



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 24th 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 **Lexi** in **Hedgehog** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	53
Shaw	46
Tabrums	32
Marsh	20



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Oscar

Eagle – Charlie

Axolotl – Louis

Rabbit – Frankie B

Tiger – Rosie

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

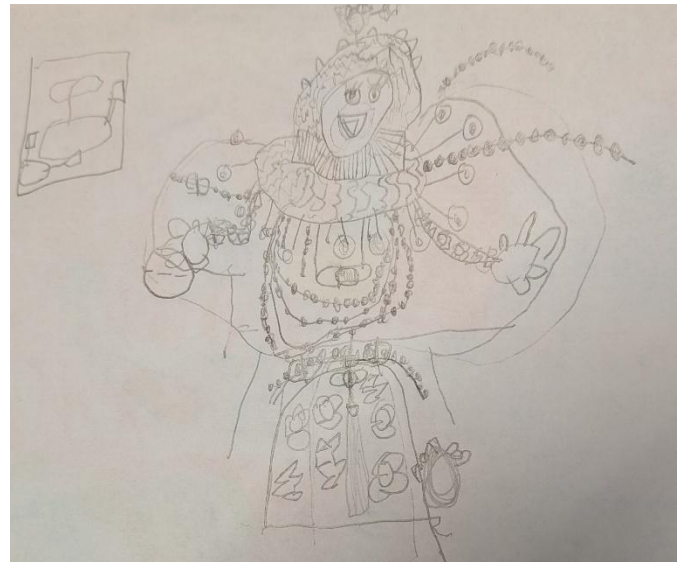
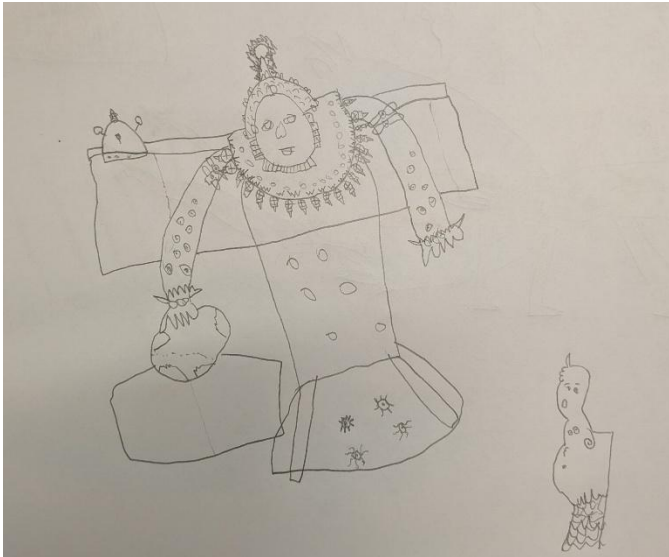
This week Rabbit class have been setting sail to explore new lands and earn fame and fortune as Tudor sailors. We learned what life would have been like on board Sir Francis Drake's famous ship, The Golden Hinde, and about how Sir Francis Drake was the first English person to circumnavigate the globe. We used our imaginations to picture ourselves on that voyage and considered some key questions: what might we see? What sounds or smells might we experience? Is the journey a comfortable and pleasant one? Rabbit class really enjoyed getting into the mindset of an Elizabethan sailor and produced some excellent diary entries from on board the ship! Next week our ship is due to land at a new and exotic place, I wonder what treasures and discoveries await us there?

Our English work is closely linked to our topic learning and we have also written a short biography of Queen Elizabeth I. Rabbit class had a lot to say about the Tudor idea that a woman could not be a successful queen without a husband, and about how Elizabeth I proved them wrong when she defeated the Spanish Armada and her explorers brought back lots of treasure. We spent some calming time studying a portrait that Queen Elizabeth I had painted of herself just after she defeated the Spanish Armada. We discussed the symbolism of the ships in the background and her hand on the globe, showing how she was powerful and had won against Spain. We spent time looking at all the fine details and made a line sketch copy of the portrait, trying to include as many of those details as possible. We then had some classroom gallery time and walked round to look at our friends' artwork. The children then evaluated each other's work, discussing what they liked and how they could improve.

The children are also currently monitoring our science investigation which will continue over the next few weeks. We are investigating whether a seed can grow successfully if we take away one key thing it needs. We know that seeds need warmth, soil, light and water to grow so Rabbit class voted to take away light. We were very surprised to discover that the seeds in the cupboard germinated before the seeds on the windowsill! However, our control seedlings are growing very happily on the windowsill with everything they need, but the seedlings we are growing in the cupboard are starting to look less healthy! Can you tell which tray is which?

In maths we have been working hard to cover lots of shape and measure topics. We have learned how to use a ruler to measure in centimetres and a metre stick to measure metres. We can now order objects by height and the Year 3 children have begun to learn how to measure the perimeter of a shape. Rabbit class have also learned how to make amounts of money using coins and notes and to calculate change when you spend some of that money.





Queen Elizabeth I
 was born in 7th September 1533 Greenwich Palace. Her father was King Henry VIII and her mother was Anne Boleyn. She had an older sister, Mary, and a brother called Edward. Elizabeth was 2 years old when her mother was executed so Elizabeth was forced to live with her sister. She wasn't allowed to be a princess and Elizabeth's father didn't see Elizabeth often. Her father King Henry VIII died when Elizabeth was 13 years old then her younger brother became king. Lots of people thought that women couldn't rule the country with out a husband. Then Elizabeth's younger brother died in 1552 and her older sister Mary became queen. When Elizabeth was 25 years old Mary died which meant Elizabeth could be queen and people said you need a husband if you're a queen but Elizabeth didn't need a husband to rule the world. Then the explorer Sir Francis Drake traveled all around the world to find more food to make England a richer place. Then sadly Elizabeth died in 1603.

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KS1 Monster Mayhem Competition



Last term as part of our National Storytelling Week, all the children in KS1 entered the Monster Mayhem Creative Writing and Drawing Competition. The children came up with some truly amazing Monsters and used some fabulous descriptive vocabulary to describe them. We then received the exciting news that a number of our entries have been chosen to be published in the Young Writers Monster Mayhem Book! I am looking forward to receiving the book which will be proudly displayed in our library. Well done to all the children who entered the competition, you all worked hard, but an extra big congratulations to our winners!

Mrs. Allan



3T's Cricket

On Tuesday, TSM entered a team in the 3 T's Year 2 cricket event at William de Ferrers School. Our fabulous children played four matches and their level of enthusiasm throughout every game was amazing! Their fielding skills were very impressive; the children communicated clearly with each other meaning that the opposing team had very little time to rack up many runs. Their batting skills were equally fantastic and working together they achieved a huge number of runs. Throughout the whole event, the team won every single match they played! Wow! What an achievement! If that wasn't enough to make me proud, the children displayed an excellent sporting attitude showing determination, resilience, kindness and team spirit the whole time. Well done to **Darcey, Kieran, Sofia, Riley, Scarlett, Henry, Lucy and George**, you were all stars!

Mrs. Allan





Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.39%**. Whole school attendance is **95.29%**.

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.

Donations

It would be wonderful if we could locate some more logs to sit on and long logs 1.5 metres and the width of an arm or smaller for our Forest School area, if you are able to help in our search to find some please let us know. Thank you.

Letters Emailed Home

Parent Governor Vacancies

Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting

Music Lessons – September 26

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club

Tigers – London Mini Marathon

Headteacher Summary

It was lovely to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment from the children and adults as they came back from the cricket event this week. Along with Mrs Allan and Mrs Clacy, I am so proud of the children, not only for winning every single game but also for their outstanding attitude and sportsmanship. They certainly deserved their headteacher sticker!



Another amazing sporting achievement this week was participating in the swimming gala yesterday. Our swimmers certainly impressed me and were all determined to try their best. Well done to **Amelia, Bella, Blanca, Charlie H, Ezra, Gracie M, Isabelle, Lacey, Maxwell, Molly, Oliver H, Sofia C, Theo & Zachary.**

Well done to all of our children in Year 6 who are working hard to revise for the SATs tests. They sat their final practise papers this week. I am very proud of the determination that they have been demonstrating. I know you will all try your very best in the assessments in a few weeks time.



I am looking forward to meeting with our kindness ambassadors this afternoon to discuss our next project and how to spread kindness more in our school and in the local community. We are always looking for ideas so please let us know if you have an idea that you would like us to consider. Please remember that if you want to make us aware of a child that has demonstrated an outstanding act of kindness then please email in with the name of the child and why you are nominating them.



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.

Summer Term	
27 th April 2026	The Ripple Effect Workshop – Axolotl & Eagle
27 th April – 1 st May 2026	TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools
29 th – 30 th April 2026	Parents Evening
4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
6 th May 2026	Year 1 Phonics Parent Screening Meeting
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
5 th June 2026	Year 6 Crucial Crew
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