



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



Friday 4<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.

### 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: **Darcey, Elynn, Frankie, Riley, Sofia** in **Topaz**, **Finley, Gracie, Megan** in **Ruby**, **Hattie, Jesse** in **Amber**, **Bobby, Esmail** in **Emerald**, **Ava C, Jack and Paxton** in **Humite**.

### Lunchtime Cup

This week the winning ticket for the cup is **Jack** in **Ruby** Class. Well done!

### House Points

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| <b>Fenn</b>    | 54  |
| <b>Shaw</b>    | 69  |
| <b>Tabrums</b> | 105 |
| <b>Marsh</b>   | 44  |



## Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Humite – Bethan**

**Emerald – Fearne**

**Amber – Isla-May**

**Ruby – Oscar D**

**Topaz – Frankie**

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 Ruby Class.

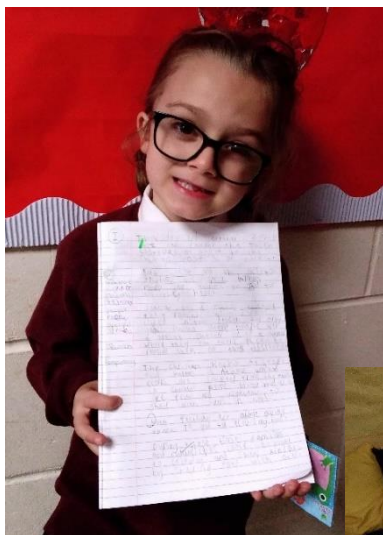
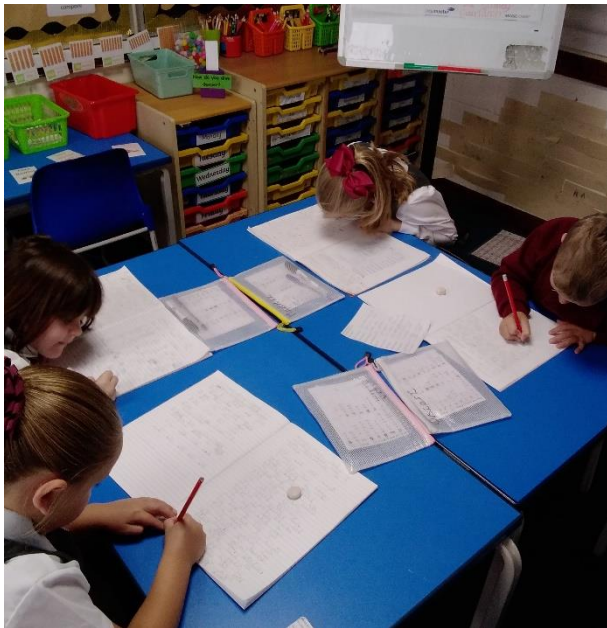
### Class, Ruby Summary

This week in Ruby Class, the children have been writing their own innovative stories based on *Jack and the Beanstalk*. They carefully planned their stories, focusing on using descriptive adjectives and ensuring a clear narrative.

In Science, we have been monitoring our plant experiment. The children were surprised to see that the plant with no sunlight became very pale and long! We discovered that plants need sunlight to survive, and when they don't receive enough light, they grow taller to try and reach it.



In RE, we explored the Jewish festival of Sukkot and compared it to the Christian harvest festival, discussing the similarities and differences. The children also shared what they are thankful for in their own lives, reflecting on the importance of gratitude.



In Art, we have been studying symmetry in nature. The children carefully observed real leaves, noting how one side mirrors the other. They then recreated the other half of a leaf using their observational drawing skills, paying close attention to detail, shape, and patterns. This activity helped them understand how symmetry appears in nature.



**Tori** "We have been using lots of adjectives to describe in our own stories."

**Megan** " We learnt that a plant needs light, water, warmth and soil to grow."

**Oscar C** "The plant in the cupboard was trying to reach for the sunlight, so it grew really tall. We learnt a new word 'photosynthesis'."

**Finley** "Sukkot is a Jewish harvest festival. They put up huts to remember how God protected the Israelites in the desert."

## TSM Walk to School WOW Launch



On Thursday we were very lucky to be visited by Zoe from Living Streets to launch the WOW walk to school challenge at TSM.

The children all learnt about how they can be part of this amazing initiative and earn super cool badges by participating in the scheme.

The attached parent letter and youtube link explains how the scheme works and why we have signed up to be part of the initiative.

We will be starting the scheme on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, and I am sure the children will look forward to recording their journey on their class WOW Travel Tracker. Our Eco-committee will be monitoring how well we are doing as a school and will hopefully be able to record the positive impact we are all having to reduce car usage and pollution around our school.

All the children are very enthusiastic about being part of such a brilliant scheme and hopefully all the grown-ups will be too!

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs. Allan and the Eco-committee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFYX4ft9-K8>

## NEW WOW SCHOOL



Dear parent/carer,

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

### What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

### What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off **at least ten minutes away** and walk the rest (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs.

If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email [walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk)

### What is a WOW badge?

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils' walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week.

WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to *Walk with Imagination*, with a selection of badges ranging from a Bird's Eye View to Road Surfing up for grabs.

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit:

[livingstreets.org.uk/recycling](https://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)

In the UK, last year, around 2,300 schools and over 600,000 pupils enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact

....., or find more information and useful videos at:  
[livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch](https://livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch)

**Let's swap those school runs for school walks.**

## Eco-Committee

We are very proud of all of the children who were part of the Eco-Committee in 2023-2024 and this week in our celebration assembly we showed the children the plaque we had received and handed out certificates to all of our members. All of the children worked very hard towards our Eco-Schools award and we are really pleased that not only were we awarded our green flag but it was awarded with distinction. Well done to all of our members as well as everyone else that took part in activities over the year and supported us in this achievement.



## Collective Worship

This week in collective worship we have been learning about gratitude and what it really means. We learned that gratitude is not just being thankful, but also showing our appreciation for the people and things we have around us. It is important that we show gratitude everyday because it makes a positive change to people's lives and makes our relationships stronger. We show gratitude to God everyday by appreciating what he does for us and our planet. We also feel gratitude for Jesus because we appreciate that he sacrificed himself for our sins.

This links to our school motto 'many hearts make a school' because we show love and appreciation to each other to make our school a happy place to learn and grow.

This week of collective worship has helped us grow spiritually and closer to God because we learnt how important it is to show appreciation to those close to us and people we do not know well. One small act of gratitude can go a long way and make someone else have a happy day.

**By Worship Warriors Paxton and Thomas Boh**

## WdF Sports Partnership Football

On Tuesday, children from Humite and Emerald (Harry, Billy, Thomas Bou, Thomas Bu, Theo, Seb S, Keaton and Ferdinand) travelled to William de Ferrers school to compete in multiple football matches against other schools in the local area. It was pouring down with rain! Despite this, they played incredibly well as a team – they really showed true determination, kindness and sportsmanship. The team scored a total of 3 goals! They displayed our Christian values throughout all matches and represented Trinity St Marys very well.

We are thrilled with their performance and they should be very proud of themselves!



## Parent Consultation Meetings – Booking

The system will go live on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 11.00** 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 **Topaz** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.23%**.

Whole school attendance is **95.49%**.

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](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.

## **Earrings**

We have noted over the past week that the number of children coming into school wearing earrings is increasing. Could we please remind all parents and carers that as part of our uniform policy and national guidelines, **NO** jewellery, including earrings should be worn to school. We would appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

## **Coats**

We would also like to stress the importance of pupils wearing the appropriate outerwear. As the weather is now changing and days are getting colder, please ensure that the children are coming into school with suitable coats to keep them warm and dry. Thank you.

## **School Shoes**

We have noticed that many pupils are wearing black trainers. It is important to us that pupils wear school shoes rather than trainers. Please adhere to our Uniform Policy, dark trainers are only acceptable on P.E. days.

## **Letters Emailed Home**

Bikeability Group 1 only

Parent Consultation Meetings

Christmas Church Bazaar

## Headteacher Summary

A key aim of the Diocese is to enable children – and their families – to flourish. That means equipping children with the emotional and academic skills and resources to help form their aspirations, and providing the support and nurture to set them on their way to achieving them. This is also the meaning behind our vision. I have seen many examples of children continuing to flourish this week. Not only have I seen examples of good work but also children and adults nominating others for a kindness sticker or well done sticker. Children have been proud of their achievements either academically or socially. I have heard children being polite and well mannered and ultimately being a good role model.

I would like to say thank you to **Laurel** in **Humite** and **William** in **Emerald** for being part of a kindness meeting this week. The meeting was led by 52 Lives and seven schools linked up virtually to share ideas about how we can continue to spread acts of kindness.

I am really looking forward to 'Space Week'. Teachers have been planning lessons around the theme of space and all children will be able to experience the planetarium which will be in the school hall on Tuesday morning. It is also the 'Year of Number' and children in Key Stage 2 will be participating in a 'Clean Up Space' digital challenge on Tuesday afternoon which will include mathematics. The week will conclude with a space themed dress up day on Friday.

Have a great 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  |   |
|--|---|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October – 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024    | Space Week  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                               | The Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                               | Harvest Festival (Pupils Only)<br>There will be no collection for Harvest but we will be running our Reverse Advent challenge next month. |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                              | Space Theme Dress Up Day  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                              | Carmel Jane Individual & Sibling Photos   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                              | New to Reception 2025 Tour  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                              | Essex Kids Camp Day   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October – 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024   | Bikeability Group 1   |
| 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<br>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  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024   | Half Term   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                              | Inset Day   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                             | War Memorial Visit @ St Mary's Church –<br>Emerald & Amber  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                             | SATS Info/Club Meeting for Year 6 Parents<br>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   |
| 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<br>Fire & Rescue Service   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                             | KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                             | Choir Event @ Holy Trinity Church   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                             | KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6.30pm  |
| 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<br>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  |



## FOTSMS Event Diary

|  |                                |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Thursday 17th<br>October                   | 2025 Open Evening              | New parents – Reception intake 2025 Tours.   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October                   | DEADLINE for<br>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.  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> 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"> <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<br>Christmassy  | Children can come into school wearing something Christmassy. A £1.00 donation can be made closer to the time via ParentPay.  |

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

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FROM CHILDREN'S Artwork**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, or our fabulous waffle textured tea towels and help the school at the same time!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

**£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!**

**Christmas Cards**

12x A6 Cards & Envelopes

**A3 Poster Calendars**

A3 Poster Calendar

**Tea Towels**

Soft, waffle textured tea towel

**Cards With No Message Inside**

12x A6 Cards & Envelopes

**Mugs**

1x Mug

**Gift Labels**

(Self Adhesive) 12x Labels



For prices please visit [www.xmas4schools.co.uk](http://www.xmas4schools.co.uk)

**Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to the school by the date printed - you will not need to place an order at this stage. Once we have received your form we will send you a text and an email containing your order link which you can follow to your child's ordering portal. From here, you can place your order and make payment.**

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## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

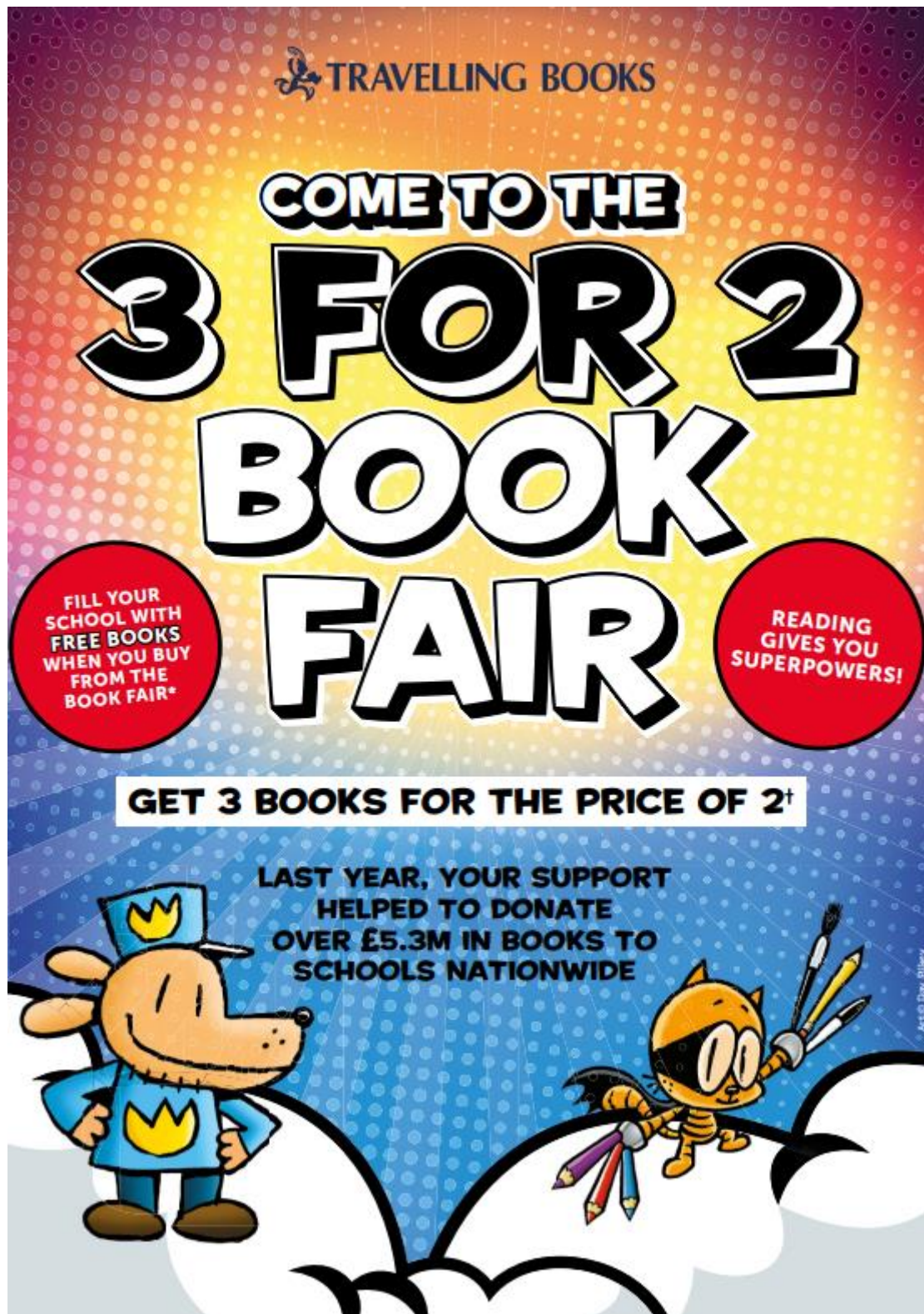
- Meet our Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Governors
- Take a tour of our classrooms and outside areas

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[admin@trinity-st-marys.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@trinity-st-marys.essex.sch.uk)



Coming Soon.....

21<sup>st</sup> October – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



A vibrant poster for a book fair. The background features a gradient from purple at the top to blue at the bottom, with a pattern of small white dots. At the top, the 'TRAVELLING BOOKS' logo is displayed. The main title 'COME TO THE 3 FOR 2 BOOK FAIR' is written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines. Two red circular callouts contain promotional text. A white banner below the title states 'GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2+'. Below this, text mentions that last year's support helped donate over £5.3M in books to schools. The bottom of the poster features two cartoon characters: a dog in a blue uniform and a cat superhero flying over clouds.

**TRAVELLING BOOKS**

**COME TO THE**  
**3 FOR 2**  
**BOOK**  
**FAIR**

**FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR\***

**READING GIVES YOU SUPERPOWERS!**

**GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2†**

**LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE**

Art © Dan Riley

# Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** COMPETITION



**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 PHOTOGRAPHER** COMPETITION



**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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