



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 27th 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.



Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	41
Shaw	31
Tabrums	64
Marsh	24



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Connor

Eagle – Otis

Axolotl – Eleni

Rabbit – Alfie

Tiger – Mya-Mae

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 Rabbit class.

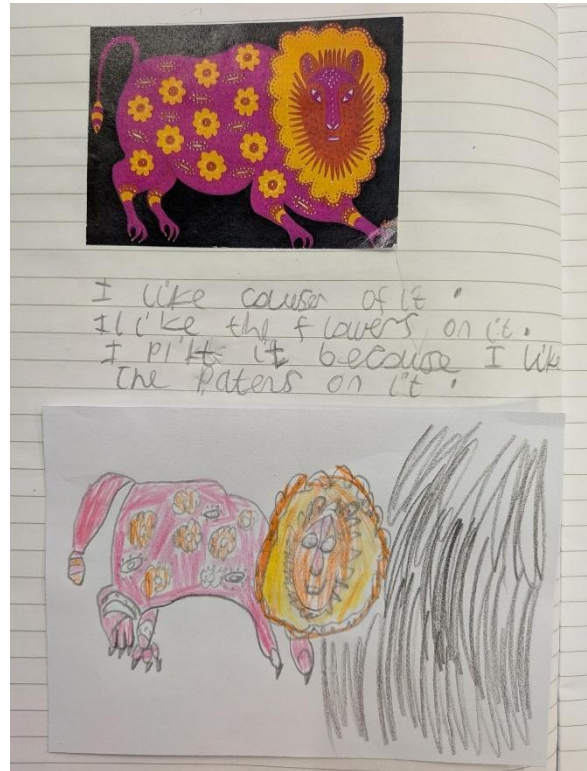
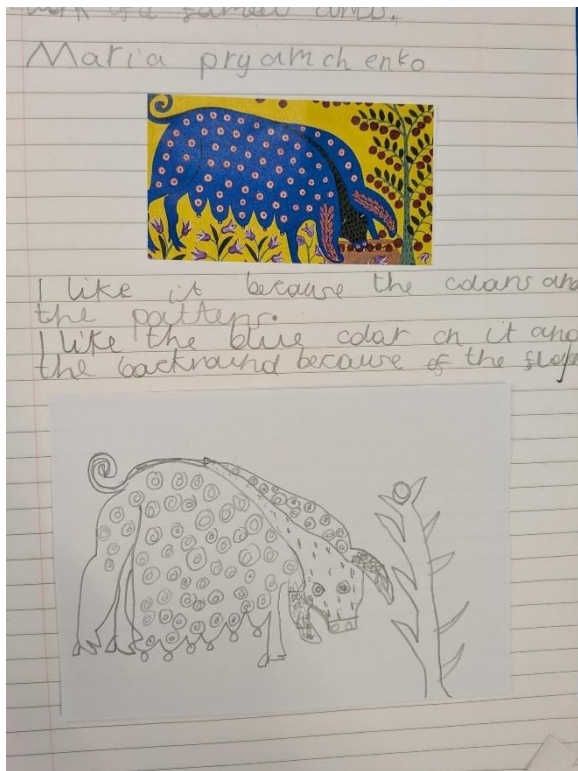
Rabbit Class Summary

Rabbit class have been getting stuck into the dragon side of our topic this week, which has been very exciting and has inspired some fantastic discussions.

We have learned about some poetic language and techniques for making our writing exciting for our audience. We have learned how to create alliterative descriptions and how to use onomatopoeia to describe the sounds that a dragon might make.

We wrote our own acrostic poems to describe a dangerous dragon and then performed our poetry to the class. We looked at performances by famous poets and authors such as Michael Rosen and Joseph Coelho and learned ways to make our poetry performances engaging for our audience. We practised projecting our voice, using gestures and movements and altering our facial expressions to make it an exciting performance. We really enjoyed performing our poems and making them sound as dramatic and exciting as possible.

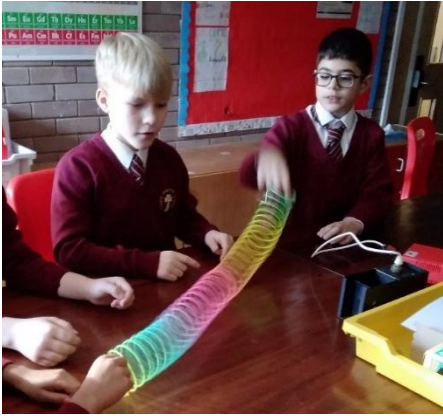
In art this week, we have been learning about the life and artworks of Maria Pryamchenko. She was an artist who lived in Ukraine and painted pictures inspired by the nature around her, as well as her dreams and folk stories. Rabbit class were equally inspired and a little unsure of her artworks as we found them to be very colourful and detailed but also a little bit strange! The children each chose one of her paintings that inspired or intrigued them and wrote about why they chose that painting. They then tried to re-create the painting themselves. Next week we will be using her artworks to inspire our own painting of a dragon in her style.



Thursday 26th February 2026
 20. I can write a poem.

Daring dragon flying look at
 his shining scales glistening in the sky.
 Remember he's hungry and scary.
 Amazing scales shine brightly.
 Great sharp teeth.
 Don't look at its high cave
 Now hurry quick RUN!

Science at WDF



At WDF, Year 4 & 5 learnt about light in reflection and light waves.

We had a small glass prism in which we shone light off of to redirect the rays onto a sheet to separate the colours to create a rainbow pattern. When light passes through the prism it refracts.

We had three beakers, opaque, transparent and translucent. The opaque beaker didn't allow any light to pass through it, in contrast translucent and transparent let light through. Even though the translucent beaker only lets little bits of light through you can still see the light from the other side.



When light travels through the lens of your eye it is upside down which flips everything, you see (like when you look at a spoon) but your brain readjusts it to be the right way around. When you move the lens, the picture will become clearer or blurrier.

By **Albie & Isla-May**



On the 25th February years 4, 5 and 6 were all able to go to William de Ferrers secondary school to do science!

The science experiment was about light and how it travels. We learnt facts about light, for example: in one second light can travel seven and a half times around the world!

We did an experiment about how light travels in a wave, to show this a group of people stood in a line and waved their arms up continuing on like a chain. We later showed this in a similar way with a slinky. Someone also tried to run as far as they can in one second but didn't get nearly as far as seven and a half times around the world!

We also did an experiment with a light box and a glass triangular prism, for this we had to reflect a white light through to make a rainbow on a piece of paper. We had an excellent time and enjoyed all the experiments.

By **Izzy B & Gracie**

Attendance

Congratulations to **Tiger** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.01%**. Whole school attendance is **94.54%**.

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.

Letters Emailed Home

World Book Day

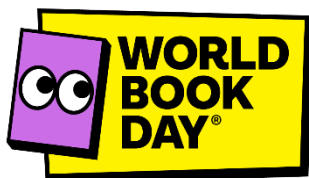
Axolotl Egyptian Tasting Session

SATS Information Session – Reminder

Eco-Committee Litter Pick

Dental Beauty Visit Re-Scheduled - Reception & Year 3

World Book Day



*We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2026**. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. There is no expectation that your child must wear a shop bought costume, instead encourage your child to get creative with what they already have.*

Alternatively, check out our local charity shops for some great bargains. If your child does not want to wear a full costume, they could design and make a badge or fact file to represent their favourite character or author.

We ask that the children do not come in football kit, or as TV or computer characters, but that they ensure their choice is linked to a literary figure and that it is age appropriate.

We will be off timetable for the day with every class participating in reading themed activities that I am sure will be great fun, whilst continuing to foster your child's love for reading.

At the end of the day, every child will receive a World Book Day token that can be redeemed at several locations.

If it is a P.E. day for your child - please just make sure they are dressed sensibly including footwear.

FOTSMS Mother's Day Sale



Our Mother's Day sale will be taking place at school on the morning of Friday 13th of March. We will be selling a selection of sustainably sourced, handmade wooden gifts made by one of our clever school families.

Payment is now able to be made on Arbor and we would really appreciate this being done in advance so that we have an idea of how many gifts are required.

Cash is also welcome on the day but pre-payment is preferred if possible.

The children will be able to choose from 7 options with a limit of 3 per child during the sale.

Any items remaining at the end will be offered to any children who would like to buy more.

Due to the gifts being handmade locally we have decided to increase the price this year to £2 which we feel reflects the quality and time invested in making them.

Thank you for your support as always.

FOTSMS.

Headteacher Summary

I can not believe that we are in the second half of the academic year! It has really made a difference with the weather being brighter and the children being able to be outside and enjoy the sunshine.

I thoroughly enjoy having lunch with the children in the hall. It is lovely to sit with different children throughout the week. The children are eager to tell me about their day, adventures that they have been on with family, conversations about birthdays and play games. I was really impressed with a group of boys in year 6 who were playing a word game the other day. They told me the rules and they asked me to join in. Two children thought of a letter and then everyone playing the game had to think of a word that begins or ends with the letters – it got quite competitive.

I was so pleased to hear that children in years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed the science lesson on light at WdF. It is fantastic that our sports ambassadors had further training at WdF this week too. Mrs Allan has commented that it was a great opportunity and that the behaviour of the children was excellent. Our strong relationship with WdF is a real benefit for our children.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Hoy



Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy spoke to us about God in different forms. We discussed that God has many titles and how we think about God is different between each person. We spoke about our ability to have complete trust in God like many parables explain, including Noah and the Ark, David and Goliath etc.

Tuesday - A week after Shrove Tuesday, Miss Frith discussed the importance of the pancake to represent a feasting period before Lent. We discussed different traditions around the UK and how they mostly relate to the symbol of pancakes. It is a special time that welcomes Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter.

Wednesday - Miss O'Brien discussed the importance of Lent to Christians. We went through when Lent begins (Ash Wednesday) and why it is such an important time of the year. We looked at Jesus having to avoid temptation for 40 days and 40 nights and what this shows about him and ourselves.

Thursday - Reverend Jacqui delved deeper into the meaning of temptation. She compared this to The Lion King whereby Simba must avoid the temptation of Scar and follow the honest words of his father. We explored temptations we may face and how the Bible depicts that we deal with these.



5th March 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY

GOLDEN TICKET

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

The poster features a vibrant blue background with a large yellow banner at the top. A blue ribbon winds through the center, holding a 'GOLDEN TICKET'. Various cartoon characters and objects are scattered around, including a rocket, a robot, a dragon, a witch, Garfield, a rabbit, and a planet. Confetti and bunting are also visible.

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 March 2026	Year 5 & 6 Climate Workshop
3 rd March 2026	Axolotl Egyptian Tasting Session
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
10 th March 2026	Dental Beauty Visit – Reception & Year 3
11 th March 2026	Rabbit Class Trip – Colchester Castle
11 th March 2026	SATS Info Session
13 th March 2026	FOTSMS Mother's Day Sale
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