



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



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 **Sofia** in **Rabbit** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

### House Points

Fenn	27
Shaw	40
Tabrums	39
Marsh	24



## Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Hedgehog – Keaton**

**Eagle – Casey**

**Axolotl – Oscar C**

**Rabbit – Ellison**

**Tiger – Lea**

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 Eagle class.

### Eagle Class Summary

This week, Eagle class have thrown themselves into our new English topic on creating suspense and tension in narrative writing. We explored the emotions and experiences of the main character in our focus short film, which follows a young Viking through a dramatic battle and a chilling flashback involving a frost giant. To develop an eerie atmosphere in our setting descriptions, the children focused on using personification, prepositional phrases, and carefully chosen verbs and adjectives. They explored a range of synonyms to ensure their language was powerful and impactful.

In maths, we focused on checking our answers using different methods. The children practised estimating to decide whether answers were reasonable and used inverse operations to verify calculations. We revisited part-whole models to strengthen understanding of number relationships and fact families. Many pupils made fantastic progress in subtraction, confidently using key vocabulary such as *minuend* and *subtrahend* and applying their knowledge in problem-solving tasks.

In music, inspired by a piece by celebrated film composer Hans Zimmer, we explored how sound can stir emotions and create atmosphere. The class listened to the opening shimmer of the composition and experimented with creating their own shimmering textures, layering pitched and unpitched instruments, and using short melodic motifs. They then composed and performed their own short pieces, applying these techniques to evoke mood and emotion.



## Remembrance Day Service

On Sunday, our RotaKids President & Vice-President, attended the SWF Remembrance Day Service lead by Rev Jacqui. They listened carefully as she spoke about the bravery of members of the armed forces from our own community & they were very respectful throughout the Last Post and the two-minute silence. After the service, Theo & Molly then did an amazing job of representing TSM RotaKids by laying a poppy wreath at the Memorial stone. They were a credit to our school. Well done to you both.

It was also wonderful to see so many pupils from TSM represent a range of clubs including Rainbows, Beavers, Scouts and Guides. You all looked amazing in your uniforms & behaved beautifully. I was very proud of you all.

Many thanks to Rev Jacqui, the Rotarians & Mrs Graham for all your support. It was a very special morning.

Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs. Allan



## Remembrance Display



I am so proud of our children and staff for producing such an amazing Remembrance display.

This is the first time we have created an outdoor whole school display for this occasion and I am sure you will agree that that it is marvellous.

The display has certainly been a talking point amongst children, parents, staff, governors and members of the public.



## WDF Girls Football

Well done to **Neve, Jessica, Darcey, Emily, Hareem, Bella & Izzy** who took part in the Year 5 & 6 Girls Football event at William de Ferrers on Tuesday afternoon.



The Year 5 and 6 girls' football team played brilliantly in their tournament! They didn't score this time, but their teamwork, determination, and positive spirit were outstanding. Both Miss Mason and Miss Frith were so proud of how well they played together, and we can't wait to see them in action again—hopefully with even more goals next time!

On Tuesday some of the Year 6 and 5 girls went over to WDF pitch to play in the girl's football competition. There were lots of other schools from South Woodham there too! It started off as cold but we were lucky and it did warm up. We had lots of fun and each match we got closer and closer to scoring. We played as a very good, active team and came 5<sup>th</sup> overall but were happy to be there and enjoyed the feeling of scoring goals!

**Hareem and Izzy Year 6**

## RotaKids - Crocus planting party!

On Wednesday the RotaKids participated in their first community event. Working alongside Ranger Gary and the Rotarians, the children demonstrated their green fingered skills by planting over 30 rows of crocus bulbs. They worked hard all morning cutting the holes, adding the bulbs and replacing the turf. It was a really fun morning and hopefully next spring the crocuses will flower, creating a lovely display for everyone to enjoy.

The behaviour of all the children was excellent, they were a credit to our school. Well done to everyone involved.

Many thanks to Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Munro for helping us with the event.

Mrs. Allan



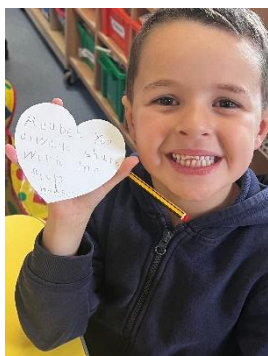


## World Kindness Day

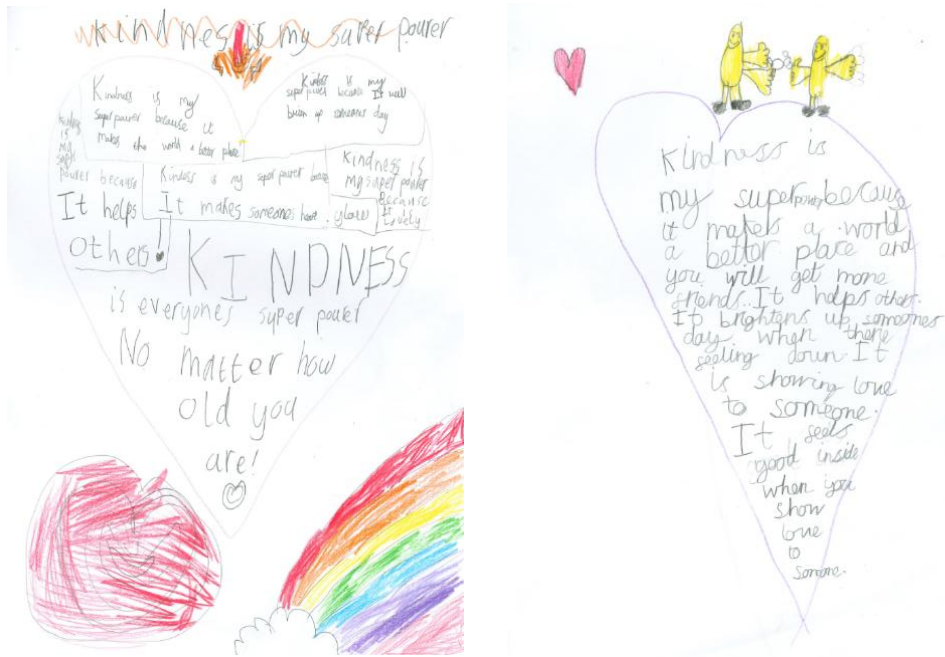
The children in Tiger class had a great time celebrating Kindness Day. They started by listening to the story 'Have you filled a bucket today' by Carol McCloud. This fun story has an important lesson that reminds us all that showing kindness and appreciation of others goes a long way to making the world a happier place for everyone, including ourselves.

After the story, the children made a whole class happiness bucket. They painted colourful hearts and stars to fill the bucket. Every child then chose another member of the class and wrote a kind comment about them. These simple little comments really did make everyone smile & feel happy, proving just how easy it is to spread kindness every day.

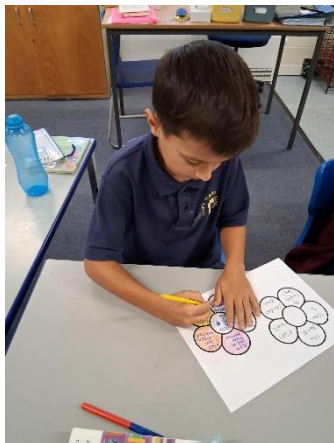
Well done Tiger class!



The children in Rabbit class enjoyed celebrating World Kindness Day. We read a story all about kindness and how it can change the world. The children worked together to discuss the best part of giving and receiving kindness. They then each had a go at drawing their own kindness heart and writing about their kindness superpower.



In Axolotl class we talked about what kindness is, why it is so important, as well as the benefits of being kind. In class, we spoke how when someone is unkind to us it can make us feel and how powerful words can be. They have the power to hurt people and to heal people. However, harmful words can't be unsaid and can leave creases that last a lifetime, just like the heart cut-out after it has been scrunched up and flattened out. We also spoke about the quote "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." We also looked at how we can support each other and build up each other with our kind words so we can have a world full of kindness!



## Children in Need

Thank you for all your support, we will share with you the total raised by our TSM families next week.

If you would still like to make a suggested donation of £1.50, the item can be found on ParentPay using the following link;

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



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **100%**. Whole school attendance is **95.92%**.

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**

### **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.

### **Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2026**

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 10 November 2025**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026 - even if your child already has a sibling at the school, you will need to apply.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

All of the application information is available on the website above.

### **Paper Wreath Making Free Event – Chelmsford**

<https://www.highchelmer.com/whats-on/paper-wreath-making-free-event/>

## **Letters Emailed Home**

FOTSMS Disco  
Year 6 Emotionally Resilience Workshop Leaflet  
Tigers Colchester Zoo Reindeer Experience  
Year 5 WDF Science Club  
Tiger Class Colchester Zoo – Gold Card Members  
TSM RotaKids Christmas Project  
Trip Information – Rabbit Class

## **Collective Worship**

On Monday, we looked at why we celebrate Remembrance Day and who we are celebrating. We looked at purple poppies that represent the animals lost during conflict, the white poppies for those who aimed for peace, red poppies for the armed forces, and black poppies for African and Caribbean victims of war. We use poppies as they were the first flowers to grow back on the battlefields.

On Tuesday, Miss Frith showed us a famous poem called Flanders Fields by John Cross. It gave us perspective on what life as a soldier was like. We also watched a video of a diary entry from a soldier that showed all of the hard work and upset that they went through. We also discussed how lots of different roles in the war protected us, not just soldiers.

On Wednesday, Miss Mason taught us about the patron saint of Italy called St Francis. He gave up all his money helping the poor, caring for animals and teaching about God. We spoke about how love is more important than money. It showed us that how we treat people is much more powerful than what we can give them.

On Thursday, we focused on 'Respecting Creation' we discussed ways in which we can respect God's creation of the world, including litter picking, recycling, donating, saving energy and many more. We were left with the question of what we can do this week to respect our planet.

### Headteacher Summary



It was World Kindness Day yesterday. Reverend Jacqui started the day by leading our Collective Worship about the importance of kindness and how to spread kindness. She also spoke about Saint Nicholas who is the basis for the Santa Claus figure. He is known for his generosity and kindness.

Eagle class benefited from a hockey workshop led by Mr Cooper who is a teacher from WdF. Hedgehog class received a Resilience Workshop led by the NHS. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching Rabbit and Axolotl class this

week. The children in Rabbit class impressed me with their maths skills by subtracting from a two- or three-digit number and also writing in third person in English. In Axolotl we were using the inverse operation to check calculations and in PE the children developed control when moving.



As a school we joined in with the two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. From speaking to many of the children, I think they have enjoyed creating our display and have continued to learn more about the importance of the day.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hoy

## **TSM Christmas Events - Save the date!**

**Choir @ Town Council Christmas Fayre** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Christmas Craft Morning** – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 9.15am-10.15am

**TBC - Choir @ Tylers Ride** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Whole School Panto - Treasure Island**, children only – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Children's Christmas Lunch** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Carols by Candlelight** in the church – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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	
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Eagle & Axolotl St Osyths Priory Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Walk to School Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025	SWF Christmas Fayre
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Christmas Craft Morning
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	FOTSMS Disco
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Essex Kids Camp – Cup Stacking
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Year 3 Home Safety
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Whole School Panto
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Tiger Class Colchester Zoo Trip
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Lunch
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Carols by Candlelight
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	KS2 Christmas Performance
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Inset Day
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Road Safety – Reception, Year 1 & Year 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	TSM & National Story Telling Week
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Author Visit
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Year 6 Respect Session
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5 & 6 Gambling Workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term

Chaplins Gold

Pantos  
presents



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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](http://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! 📅

