



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 15th 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.

Tiger



Rabbit



Axolotl



Eagle



Hedgehog



Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	37
Shaw	18
Tabrums	49
Marsh	21



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Bobby

Eagle – Evelyn P

Axolotl – Hattie

Rabbit – Jack

Tiger – Charlotte

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>

Class Summary

Each week we will be highlighting what one class has been up to in school.

This week we share an insight into Hedgehog class.

Hedgehog Class Summary

Wow! What a super important week it has been in Year 6! We have been sitting our SATs exams this week and the children have been amazingly resilient and determined throughout the tests.

On **Monday**, we started the week with a spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) paper, followed by an afternoon of wellbeing activities. Although we fitted in some maths revision, we wanted to focus on Mental Health Awareness Week and what we can do to promote healthy minds. We started with a nature documentary to also celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday - this was Planet Earth 3 and it showed us beautiful scenes from around the world. We spoke about how nature makes us feel and how we can experience nature to regulate our nervous system.

On **Tuesday**, we were faced with the English reading paper. This was the longest paper (1 hour!). Once we completed the test, we spent an amazing day on the computers doing lots of fun revision games. We had a real in-depth discussion about the NSPCC and children's rights. We looked at different articles in the UNCRC and had open and honest discussions about how we see these being fulfilled on a daily basis. It was lovely to hear honest feedback from the children and also then reflecting on how we treat our peers and whether this is in line with our human rights.

Wednesday was a double test day! We had the arithmetic paper as well as the maths reasoning paper 1. However, after this we went straight in to a long PE session with Mr Radley where we practiced playing rounders. The children seemed to absolutely love the idea of a team-based game where they could work together.

Thursday was our last test day, with the last maths reasoning paper in the morning. As a celebration, we had a game of 'Last one Laughing' in class. This was a competition of who could hold their laughter in for the longest whilst children came to the front and told jokes. Following this, we did a writing session on how to turn negatives into positives. This tied in perfectly with Mental Health Awareness Week as children had to actively seek out positivity within their writing, something that is a great skill to implement in a wider context. We then did a fun art activity full of materials, paints, images etc. This was a map activity where we had to pinpoint areas where we feel that we 'belong'. It was lovely to see how safe children felt in their areas and who helps them to feel this way.



Friday - Crazy Hair Day! Not only did we learn about the impact of kindness on our nervous systems, but we also had to write a letter to our future selves! This was excellent as children really drew on their sense of belonging and the safety of talking to their future selves. We had some very unique, peculiar, unusual, fun, creative and most of all crazy hairstyles! It really marked the end of the SATs week by having lots of fun and enjoying our pizza party together!

Finally, a message from Miss Hume and Miss Cosgrove and all of the staff at TSM - this week has been the pinnacle of the resilience that we see every day in Hedgehog class. The children came in with a smile and tried their absolute best in every paper. They have been kind, considerate and respectful to the whole SATs process (no matter how challenging some parts have been!) From the start of the year, we have seen absolute growth in all of the children, and not just academically. The children have developed a sense of responsibility that is shining through them all as they head towards senior school next year. This hard work and determination is something that they hopefully hold on to, because we at TSM are immensely proud of every single one of the children.

Have a very well-deserved rest Year 6 and never forget how amazing you are!



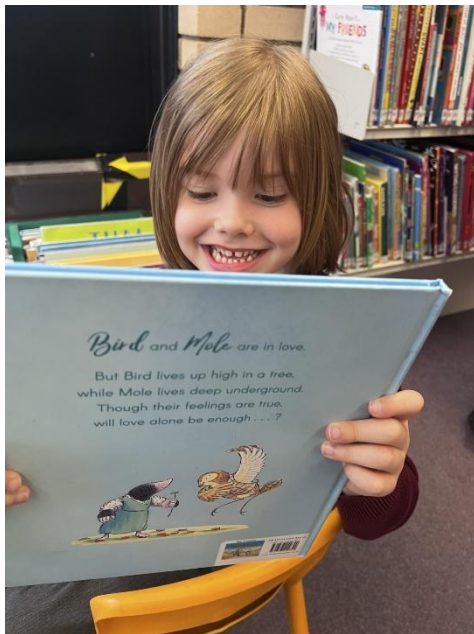
Tigers class trip to the Library

On Wednesday, Tiger class went on a fantastic trip to South Woodham Ferrers library. We were met by librarian Charlotte who first spent some time showing all the children around the library and where to find the best books for their age. The children were then allowed to explore and read some of the exciting books on offer. Charlotte then read a fabulous book called 'A mouse ate my house' which the children found absolutely hilarious! We are planning a return visit soon where Charlotte will be teaching the children how to use their library card to borrow some books. If your child hasn't yet got a library card, please do sign up to this free service as all the children are keen to pick their own books on our next visit.

All of the children behaved perfectly and were an absolute credit to our school. Well done Tiger class, you were all amazing!

Mrs. Allan





Tiger Class - Teddy Bear Games

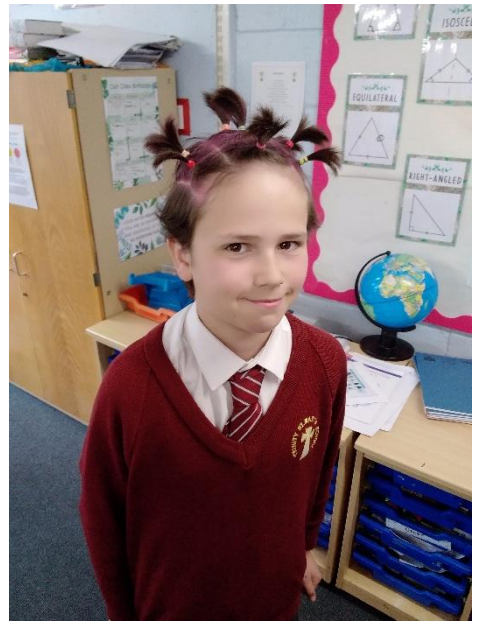
Yesterday, all the children from Tiger class (and their faithful furry friends) had a very energetic morning participating in the Teddy Bear Games! The children listened to Mrs. Jaggard introduce the games, before handing over the running of the activities to our own amazing leaders Emi, Evelyn, Isla-May, Emelia, Sofia, Zach, William and Bella. All the children participated in a circuit of eight challenges, working with their teddies to complete each one. The activities focused on a range of skills including; balancing, throwing, catching, jumping, hopping and running. The children from Tiger class were so good that Mrs. Jaggard added further challenges to each circuit, such as closing one eye, or standing on just one leg, or completing the activity backwards! It was impressive to see just how well the children embraced the harder challenges! Well done to all the children (and teddies) in Tiger class for doing so brilliantly and a huge thank you to our wonderful leaders and Mrs. Jaggard, for making the morning so much fun!

Mrs. Allan





TSM Crazy Hair Day





Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.35%**. Whole school attendance is **96.64%**.

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.

Abor Information Held

If you haven't recently checked yours and your child(ren) details on Arbor can you please take a few moments to check that all data we hold is accurate and up to date and update it if necessary. It is really important that the data we hold for your family is correct. Thank you.

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

Tiger Class – Coats
Children's Parliament – Years 3,4 & 5
PSHE Curriculum
Year 6 WDF Transition Pick Up Arrangements

Headteacher Summary



Well done to all of the children in Year 6 for completing the SATs this week. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves. As an end of week treat FOTSMS supplied the class with pizzas this afternoon.



It is the first year that we have celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week. It was lovely to see Rabbit class taste testing different fruits and enjoying an art activity to music - the atmosphere was very inviting! Everybody enjoyed finishing the week with Crazy Hair Day. Thank you for donating and supporting 52 Lives for this fund-raising event.

Tiger class have been busy this week. Mrs Allan was very enthusiastic about the class visit to the South Woodham Library. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and it was beneficial for them all.



Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 took part in the Teddy Bear Games yesterday. Mrs Jaggard, from WdF, led this event in our hall. It was lovely to see all of the children enjoying this event along with their teddies. A big thank you to Sofia, Bella, Isla-May, Emi, Emelia, William, Zachary & Evelyn P for being helpers at this event.

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	
20 th May 2026	National Numeracy Day
25 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
26 th – 29 th May 2026	Half Term
5 th June 2026	World Environment Day Assembly
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
26 th June 2026	Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
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 5 WDF Taster Day
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
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Ties- £1
TSM beanie hats- 50p
Summer dresses-£1
Grey uniform- 50p per item

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South Woodham Ferrers Library

Roll up, roll up and join South Woodham Ferrers Library for a fantastical circus-themed craft and games event.

Make colourful creations, try playful circus challenges, and enjoy a bright, joyful big top atmosphere filled with imagination and fun.

Craft, play, and let the magic of the circus whirl you away! 🎪 ✨

