



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 13th September 2024



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 winning ticket for the cup is **Maddie B** in Humite Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	92
Shaw	123
Tabrums	83
Marsh	86



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Thomas Bou

Emerald – Gracie

Amber – Sofia

Ruby – Georgia

Topaz – Sofia

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.

Meet the Teacher Sessions – Next Week

Years 5/6 Humite – Miss L Knights – Monday 16th September

Years 4/5 Emerald – Miss R Frith – Tuesday 17th September

Years 3/4 Amber – Mrs B Greenyer-Smith – Wednesday 18th September

Year 2 Ruby – Miss C Mason – Thursday 19th September

Year 1 Only – Mrs L Allan – Friday 20th September



These sessions will all take place during Collective Worship 9.10am-9.30am in the classroom. Please come to the main entrance.

Class Summary

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

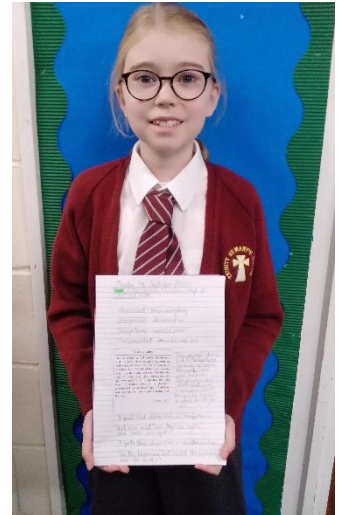
This week we share an insight into Humite Class.

Class, Humite Summary

This week in Humite class we have explored how Gods characteristics affect Christians and how they live their lives. We read passages from the Bible and discussed how this teaches us about Gods benevolence, omnipotence and omnipresence.

In maths we have focused on place value, using counters and charts to identify and read numbers up to 10,000,000! We also used our skills to estimate values on a number line and partition values using part-whole models.

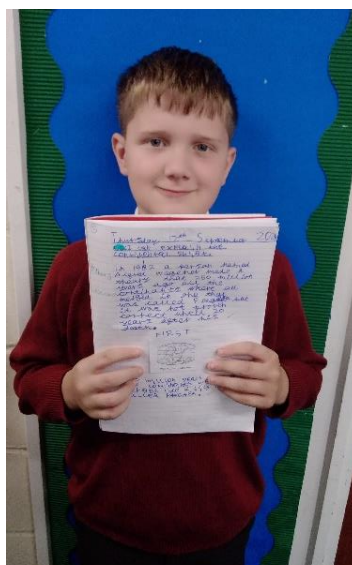
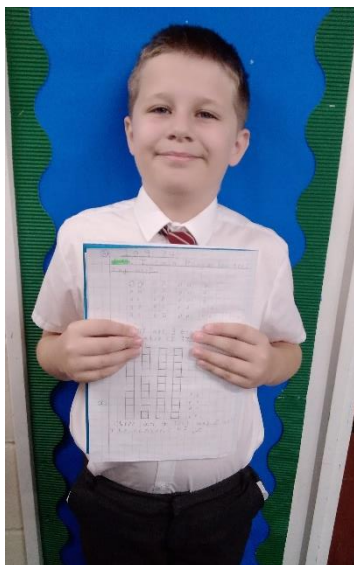
In topic we are learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In our geography, we learnt about continental shift and how this has affected Europe over 250 million years! Linking this to the Stone Age, we discussed how trade and settlements may have differed.



Harry says “I enjoyed being able to see the difference between Pangaea and the continents today.”

“Exploring Gods characteristics and power was really interesting!” **Effie** says.

“I really enjoyed Art this week, Romero Britto’s neo-pop art is exciting to recreate” **Bethan** says.



Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

Congratulations to all the children in Year 6. They all have a new role in our school and have received a badge in recognition of this.

Head Pupils

Laurel & Zoe

Sports Ambassadors

Bethan, Daniel, Lenny-Ray, Maddie, Maksym, Mia-Rose & Sebastian S

House Captains

Fenn – Mia E & Kaiden

Shaw – Isabelle & Harry

Tabrums – Ava K & Elsie-Mae

Marsh – Thomas Bou & Ava C

Worship Warriors

Billy, Eloise, Emily, Grace, Paxton & Thomas Boh

Official Helpers

Ella, Jack, Jasmine, Kallianne, Lucas, Sebastian H, Sidney & Sophia



We will be celebrating Friendship Friday this year. It is an opportunity to celebrate friendship and promote positive relationships. This year, Friendship Friday takes place on the 15th November. It's a chance for everyone - in school, at home, in the community or online - to celebrate healthy friendships and reach out to others.

Friendships play a vital role in emotional well-being. On Friendship Day, our children will engage in activities, share heartfelt moments, and create lasting memories, which contribute to their overall happiness and mental health.

Space Week 7th – 11th October 2024



We are excited to be having a space themed week, for the whole school, in October. Each day we will have a different focus; such as solar systems, stars and constellations, gravity, space travel and living in space. The children will be involved in cross curricular activities and we look forward to having some hands-on practical experiences throughout the week, as well as each class having the opportunity to visit the Astronomy Planetarium on the Tuesday in our school hall!

On the Friday, we would like to invite all the children to dress up in something space themed. There is no expectation for you to purchase an outfit for this occasion. The children are welcome



to wear anything from space themed dress up outfits you may already have at home, stars or galaxies on items of clothing such as hoodies and t-shirt or be creative and make your own space themed outfit.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.55%**.

Whole school attendance is **96.07%**.

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.

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.



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.

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



Earrings

We have noted 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 **NO** jewellery, including earrings should be worn to school. We are following national guidelines that state that a child cannot participate in a PE lesson if they are wearing earrings (metal or plastic tubes keeping the holes open) or any form of jewellery. We would appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

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.

BCCS – London Marathon

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 27th April 2025. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk.

The closing date for completed applications is Friday 26th September and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, BCCS would invite you to join them and run to support children's mental health. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds to support a local charity and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

Letters Emailed Home

Young Voices Registration

National Fitness Day – Friday 20th September – P.E. Kit Required

Parent Governor Vacancies

Autumn Term Clubs

Flu Letter 2024

Headteacher Summary

It has been wonderful to see a wide variety of children's work this week. Teachers have been keen to share examples of work that has exceeded their expectations. While visiting every class, children are eager to tell me what they are doing and share their work. I have been impressed by the topic pages that I have seen and it seems like the children have really enjoyed starting their topic off in this way.

As a Kindness School I am always on the look out for outstanding acts of kindness and I am pleased that parents have been emailing in to nominate a child who they feel has demonstrated kindness.

Have a wonderful 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	
16 th September 2024	Year 6 Resilience Workshop
16 th September 2024	Meet the Teacher – Humite
17 th September 2024	Meet the Teacher – Emerald
18 th September 2024	Meet the Teacher – Amber
19 th September 2024	Meet the Teacher – Ruby
20 th September 2024	Meet the Teacher – Year 1 Only
20 th September 2024	National Fitness Day – PE Kit required
24 th September 2024	Year 2 Dance Workshop
25 th September 2024	Eco Committee Meeting
27 th September 2024	Flu Immunisation Session
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
15 th November 2024	Friendship Friday
15 th November 2024	Children in Need
18 th November – 19 th November 2024	Bikeability Group 2
22 nd November 2024	KS2 Anglian Water Workshop
23 rd November 2024	Choir performing @ SWF Christmas Fayre
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 23rd 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.

Days out in Autumn



We have reduced our Adventure Island tickets to **£12.00** and they are valid until 31st December 2024.

Sealife tickets for £8 and Adventure Golf for £5 all valid until 31st December 2024.



We are
barleylands

We also still have Adventure Golf and Barleylands tickets.

FOTSMS - Pre-Loved Sales Page

Did you know we have a Trinity St Mary's Pre-Loved uniform page on Facebook.

We have lots of brilliant quality uniform for sale, and you can message us for individual photos and sizes.

We are also very grateful for any donations of uniform which can be passed on to be loved a little longer, to help the environment and raise money for our school!

TSM logo jumper/ cardigan- £3.

TSM logo PE top- £2.

Grey skirts, pinafores, trousers and shorts- £1.

Summer dresses £1.

TSM logo woolly hat- 50p.

Blue PE shorts, joggers and hoodies- 50p.

Logo PE bags £2.



Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS

FOTSMS Event Diary

Thursday 17th October		New Parents – Reception intake 2025 Tours.
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 blue, overlaid with a pattern of small white dots. At the top, the 'Travelling Books' logo is displayed. The main title '3 FOR 2 BOOK FAIR' is rendered in large, bold, white letters with black outlines. Two red circular callouts flank the title, containing promotional text. Below the title, a white banner highlights the '3 for 2' offer. The bottom section features two cartoon characters: a dog-like character in a blue uniform and a cat-like character with wings and pencils, set against a blue background with white clouds. A small vertical credit line 'Art © Dan Riley' is on the right side.