



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 13th February 2026



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.

Tiger



Rabbit



Axolotl



Eagle



Hedgehog



Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	23
Shaw	77
Tabrums	52
Marsh	26



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Gracie

Eagle – Casey

Axolotl – Molly

Rabbit – George

Tiger – Matthew

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 Eagle class.

Eagle Class Summary

This week has been packed with creativity, confidence and some brilliant learning across the curriculum! In English, we've been focusing on mighty public speaking, finishing our storytelling monologues and thinking carefully about how to engage an audience. The children explored how to use their voice, eye contact, gestures and movement to make their storytelling dynamic and powerful. It's been wonderful to see some fantastic performances and, in particular, a real boost in confidence from several pupils as the week went on.

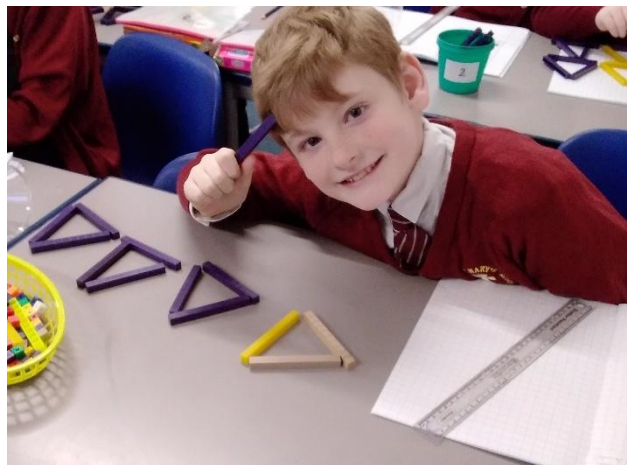
In maths, we've begun our work on division, starting with short division and then moving on to remainders. We used practical equipment to explore what a remainder actually means (amount left over), before applying this understanding to the formal "bus stop" method. The children did a great job tackling multi-step questions and applying their skills to problem-solving tasks.

We've also finished our Frida Kahlo self-portrait art project this half term. The children worked carefully to create proportionate portraits using rulers and guidelines, mixed colours to create tints for a wash, and then added finer details with colour pencil. We discussed the symbolism in Frida Kahlo's work and thought about what represents our own identities, which the children incorporated into their backgrounds with great creativity and thoughtfulness.

In geography, we completed our unit on Mexico by exploring its physical features, including rainforests, mountains and deserts, and discussing how these different landscapes can affect the way people live.

In PE, we've been finishing off our netball unit and applying skills in game situations. The children have worked hard on their defending, tracking players, using space effectively and communicating with their teammates, there was some great teamwork on show.

We also enjoyed looking at the story books the children created during Book Week as part of our storytelling focus. The standard was incredibly high, and a big congratulations to Evelyn P, who was announced as the competition winner on Monday.



Creative Writing Competition

We held a creative writing competition during National Storytelling Week. Rabbit, Axolotl, Eagle and Hedgehog class were set the challenge of including the class animal in their writing. Tiger class concentrated on writing a story with a beginning, middle and end.

Well done to **Hudson, Henry, George, Evelyn P and Oscar B** who all won a book token for their creative writing.

Class teachers were impressed with the writing and effort made making comments such as:

Excellent focus

Lovely examples of ambitious vocabulary and features

Great effort

Good use of description and imagination

Working on speech and finger spaces

Descriptive vocabulary

Use of adverbs

Varied sentence openers

Clear beginning, middle and end

Independence

Creativity

Presentation

Flow of the story






One bright, sunny day Tom the Axolotl was exploring the sea with his cute turtle friends. They swam and dived until they found an eerie, colossal, ominous ship wreck. Tom the Axolotl exclaimed "wow! What a find!" as the turtles whipped and "look there is some treasure inside probably a trap!" "It might not be a trap, Tom! Right? But you go and look!" said the now alarmed turtle. Tom picked up the diamond not a moment too soon... the door slammed shut! It was dark, no one could see. Tom saw a light so did the turtle. They both swam for it. It was another room at last! It was light. They heard something move. Tom looked in the mirror to check nothing was behind him but he was in a mirror. Tom's reflection mounted in the mirror. Tom's reflection said "Tom said 'uhh... aha... aha! Tom's reflection told him this is a window. Tom was fine with it." his friend alerted him "watch out behind you!" It was a shark! How did he get it? Tom asked "same way as us!" replied the frightful turtle. Tom's friend said "close the window then open it!" Shouted Tom "I have a ready okay should of told you earlier" Tom and his turtle friend swam straight home and went to bed THE END.

Oscar
Thursday 4th February 2006
INDEPENDENT WRITING


The Hedgehog Bush

Created
In my garden, I have lots of plants. But there's the one bush that's bigger than all the others. I've wanted to dig it up for years but I can't, because every day and night I see some hedgehogs come in and some come out.




Sometimes I try to leave them to a different bush using worms but only one or two comes out. I've also given the bush some names my favourite name is the hedgehog bush. I've even tried giving the hedgehogs names but there are so many and they look exactly the same. But then I remember, I've always wanted a pet. But my mum says I can't have one so we could get one hedgehog from the bush.

So I went to ask my mum and she said yes.



I instantly ran outside in search for worms. I brought a little plastic tub with me to see how many I had. I had at least 15. I started to leave a trail, leading from my house, everybody a hedgehog found the trail and started to sleep there up and down. Once it was in the house I slowly and surely shut the door without it noticing. While it was finishing the last of the worms, I used my mum's if she could catch the hedgehog while I went to make it a bed and she said ok. While I was making the bed up with 4 pillows and a blanket, I noticed the hedgehog needed a name, so I decided I'll call him Sonic. Once I was done with the bed I led to the kitchen to get some milk.



When I got in the kitchen I found some milk that had spilled on the floor.

I asked my mum what was going on and she said she was getting dinner while she was leaving and spilled the milk. I quickly tidied the milk away before Sonic could have more, then put him up by his stomach, and hung him to his bed. Once I put him down, he seemed to like his bed because he got snuggled up straight away.

I was getting late, and I had to go to bed soon, so I said goodnight to Sonic and my mum, then led him upstairs to my bedroom. I put my pyjamas on and got into the blanket and tried to go to sleep.

A long time ago there was an astronaut in a big silver spaceship. The spaceship crashed into a giant gray and red rock. It went bang! The astronaut opened the small white hatch. When he peered out he was amazed! There was lots of blue tall green trees and sparkling water.

Hudson

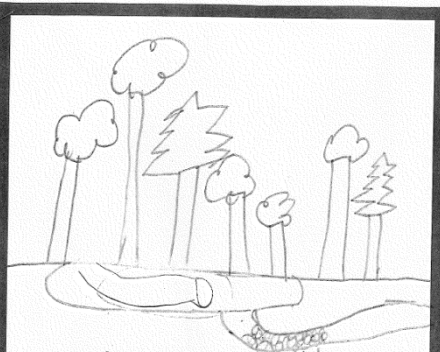
The astronaut looked at the long thick brown and green vines. All of a sudden the astronaut saw a jagyua! The jagyua crept up to the astronaut.

The scree jagyua roared and pounced on the astronaut.

The astronaut pushed the jagyua off him. The jagyua was very angry! The astronaut felt scared. He pressed a blue shiny button on his big white jet pack. He shot up quickly in the air and landed on the tall tree.

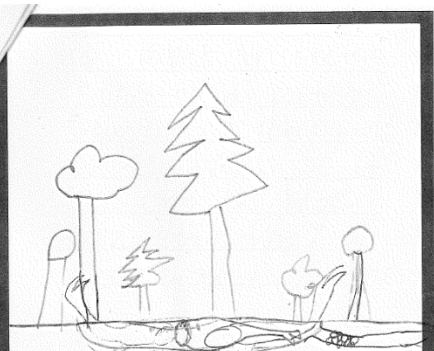


The astronaut sees a wooden tree house. He swings on the thick brown vines to reach the tree house. He finds some tools in a big box. He presses the blue shiny button and travels back to his silver spaceship. He fixes his spaceship and decides it is time to go home. The End.



one sunny day a rabbit was walking down a forest path happily. the birds were singing beautifully and the river splashed gently. He hopped excitedly to meet his friends.

The rabbit saw his friends having a picnic on the other side of the lake when suddenly in the corner they was a monster. The monster was a very smooth monster. It had teeth the



the size of your blades and it was colossal. The rabbit was terrified because it was a horising beast. It was a very scary monster but the rabbit was a wise rabbit so

the rabbit tricked the monster by pretending they was a robing on a tree branch so it can cross the bridge. So he can have a picnic with his friends.



In the distance there was magnificent forest. In the forest lived an eagle. The eagle was circling in and out of the trees scanning for food. Mysteriously, the eagle couldn't find anything, there was normal lots of food he could catch. The eagle knew what he had to do. He had to fly to a warm country to find more food.

He flew past lots of enormous mountains and magnificent forests. Suddenly, he came up to an endless looking sea but he knew that was the only way that he could find some food to prepare for the winter. So he hovered over the sea to see if he could find land.

Suddenly, in the distance the eagle saw an enormous rain cloud and it was coming his way! So he went in. It was hard the only way to get to land. The eagle tried it's hardest to dodge all the rain. The wind was howling. Suddenly he saw something in the waves. So he purred down to see what it was. Maybe it was a fish or a lost item. But no it was a baby puffin. So the eagle decided to rescue it and try help it find it parents.

Finally, the eagle found some land. It was a little island and the puffin's parents were there. So he dropped off the puffin and set off to find another forest or mountain to live on. The island next by there was a large mountain. So the eagle decided to live on a mountain.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.13%**. Whole school attendance is **96.51%**.

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

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.

Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a relief breakfast club assistant to work on an ad hoc basis, if you are interested please use the link below to make an application;

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=116725>

Letters Emailed Home

Head Lice
Year 6 Sports Leader Training 24/2
Rotary Swimarathon 2026
After School Clubs – Spring Term 2
WDF Cross Country Final – Selected Pupils

Y3-6 Cross Country WDF

Well done to all the children who took part in the Cross Country at William de Ferrers on Tuesday after school;

Year 3 – **Amelia, Nelle, Charlie, Archie**
Year 4 – **Gracie, Pixie, Sofia, Lydia, Kieran, Otis, Zachary, Jesse, Casey, Timmy**
Year 5 – **Emelia, Bella, Owen**
Year 6- **Emily, Isabelle S, Hareem, Keaton, Luke, Oliver, Theo, Thomas H, Ayan**

Congratulations also to the Year 6 Boys team who came in 3rd place and to 7 of our children who individually made it through to the SSP Cross Country Final at WDF on Tuesday 3rd March.

Headteacher Summary



The children have enjoyed competing in the FOTSMS Coin Challenge this week. Congratulations to Eagle class for winning the competition. Thank you FOTSMS for organising this event and rewarding the class with wet play games.

I was impressed with the Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshops that began on Monday. This is a 4-week programme which encourages the children to think about the importance of looking after our world. I sat in on the Year 5 session and the children were fully engaged and the children enjoyed talking about the topic. The leaders of the sessions commented on the positive behaviour and attitude of the children in Year 5 & 6 – well done to you all.



Year 5 & 6 benefited from a Gambling Workshop this week. GamFam is a registered charity set up by those who have experienced first-hand the effects that gambling can have on family and friends. The leader came to tell me how impressed she was with the behaviour and discussions in the two sessions. She said it was a pleasure to come and speak to the older children in our school.

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service led a respect session for Year 6 this morning. The session started with the topic of anti-social behaviour and later led onto safety online and potential consequences.

Have a fantastic half term break.

Miss Hoy

Collective Worship

Monday – Miss Hoy

Story: Snail and the Whale

During the assembly we had our winners from storytelling week announced! Well done Oscar, Evelyn P, George, Henry and Hudson.

Tuesday – Mrs O'Brien

What is kindness?

- Helps the world to be a better place.
- Brightens someone's day.
- Makes someone smile.

Kindness boosts our energy levels, helps our immune system -it also releases happy hormones in our brains.

How can we show kindness?

- Holding open a door.
- Share your things.
- Give someone a hug.
 - Smile.

What parables and stories show kindness?

- Feeding the 5000.
- The good Samaritan.
 - The lost sheep.
- Healing the blind man.

What is a random act of kindness?

- Helping someone with their shopping.
- Giving an unexpected compliment.

Wednesday – Miss Cosgrove

Story: The Enormous Turnip

The story of The Enormous Turnip is about cooperation, teamwork and the message of something small can make a big difference!

If we all work together we will achieve great things.

We watched a video about how teamwork is important.

Thursday– Miss Mason

What is light? Why is it special?

- Lighthouse.
- Christmas tree lights.
 - The sun.
 - Torch.
 - Lamps.
 - Candles.
 - Light bulb.
 - Stars.

Lights give off heat or brighten up a path.

Jesus is the light of the world!

'I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' John 8:12

What small acts of kindness can brighten someone's day?

- Smile.
- Show love.
- Play with someone you don't usually play with!

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	
16 th – 20 th February 2026	Half Term
23 rd February 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
24 th February 2026	Year 6 Sports Leaders Training WDF
24 th February 2026	FOTSMS World Book Day Sale
25 th February 2026	WDF Science Lesson – Year 4, 5 & 6
26 th February 2026	Dental Beauty Visit – Reception & Year 3
27 th February 2026	FOTSMS World Book Day Sale
2 nd March 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
4 th March 2026	Axolotl Class Trip – Saffron Walden Museum
5 th March 2026	World Book Day
6 th March 2026	The Children's Society Online Safety - Year 6
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
26 th March 2026	Great British Spring Clean Eco Committee Litter Pick
30 th March – 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
29 th – 30 th April 2026	Parents Evening
4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
7 th May 2026	The Children's Society Year 6 Transition Workshop
11 th – 14 th May 2026	SATs Week
25 th – 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Summer Term	
9 th June 2026	Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service
12 th June 2026	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos
15 th – 19 th June 2026	TSM Sports Week
19 th June 2026	TSM Summer Fete
22 nd – 26 th June 2026	Secondary School Transition Week
29 th June – 3 rd July 2026	Wellbeing Week



*Year 6 Boys
Cross Country*

3rd place

Trinity St Marys Primary

*William de Ferrers School Sport Partnership
William de Ferrers Family Festival*

K Jaggard

School Games Organiser



*William de Ferrers
SCHOOLS*

FOTSMS

Thank you so much to everyone that took part and sent in donations to our coin challenge. We raised a fantastic £287.27!

The winning class was Eagles who have been rewarded with some new games for their class to keep and a fun afternoon to play with them.

A special mention to Tiger class who were the runners up and raised a fabulous amount!

We really appreciate everyone's support and hope you all have a lovely half term break.

FOTSMS 



Eagle class

Coin challenge
winners 2026!



You all helped to
raise a fantastic
£133.10!



Well done Tiger class!

You raised a fantastic £93.48!
That is an excellent effort, thank
you so much.



Starting Reception Roadshows



Is Your Little One Starting Reception in September 2026?

Come along to our Starting Reception Roadshow!

Get ready for a fun, friendly, and totally FREE event designed to help you to support your child feel excited and confident about starting reception.

Essex Early Years has teamed up with local schools plus education, health and care partners to bring you a lively, helpful session packed with top tips and advice.

Want to join in?

Ask your child's childminder, preschool, or nursery for details about your nearest event, or visit the Essex Talk, Listen and Cuddle website to find out more about dates and times across Essex.

Starting Reception Roadshow near you:

Where: [South Woodham Ferrers Library, Chelmsford, CM3 5JU](#)

When: Saturday 7th March 2026
10.00am until 11.30am



You can find out information about the event by scanning the QR code or visiting www.tlc-essex.info and searching 'Starting reception'



Follow us on social media to join our Starting Reception Campaign



Instagram



Facebook



Become a **10 - 19 March** spring picker

The students at Oakfield Primary School in Wickford said the campaign was

“A fun way to help wildlife.”

Take action

Pick up 5 pieces of litter every day for 10 days, to help clean up the county before spring.



www.essexwt.org.uk/pickers

Scan the QR code to sign up

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Wildlife Trust



Find 10 pieces of hidden litter.

It's thought that over two million pieces of rubbish are dropped in the UK every single day. That's a lot of litter.

You can make a big difference to the environment by doing litter picks.

Become a Spring Picker and collect 5 pieces of litter every day and put them in the correct bin.


Sign up at www.essexwt.org.uk/spring-pickers

Litter-picking bingo



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#SpringPickers

A vibrant, colorful poster for World Book Day 2026. The background is a deep blue space with stars and a large yellow starburst. A large blue handprint is the central focus, with various characters and objects floating around it. At the top, a yellow banner reads 'WORLD BOOK DAY' with a globe icon. To the right, a white circle contains the date '5th March 2026'. The menu is listed on the right side, categorized into Mains, Sides, and Desserts. The bottom right features the 'dolce' logo. The handprint contains a yellow 'GOLDEN TICKET' and a rocket ship with a smiling face. Other characters include Peter Pan, Rapunzel, Goldilocks, Garfield, a robot, a fairy, a boy with a backpack, a rabbit, and a pink planet with a rainbow ring.

WORLD BOOK DAY

5th
March
2026

MAINS

Peter Pan's Pizza Choice

Rapunzel's Golden Locks Pasta (VG)

Goldilocks & The Three Bears Wrap Bar

SIDES

Fairy Godmother Fries

Jack's Magic Beans

Princess and the Peas (...and the Sweetcorn)

DESSERTS

Red Velvet Riding Hood Brownie (V)

Fruit Yoghurt (V)

Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

dolce



Ocean Explorers



An underwater adventure!

Get your snorkel ready and take a dive to explore the coral reef. Get creative with our aquatic crafts and explore the ocean by taking part in our themed trail.

No need to book!

**Tuesday 17
February**

10.30am to 12 noon

**South Woodham
Ferrers Library**



Scan for more information or visit:
libraries.essex.gov.uk