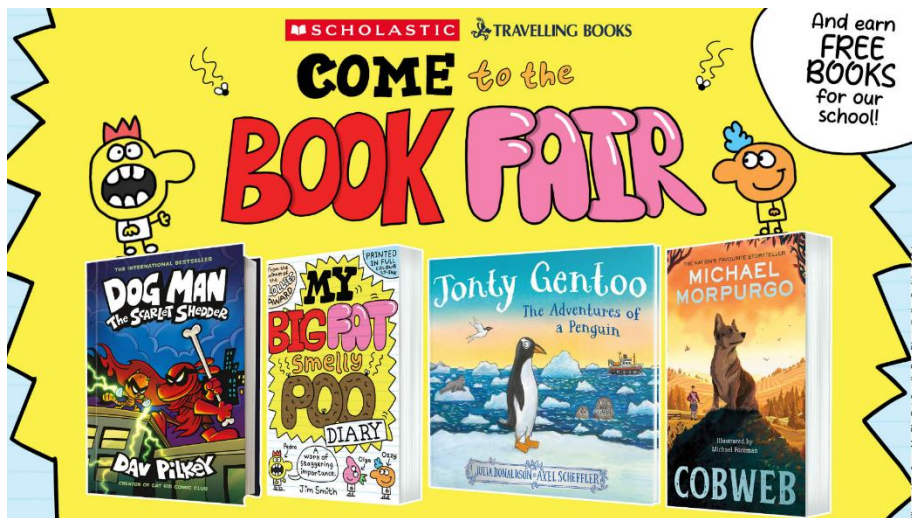
Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



### 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	£4.50 pre-booked on ParentPay or £5.00 cash on the door. <b>DEADLINE to pay online is 5pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.</b>  KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm (KS1 can get changed in their classroom) KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm
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.  Why we have chosen a panto to come to school: <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.

**Travelling Book Fair**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**



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 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm** to ensure all orders can be fulfilled before half term.

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 on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. If the details are not sent to Travelling Books in time, the order may be delayed.**

# Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** COMPETITION



EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL!

## Calling all young writers

Let your imagination run wild, and get creative with the written word by taking part in the the annual Rotary Young Writer competition. (Up to the age of 17)

For more information contact:  
Paul: [swfrotarycompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:swfrotarycompetitions@gmail.com)  
South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club

Download the competition information pack at: [rotarygbi.org](http://rotarygbi.org)

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# Rotary **YOUNG ARTIST** COMPETITION



A PICTURE TELLS A THOUSAND WORDS!

## Calling all young artists

Express yourself and share your creative talents by taking part in the annual Rotary Young Artist competition. (Up to the age of 17)

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# Rotary **YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER** COMPETITION



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## Calling all young photographers

Express yourself by putting your photography skills to the test at the annual Rotary Young Photographer competition. (Up to the age of 17)

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