



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 21st March 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.

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: **Haze & Otis** in **Amber**.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the Lunchtime Cup is awarded to **Henry** in **Topaz** class for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	53
Shaw	71
Tabrums	72
Marsh	101



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Thomas Bh

Emerald – Gabriele

Amber – Ted

Ruby – Nelle

Topaz – Kieran

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

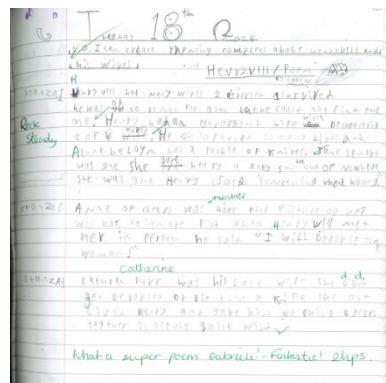
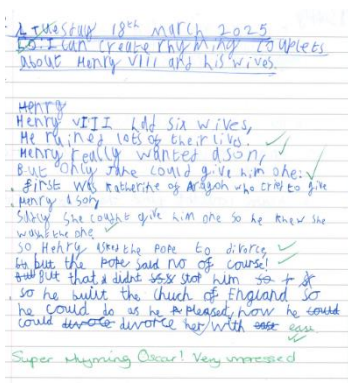
Each week we will be highlighting what one class has been up to in school.

This week we share an insight into **Emerald** class.

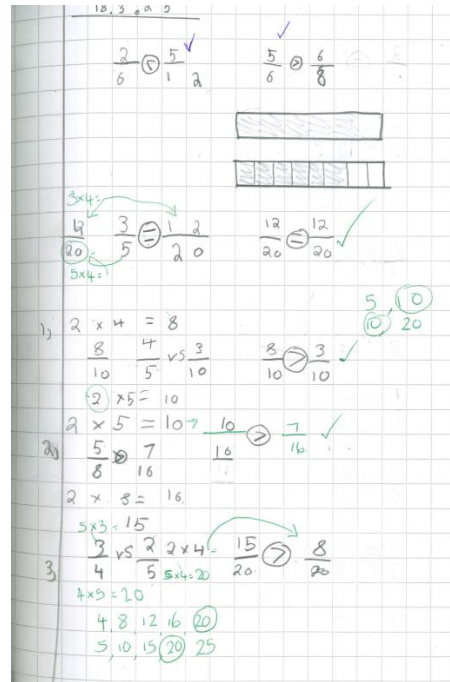
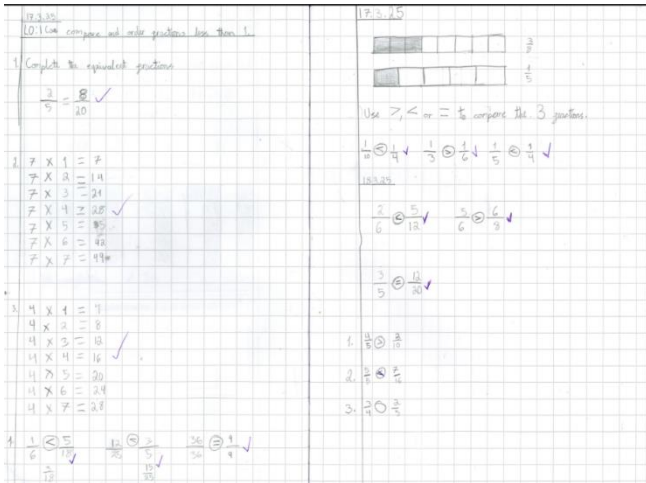
Emerald Class Summary

We have had another great week in Emerald Class - we have been extremely busy!

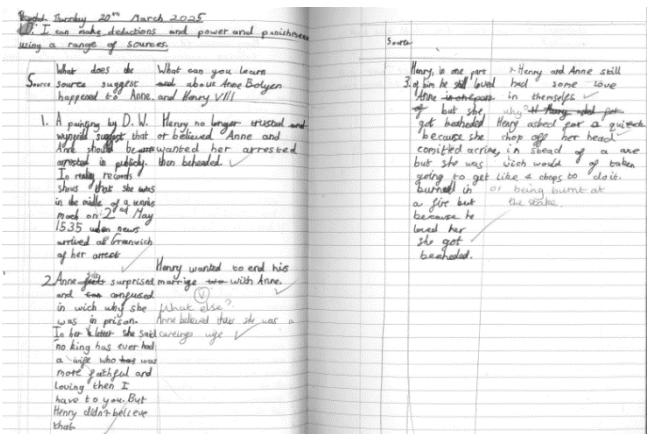
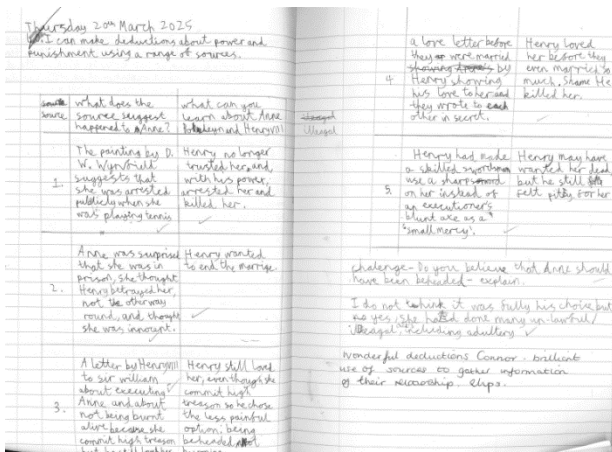
This week we have been continuing to learn about the Tudors, Henry VIII and his wives. We have worked on developing our poetry skills by creating some poems for the competition and I have been very impressed with the children's efforts.



In maths, we have continued to work on fractions exploring improper and mixed number fractions, as well as comparing fractions with different denominators, using our times table knowledge to help.



In history, we have looked at the life of Anne Boleyn, second wife to Henry VIII and discussed and used sources of evidence, such as paintings and letters to deduce how his relationship with Anne changed and what caused these changes.



In PSHE we have been looking at what stereotyping means and it was very interesting to hear the children's thoughts and feelings and how this can impact society. We spoke about ways of changing the narrative and the way people think and what we can do to help people see through challenges to make them stronger, more resilient and powerful individuals, in our everyday changing world. We also used some blindfolds and ear defenders to help the children see that with disabilities, we can adapt and still challenge ourselves and succeed in many different events and situations.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Ruby** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96.54%**. Whole school attendance is **95.71%**.

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.

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

We are seeing quite a few latecomers each morning, arriving via the office. 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.

Netball

On Tuesday we went to play at the High Five netball tournament at William de Ferrers. It was the last High Five event and we won 3, drew 2, lost 1. We also had a break one match and came 5th in the whole tournament.



Preston: "I like being the GS and scoring goals."

Ava: "I liked playing with the other teams and being GA, GK and GD."

Mia: "I liked being GA, GS and defending the other players and jumping in."

Eloise: "I liked doing the shooting bit and GS."

Thomas: "The best part of the match for me was being Centre."

We played against 3 teams Elmwood, Woodville and St. Josephs. They all had Team A and Bs, but we only had one team, because we need more children to participate, to enter two teams.

General Reminders

Easter Service

Our Easter Service is on Monday 31st March at 9.10am.
Please be advised the service will be in the church, families are asked to arrive (at the main school entrance) at 9am for a 9.10am start.

Parent Consultation Meetings Booking Live

The system is now live 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>

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. The school requests that parents and carers please observe the nut-free policy and therefore do not include nuts, or any traces of nuts, in packed lunches or for snacks. Thank you.

Uniform

Please remember to adhere to the uniform policy, making sure ties are worn, shirts are fully buttoned up and neatly tucked in. Thank you.

Easter Holidays Bikeability Training for all Schools

The Easter holidays are fast-approaching – are you looking for something for your child to do during this time? Why not sign them up to one of the [Bikeability courses](#). The courses are being held in Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow and Witham.

Letters Emailed Home

Ruby Swimming Monday 24th March – Pyjamas

School Meals – Price increase

Collective Worship

On Monday it was Miss Hoy's Collective Worship and we learnt about Saint Patrick. When he was 16 he was captured and taken to Ireland, sold as a slave! He was so hungry he often ate the animal food. He prayed a lot. One night he had a dream that a boat was waiting for him at the shore. So, in the morning he got up and went to the shore and to his surprise a boat was waiting for him. He went back to Wales, where he decided to become a bishop. He went to France to become a bishop and once he had become a bishop he decided to go back to Ireland to teach people about God. He died, 17th March 461. Now he is celebrated on the 17th March every year.

In Tuesday's Collective Worship with Miss Frith, we learnt about Saint Joseph's Day, he was the husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus, he was also a carpenter. It is held on March 19th and always falls during lent. Different countries celebrate in different ways, in Italy they hold special masses, where lots of things are put on the altar. In Malta, they have musical bands. Joseph is the saint of fathers, carpentry and protection.

In Wednesday's Collective Worship, Open the Book came in and told us the story of the tax collector and how he scammed people. When Jesus went to his house for tea, he then came out and asked for forgiveness. It shows us, if we ask God for forgiveness, he will forgive us for all our sins and that is why he sent his only son down, to free us of our sins.

In Thursday's Collective Worship, it was led by Mrs Greenyer-Smith. Who told us about Saint Isidore. He was born into a religious family, when his parents died his brother said he would teach him but he had very cruel punishments, so Isidore ran away from home but he soon returned, as he decided that education was more important. When his brother died, he became head bishop. He gave all possessions to the poor before he died.

By Worship Warriors Emily & Thomas

Headteacher Summary

It has been a busy week here at TSM. We welcomed Essex County Fire & Rescue Service on Monday. They delivered a Respect assembly & then The Children's Society held a Transition Workshop for Year 6 today. Mrs Barnett and Mrs Graham accompanied our Eco-Committee members, who have been working with David Smith (SWFTC), on a community litter pick earlier in the week. Whilst every child has benefitted from the railway safety assemblies.



I was so impressed with the determination that our netball team demonstrated at the final round of the High Five netball event on Tuesday after school. It was brilliant to watch all five of the players work so hard on the court and support each other.



It has been poetry writing competition week at our school. The children have all learnt different poetic techniques over the course of the week which has led to every child producing a poem based on the class theme. The overall winner from each class will be announced in Monday's Collective Worship. The winner from each class will receive a £5 book voucher that they can spend at the travelling book fair next week.

Good luck to swimmers in this year's Swimathon on Saturday.

I wish you all a fabulous weekend.

Miss Hoy

TSM Key Dates 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	
22 nd March 2025	Swimathon 2025
24 th March – 28 th March 2025	Travelling Book Fair
24 th March – 27 th March 2025	Great British Spring Clean Campaign Poster Design
25 th March – 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings
26 th March 2025	Humite Library Visit – Shakespeare
26 th March 2025	Emerald Library Visit – Shakespeare
28 th March 2025	Essex Kids Camp – P.E. Kit Required
31 st March 2025	Whole School Easter Service
1 st April 2025	Interhouse Competition
1 st April 2025	Rocksteady Concert
2 nd April – 4 th April 2025	Year 6 Residential
3 rd April 2025	Amber WDF Laboratory Lesson
7 th April – 21 st April 2025	Easter Holidays
22 nd April 2025	Inset Day
23 rd April 2025	RotaKids Meeting
23 rd April 2025	London Mini Marathon Event
30 th April 2025	Eco-Committee Meeting
1 st May 2025	Humite WDF Laboratory Lesson
2 nd May 2025	Mighty Oak Competition Day
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
9 th May 2025	FOTSMS VE Day Non-Uniform Day
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATS Week
15 th May 2025	Emerald WDF Laboratory Lesson
19 th May – 23 rd May 2025	Well Being Week
21 st May 2025	Early Years Oral Health Talk
26 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
27 th May – 30 th May 2025	Half Term
2 nd June 2025	Inset Day
4 th June 2025	Emerald Class – Road to RIAT Virtual Session
6 th June 2025	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos
10 th June 2025	Year 6 - Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service
11 th June 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
16 th June – 20 th June 2025	TSM Sports Week
20 th June 2025	TSM Summer Fete
24 th June – 25 th June 2025	WDF Year 6 Induction Days
1 st July 2025	Practise Sports Morning
3 rd July 2025	TSM Sports Morning
9 th July 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Water & Summer Safety Assembly
17 th July 2025	RESERVE TSM Sports Morning
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly



The Easter raffle starts **MONDAY** and will be drawn on Tuesday 1st April!



We have been donated an Easter egg for each class, to hold an Easter raffle. Tickets are 50p each and there is no limit to how many times you can enter.

We will be running the raffle from Monday 24th March to Monday 31st March, with the winner being drawn in class on Tuesday 1st April.

Mother's Day Sale – 28th March



FOTSMS this year would like to invite the children to celebrate Mothering Sunday by surprising their special person with a gift chosen by them.

The sale will take place during school on
Friday 28th March 2025

Payment will be accepted via either

Parent Pay or cash on the day.

* A maximum of 2 pre-wrapped gifts from a selection per child.

FOTSMS Mother's Day sale is next week too! Please ensure you have paid on ParentPay by 7pm Thursday, or payment can be made with cash on the day.

A maximum of 2 gifts per child.

If children have additional money and there are gifts left, we will stay open for children to buy more.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

24 th March – 31 st March	Easter Egg Raffle Winner announced 1 st April.	Each class will have an Easter egg that they can win through the class raffle, 50p a ticket, enter as many times as you want!
28 th March	Mother's Day Sale	Gifts can be pre-paid on ParentPay - £1.50 each. There will be a limit of 2 gifts per child. Children can bring cash on the day if you prefer.
1 st April	Easter Gifts	Easter gifts to be given to the children.
9 th May	VE-Day 80 Non-Uniform Day	To celebrate VE Day, children are invited to wear red, white & blue on Friday 9 th May - £1.00 donation can be made on ParentPay.
22 nd May	Clothing Collection	
3 rd – 13 th June	Rainbow Raffle Donations	Donation boxes will be in class to collect non-perishable items.
20 th June 2025	Summer Fete	More details to follow.

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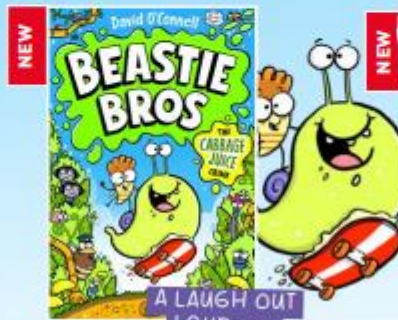
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There is no need to return the wish list to school.

The books will also be on display during the Parent Consultation Meetings for you to view.

Once Travelling Books have received your information the books can then be delivered to the school on Friday 28th March. If the details are not sent to Travelling Books in time, the order may be delayed.