



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 16th January 2026



DEDICATION



HONESTY

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.

Tiger



Rabbit



Axolotl



Eagle



Hedgehog



Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	23
Shaw	29
Tabrums	29
Marsh	42



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Esmail

Eagle – Sofia

Axolotl – Louis

Rabbit – Lucy

Tiger – Rosie

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

What a wonderful week we've had again in Axolotl class! We began the week by moving on to area in maths, using post-it notes and cubes to measure different areas around the classroom. On Tuesday, the classroom was transformed with masking tape shapes laid out across the floor, giving the children the opportunity to estimate, measure, and use their multiplication knowledge to calculate the area of a variety of shapes. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout these practical activities.

In our topic work on Ancient Egypt, the children have continued their research in preparation for creating a non-chronological report about Tutankhamun's life, death, and legacy. They have uncovered some fascinating facts, including that Tutankhamun was one of the youngest pharaohs, and that his death remains a mystery, with theories ranging from an infected leg and malaria to even hippos on the River Nile! The children have been particularly intrigued by why Tutankhamun is so well known and were amazed to learn that his tomb was one of the few whose treasures were rarely stolen. We also discovered that Tutankhamun was buried alongside his two unborn children, which the children found both surprising and thought-provoking. We have also explored the importance of the River Nile and why it was so vital to life in Ancient Egyptian times.

Wednesday 14th Jan January 2026

Let's learn understand the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt

The River Nile is very important to the Egyptians because it provides them food and water to survive.

You can travel by boat on the River Nile and trade for different things.

The River Nile is 6,695km long.

The Nile you can be called the ARAB means black it was called the AR because when the Nile flooded it made the soil black.

- It provides drinking water.
- People and goods could sail on it.
- It provides mud for making bricks for houses.
- Farmers make silk and birds for people to eat.
- It provides silt making the land fertile for crops.
- Ancient Egyptians could waste in it.

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Let's learn understand the importance of the Nile in Ancient Egypt

The Nile is 6,695 km long and goes north and south. It's very good!

The Nile was used for sailing it is also used for protection.

The Nile is 6,695 km long! That goes through 11 water crossings.

The Nile was used to be called the AR which means black to represent the soil when it had been flooded.

It's a gift from a god to the Nile valley.

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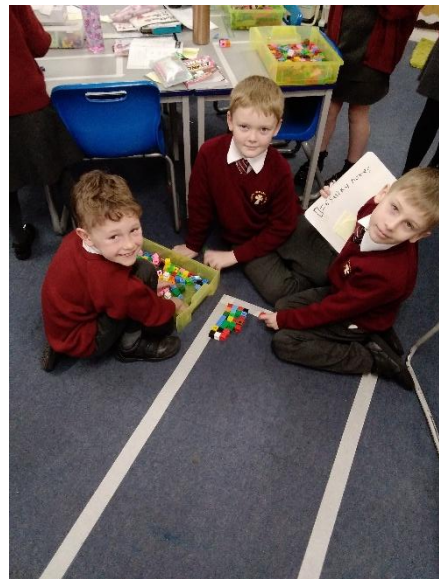
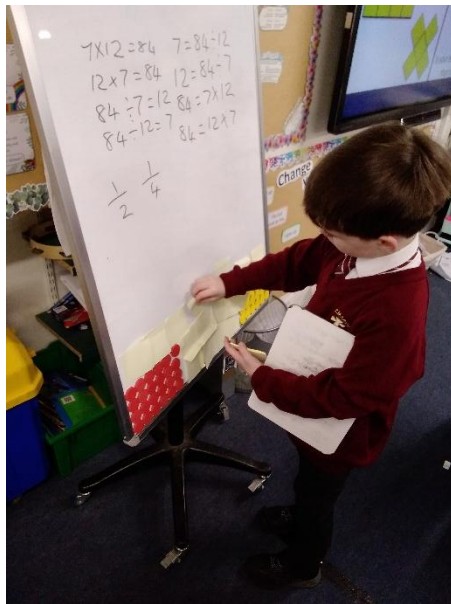
People who wanted to attack had to cross it.

Papyrus was used for making paper and other things.

People and goods could sail on it.

Finally, I have been incredibly impressed with the children's progress in Fast Maths. Many children are now completing the grid within the 10-minute time limit, and their confidence and speed with times tables have improved significantly. It has been wonderful to see their hard work paying off. This is our current leaderboard but this constantly changes with even faster times and even more children joining the list!

1 st Felix	4:27
2 nd Mabella J + Pixie	4:30
3 rd Kieron	4:37
4 th Oscar D	4:58
5 th Toni	5:00
6 th Louis	5:15
7 th Hattie	5:20
8 th Nelle	5:46
9 th Lydia	6:10
10 th Molly + Grace G	6:20



Maths Partnership Session - Our Journey in Maths

Six pupils recently enjoyed an exciting maths trip to Elmwood Primary School, where they joined children from other local schools for a session of fun, learning, and teamwork.

The pupils took part in a range of engaging maths activities and games and had the opportunity to meet new students and teachers. One child commented, "I enjoyed the laptop game where we had to fish and answer multiplication questions. It was fun meeting other students and teachers, and I hope we do it again!"

Throughout the day, the children were taught by a variety of teachers: Mr London (St Joseph's) focused on operations, Miss Frith (TSM) led multiplication activities, Miss Smith (Collingwood) explored number lines, and Miss Maidment (Elmwood and event host) delivered exploring calculation methods and a computing game - which was great fun!

At the start of the event, the children received maths badges, books, and sweets, which were very much appreciated. While some activities were challenging, pupils worked collaboratively, showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were sad to leave, already looking forward to future events. Staff also hope that opportunities like this will continue, allowing new students to take part.

We would like to thank Elmwood Primary School for hosting such a wonderful event and Miss Frith, TSM's Maths Lead, for organising, teaching, and supporting the children throughout the day.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this a memorable and successful experience.



Year 5 & 6 CPR Session



In Year 6 we learnt how to do CPR. This was taught by Miss Hume in the school hall.

First, we went over what CPR does and when is the right time to use it. We then learnt the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest and only cardiac arrest needs CPR because your heart fully stops. Then we learned the anagram DRS ABC.

This stands for

- D-Danger, look around in case of anything that could put you in cardiac arrest.
- R-Response, call out to them and check for a response if not they could be in cardiac arrest.
- S-Shout for help so other people can help you with the CPR in case of fatigue.
- A-Airways, push their head up gently by their chin so their airways aren't blocked.
- B-Breathing, instead of trying to find their pulse which can be hard to do on someone else. Put your ear close to their mouth to feel if they are breathing if not then they are in cardiac arrest.
- C-Call 999 and put them on speaker in case you need to start CPR.

We then learned how hard to press and how fast. We then learnt the correct hand placement (palm on the chest line). Next, we used rubber mannequins and practised all the steps and did CPR on them, practising the right speed and pressure.

After Miss Hume grouped us together and she taught us how to use a defibrillator and what to do while using it.

Written by **Luke** and **Thomas B**

Year 5 repeated the CPR training with Miss Mason.

Well done to Year 5 and 6 who have now completed the training.



Boccia Final



On Wednesday morning **Jesse, Rachel, Lydia, Oliver, Felix and Emi** competed in the Boccia final. It is such an achievement to make the final and you should be immensely proud of yourselves. There were fourteen schools competing in this event which was held at Passmores School in Harlow. A big thank you to Mrs Woolley for accompanying the team and also to Mrs Jaggard from WdF for driving the WdF minibus and allowing us to compete in this event.

Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96.77%**. Whole school attendance is **93.99%**.

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.

New Absence Reporting Option - Arbor Parent Portal

We're pleased to announce that from January, parents will have an additional way to report their child's absence from school.

Starting in January, you'll be able to log your child's absence directly through the Arbor Parent Portal and Arbor App. This is a new option that we're trialling to make reporting absences more convenient for you.

You can continue to report absences using: Studybugs & Telephone.

The Arbor Parent Portal and App will simply be an additional option for you to use. Please remember that we do not accept emails for reporting absence.

If you'd like to try this new method, you can find step-by-step instructions on how to log an absence here: [Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App](#)

If you have any questions about reporting absences, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

General Reminders

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers this term to read with the children, if any parents/carers/grandparents are interested please contact the office.

Arts & Crafts Party

Calling all KS1 children & parents/carers to please join the Arts & Crafts team for some family, friendly, fun and games at TSM School Hall on 17th January 2026, 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Judith & Team, look forward to seeing you!

Letters Emailed Home

Parent Governor Vacancies

Author Visit

Head Lice Letter

Year 6 SATS Information Session

Tiger Parents/Carers Road Safety Presentation Reminder

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy told us all about the Parable of the Sower. We compared the Kingdom of God to a seed planted in the hearts of everyone on Earth. We looked at different ways we observe this every day by looking after ourselves just like we would plants!

Tuesday - Miss Hume showed us another Parable about the Lost Coin. We looked at puzzle pieces and how we all make up the Kingdom of God, all as important as the other pieces.

Wednesday - Hymn practice with Miss Frith.

Thursday - Miss Cosgrove went into detail about the upcoming World Religion Day! We looked at the 'Big Six' religions including Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Judaism. We looked at similarities between us and realised that every one of them had a Holy Book of some kind!

Headteacher Summary

It has been a busy week – I was speaking to Mrs Munro earlier today and giving her an overview of the different activities.

It was fantastic that we made the Boccia County Final – well done to the team for making the final. What an achievement! I am so pleased that staff and Year 5 and 6 have had the CPR Smart training. CPR Smart™ by Essex & Herts Air Ambulance offers free, comprehensive CPR training to schools in Essex and Hertfordshire. The programme empowers teachers and students to become CPR Smart Champions, equipping them with life-saving skills and ongoing support to create a safer community.



This morning the children benefitted from Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Winter Safety Assembly. This included the education officer speaking about safety in the home and outside.

I wish you all a fabulous weekend.

Miss Hoy

TSM Key Dates 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.

Spring Term	
19 th January 2026	Road Safety – Reception, Year 1 & Year 5
26 th January 2026	Kindness Ambassadors Meeting
2 nd – 6 th February 2026	TSM & National Story Telling Week
2 nd February 2026	NCMP Reception & Year 6
4 th February 2026	Author Visit
6 th February 2026	Essex Kids Camp – Curling
6 th February 2026	Dental Beauty Reception & Year 3 Visit
9 th February 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
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
23 rd February 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
2 nd March 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
5 th March 2026	World Book Day
9 th March 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
10 th March 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Year 6 Online Safety Session
11 th March 2026	SATs Info Session
17 th March 2026	Rocksteady Music Easter Concert
20 th March 2026	Essex Kids Camp – Frisbee Golf
21 st March 2026	Rotary Swimathon
23 rd – 25 th March 2026	Year 6 Residential
30 th March – 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays



*This is to certify that
Trinity St Mary's*

3rd Place

*In the William de Ferrers Partnership
Year 5/6 Dodgeball Final*

Congratulations

K Jaggard

School Games Organiser



William de Ferrers
SCHOOL