



# Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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 **Casey** in **Eagle** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

### House Points

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|---------|----|
| Fenn    | 34 |
| Shaw    | 35 |
| Tabrums | 26 |
| Marsh   | 19 |



### Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Hedgehog – Izzy B**

**Eagle – Owen**

**Axolotl – Timmy**

**Rabbit – Ava**

**Tiger – Mina**

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 Hedgehog class.

### Hedgehog Class Summary

This week in Hedgehog class has been Assessment Week for the end of the Spring term. On Monday, we started with a recap of our previous focus on four quadrants - plotting and transformation. We went over how this could come up in SATs and practiced how we can address and answer them. We then practiced some inference and prediction for the upcoming practice runs. We then had geography which focused on different types of erosion, including water erosion, wind erosion, gravity erosion and many more. This was an exciting opportunity to do our own field experiment! We went around the playground in different groups and recorded different evidence of erosion and why it may be caused! We ended the day with a maths booster based on calculations, which accounts for a huge segment of the SATs paper marks.

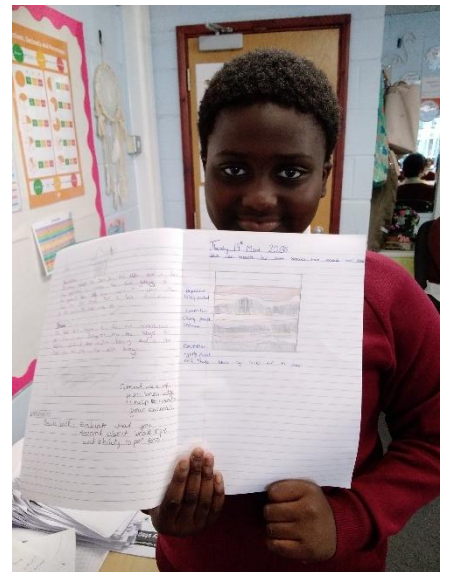
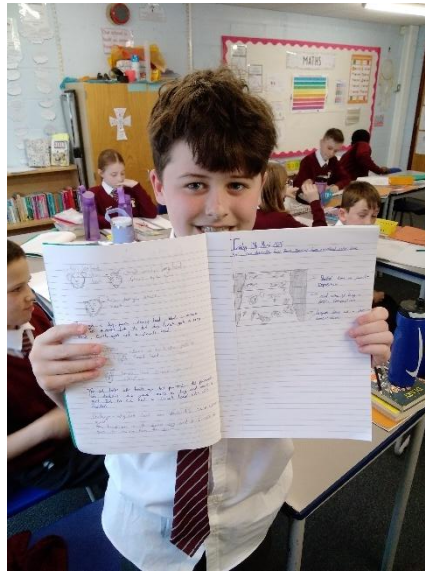
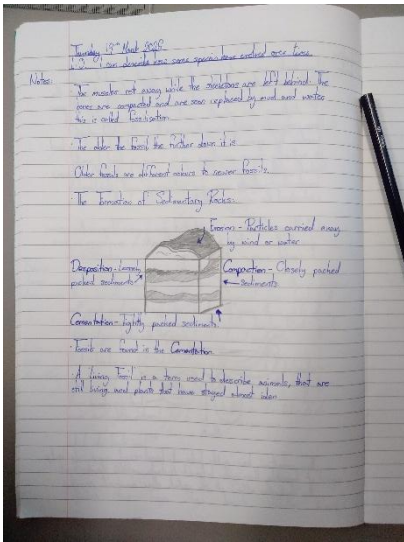
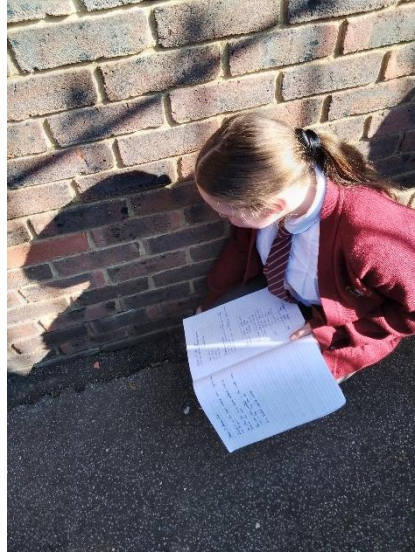
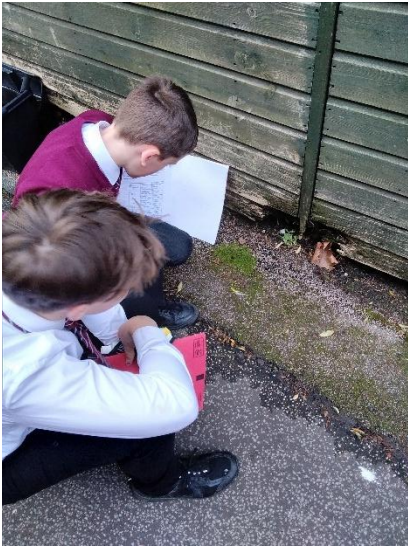
On Tuesday we started with the 2024 Arithmetic paper and followed this with the 2024 English Reading paper. We also had the Rocksteady concert where we got to watch members of our school perform in a music band playing their own instruments! In the afternoon we had computing where we learned more about filtering databases and organising data. This was based on our Data Explorers topic on Purple Mash. We obviously had to finish the lesson with a Blooket! We also recapped a key SPaG area – adverbials. We did a matching activity to assign a fronted adverbial to a main clause!

On Wednesday, we had the 2024 Reasoning 1 paper and then the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) paper. After lunch, we had PE with Mr Radley where we practiced on our football skills including aiming for a target and teamwork. We have all loved this topic and it has been great to have a few sunny days to do this!

On Thursday, we had the 2024 SATs Reasoning paper 2 and that was our last assessment of the week! We followed this by delving into cohesive devices and exploring ‘what makes writing ‘flow’?’. We focused on these areas for cohesion: fronted adverbials, pronouns, and conjunctions. In the afternoon we had an amazing science lesson where we were comparing different ‘living fossils’! We compared modern fern to prehistoric fern as well as shark teeth! It was interesting to see what had and hadn’t changed as well as exploring the importance of animal adaptations.

We finished the week with some fraction practice and reasoning focus. This ensures that we are also gaining marks in those reasoning papers in May. We also consolidated our comprehension tactics for the reading paper, focusing on longer and multi-point questions that may appear. In RE, we explored the importance of the Last Supper to Christians. We practiced our analytical thinking and delved into the painting itself, identifying key areas of interest/ significance and the influence that this has on Christian lives today. We ended the week with another maths booster session that explored our reasoning papers so that we could self-assess and go over any misconceptions.

The children have really shown such resilience during this term’s assessment week! They have continuously pushed themselves and remained determined, all the while still starting each day with a smile! Miss Hume and Miss Cosgrove are both very proud of all of your hard work, and we now have the residential to look forward to! Have a very well-deserved rest this weekend and remember to look after yourselves. We will see you Monday for an amazing week filled with lots of activities!



## Rocksteady Easter Concert

Well done to our bands who performed to the whole school and proud parents/carers on Tuesday morning.

**Riley, Bobby, Alfie, Donovan, George, Pixie & Matilda**

**Oliver, Ezra, Owen, Otis & Sofia**

**Emi, Zachary, Maxwell, Charlie & Lexi**



## Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96.82%**. Whole school attendance is **95.5%**.

If your child is absent then please remember to report this before 8.30am either by telephone, via Studybugs or the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App 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> /[Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App](#)

**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.

## **General Reminders**

### **Vacancy**

We're recruiting a breakfast club assistant to work with a 1:1 child, please follow the link below to apply:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=117483>

### **Parking Reminder**

Please may we remind all parents/carers to be mindful of parking in the area, especially during drop off and pick up times. Please do not block access to the pavements for other pedestrians/park on double yellow lines or block local residents' driveways. Thank you.

## **Letters Emailed Home**

Tiger P.E. Days Next Week

Residential Reminders

WDF Swimming Gala 23/4 Year 3,4,5 & 6

School Uniform Update September 2026

SATs Blog Year 6 Parents/Carers

## **Collective Worship**

**Monday** - Miss Hoy went through the significance of Mother's Day as well as the importance of Mary the mother. Her influence on his life is one of the reasons why the 'Mother Church' is the largest church! We went through the reasoning behind Mother's Day and how in Victorian times, children that worked could not always see their mothers, so on Mothering Sunday, they would meet them in church.

**Wednesday** - We were lucky enough to have Open the Book in for this collective worship! We focused on Palm Sunday and actually saw what palm leaves looked like and why they were used to greet Jesus into Jerusalem. We walked through the story and linked this to the holiday of Easter and why it is important.

**Thursday** - Miss Cosgrove delved into incarnation and how God became human to save our lives through Jesus. We examined how Jesus was born, how he lived and who he was, and noted that on the surface, he lived very similarly to any other human. This signified the importance of ourselves and that no matter what we are or what we do, we are always loved by God.

## Headteacher Summary



It has been another busy week. Today the children enjoyed Frisbee Golf led by Essex Kids Camp.



Thank you to FOTSMS who held another Cuppa & Company Morning.

Well done to the netball team who played at WDF on Tuesday night – **Maddie W, Preston, Gracie M, Emily, Hattie, Lydia** and **Bella**. The team worked hard and supported one another.



Good luck to the swimmers in the Swimathon on Saturday.

Let's hope the good weather continues and Year 6 enjoy their residential next week.

Have a great 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  |  |
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| 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2026                          | Rotary Swimathon                                     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026       | Year 6 Residential                                   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                          | Great British Spring Clean Eco Committee Litter Pick |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                          | Eagle Class Maya-themed Day                          |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 | Easter Holidays                                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April – 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 | FOTSMS Clothing Collection                           |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                          | Axolotl Class Library Visit                          |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                          | The Ripple Effect Workshop – Axolotl & Eagle         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026       | Parents Evening                                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                             | Bank Holiday   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                             | The Children's Society Year 6 Transition Workshop    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026         | SATS Week  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                            | Tiger Class Library Visit                            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026         | Half Term  |

| Summer Term                                       |   |
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| 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                         | Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                        | Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026     | TSM Sports Week                             |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                        | TSM Summer Fete                             |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026     | Secondary School Transition Week            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026 | Wellbeing Week                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                        | Year 6 Treat Afternoon                      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026                        | Inset Day                                   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026                        | Summer Holidays                             |



JOIN OUR CLASS

# EASTER EGG RAFFLE

CHANCE TO WIN THE  
CLASS EASTER BUNNY



**50P PER TICKET  
(NO LIMIT)**

Raffle Tickets can be  
bought between  
16TH & 27th MARCH  
from the class teacher

Winners to be announced  
**27TH MARCH 2026**

# The 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 our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:  
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>