



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 30th 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 **Sofia** in **Eagle** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	52
Shaw	30
Tabrums	36
Marsh	7



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Sasen

Eagle – Bella

Axolotl – Matilda C

Rabbit – Riley

Tiger – Hope

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 Tiger class.

Tiger Class Summary

It has been another super start to the term for all the children in Tiger class. They have all been very enthusiastic about our new topic on Superheroes and had great fun creating their own superhero characters. The children discussed their superheroes personalities and super powers and also designed some fabulous costumes. Can you guess who all the superheroes are?





In science the children have been learning all about our 5 super senses. So far, they have completed some great activities including learning about their 'super sight' they used their excellent observational skills to spot the difference in some very complicated pictures.

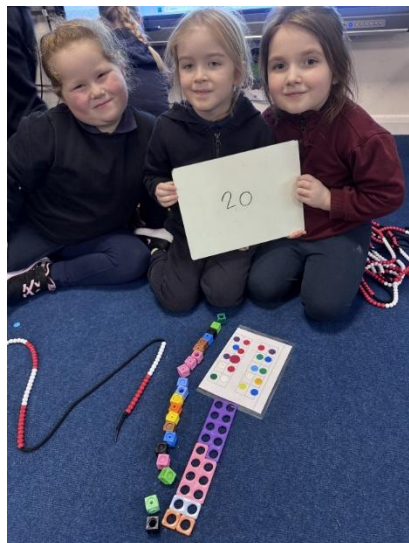
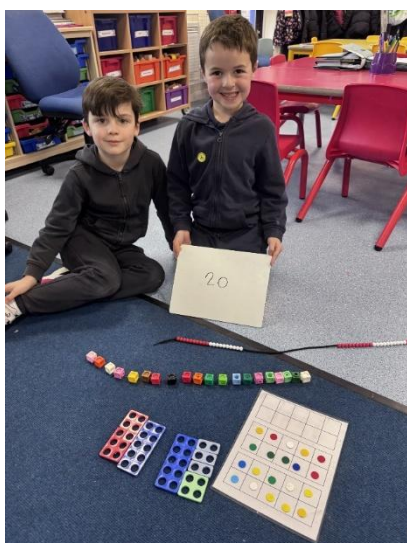
Next, they used their 'super hearing' to guess a wide range of sounds. The sounds got progressively more challenging, but all the children were fabulous at identifying what each one was.

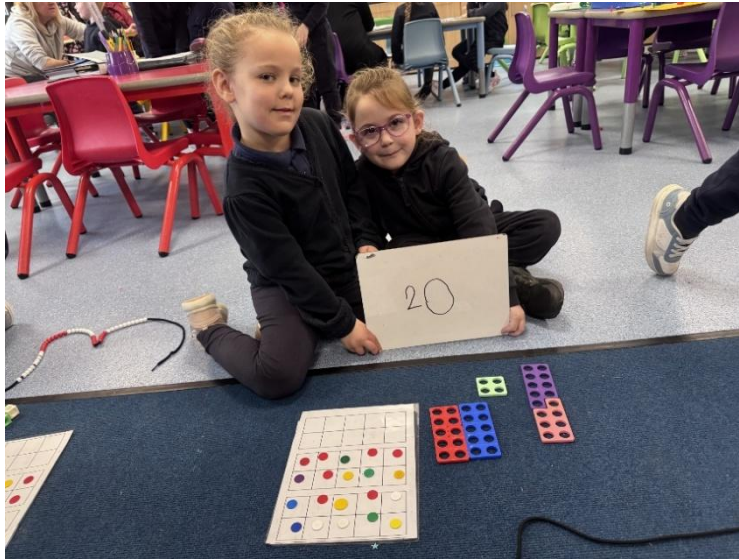
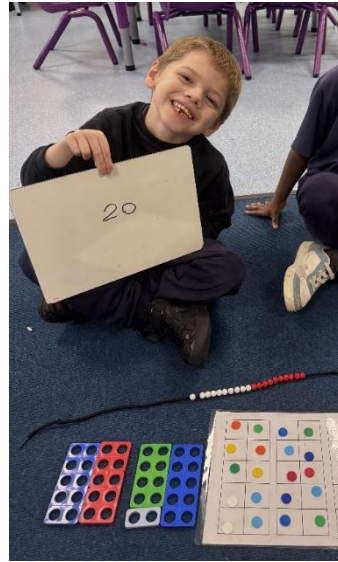
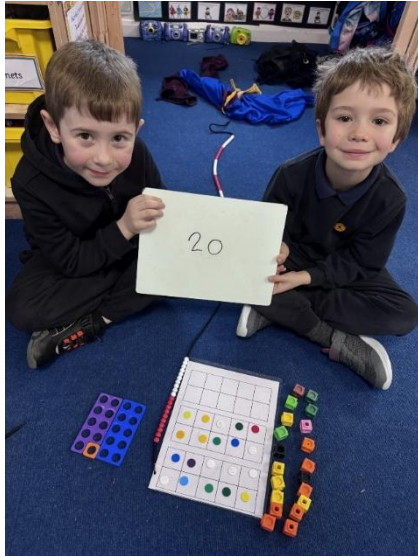
Using their super sense of 'taste' the children tried a range of foods. They had to predict if they thought each item would be sweet, sour or salty. The children also learned about taste buds and how different areas of the tongue taste different things. After their predictions, the children tried each food and then discussed if they liked salty, sweet or sour flavours the most. It was great watching the expressions on their faces when they tasted each one!





In maths the children have been working really hard on a number of topics including, understanding numbers to 20; counting in sets of numbers; using number lines; problem solving, representing number and comparing mass and length. I have been really impressed with how the children have used a range of resources to help them find an answer or to demonstrate their knowledge. Well done everyone.








In R.E. the children have been learning all about the Bible. They have been sharing stories from the Old Testament. To begin with the children listened to the story of Joseph and his dream coat. They discussed the actions of Joseph's brothers and how Joseph showed them forgiveness. The children then gave their own examples of times that they showed forgiveness and how Christians believe it is important to do this. They created their own colourful collage Joseph, did some amazing writing about the story and about showing forgiveness.







 Long ago there He had twelve sons.

 He gave Joseph a beautiful rainbow coat.

 The brothers were jealous. The brothers

 threw Joseph in a pit. They sold him

 twice and he went to prison. The pharaoh

 had a strange dream and Joseph


 helped him. Joseph ruled food. His

 brothers went to Egypt to get food.

 They saw Joseph but they didn't know

 that it was Joseph. He reminded them

 to support him. How did he help him?



 Joseph had 12 brothers. He had

 a technicoloured dreamcoat. His

 brothers were jealous and they

 threw him in a pit. They dipped

 his coat in goats blood. The brothers

 sold Joseph twice. They put him in


 prison. The pharaoh had a dream.

 He asked Joseph for help. He went

 home and saw his brothers. He

 gave his brothers some corn. His

 brothers forgave him.



 Joseph had a colorful

 coat. His brother

 sold him in a pit.

 He put goats blood

 on his coat. They

 sold him to Egypt.


 He got work

 in prison. He told

 the pharaoh about

 his dream.

 Challenge - how have you shown forgiveness...



 A long time ago there

 was a man called

 Joseph. Joseph had

 11 brothers but he was

 the favorite son. His

 father gave him a

 colorful coat. His

 brothers put him

 in a pit and took

 his coat. His brother

 sold Joseph to be a

 slave. The man's wife

 told a lie

 about Joseph and he

 was put in jail. He

 met a cup bearer who

 had a dream. Joseph

 told him about his

 dream and the

 pharaoh did not

 believe Joseph.

 They turned to

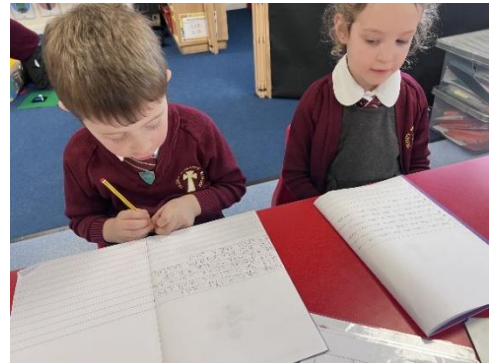
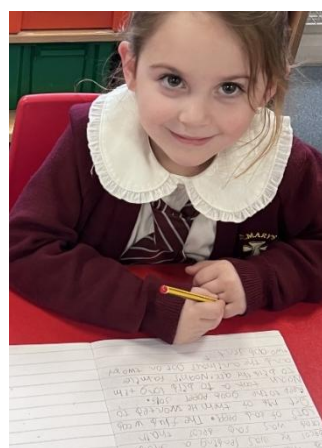
 Joseph for help.

 Challenge - How have you shown forgiveness?

 I forgive my sister.

 She must be nice.

The children returned to The Old Testament once again to listen to the story of Noah's Ark. In addition to learning about all the different pairs of animals that Noah saved, the children also spoke about the significance of the Rainbow that God sent. In groups they talked about God's promise and about having hope. The children made some beautiful 'Promise Rainbows' and the Year One's continued the activity by sharing their hopes for the future.





I have been so impressed with all the children and their superb attitude to learning across the whole curriculum. Well done Tiger class, I am very proud of you and I am looking forward to seeing what other fantastic work you all complete over the rest of the term!

CPR Smart School



We're proud to announce that we are now officially an Essex and Herts CPR Smart school!

Following on from our Year 5 and 6 pupils who recently completed their CPR training, we were delighted to welcome Jon from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance into school yesterday. He presented our head pupils and Miss Hoy with our CPR Smart school plaque, recognising our commitment to equipping our pupils with life-saving skills.

Learning CPR is an important life-saving skill, and we're proud that our pupils now have the knowledge and confidence to help someone in an emergency. This achievement reflects our dedication to preparing our children not just academically, but with practical skills that could one day save a life.

We'd like to thank Essex & Herts Air Ambulance for their support and expertise in delivering this vital training to our pupils.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Axolotl** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.42%**. Whole school attendance is **94.81%**.

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 parents have an additional way to report their child's absence from school.

You are now 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.

Donations

We are reaching out to our wonderful school community to ask for your help in collecting donations of indoor games such as Connect 4, Uno, Backgammon, Snakes and Ladders, Ludo etc that can be used during wet break and lunchtimes.

If you have any board games, card games, or other fun activities that you could spare, we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

Letters Emailed Home

NCMP – Reception & Year 6 Reminder

Year 6 Forest School Update

Essex Kids Camp – Next Friday, P.E. Kit Required

Axolotl Class Trip – Saffron Walden Museum

Rabbit Class Trip – Colchester Castle

Headteacher Summary

We continue to be a kindness school – trying to spread a little more kindness in our school and in our community. I met with our kindness ambassadors earlier in the week. The ambassadors discussed what has been a success such as our kindness tree and displays around the school. We also looked at what needs to be updated like our kindness comment box and display board in the library. Then we were thinking of what we could do next. We discussed the possibility of another kindness day but the ambassadors decided to go back to their classes and hold a discussion in their class to brainstorm ideas. If you have a suggestion for how we can spread kindness in our school or in the community then please email your suggestions to the school office. Theo, Emi and Gracie G joined a Zoom 52 Lives Kindness Schools session yesterday. Our ambassadors were busy writing suggestions down from other schools which we could potentially magpie.

Thank you to FOTSMS for organising and running the Cuppa & Coffee Morning this morning. I hope that everyone who attended found the time helpful and comforting.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hoy

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy

Song: In this Together

Story about a Jewish man who went for a stroll between Jerusalem and Jericho. He was attacked by bandits and was left half dead. A priest came along and saw the man on the ground but walked straight past. A Levite walked past and did the same. Then the Samaritan was walking past but stopped to help him! He put the man on the donkey and took him to an inn in Jericho, bought him medicine and bandages and paid for his stay.

What can we learn from this parable?

People should always help, no matter what you do, who you are, or your culture religion.

Treat others how you want to be treated.

Tuesday - Mrs O'Brien

Song: Thank You for a Million Things

Story – The Town Mouse and Country Mouse

The town mouse visited the country mouse. The food was boring and plain! Then the country mouse went to see the town mouse. The food was delicious, but every time they ate they were put in danger!

The moral of the story is that sometimes what you already have is the best.

Wednesday - Miss Hoy

Song: In this Together

What have we done in school as a kindness school?

Kindness tree, kindness ambassadors.

Sang together:

Who Put the Colour in the Rainbow?

The Colour Master

We discussed how we associate colours with our emotions. We go through different emotions and colours.

Thursday - Rev Jacqui

Song: My Lighthouse

We watched a video about how Jesus went fishing for people. People who had certain qualities, like what we look for in friends. A good friend is thoughtful, patient, kind and loyal.

We can all be followers of Jesus.

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	
2 nd – 6 th February 2026	TSM & National Story Telling Week
2 nd – 12 th February 2026	FOTSMS Coin Challenge
2 nd February 2026	NCMP Reception & Year 6
4 th February 2026	Author Visit
5 th February 2026	Year 6 Residential Parent Information Meeting
6 th February 2026	Essex Kids Camp – Curling, P.E. Required
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
10 th February 2026	FOTSMS World Book Day Sale
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
24 th February 2026	FOTSMS World Book Day Sale
25 th February 2026	WDF Science Lesson – Eagle Class
27 th February 2026	FOTSMS World Book Day Sale
2 nd March 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
3 rd March 2026	WDF Science Lesson – Hedgehog Class
4 th March 2026	Axolotl Class Trip – Saffron Walden Museum
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	Rabbit Class Trip – Colchester Castle
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
Summer Term	
19 th June 2026	TSM Summer Fete
29 th June – 3 rd July 2026	Wellbeing Week



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