



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 7th November 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.



Lunchtime Cup

This week the Lunchtime Cup is awarded to Hedgehog class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	25
Shaw	11
Tabrums	9
Marsh	39



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Grace

Eagle – Zachary

Axolotl – Gracie B

Rabbit – Lottie

Tiger – Wynnie-Dean

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.

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 and they will be able to purchase their items from our Head Pupils/Official Helpers, one last time on Monday afternoon.

Rotary End Polio Now Campaign

On Thursday, RotaKids were crocus planting hoping to aid the epilogue of polio. The older children, including our President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, were helping out the younger children from KS1, whose first time it was taking part in this campaign. We were accompanied by the Rotarians, who kindly helped the children. All of the children, both young and old enjoyed this experience.

The reason for this campaign is many children in Asia are affected by the disease known as polio and can get very ill. Our aim is to end polio once and for all. If no children are reported ill with polio this year we will be able to continue our campaign, and hopefully polio will exist no more.

Children have their left little finger dyed purple representing the vaccination to not get ill with polio. We plant purple crocuses to remind us that we are very lucky that the children in our country go unaffected by this disease.

The RotaKids that took part in this campaign would be extremely grateful for any donations made to aid this cause. The suggested donation would be £2.00, though if you are unable to do this we would be grateful for any. Be aware that this is for our campaign.

Please, look out for our next project The Tree of Joy; a Christmas event aiming to give presents to children who are unable to get their own. Please donate what you can, when you hear more of our project.

Theo, Ophelia & Oliver





On Friday 14th November 2025 we will once again be supporting Children in Need by having a non-uniform day, please wear something spotty and get involved. NO football kits, make-up or jewellery, please and hair must be tied back!

To make a suggested donation of £1.50, the item can be found on ParentPay. Thank you.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19580>

Attendance

Congratulations to **Tiger** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96.83%**. Whole school attendance is **93.54%**.

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.

Sports Leader Training WDF

On Tuesday we went to William de Ferrers to learn about sport leadership. There were schools from South Woodham, Woodham and Wickford. At around 9.20am we started watching a video on the best performances at the Paris Olympics. After we discussed about good leaders and how to be a good leader.

First, we were split up into groups based on a bit of colour. We played games on communication and then we got split up in two even groups and then we played handball. After that we created our games. Then we played each other's games and went inside. Later we drew our games and had our snack and then we had a talk about the booklet. Then we went back outside and created more games for little children to play at lunchtime or breaktime. We had a very good morning!

Keaton and Sasen

General Reminders

Christmas Church Bazaar

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 - bottles or unwanted gifts. We kindly ask that all donations are made by Monday 17th November. Your support is very much appreciated.

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for all your support with the Book Fair last term, it is always appreciated. Unfortunately, we were just shy of gaining any rewards! Thank you again though and happy reading!

Letters Emailed Home

P.E. Days
Reception, Year 1, 2 & RotaKids – End Polio Now Campaign
Reception, Year 1 & 2 Nativity Information for Parents

Collective Worship

On Tuesday, we learnt about All Saint's Day with Miss Hoy. All Saint's Day is a celebration of men and women who were faithful to God. We played a game to guess which saint was on the screen through hidden clues - this included St. Valentine, St. Patrick, St. David and many more.

Open The Book led Collective Worship on Wednesday, and they told the story of the Widow's mite. Some of us helped to re-enact the story and it was nice to see the story as though it was happening. It taught us that giving all that we can is enough, even if this is smaller than others. We also sang a song together called 'Love is something if you give it away'.

On Thursday, Miss Frith looked at how people have become saints and focused on St. Peter. We learnt that we should always believe in ourselves, be humble, and we do not need money to be special because who we are is enough.

Happy School Bag Collection



Thank you to everyone who donated clothes etc for our clothing collection, we raised **£63.45**.

Headteacher Summary

What a fantastic week we have had! It was wonderful to see many new and existing families come along to our New to Reception 2026 Open Afternoon & Evening. If you know of other families that would be interested in coming to our school then please tell them to contact the school and arrange a tour.

Our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors thoroughly enjoyed their first training session and event at WDF. Thank you to our new sports ambassadors who are very eager; **Thomas H, Luke, Sasen, Fearn, Preston, Emily, Keaton & Faye**. I am so proud of them all for representing our school so well. Thank you to Mrs Simmons who accompanied the children to this event.

Thank you to Mrs Allan and the South Woodham Ferrers Rotarians for organising another fantastic session to support the End Polio Campaign. Children from Tigers, Rabbits (Year 2) & RotaKids supported this campaign by planting crocus'.

We have been celebrating Remembrance Week. This is the first time that we have held this event. During this week all of the children have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and leading up to producing a class display for outside our school. You can start to see the display come to together at the front of our school. Thank you to our teachers who have planned for this event and worked together to create a display for this occasion.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our TAG Rugby team who competed at WDF this week. Miss Hume and Miss Morrison-Nicol were keen to tell me how proud they were of the team. Well done for taking up the challenge and for giving a tremendous effort at this event; **Maxwell, Ayan, Hareem, Neve, Preston, Emi, Ernest, Emily, Ferdinand & Otis**. One of the boys from Hedgehogs even got scouted by Woodham rugby club!

Have a great weekend.

Miss Hoy



TSM Christmas Events - Save the date!

Choir @ Town Council Christmas Fayre – Saturday 22nd November

Christmas Craft Morning – Tuesday 25th November

TBC - Choir @ Tylers Ride – Wednesday 3rd December

Whole School Panto - Treasure Island, children only – Friday 5th December

Rocksteady Christmas Concert – Tuesday 9th December
Parents/carers of band members only are invited in for a 10.30am start.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Thursday 11th December

Carols by Candlelight in the church – Thursday 11th December

KS2 Christmas Performance – Monday 15th December
2pm & 6.30pm Performances in the church. 2 tickets per family available per performance.

Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance – Tuesday 16th December
2pm & 6.30pm Performances in the hall. 2 tickets per family available per performance.



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	
4 th November – 10 th November 2025	Remembrance Week
10 th November 2025	Y6 NHS Resilience Workshop
11 th November 2025	Eagle Class Hockey 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
25 th November 2025	Christmas Craft Morning
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
5 th December 2025	Whole School Panto
9 th December 2025	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
11 th December 2025	Christmas Lunch
11 th December 2025	Carols by Candlelight
15 th December 2025	KS2 Christmas Performance
16 th December 2025	Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance
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
4 th February 2026	Author Visit
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

Chaplins Gold

Pantos
presents



SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
TOWN COUNCIL

A cast of 5
fabulous performers!

Dick Whittington

The Children's Pantomime!

"Absolutely
Brilliant!"



19 DECEMBER 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

CHILD: £5 | ADULT: £10 | FAMILY £25

WILLIAM DE FERRERS SCHOOL

BOOKINGS: WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/SOUTHWOODHAMFERRERSTC



SWF Library News

🧠 ✨ Exciting news for art lovers of all ages! South Woodham Ferrers Library is hosting a Christmas Advent Calendar Artwork Competition! 🎄 ✍️

🌟 Create a masterpiece no larger than A4 landscape and submit it to the library by Saturday, November 22nd! 📺 🌿

Our independent judges will select 24 pieces to brighten up our library! Let's make this season extra special—get your art in and share the joy! 📅

