



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 1st May 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 **Nelle** in **Axolotl** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	67
Shaw	43
Tabrums	27
Marsh	23



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Luke

Eagle – Emi

Axolotl – Isla

Rabbit – George

Tiger – Carter

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 Tiger class.

Tiger Class Summary

This term Tiger class has travelled back in time for our new topic of Dinosaurs! This is definitely a topic that the children are very enthusiastic about. The children are amazing at pronouncing all the difficult names and when discussing the environment the dinosaurs lived in. I was especially impressed with their work on dinosaur food chains. In addition to discussing each dinosaur the children also wowed us by using excellent scientific vocabulary such as carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, consumer and producer (explaining the meaning of each). They also spoke about why a food chain is called a food chain and gave a clear description of how energy is transferred through each stage! What a fantastic group of little scientists we have!

In art the children have been learning about a wide range of techniques. From detailed observational paintings of daffodils, to using coarse and fine salt to create dramatic effects in water colour (to create a background to their dinosaur silhouette paintings), the children have shown good progress in their skills when selecting and mixing colours and when creating art work. When producing their sunset background, the children worked hard to create a gradient, seamlessly transitioning from one colour and shade, to another to add depth and dimension. We are looking forward to seeing their finished pieces.

In phonics the children in Year One are working very hard to secure their knowledge of alternative spellings and to 'grow the code' both in the reading and writing of these sounds, whilst our Reception children are adding digraphs and trigraphs to their list of sounds to recognise, read and write. Our English language is pretty tricky and there is such a lot to remember, but the children are doing really well. It is fabulous to see them apply this knowledge in our Little Wandle reading sessions and in their writing too. Keep up the good work Tiger class!

In maths the children have continued their work on understanding the value of numbers beyond ten. They have become very clever at looking at a number and working out how many tens and ones it represents. They have also shown their continued skills with counting in groups of 2s, 5's and 10's using this knowledge to complete some challenging problem-solving questions!

Our focus in R.E this term is other faiths and religions. The children listened carefully to learn all about Ramadan. They found out that most Muslims adults fast between dawn and sunset. Fasting allows Muslims to devote themselves to their faith. It is thought to teach self-discipline and reminds them of the suffering of the poor. During Ramadan, it is common to have one meal (known as the Suhoor), just before sunrise and another (known as the Iftar), directly after sunset. Ramadan remembers the month the Qur'an (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. At the end of Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr celebrates the breaking of the fast. Friends and families gather for festive meals and exchange gifts. Special gifts are also given to the poor. It is a time to think about what good deeds can be done to help others. The children then did a fantastic job of making their own 'good deed' tree, adding leaves with all things they could do to make their family, friend and people in our community happy. The children found it easy to suggest lots of ideas, which shows just how important being kind and thinking of others is to them. Great work Tigers!

Along with all their maths, science, R.E, Phonics, P.E, music and D.T lessons, the children have also been super busy with a whole host of other activities both in the indoor and outdoor classroom. It is great to see all the children's perseverance and confidence grown when working independently.

Well done to all everyone in Tiger class, you have all made me very proud already this term and I am very much looking forward to seeing even more of your fantastic work over the coming weeks.

Mrs. Allan







14th April 2026

L.O. I can show how dinosaurs obtain their food from plants and other dinosaurs, using the idea of a single food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

Dinosaur Food Chains

fern	Brachiosaurus	oviraptor	Tyrannosaurus
producer	herbivore consumer	omnivore consumer	carnivore consumer

A food chain starts with a producer and creates energy to the consumer.

Challenge - If a dinosaur eats meat and plants, what type of diet does it have?
omnivore is a dinosaur that eats meat and plants.
Super Work Tracker and good understanding of food chains well done.

10th April 2026

L.O. I can show how dinosaurs obtain their food from plants and other dinosaurs, using the idea of a single food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

Dinosaur Food Chains

plant	Triceratops	T-Rex	Spinosaurus
producer	omnivore consumer	carnivore consumer	carnivore consumer

14th April 2026

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Dinosaur Food Chains

fern	Apatosaurus	oviraptor	Spinosaurus
producer	herbivore consumer	carnivore consumer	carnivore consumer

A food chain passes energy along the chain. The producer starts the chain and the consumer is at the end of the food chain.

Challenge - What is the name of a dinosaur that eats meat? It is called carnivore.
super facts about the food chain well done Georgie - Bee

14th April 2026

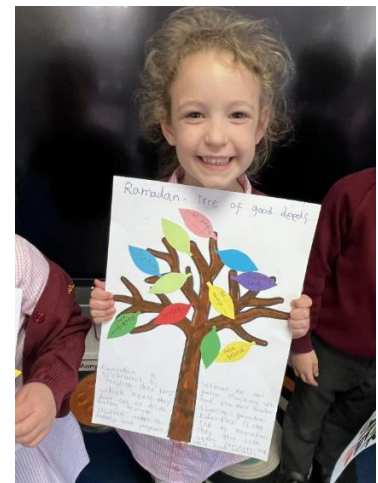
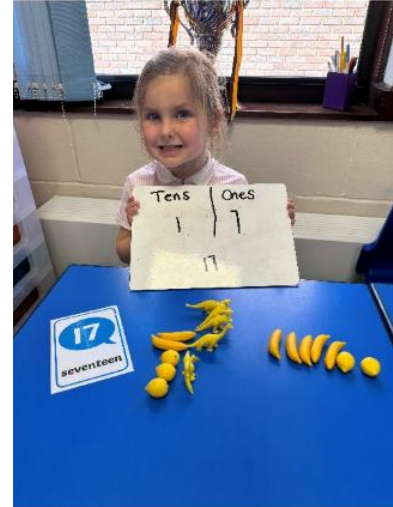
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Well done Tiger class for all your amazing work!

The Ripple Effect Workshop – Axolotl & Eagle



On Monday, we had a Ripple Workshop about the water cycle and how important water is. First, we went on the computers and had a quiz about what we know and don't know about water. Next, we turned off the computers and watched a video about how people waste water and how it is important to save water.

After that, we pretended to be a rain drop and learnt some scientific words like; run off, condensation, water vapour etc. Then we went to break and had to remember what we learnt so far.

A few minutes later, we did another quiz. 1 was easy, the other 4 were hard. Later, we got into groups and got a picture. When we got the picture, we learnt about the wasters and how they waste water in the house.



Finally, we were still in groups for our own advert (about water).

By Felix & Megan





TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools

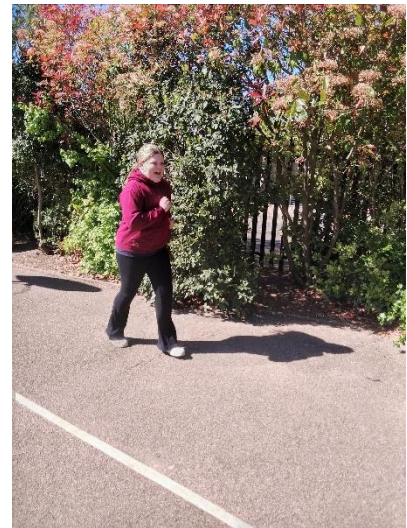
Hedgehogs

We thoroughly enjoyed the mini marathon! We split our marathon into two, so we did half in the morning and half in the afternoon. We found that not only was it exercise but a chance to have fun with our friends too.

'A marathon isn't about winning but the friends you make on the way!' – Sasen.

'Even though there were obstacles I kept going.' – excellent determination from Thomas B.

'At the start it didn't feel good but when we did it all together it made it feel better.' – Ayan.





Eagle

Eagle class took part in the Mini Marathon this week, completing 16 laps around the school playground and field to reach their 2-mile distance. The children showed fantastic determination and resilience, supporting one another as they walked, jogged and ran their way to the finish. It was great to see such positive attitudes and teamwork throughout, with everyone pushing themselves to achieve their goal. Well done to all who took part!

"Running is great because it helps your muscles grow stronger." Casey

"I was determined to complete it, but it was very tiring." Zachary

Tiger Class - TCS London Mini Marathon

The children in Tiger class certainly demonstrated their running skills when participating in the TCS London Mini Marathon this week. Before heading out we watched a video all about the London marathon and learned about why people compete in such a challenging event. The children found some of the stories really inspirational and they used this to help them persevere if they got a little tired. We were really impressed that over a few days every child managed to complete enough laps to reach the 2-mile distance. Some of the children were very speedy too, I think we may well have some future marathon runners in our midst! Well done, Tiger class, you were all absolutely amazing!

Mrs. Allan



Attendance

Congratulations to **Axolotl** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96.45%**. Whole school attendance is **94.33%**.

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

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.

King George's Playing Field's (KGPF) Got Talent for all Schools

KGPF's Got Talent is being launched at King George's Playing Fields, and they would love students to get involved! Children and adults are being invited to take part by submitting a short video audition, with the chance to perform live at the grand final and win some fantastic prizes!

Students can submit a video (maximum 2 minutes) by emailing keeleyheasman@everyoneactive.com by **end of May 2026**. Every entry receives a voucher.

Letters Emailed Home

Rabbit Forest School Session – 19th May

Collective Worship

Tuesday - Mrs Greenyer-Smith introduced to us the importance of Florence Nightingale and her work. We discovered that she was born 200 years ago and that she travelled all across Europe. She made it her mission to make hospitals cleaner and better. We learned that we can follow in her footsteps and try to help others, even if they are strangers.

Wednesday and Thursday - We had hymn practice. We practiced some of our favourite hymns including; Everywhere Around Me, All Things Bright and Beautiful, and Shine, Jesus, Shine!

Headteacher Summary

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week and thank you for completing the parent survey.



Well done to everyone for completing the mini marathon and taking on the two mile challenge.

We will be celebrating **Mental Health Awareness Week** in the week commencing 11th May.

We will conclude the week by having TSM 'Crazy Hair Day' on the Friday. We are encouraging a donation for this day of at least £2. This is to be donated on Arbor. This day is to raise funds for 52 Lives. 52 Lives are a charity. The charity has asked for every Kindness School to hold at least one fundraising event annually.



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	
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
11 th – 15 th May 2026	Mental Health Awareness Week
13 th May 2026	Tiger Class Library Visit
14 th May 2026	Reception & KS1 Teddy Bear Games
15 th May 2026	TSM Crazy Hair Day
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



Jumpers & cardigans- £3
School logo PE Tops- £2
Ties- £1
TSM beanie hats- 50p
Summer dresses-£1
Grey uniform- 50p per item

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