



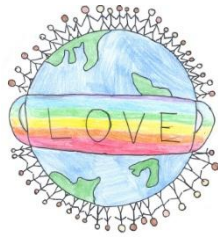
Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 17th April 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 **Charlotte** in **Tiger** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	46
Shaw	15
Tabrums	15
Marsh	21



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Grace

Eagle – Bella

Axolotl – Molly

Rabbit – Bobby

Tiger – Tobi

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 Axolotl class.

Axolotl Class Summary

Axolotl class has had a fantastic and busy start to the term, with lots of engaging learning taking place across all subjects. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence continue to grow.

In science, we have been exploring the fascinating world of rocks. The class has been learning to identify and understand the three main types of rocks: sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. We have discussed how each type is formed and looked at their different properties, with the children asking thoughtful questions and making excellent observations.

In English, our focus has been on writing imaginative adventure stories inspired by a fictional school trip to Egypt—if only it were real! In our stories, the children imagine wandering away from their group after something mysterious and suspicious catches their attention. This has been a fantastic opportunity to develop creativity and suspense in writing. The class has worked particularly hard on building their writing stamina, organising their ideas into clear paragraphs, and using “show not tell” techniques to bring their stories to life. We have also been focusing on using a wide range of powerful and ambitious vocabulary to make our writing more engaging and descriptive.

In maths, we have begun our new topic on fractions. The children are learning about numerators and denominators and developing their understanding of how fractions represent parts of a whole. We have been using practical examples and visual representations to support this learning, helping the children to build a strong foundation in this important area.

We also enjoyed our very first Forest School session, which was a great success. The children had lots of fun exploring the outdoor environment, working together, and developing new skills. We were especially lucky that the sun decided to make an appearance, making the experience even more enjoyable!

Overall, it has been a wonderful start to the term, and I am very proud of all the children.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.05%**. Whole school attendance is **95.13%**.

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

Clubs

Please note there are still spaces available in our new clubs, so please reach out to the office, if your child would like to join - they are very welcome to sign up to more than one now too!

Parents Evening

The booking window for Parent Consultation Meetings is now live on Arbor.

Letters Emailed Home

Summer Term Clubs
Parent Consultation Meetings Booking Window Open
Swimarathon Sponsorship Reminder

Collective Worship

Monday – Miss Hoy

Kingdom of God.

The phrases: Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Heaven and The Kingdom occur over ninety times in the bible!

The Kingdom of God is explained as being a 'place' where God is in charge. Christians believe that God created the world and if you're a good person and help the Earth will be a happy place, you will thrive because you are doing what God intended.

Tuesday – Miss Frith

We watched a short video clip on kindness, then discussed what qualities and value Nicholas Winton showed throughout his life. He was: kind, caring, showed love and was determined.

We can learn from him in many ways. One way is to think about others, not just yourself and that everyone and everything make a difference.

Wednesday – Open the Book

We learned of the Bible story where Jesus' friend went to visit him in the tomb but suddenly a bright light appeared and an angel rolled the tomb stone away. Jesus was gone! And he was alive! The women went to go look for him – they ran straight into him.

His two friends were walking and talking and bumped into a stranger, whom they told about Jesus. They then realised, once they stopped, that the stranger was Jesus!

Thursday – Miss Mason

What does it mean to be fair and kind? We discussed that it meant treating people how you want to be treated and to not leave people out.

We watched a video clip about Nelson Mandela. He lived in South Africa and was imprisoned for 27 years! He believed that people should not be treated unfairly because of the colour of their skin.

Nelson Mandela showed: dedication, love, fairness, kindness and care. We then discussed how we could make a difference through sharing a smile, helping somebody and loving your neighbour as you love yourself.

FOTSMS

Thank you to all those that contributed to the Happy School Bag clothing collection earlier this week.

We managed to collect 177kg and raised a wonderful £79.65. Thank you!



Headteacher Summary

A warm welcome back to the Summer term. I have enjoyed teaching Axolotl class this week. The children impressed me when discussing money matters. Money and the way we use money has changed so much. It was interesting discussing the use of coins and change, cards and phones as well as the purpose of a bank.



Axolotl and Eagle class have enjoyed visits to South Woodham Ferrers library this week. Axolotl class enjoyed a story and were able to borrow books. For Eagle class they focused on Victorians – finding information books and carrying out a themed activity.

Well done to Nelle, Tori, Lacey, Eleni, Lydia, Hattie and Molly who took part in a netball training session at WdF earlier in the week.



Well done to Isabella D, Jack, George H, Maddie B, Thomas H and Zac who all completed the kindness challenge over the Easter break. It was lovely to speak to them about how they met the challenge, making family and friends laugh, writing cards to make others smile and helping others.



Have a lovely 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	
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
20 th May 2026	National Numeracy Day
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