



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 21st November 2025



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 **Emi** in **Eagle** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	55
Shaw	42
Tabrums	30
Marsh	33



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Izzy

Eagle – Oliver

Axolotl – Megan

Rabbit – Freddie

Tiger – Jessie

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 Axolotl class.

Axolotl Class Summary

Despite the chilly weather, the children had a fantastic time during our visit to St Osyth Priory, where they deepened their learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Our day began with an exciting tractor trailer ride around the Priory grounds. During the tour, the children heard the fascinating *legend of St Osyth* and were amazed to learn that, according to the story, she carried her severed head to the nunnery!

Working in groups, the children then explored the historic chapel, using torches to locate hidden runes. Their sense of curiosity and teamwork made this a particularly engaging activity.

Next, we ventured into the beautiful maze and Rose Garden, where the children took part in a scavenger hunt, matching features in the garden to a picture prompt. Before long, we were reunited with Eagle class to enjoy lunch together in the scenic surroundings.

A definite highlight for many was discovering the unique Ha-Ha Wall, which sparked lots of excitement and questions.

In the afternoon, the children took part in a lively debating activity, learning more about Anglo-Saxon and Viking life, including the different types of weapons used. To finish the day, the children loved dressing up as nuns and Viking warriors, bringing history to life in a memorable—and very entertaining—way!

We returned to school tired but happy, and full of new knowledge and stories to share. What a wonderful day of learning and adventure!

I enjoyed the Ha Ha Wall especially when we were allowed to run and roll down it! - Oscar D

I like completing the scavenger hunt in the Rose Garden. - Megan

My favourite part was going into the Chapel to find the rune using torches. - Molly

I liked the tractor trailer ride learning about the legend of St Osyth and seeing the white deers! - Lydia





Children in Need

We want to say a heartfelt **thank you** to every, teacher, student, and parent who helped raise money for BBC Children in Need this year.

Your incredible efforts have helped raise **hundreds of thousands of pounds** to support children and young people across the UK. TSM raised a fantastic £119

Don't forget our donations page will close on **Friday 5th December 2025**, so there's still time to make those final donations!



Attendance

Congratulations to **Axolotl** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **95.33%**. Whole school attendance is **92.97%**.

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

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

SPACE – Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex for all schools

SPACE is a new service in Essex. It provides support for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (aged 0 to 25). What makes SPACE unique is the team of Peer Educators — parents and carers all with lived experience. How SPACE can support families:

One-to-One Support: telephone support.

Weekly webinars bring families together to share experiences.

Attendance at School and Community Events.

Website providing resources and guidance.

For more information visit: www.parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk

Contact: SPACE@essex.gov.uk

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.

Nut Free School

Please be reminded we are a nut free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats. Thank you.

Letters Emailed Home

Town Council Christmas Lights Event – Choir
KS2 A Magical Musical Christmas
Coats – Reminder

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy introduced St Michael the Archangel to us and explained his life. We learnt that he was the leader of all angels and is known as the champion of all Christians. He was put in charge because he was brave, he fought against sin, a warrior and a protector. We can learn lots from St Michael, including how to be dedicated to God.

Tuesday - Miss Hume spoke about the Holy Trinity and how God reveals himself in this way. Miss Hume used a separated egg to symbolise the unity of the Trinity. She described that just like the Trinity, the separate parts of the egg still unify to make an egg. We discussed each part of the Trinity and what they do for us.

Wednesday - Open the Book led Collective Worship, and we discussed what a prophet is. We spoke about the story of Sam and how the voice of God spoke to him. We discussed that the Holy Spirit makes up the voice of God and how we can communicate through prayer using this.

Thursday - Miss Cosgrove showed us different ways to represent the Holy Trinity. We explored the different images of the Trinity in the Bible and focused on St Patrick's use of a shamrock. This represents three parts of a whole. We also looked at how this relates to us - we are more than one thing, we can be a sister, a daughter, a friend and a carer etc.

Panathlon at WdF

On Tuesday, Miss Hoy and Mrs Simmons accompanied **Felix, Rachel, Lydia, Jesse S, Oliver CM, Emi, Connor and Oscar B** from Key Stage 2 to the Panathlon event at WdF in the morning. In the afternoon Mrs Allan and Mrs Gadd accompanied **Arthur, Lea, Kiarna, Oscar, Joseph, Freddie, Alfie and Darcey** from Key Stage 1.

Panathlon is a national charity which gives young people the opportunity to take part in competitive sport. All the activities were skill-based and featured simplified designs to develop confidence and self-belief in every individual. Well done to all of our children who competed in the event.





RotaKids – Tree of Joy



Thank you to all the families that have donated gifts to our RotaKids Tree of Joy. The tree is situated in the foyer and will be there until Friday 28th November 2025. The RotaKids would be very grateful for any further donations to try and make a difference to disadvantaged children in our community.

Many thanks for your support.



Mrs. Allan

On behalf of the RotaKids



RotaKids End Polio Now Crocus Campaign



Well done to everyone involved, we raised an amazing £48.90.

If you would like to learn more about this campaign, please visit

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio> for more information.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Allan

Headteacher Summary

I really enjoyed accompanying children from Key Stage 2 to the Panathlon on Tuesday morning. WdF promote passion, honesty, respect, teamwork, determination and self believe when competing and participating in sports. Our children participated in fun activities that involved many different skills such as bowling, throwing in a basketball activity and aiming in a beanbag game. Well done to all the children who participated in the Key Stage 2 and the Key Stage 1 Panathlon.



Classes accessed a 'Walk to School' assembly on Thursday. The assembly continued to promote the importance of being active and aimed at inspiring children to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school.

I hope to see many of you at our Christmas craft morning Tuesday. You are invited to come in through the school office at 9.15am and join crafty activities in the classrooms. If you have more than one child in the school then you will be able to move between classes during the hour.



Good luck to choir at the light switch on Saturday. I hope to see many of you at the bazaar on Saturday afternoon.

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, **9.15am-10.15am**

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	
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 (P.E. Kit NOT required)
2 nd December 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Year 3 Home Safety
3 rd December 2025	Choir @ Tylers Ride
5 th December 2025	Whole School Panto
9 th December 2025	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
10 th December 2025	Tiger Class Colchester Zoo Trip
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



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TOWN COUNCIL

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A cast of 5
fabulous performers!

Dick Whittington

The Children's Pantomime!

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Brilliant!"



19 DECEMBER 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

CHILD: £5 | ADULT: £10 | FAMILY £25

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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! 📅



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for raising
£119.00

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MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2025

This certificate is presented to
Trinity St Mary's Church of England Primary
School
and friends.
This year you fundraised £700.00

Congratulations on your fundraising.
Your kind support is helping to change
the lives of people affected by cancer.

Thank you.

Hannah

Hannah & the Coffee Morning Team

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**Thank you for every
cuppa shared.
And every life changed.**



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the
Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps,
please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



To TRINITY ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank You for helping to raise £227-88p

