



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 27th March 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 **Hareem & Dounya** in Hedgehog class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	39
Shaw	17
Tabrums	39
Marsh	21



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Bobby

Eagle – Bella

Axolotl – William

Rabbit – Isabella

Tiger – Reuben

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 in Eagle class, we have been busy completing our exciting Maya history topic, bringing together everything we have learned over the term.

In computing, the children explored how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create their own interactive quizzes. They researched their own questions and answers, then developed new skills such as adding hyperlinks to make answers interactive (right or wrong), as well as using animations and transitions to enhance their presentations. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and problem-solving as they explored this new software.

We also had a fantastic Maya Day, where the children fully immersed themselves in Maya culture. They showed great bravery and curiosity while tasting a range of traditional foods linked to the Maya, including the “Three Sisters” crops, which are squash, beans, and maize. Many children tried new foods for the first time, including removing corn from the cob themselves.

We held a class discussion about the importance of maize and cacao in Maya society. The children were fascinated to learn that the Maya believed humans were made from maize and that it made up a large part of their daily diet.

The children also developed their design and food preparation skills by making their own guacamole and tortilla chips. They learned how to safely prepare ingredients, including cutting, scooping, and mixing, with many trying avocado for the very first time.

In art and design, we explored the cultural significance of Maya masks, particularly the famous jade death mask of K'inich Janaab' Pakal. Inspired by this, the children created their own masks using layered green tissue paper to replicate the appearance of jade.

We also explored how Maya traditions continue to influence the modern world, particularly in Guatemala. The children learned about festivals that celebrate ancestors, such as the Giant Kite Festival linked to the Day of the Dead. They then designed their own kites, incorporating intricate patterns and symbols such as the jaguar, an important and powerful symbol in Maya culture.

It has been a fantastic week of hands-on learning, creativity, and cultural exploration. The children have shown enthusiasm, bravery, and excellent teamwork throughout all activities. Well done, Eagle class!



Attendance

Congratulations to **Tiger** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.86%**. Whole school attendance is **94.85%**.

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](https://studybugs.com/about/parents/Logging%20absences%20on%20the%20Parent%20Portal%20and%20Arbor%20App)

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

Summer Uniform

Children can return to school after the Easter holidays wearing summer uniform.

Church Arts & Crafts

You are invited to the TSM church hall for an Easter themed arts and crafts session on Saturday 4th April 2026, 10:00-12:00.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Letters Emailed Home

Summer Term Payments – Breakfast & ASC Club

Summer Term Homework Approach Letter

Summer Term Clubs

Tiger Class Summer Term Swimming Lessons

Axolotl Library Visit 15/4

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Collective Worship Easter Service

For this service we were joined by Reverend Jacqui and some of the school governors.

The Worship Warriors delivered the Easter story, all about Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.

They shared some lovely poems about Easter, spring arriving, as well as Easter love.

During the service we sung Easter hymns as a whole school, such as: Lord of the Dance, Sing Out an Easter Song and Lord I Lift Your Name on High.

Reverend Jacqui told us about the importance of Hot Cross Buns! Hot Cross Buns tell the Easter story, with the shape showing the stone that sealed the tomb, the cross and the fruits of the spirit.

We then had Mrs Munro close the service with our school prayer.

Headteacher Summary

Wow – I can not believe we are at the end of the Spring term. Although the Spring term is always the shortest term, I know that we are all looking forward to the break. I am sure the children in Year 6 are looking forward to the break after their residential this week. Overall, they were very lucky with the weather and from what I have heard from adults and children they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Well done to everyone who participated in the Rotary Swimathon at the weekend.

A big thank you to our Eco Committee who joined in with the Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick yesterday.

I was joined by Emi and Gracie G on a 52 Lives Kindness Zoom meeting this week. The meeting is a chance to meet up with our Kindness schools and share how we are spreading kindness. The girls were busy writing ideas that they heard in the meeting and we will be having a meeting after Easter with our ambassadors to decide on our next kindness project. One idea that was shared was to set a kindness challenge. So I am setting an Easter Challenge.

This Easter holiday, I'd love you to help spread some extra kindness. All you have to do is tick off all 15 kind activities and have it signed off by an adult.

	FIRST NAME: _____	AGE: _____	
Give a loved one a hug	Tell someone you love them	Donate your unwanted toys and clothes to charity	
Be kind to your mind. Write down 3 things you love about yourself	Make someone laugh	Give someone a compliment.	
Send someone a kind note	Have a screen-free day	Spend some time doing something you love	
	Help tidy up without being asked to	Ask someone how they are, and really listen to their answer	Tell someone what you like about them
Make someone smile	Make a kind card and make someone's day!	Spend time in nature	
			

Bring the completed sheet to me in the first week of the Summer term and you will get a small prize.

Have a fantastic break.

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	
30 th March – 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
13 th April – 15 th April 2026	FOTSMS Clothing Collection
15 th April 2026	Axolotl Class Library Visit
17 th April 2026	Eagle Class Library Visit
27 th April 2026	The Ripple Effect Workshop – Axolotl & Eagle
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
13 th May 2026	Tiger Class Library Visit
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
18 th June 2026	TSM Sports Morning
19 th June 2026	TSM Summer Fete
22 nd – 26 th June 2026	Secondary School Transition Week
29 th June 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Water Safety Assembly
29 th June – 3 rd July 2026	Wellbeing Week
9 th July 2026	Year 6 Treat Afternoon
14 th July 2026	Rocksteady Summer Concert
15 th July 2026	Conductive Music Workshop Years 1-6
16 th July 2026	Year 6 Treat Afternoon
20 th July 2026	Inset Day
21 st July 2026	Summer Holidays