



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 11th 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: **Kieran, Louis** in **Topaz**, **Archie, Maddie** in **Ruby**, **Molly, Otis, Ted** in **Amber**, **Gabriele** in **Emerald**, **Oliver, Zoe** in Humite.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the winning ticket for the cup is **Esmai** in **Emerald** Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	65
Shaw	88
Tabrums	84
Marsh	64



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Zoe

Emerald – Faye

Amber – Otis

Ruby – Tori

Topaz – Harlee

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.

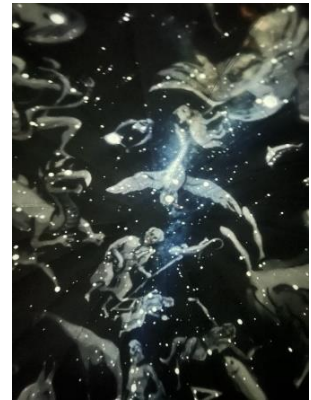
This week we share an insight into Topaz class.

Topaz class – Adventures in Space!

Wow, what a fabulous time we've had celebrating our Space Week! It has been really busy, but the children have thrown themselves into their learning with the most amazing attitudes.

On Monday, we learned all about how to write a Japanese Haiku poem. The children worked together to create a word bank of descriptive space themed words. Using these words for inspiration, the children created their own space Haiku and then performed them, demonstrating how to clap out the 5-7-5 syllables format. If this wasn't amazing enough, the children also developed their art skills by creating beautiful galaxies using pastels and chinks and blending techniques to mount their Haiku poems on. The end results were really atmospheric! Well done team!

On Tuesday, the class became intrepid space explorers as they embarked on a very exciting journey visiting the Space Dome. All the children were captivated listening to 'Spaceman' talk about the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, the stars and constellations, the cycle of the moon and all about asteroids, whilst watching the spectacular light projections. I was very proud of the thoughtful questions the children asked. It was a great experience and everyone had fun.



Following our trip to space, some of the children from Year One showed off their history skills by sharing research they had carried out for homework about some truly fascinating astronauts.

They then used this research to create a fact file about their significant person from history. I

was absolutely fascinated listening to the children share their research. I loved learning something new from all of the children, but I was especially impressed listening to one of our little historians speak proudly about when their daddy met Tim Peake (wow!) and when another brilliant little historian taught me about the watch Neil Armstrong wore to the moon! (it was an Omega Speedmaster Professional, just so you know!)



As if the day wasn't busy enough, the children then put their scientific investigation skills to the test by carrying out experiments into how moon craters are formed. Using a range of different sized objects, the children made predictions about the impact they thought each one would have to the surface of their replica moon. Their predictions were then put to the test, with the size of the object and the size of the crater it created being recorded. It was a good job that our little scientists carried out their experiments in our outside classroom, as the impact of some of the objects was quite big!



On Wednesday the children continued developing their scientific knowledge by finding out about how light travels. They discussed different light sources, both natural and manmade and what light can travel through. All the staff were impressed with how the children talked about how different materials affects how light travels and how they tried to apply their new vocabulary; opaque, transparent and translucent. The children then made their own brightly colour space themed suncatchers and observed how they looked in different light sources.



On Thursday, the children learned all about forces. Through various activities, the children learnt that forces are pushes or pulls that act on objects in a particular direction and how forces can't be seen, but their effects can be. As a class, we talked about how when an object changes its movement or shape, a force is acting on it. Using this new knowledge, the children then made their own rockets and then launched them. Can you guess what force the children used to do this? The photos might give you a clue!



As well as enjoying space dress up day, the children rounded off the week demonstrating their super Design and Technology skills learning about mechanisms. The children had to think about a range of questions including; what is a mechanism? How does a mechanism work? Where might mechanisms be used and can products have more than one mechanism! There was a lot to think about and discuss. Using their knowledge, the children then made their own space themed Design and Technology pictures including a sliding mechanism. It was brilliant to see how the children used their levers to make astronauts bounce and rockets launch.

Throughout the week, the children have also developed their own space themed work and play focus. The classroom has been filled with funky alien designs, space puppets, Lego space stations and vehicles, space phonics, astronaut training camps and alien rescue missions, to name but a few! Phew, what a busy classroom!





It has been so much fun working with the children this week. Their enthusiasm and high-quality work have literally been **'out of this world'**! Well done **Topaz** class, I am really proud of all of you!



Space Week – Travelling around TSM

Humite

This week in Humite class we have been very busy for Space Week! We immersed ourselves into the role of astronauts and scientists. We explored how mass and gravity affects the asteroid collisions, which form craters on the moon.

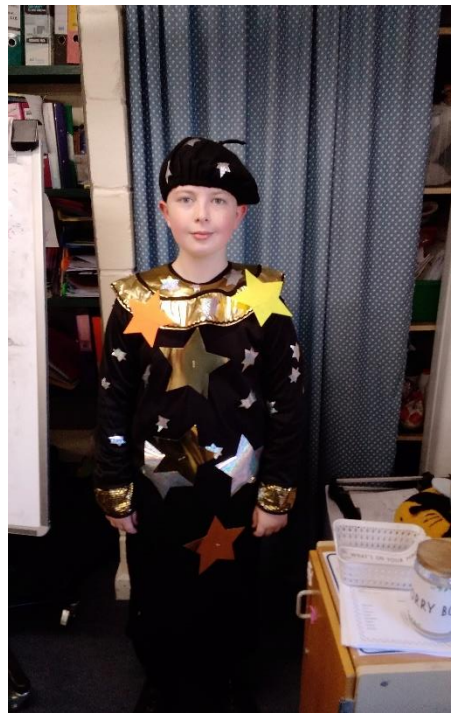
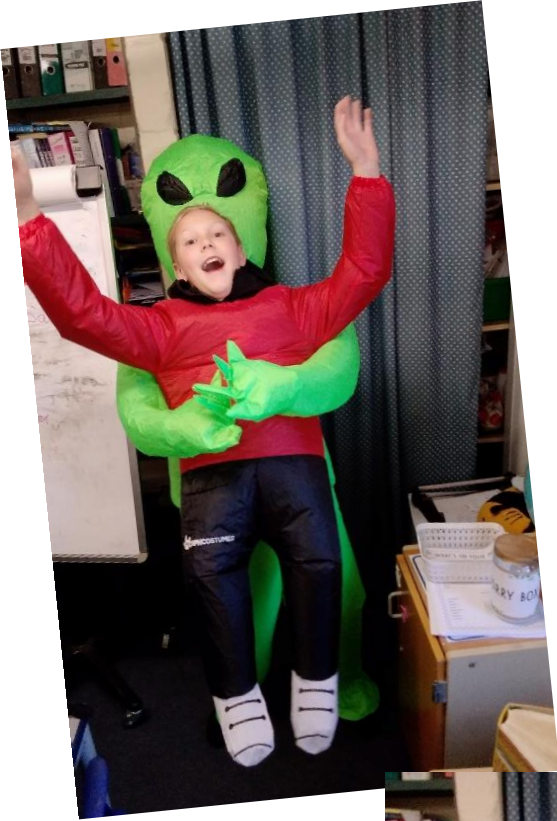
We also investigated our ever-changing solar system – exploring the different aspects of each planet and their role in space. We created our own star constellations using star graphing.

We discussed the side effects of being an astronaut and learned what they do day to day on space crafts. We were lucky enough to visit a planetarium too! Inside, we learnt so many space facts and saw incredible visuals that put the vastness of space into perspective.

We had a very interesting, busy, exciting week and learnt so much!







Emerald

In Emerald class this week to celebrate Space Week, we have made some wonderful pieces of work, and I was amazed at some of their knowledge of space.

On Monday the children researched some amazing facts about the planets then created some super fact files. In the afternoon they collaboratively worked together to make a 3D solar system picture and added the information that had been found out in their work.

On Tuesday we visited the space Planetarium and learnt some amazing things. We also had a really informative webinar about helping to clean up space and the children created some wonderfully creative designs that could be used.

On Wednesday our theme was gravity so we carried out some investigations to see how the planets stay in space using a bowl and a marble, then used different objects around the classroom to make predictions and test out our hypotheses on what would happen when we dropped them from a different height.

On Thursday our theme was space travel, and we made some super balloon powered moon rovers and tested them out. Not all of them worked but we spoke about how that is what scientists come across and that is how science evolves.

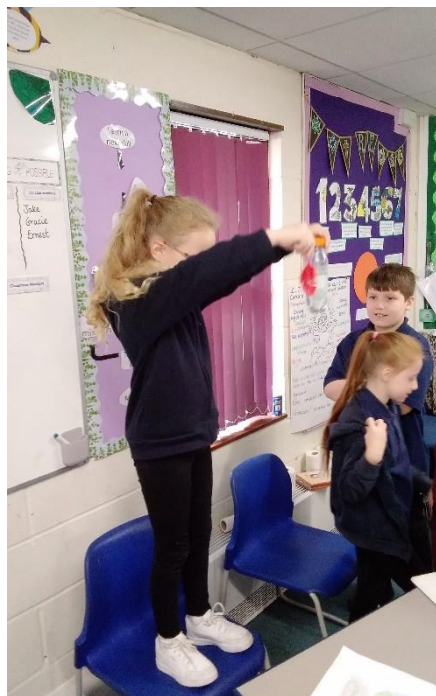
On Friday we created some wonderful space-based pictures using Peter Thorpe as inspiration for our work as well as learning about the physical and mental resilience needed by astronauts in order to survive in space.

I loved the portable planetarium as I got to see some amazing images from space. - **Gabriele**

I have enjoyed space week this week and have loved learning about the different planets. -
Gracie

I liked creating a space timeline of how space travel has evolved over the years. - **Connor**

I have enjoyed using the marble and bowl to investigate how the planets stay in orbit. - **Scarlett**



Amber

In Amber class this week for Space Week we have looked at the scientist Nicolaus Copernicus. We have also made star constellations using our own name. On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have the planetarium visit, where lots of the children asked fantastic questions. We also had a clean-up space workshop where we designed our own machines on how to clean up rubbish in space and what happens with that rubbish afterwards. On Thursday the children wrote some amazing space stories using lots of descriptive language. In the afternoon we made space rockets using a range of materials to make the wings, base and the fire. We were particularly impressed with the different designs they came up with for their rocket. On Friday we made a diary entry for life in space and explored how space astronauts live.



Ruby

This week in Ruby class, we've been celebrating Space Week with some exciting activities! The children explored the solar system, learning about the sun and the planets that orbit around it.

We even created our own model of the planets using papier-mâché! Later in the week, we turned our attention to the stars, learning about constellations and recreating some of them with spaghetti and marshmallows. The children also learned a new word "force" and discovered how gravity, a pulling force, keeps us on Earth. It's been an out-of-this-world week!



RotaKids Committee 2024-2025

A big thank you to all the children who expressed an interest in joining RotaKids this year, we have had a huge response of children wanting to join, meaning on this occasion, names had to be pulled from a hat.

Please welcome this year's TSM RotaKid members:

Eleni, Elliott, Isla, Maddie, Nancy, Nelle, Oscar C, Oscar D, Penny, Tori in **Ruby**

Blanca, Charlie T, Evelyn P, Ezra, Jessica, Matilda, Molly, Sienna, Zachary in **Amber**

Emelia M, Emelia S, Esmail, Ferdinand, Grace, Gracie, Neve in **Emerald**

Ava C, Bethan, Elsie-Mae, Kaiden, Kallianne, Laurel, Lucas, Maddie B, Maddie W, Mia-Rose, Oliver, Ophelia, Sophia, Theo, Thomas Bh, Thomas Bu in **Humite**



Collective Worship

This week our theme for collective worship was the lord's prayer. We focused on what the lord's prayer means to us on a deeper level. We learnt about the kingdom of God and how God has created our Earth for peace and love. The lord's prayer is something we use to guide us every day and bring us closer to God.

The lord's prayer fits with our vision because it helps us all have a strong foundation in our lives and school work. It teaches us to love and appreciate each other and this is very important at Trinity St Marys.

It was also our harvest service! Worship Warriors led a collective worship about giving thanks to God for all the foods we eat, and to farmers who help grow our crops.

This week has helped us grow closer to God because we remember to never take his love and power for granted. It has shown us that we should show love to each other just like God loves us.

By Worship Warriors Billy and Eloise.

TSM Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 8th October, TSM went to a netball tournament at William de Ferrers.

We played against Woodville, St Josephs and Elmwood, they each had two teams.

We hope we can enter a second team too. If any children would like to join please speak to Miss Frith.

We won one, drew one and lost four.

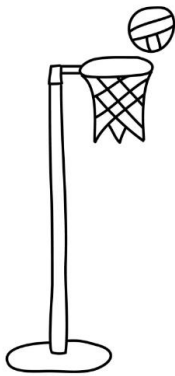
There were seven rounds and seven teams.

We played stingers aka high five.

The tournament was one of three.

By **Mia** and **Thomas Bh** in Humite.

Well done team!



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 21st October 2024, except Mr Radley's football club which will be on as normal.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.74%**.

Whole school attendance is **96.51%**.

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.

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

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024.

Applications can be made online via 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.

Carmel Jane

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on the 15th of October 2024, to take the Individual & Sibling Photos.

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: JRNVU64JV3
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Parents who pre-register will receive an exclusive 10% discount code for digital prints! This will be sent via email by Carmel Jane Photography once the photos are ready.

Don't miss out - pre-register today!

The Essex Local Offer Roadshows for all Schools

The [Essex Local Offer Roadshows](#) are back! The SEND Navigation Team, alongside representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, Health, Education, Social Care and other organisations will be hosting four roadshows in October and November 2024 (one in each quadrant area). This is a chance for parents/carers/families to attend and ask any questions about special educational needs and disabilities.

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

RotaKids Committee 2024-2025 Members
Choir

Headteacher Summary

What a brilliant week it has been celebrating 'Space Week'. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the vast range of work that the children have been producing. I have seen the children making vehicles and planets in class and it has been wonderful to see the children when they have brought their work to show me. The children have been speaking with such enthusiasm when explaining their work to me, speaking about work such as their space stories, poems, fact files and diary entries.



Children and staff were clearly very impressed with the planetarium, telling me what a wonderful experience it was. I entered the dome myself when Year 3 and 4 were starting their sessions and the atmosphere was fantastic.

It has been great to conclude the week with a space themed dressing up day and share work in our celebration assembly this afternoon. Thank you for supporting this week and providing amazing costumes. Thank you also to the teachers who have given the children a range of spaced themed activities. I hope the children have made lots of fond memories from the week.

At TSM we pride ourselves on our caring Christian ethos which allows us to support all of our families and our school community.

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	
15 th October 2024	Carmel Jane Individual & Sibling Photos (uniform required)
17 th October 2024	New to Reception 2025 Tour
18 th October 2024	Essex Kids Camp Day
17 th October – 18 th October 2024	Bikeability Group 1
21 st October – 25 th October 2024	Travelling Book Fair
21 st October 2024	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Firework Assembly
22 nd October 2024	TSM Head Pupils visit Barrow Farm
22 nd October – 23 rd October 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings
23 rd October 2024	Rotary Crocus Planting
28 th October – 1 st November 2024	Half Term
4 th November 2024	Inset Day
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
2 nd December – 6 th December 2024	Santa Dash Week
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
13 th December 2024	Choir Event @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December 2024	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm
23 rd December – 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holidays
6 th January 2025	Inset Day
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
2 nd April – 4 th April 2025	Year 6 Residential



Clothing Collection 5th - 7th November

The clothing collection will run from 8.30am Tuesday 5th November to 8.30am Thursday 7th November. Bags will be sent home with your children, but you can use bin bags, or shopping bags so long as the items are bagged and secure.



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

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition.

25th October – DEADLINE – Christmas Cards

Don't forget to get your Xmas 4 Schools design into school by FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER if you wish for your design to be turned into Christmas cards / gift tags / mugs etc.



Days out in Autumn



We have reduced our Adventure Island tickets to **£12.00** and they are valid until 31st December.

Sealife tickets £6 and Adventure Golf £4.50, all valid until 31st December 2024.



Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

Thursday 17th October	2025 Open Evening	New parents – Reception intake 2025 Tours.
25 th October	DEADLINE for Xmas 4 Schools	Parents to return artwork to school by: 25th October. (Friday before half term).
5 th - 7 th November	Clothing Collection	We will send bags home with the children and accept good condition clothes, shoes, coats etc.
29 th November		Christmas decorations go up in school.
5th 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!
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.



Many hearts make a school



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School Reception 2025 Open Days

We welcome prospective parents for the September 2025 intake to come and view our school on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 6.00pm. Children are welcome to come along.

Booking is not required to attend but if you are unable to attend and would like to book an individual or small group tour please contact the school office.

During your visit you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet our Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Governors
- Take a tour of our classrooms and outside areas

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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
South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club

Download the competition information pack at: 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



CLICK!

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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