



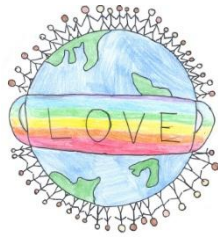
Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 22nd 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 **Mina** in **Tiger** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	59
Shaw	27
Tabrums	34
Marsh	38



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Sasen

Eagle – Otis

Axolotl – Gracie B

Rabbit – Donovan

Tiger – Kiarna

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 Eagle class.

Eagle Class Summary

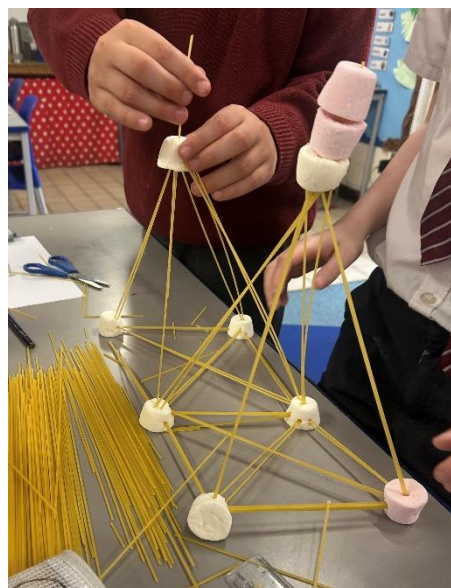
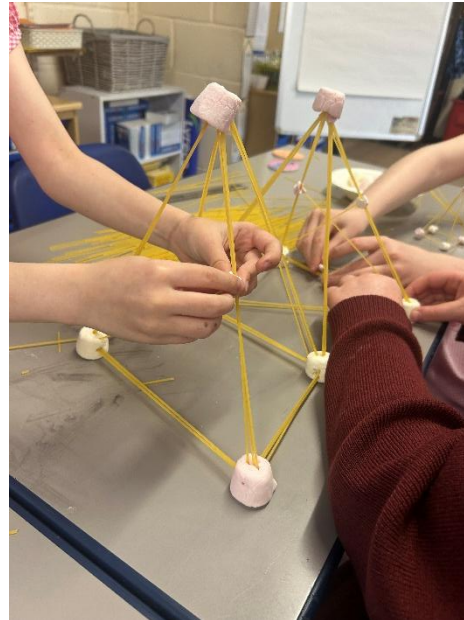
This week, Eagle class have been busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. We celebrated National Numeracy Day by taking part in the Numbers Hero competition, where we explored how numbers are used in our community. The children came up with thoughtful examples, including architecture, baking and shopping, and showed great enthusiasm during discussions.

In English, we have been writing diary entries based on our class text, Cogheart. The children focused on using emotive language to convey characters' feelings and thoughts, helping to create engaging and detailed pieces of writing.

In science, we investigated electrical circuits and explored how different components and cells interact within a circuit. We learnt that a complete circuit must form a closed loop from the positive to the negative end of a cell. The children also explored how adding more bulbs can make them dimmer as the power is shared, while adding more cells increases the power and makes bulbs brighter. We also investigated the difference between open and closed circuits and discussed the flow of electrons around a circuit.

In maths, we have continued exploring percentages and have been learning how to convert percentages into fractions and decimals. The children have shown increasing confidence when recognising that percentages are out of 100 and making links between the different forms.

In DT, we explored earthquake-proof buildings and investigated how architects use structures such as cross bracing and strong shapes to create sturdier buildings. The children then applied their learning by designing and building spaghetti and marshmallow towers in groups before testing them on a “jelly earthquake”! It was fantastic to see such teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills throughout the challenge.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.1%**. Whole school attendance is **94.29%**.

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.

Essex SEND June Roadshows

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows for parents/carers are just a few weeks away. Please see below where they are taking place this term.

Date/time	Venue
South Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow – Monday 15 June – 9.30-12.30pm	The Mill Arts and Events centre, Mill Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, SS6 7ED
Mid Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow – Wednesday 17 June – 9.30-12.30pm	Silver End Village Hall, 3 Broadway, Silver End, Witham, CM8 3RQ
North East Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow – Monday 22 June – 9.30-12.30pm	Venture Centre, 2000 Bromley Rd, Lawford, Manningtree, C011 2JE
West Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow - Wednesday 1 July – 9.30-12.30pm	Foakes Hall, 47 Stortford Road, Dunmow, CM6 1DG

The roadshows are all drop-in events and children do not need to have any sort of diagnosis for parents/carers to attend.

All the information about the events can be found on the [Essex Local Offer](#), including how the roadshows run and which services will be attending.

Collective Worship

Monday – Mrs O'Brien

The fruits of the spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Peace can be represented by this like the dove and an olive branch. Peace means being calm and feeling safety. It is showing love and being united.

Tuesday – Miss Hume

Goodness is seen as kind actions and helping others. As well as being loved. Jesus showed goodness and he healed the sick.

It takes time and practice to be able to show goodness, it doesn't happen in just one day. You need to nurture it like the fruits of the spirit.

Wednesday – Open the Bible

Pentecost:

The disciples prayed for ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven. All of a sudden, flames appeared on their heads. Everyone could speak different languages! Peter gave a speech about the importance of Jesus and people were baptised all over the world.

Thursday – Reverend Jacqui

Pentecost is the day when Christians believe that Jesus gave them the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is like a helper and is given lots of different names: helper, light, comforter, guide, friend and fire.

The Holy Spirit can have a huge effect on our lives.

Letters Emailed Home

Eligibility for Free School Meals

FOTSMS Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day – 10th June

Forest School – Hedgehog & Tigers

FOTSMS Summer Fete Letter

Parent Survey Feedback

Club Updates for Next Term

Hedgehog Class Langar Thank You

Headteacher Summary



We celebrated National Numeracy Day on Wednesday. To celebrate the day, children participated in maths activities which included an online lesson featuring Mr MoneyJar. This was an engaging session using live polls and a Would You Rather? game to help students of all ages understand smart spending and value for money. Children have also entered a numeracy superhero competition. They needed to create a picture of how people use numbers in our community, neighbourhood or club.

Well done to **Nelle, Maddie B, Oscar C, Oscar D, Isla-May, Lacey, Otis, Zachary, Bella, Lexi, Hareem, Esmail, Saseen, Theo, Keaton & Luke** who competed in Quad Kids which involved running, jumping and throwing. Quad Kids is a programme for schools based on competing and athletics.

This week we held another event to support children in Year 6 transition to WdF. I accompanied a group to Elmwood for a Forest School session. It was a great opportunity for some of our children to enjoy time with children from Elmwood and Collingwood.



It was lovely to speak to Miss Cosgrove about the Langar celebration that Hedgehog class held today. A Langar is a community kitchen in the Sikh tradition that serves free, hot vegetarian meals to everyone, regardless of background, faith, or status. It teaches unity and equality by having everyone sit together to eat. The children showed great enthusiasm during the celebration, which marked the culmination of their learning about the Sikh faith.

Have a fantastic half term break and enjoy the sunshine!
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	
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
9 th June 2026	Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service
10 th June 2026	RotaKids Meeting
10 th June 2026	FOTSMS Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day
12 th June 2026	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos – Uniform AM
12 th June 2026	Whole School Sports Practice – PE Kit PM
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
6 th July 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Summer Safety Assembly
9 th July 2026	Year 5 WDF Taster Day
9 th July 2026	Year 6 Treat Afternoon
13 th July 2026	Essex Youth Orchestra Brass Quartet - live performance.
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





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"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal,
Gulsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:

12

people died in accidents while trespassing

58%

were struck by a train or tram

42%

were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+

companies support the programme

11,000+

schools in the UK have engaged

20,000+

UK schools still need to be reached

Rainbow Raffle

10th June

Non-Uniform Day

We are asking for a donation of a coloured item and NOT £1.

Each class has their own colour, even the staff but don't worry, you won't need to wear that colour..

Here are some ideas of non-perishables that can be donated.

Tiger

Rabbit

Apolotl

Engle

Hedgehog

Staff



All donations will be bundled into hampers which will be raffled at the Summer Fete.

Donation boxes will be in class 1st - 10th June



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