



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 8th May 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.



Our Christian Values Book

The following children have demonstrated one or all of our Christian Values: love, honesty, sharing, dedication and forgiveness. Well done to: **Louis** in **Tigers** and **Preston** in **Hedgehog**.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the Lunchtime Cup is awarded to **Adam** in **Rabbit** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	25
Shaw	21
Tabrums	37
Marsh	47



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Esmail

Eagle – Casey

Axolotl – Scarlett

Rabbit – Jack

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.

52 Lives are encouraging children to join their **Kids' Club page**.

You will get access to their monthly kindness challenge, kind news and much more: <https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club>

Mental Health Awareness Week

We will be celebrating **Mental Health Awareness Week**, commencing on Monday 11th May.

We will conclude the week by having TSM 'Crazy Hair Day' on Friday 15th May.

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.

We look forward to seeing all the children's 'crazy hair' styles!



Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.39%**. Whole school attendance is **94.68%**.

If your child is absent then please remember to report this before 8.30am either by telephone 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.

[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 Arbor 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 and any **watering cans** to help with our delightful gardening area, if you are able to help in our search to find some please let us know. Thank you.

Studybugs

From Monday 1st June 2026 we will no longer be using Studybugs for logging absence and if your child is absent this will need to be reported via the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App or by telephone. Whilst we will continue to accept messages sent through Studybugs until the 22nd May, we would encourage parents to start moving across to Arbor before then.

Vacancies

We are currently looking for relief staff to provide ad hoc cover when required for our midday and wraparound care teams. If you are interested in applying for either or both of these roles please see the links below:

Midday Assistant

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=118964>

Wraparound Care Assistant

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=118965>

Letters Emailed Home

RotaKids Meeting
Year 6 WDF SEND Letter
Year 6 Swimming Ability
Tiger Class – Library Trip & Teddy Bear Games / Play Leaders Support
Year 1 Phonics Screening Info
Year 6 SATS Week Reminder
Shorts

Rotary Swimarathon 2026 – Congratulations

A huge congratulations to the children who represented TSM at the Rotary Swimarathon in March. Not only were they amazing swimmers at the event, but collectively they also raised £724, in sponsorship money, WOW!

Thank you to all the children who took part and to our families for all their support, your fundraising will make a huge difference.

I am looking forward to taking more teams again next year!

Well done everyone!

Mrs Allan



Collective Worship

Tuesday – Miss Hoy

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

Love: when you choose to see someone as part of God's image. John 4:9 'God is love'.

We watched a video about love and the spirit that told us:

- God's love is unconditional, even if we make mistakes, God will still love us.
 - 'love the Lord as your God.'
- 'there is only one happiness in life – to love and be loved.'

We then reflected on how we can be a better person.

Wednesday – Open the Book

After Jesus' resurrection he appeared in a room to his friends.

He then went out and told his friend to put nets out on the other side of the boat in order to catch lots of fish. Jesus was right! They then had a picnic with their catch. Then, he told his friends that it was his time to go. He said he would send them the Holy Spirit. A cloud wrapped around Jesus and lifted him up to the sky!

Thursday – Reverend Jacqui

We had a blessing from Reverend Jacqui. We then explored the Greek term Koinonia, which means having a special kind of friendship where everyone looks after each other.

Some children and teachers came up to demonstrate a circle challenge where they all worked together.

We discussed how this is similar to Toy Story, they all looked out for each other.

We then reflected on whether we have a friend who has supported us, and gave thanks. How can we support someone else?

We ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Headteacher Summary



Thank you to parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics Parent Screening Meeting with Mrs Allan this week. I hope you found this session useful. The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1. It is a nationally required assessment which takes place in June. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics.

The Children's Society delivered a workshop to Year 6 yesterday. This is the first session that is tailored to support young people with their transition to secondary school.

I am very proud of the children in Year 6. They have continuously worked hard in the lead up to the SATS and I wish them all the best for the assessments next week.

Our Kindness Ambassadors have been busy this week. Firstly, Emi and Gracie G joined me on a Zoom call with other kindness schools and leaders from the charity 52 Lives. This is an opportunity for children to



share kindness projects and ideas and magpie ideas from other schools.

We were congratulated on all the good work that we continue to do in our school. Our Kindness Ambassadors then met to complete another idea that they had for our school. Our ambassadors are always thinking of ways that we can spread kindness and recognise this value in others. Our Kindness Ambassadors were very eager to design kindness stones for their class. The ambassadors will take the stones back to their class and the stones will be given out daily to classmates that have demonstrated kindness.



We are trialling a new approach to homework this term. The letter introducing the new approach to homework is on the home learning page on our website. If you do want your child to complete additional activities then please read the suggested ideas and follow the links in the letter. You can also look at the class summer term curriculum maps which give an idea of what the class are currently studying. We will be asking you for feedback on homework after half term.

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	
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
5 th June 2026	FOTSMS Cuppa & Company Morning
5 th June 2026	FOTSMS Non-Uniform Day
9 th June 2026	Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service
10 th June 2026	RotaKids Meeting
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
14 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Performance to Whole School
15 th July 2026	Conductive Music Workshop Years 1-6
16 th July 2026	Year 6 Treat Afternoon
16 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Performance to Parents
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

All our Pre-loved uniform can be seen on our
Facebook page, just search for-

Fotsms-pre-loved sales page

Help the school, the environment and save some money
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