



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 20th September 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: **Laurel, Max, Mia-Rose, Thomas Boh** in Humite, **Faye, Fearne, Ferdinand, Gracie, Neve, Owen, Ronnie, Scarlett, Sienna, Skylar, Thomas** in Emerald, **Evelyn P, Harrison** in Amber and **Erin** in Ruby.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

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| Fenn | 35 |
| Shaw | 64 |
| Tabrums | 62 |
| Marsh | 52 |



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Daniel

Emerald – Grace

Amber – Casey

Ruby – Isabella

Topaz – Riley

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.

TSM Eco-Committee

We have setup a new Eco-Committee for this year and the committee will be having their first meeting next Wednesday to look at this year's priorities.

Welcome to the Eco-Committee...

Topaz – Scarlett, George, Darcey

Ruby – Finley, Isadora, Felix

Amber – Charlie T, Oliver, Molly

Emerald – Jake, Gracie M, Ernest

Humite – Thomas Boh, Bethan, Theo H



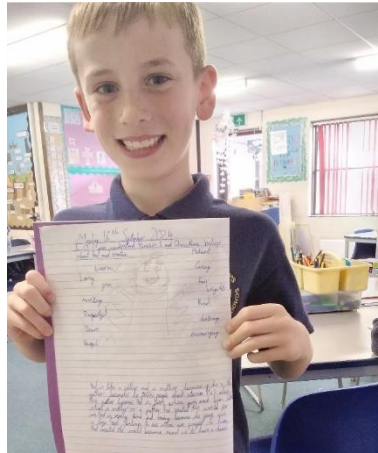
Class Summary

Each week we will be highlighting what one class has been up to in school.

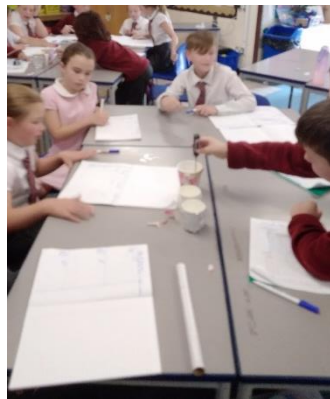
This week we share an insight into Emerald Class.

Class, Emerald Summary

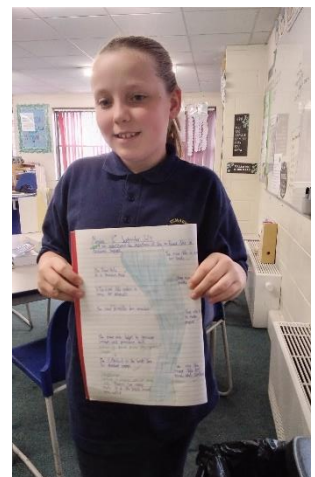
In Emerald Class this week, we have continued to build our place value knowledge by writing, ordering and comparing numbers. In RE we have continued to explore the Creation Story in more depth and thought about what God is like and what he wants us to do for our wonderful world.



In Science the children enjoyed investigating the best thermal insulators and conductors by using different materials like tin foil, cling film to see which cup held the heat the longest.



In History the children have enjoyed learning about the River Nile and all its amazing and unique facts. We found out that when it floods the soil becomes very fertile leading to good crops. It provides food, clothing, paper and even bricks for building!



National Fitness Day



TOPAZ

Archie 'I loved our skipping challenge, it was really hard, but great fun'

George 'Skipping made my heart beat so fast, so it must be improving my fitness!'

Darcey 'It's fun exercise that keeps you healthy, but it's hard to keep going, but you just need to try your best'

Louis 'Skipping made my heart beat loudly! I had to work hard. I was proud of myself'

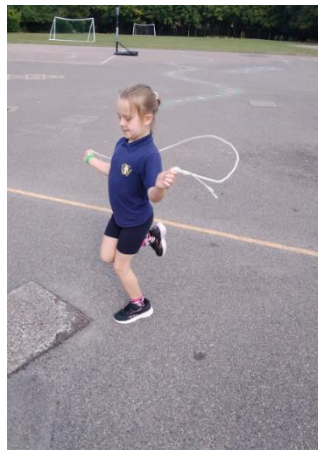
RUBY



I really enjoyed skipping with my friends and seeing how many we could do without stopping. - **Nelle**

I thought skipping with one foot at a time was easier than using both at once. - **Oscar D**

AMBER



Hattie – “I enjoyed cross skipping because it was a new challenge for me which was exciting.

Harrison – “I enjoyed jumping and achieved well at trying backwards skipping.

Lacey – “I loved achieving 12 backwards skips in a row, it was really good fun”.

Charlie T – “I enjoyed practicing forwards skipping and challenging myself by backwards skipping as well”.

Charlie D “I enjoyed hopping skipping. It was challenging but I kept on going and loved the activity”.

Pixie “I enjoyed practicing forward skipping and challenged myself to do backwards cross over”.

EMERALD



In Emerald Class we enjoyed having skipping races and learning to do some tricks with our skipping ropes! We had mini skipping competitions to see who could skip for the longest without stopping.

HUMITE



“Skipping was really fun and I could feel my heartbeat pumping!” **Ava** said.

“I liked doing skipping races” said **Billy**.

“It was a fun way to start the morning!” said **Thomas Bu**.

Collective Worship

Our theme this week was 'our Christian values and the Bible'. We looked at love, dedication, forgiveness and honesty. We learnt how these values help us grow as Christians and let us live in a fun, kind and safe way. We looked at stories from the Bible, for example Zacchaeus the tax collector, and talked about why it is important to show kindness and honesty. This week has helped us develop spiritually by showing us what God wants us to be so we can live happily together in a better world.

These relate to our motto, 'many hearts make a school', because we learnt how to treat each other. If we don't use our hearts, our school would not be a nice place to be. Because everyone at Trinity St Marys is loving, dedicated, forgiving and honest, our school is a fun and positive place to learn and grow.

By Worship Warriors **Billy and Eloise**

Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **100%**.

Whole school attendance is **96.10%**.

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.

Movement for Good – Nominate FOTSMS

The [Benefact Group](#), do financial services differently – they give all available profits to charity and good causes.

Movement for Good is an annual programme of giving that anyone can get involved in, and again this year they'll be donating over £1 million to charities and good causes nominated by you.

[Find out more about how it works](#)

[Nominate a charity for £1,000](#)

The next £1,000 draw is **Monday 23rd September**, so if you haven't already done so, please do get involved and **nominate** the charity of your choice **by midnight Sunday 22nd September**.

It's one nomination per charity per person, so if you have more than one favourite, get them in the running today.

[Terms and conditions apply](#)

Please use charity number 1084258 to find and nominate

Friends of Trinity St Mary's School



September 2025 Reception Intake Tour

Our September 2025 Reception intake tour will take place on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 6pm. If you are unable to attend the tour, please do contact us to arrange an alternative date to visit.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure the correct P.E. kit is worn in line with our policy:

Navy shorts (**no fashion logo/Nike Pro cycling shorts**). Navy polo with school badge from Patricia's. Plain trainers/black plimsolls.

Additionally, please would you provide your child with a plain and dark coloured tracksuit which may be used during the winter.

When not in P.E. kit please be reminded black school shoes NOT trainers must be worn.

Parent Governor Vacancies - Deadline

Information regarding our Parent Governor vacancies, including: a letter with details regarding the Parent Governor election, a nomination form and the qualifications required to serve as a governor have been circulated. Please note the deadline for nominations to be returned to school is Thursday 26th September 2024.

If anybody would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.

Letters Emailed Home

Year 5/6 Triathlon

Flu Vaccination Consent Reminder

School Fund 2024

Headteacher Summary

It is starting to getting very busy in school. I really enjoy seeing our children engage in many different activities. It was great to be able to offer Year 6 children a Resilience Workshop lead by the NHS earlier in the week. I led a National Fitness Day assembly this morning which introduced the day and the importance of fitness. We all participated in physical exercises. I enjoyed seeing children in Amber class thoroughly enjoying their Forest Schools session yesterday.

Mrs Allan and myself continue to work with our diocesan advisor, who visited our school this week, to ensure that our Christian distinctiveness is fully embedded in everything we do.

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. So far this half term Emerald and Topaz have won the cup. Let's see which class wins the cup the most this half term.

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 | |
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| 24 th September 2024 | Year 2 Dance Workshop |
| 25 th September 2024 | Eco Committee Meeting |
| 27 th September 2024 | Flu Immunisation Session |
| 1 st October 2024 | Harvest Festival |
| 3 rd October 2024 | WOW Assembly |
| 7 th October – 11 th October 2024 | Space Week |
| 8 th October 2024 | The Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium |
| 11 th October 2024 | Space Theme Dress Up Day |
| 15 th October 2024 | Carmel Jane Individual & Sibling Photos |
| 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 – 23 rd October 2024 | Parent Consultation Meetings |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 13 th December 2024 | Choir Event @ Holy Trinity Church |
| 23 rd December – 3 rd January 2025 | Christmas Holidays |
| 6 th January 2025 | Inset Day |
| 5 th February 2025 | Young Voices Choir @ O2 |



FOTSMS Meeting

Monday is our first meeting back of the school year. If you would like to join us, feel free to pop along, we meet at 7pm in the school.

If not, our next meeting is our AGM on Monday 21st October and you're welcome to come along and vote for your committee members or become a member yourself.

FOTSMS – Xmas 4 Schools

As in previous years we have worked with Xmas4schools to create fantastic original pieces of Christmas art for your families to treasure. This year is no different, we have received the artwork packs, and they will have been sent home with your children this week.

Your child can design a Christmas theme picture that will be turned into, Christmas cards, gift tags, calendars and much more. With each purchase you make FOTSMS receives a small donation which helps our fundraising efforts.



The **DEADLINE** to return the **ARTWORK** is **FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER** the day we break up for Half Term.

Days out in Autumn



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

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



We are
barleylands

We also still have Adventure Golf and Barleylands Tickets.

Maybe if you are planning to watch the fireworks which start Saturday 28th September-16th November you could make a day of it and spend the day at Adventure Island.

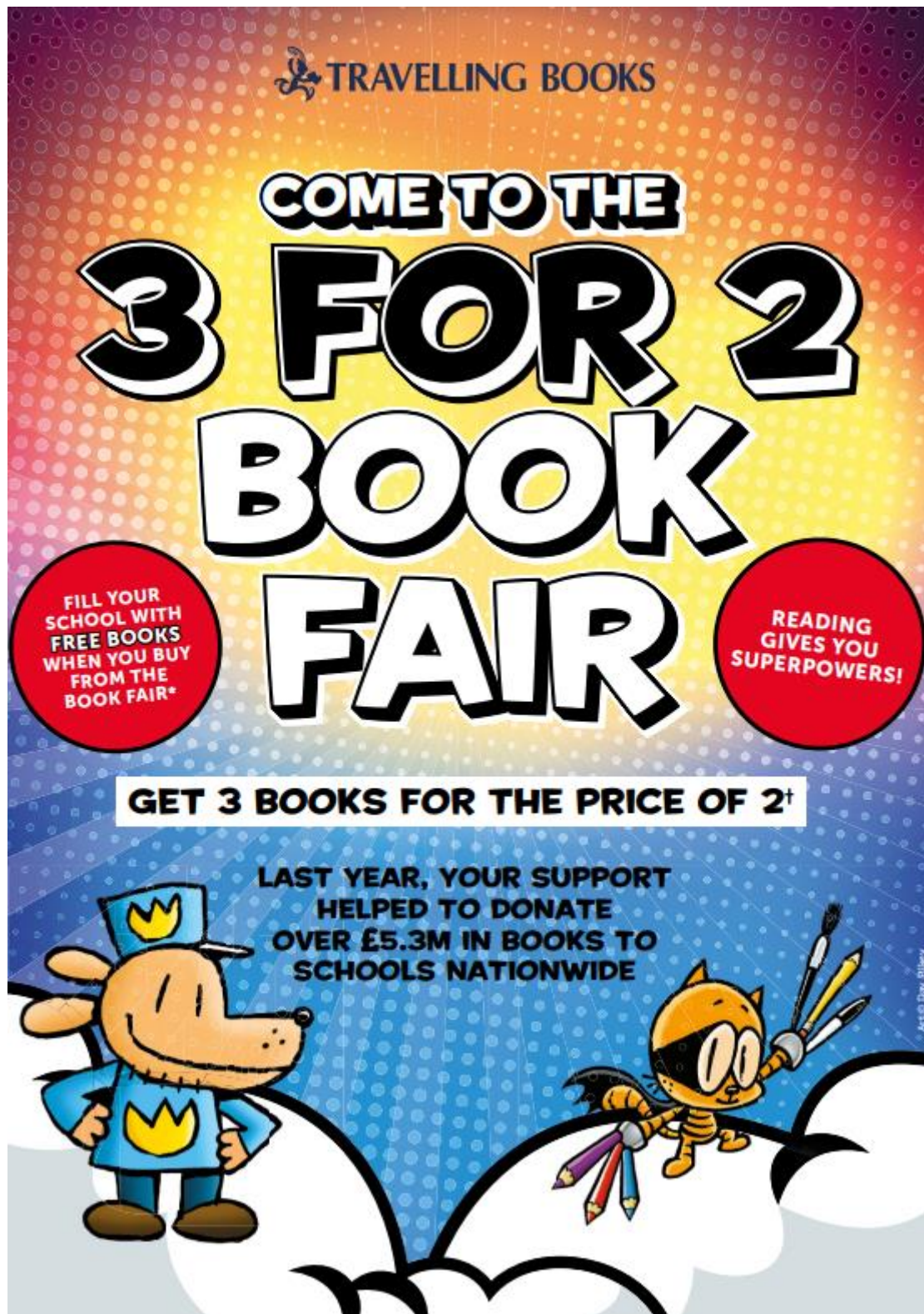
Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

FOTSMS Event Diary

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| Thursday 17th October | | New Parents – Reception intake 2025 Tours. |
| 25 th October | Xmas 4 Schools | Parents to return artwork to school by: 25th October. (Friday before Half Term) |
| 7 th November | Clothing Collection | We will send bags home with the children and accept good condition clothes, shoes, coats etc. |

Coming Soon.....

21st October – 25th October 2024



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

The poster features a vibrant background with a gradient from purple to yellow and a pattern of small white dots. At the top, the 'TRAVELLING BOOKS' logo is displayed. The main title '3 FOR 2 BOOK FAIR' is written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines. Two red circular callouts are positioned on either side of the title. Below the title, a white banner contains the offer 'GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2†'. Further down, a block of text highlights the previous year's success. At the bottom, two cartoon characters are shown: a dog in a blue uniform and a cat with wings and pencils. The background transitions to a blue dotted pattern at the bottom.