



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 12th June 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 **Felix** in **Axolotl** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	55
Shaw	27
Tabrums	25
Marsh	41



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Thomas H

Eagle – Casey

Axolotl – Oscar C

Rabbit – Adam

Tiger – Hope

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 Tiger class.

Tiger Class Summary

I can't believe that this is the final weekly summary for Tiger class for the year! It feels like the children's time in Tiger class is literally flying by, but it's good to see that they are all continuing to work super hard and it is brilliant spending every day with them.

In maths the children have been working on a wide range of number skills, including understanding sharing. We looked at what it means to share equally and talked about the mathematical vocabulary of division. The children also learned about the division sign and what it means if they see it in a number sentence. After demonstrating their sharing skills using the interactive whiteboard, the children then had to apply their knowledge to complete a range of division challenges. The children have really grown in confidence with their maths and I have been impressed with their increasing confidence when solving maths challenges. Well done guys!

The children have also been working really hard to become more independent with their maths. During our early morning work, they have all demonstrated how they can solve simple addition and subtraction problems without any teacher help! Super job Tigers!

Everyone has also been impressing me with their early morning phonics and sentence writing too. Working independently all the children have applied their phonics skills by spotting pictures and then using their skills to write what they could see. The next challenge was to write a sentence using these words. I have been especially pleased to see accurate use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Getting this core skill right is so important and the children are definitely working hard to try and do this consistently.

In RE, alongside our lessons on Christianity, the children have also continued to further their understanding of other faiths and beliefs. This week the children have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. They learnt about the importance of Diya lamps. These lamps are small traditional oil lamps that are commonly used in South Asian cultures, especially during the festival of Diwali. These lamps are usually made from clay (earthenware), though they can also be found in metal forms such as brass or silver, and they contain oil or ghee with a cotton wick that is lit to produce light. The children found out that Diya are important because they symbolise the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance, which reflects the spiritual meaning of Diwali. The class also had some very thoughtful discussions about if there were any similarities between Christianity and Hinduism. The children thought about the symbolism of light in Christianity, and how we use candles in worship to represent Jesus Christ as the "light of the world." The children were interested to learn, that in both traditions, the simple act of lighting a lamp or candle carries a deep meaning of hope, faith, and divine presence, showing how light is a shared symbol across different religions. It was really lovely to listen to the children discuss their thoughts and views and to show respect to people who may have different beliefs to their own.

During our literacy and phonics lessons, the children have continued to work hard to recall, read and write all their phonemes, digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words learnt to date. They have also been developing their sustained writing skills, using their phonic knowledge, sentence structure skills and connectives to write a fabulous piece of writing about themselves for our 'Look what I can do' display wall. All the staff were so proud to see the progress that all the children have made over the previous term. Not only is the content of their work excellent, but all the children have also been working their socks off to improve their handwriting too. We always encourage neat presentation in every piece of work, so it is amazing to see the children take ownership of this. Great job everyone!

Our new topic this term is 'Pirates'. The children started off with a whole class discussion to find out what we already know about pirates and what they would like to learn next. They used their amazing creative art skills to transfer our role play area into an actual pirate ship. In addition to the ship, the children also made a whole host of sea creatures, some beautiful waving palm trees and most importantly a treasure chest full of delights that any pirate would be over the moon to discover!

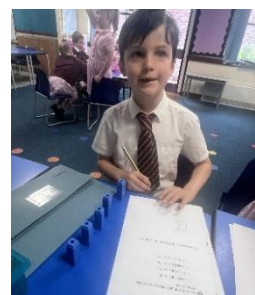
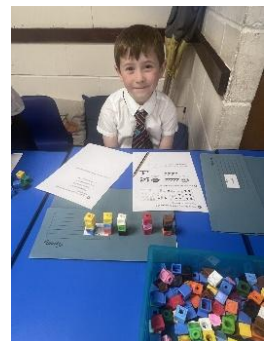
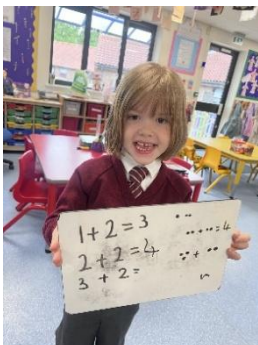
The children have also used some spectacular descriptive vocabulary when writing character descriptions and when designing their own WANTED posters. Some of their pirates sounded very mischievous! I wonder where the children got their ideas and inspiration?

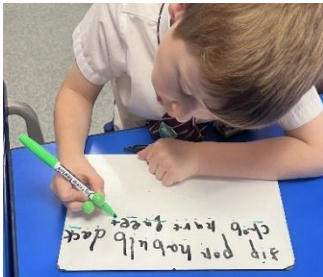
The children have continued to be very active in their swimming lessons. We certainly have a lot of water babies in Tiger class and it is wonderful to see the amount of progress all the children are making and to watch their confidence grow every week.

The children have also been very excited to be getting fully involved in their Forest School sessions. Tree climbing; mixing mud potions and learning about all the little habitats on our school field is a great way to spend an afternoon and the children have definitely thrown themselves into these sessions with enthusiasm.

Well done to everyone in Tiger class for all your hard work so far this term. You have made me very proud. I can't wait to see how fabulous you all are for the rest of the year!

Mrs. Allan








Look what I can do!


Do you know my name is Benjamin and I am six years old I love sunny and I make people laugh all day long. My favorite animal is a cat I like cats because they are super cuddly and very cute I have a cat he is called Kasper he is black and white he is very chatty. My favorite color is dark blue because it reminds me of the sky I love snow outside it is like strawberries because they are sweet. At school I love to write I love to write to you because I like you and my school!



G-2 May 2020

Look what I can do!


Do you know my name is Isabella I am six years old I have a brother called Max and she is six years old we like to make lots and lots of cards. My favorite color is red because it is the color of the heart. My favorite food is spaghetti. My favorite pet is a dog. My dog is called Max. I love Max because I like how they can bark and they can jump and they can swim. I do swimming lessons on a Sunday. My favorite swimming club is the Dolphins. At school I like maths I have fun learning the times table and adding numbers.



RC May 2020

Look what I can do!


Hi my name is Jesse and I am six years old I like my mummy and daddy and my brother Oscar. Oscar is the meanest I have a pet rabbit called Ben he is brown and white. My favorite color is blue. My favorite food is spaghetti. My favorite pet is a dog. My dog is called Max. I love Max because I like how they can bark and they can jump and they can swim. I do swimming lessons on a Sunday. My favorite swimming club is the Dolphins. At school I like maths I have fun learning the times table and adding numbers.



May 2020

Look what I can do!


Hi my name is Lily and I am six years old I like my mummy and daddy and my brother Oscar. Oscar is the meanest I have a pet rabbit called Ben he is brown and white. My favorite color is blue. My favorite food is spaghetti. My favorite pet is a dog. My dog is called Max. I love Max because I like how they can bark and they can jump and they can swim. I do swimming lessons on a Sunday. My favorite swimming club is the Dolphins. At school I like maths I have fun learning the times table and adding numbers.



TA May 2020

Look what I can do!


Hello my name is Hattie Corney and I am six years old. I like doing gymnastics. I have a big brother called Oscar and he is six years old. My favorite food is chocolate and my favorite colors are purple, pink and yellow. I like going to school and I like seeing my friends and teachers in their class. I like learning new things and doing PE outside. My favorite animal is a tiger because I am in tiger class. I enjoy going to yoga with my friend Ella. We also do drawing together.



HC May 2020

Look what I can do!


Hi my name is Matthew Smith and I am six years old. My friends are called Emeleu and Elow. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is blue. I love playing with my friends. My favorite pet is a dog. My dog is called Max. I love Max because I like how they can bark and they can jump and they can swim. I do swimming lessons on a Sunday. My favorite swimming club is the Dolphins. At school I like maths I have fun learning the times table and adding numbers.



May 2020

Look what I can do!


Hello my name is Egan I am six years old. I like my mummy and daddy and my brother Oscar. Oscar is the meanest I have a pet rabbit called Ben he is brown and white. My favorite color is blue. My favorite food is spaghetti. My favorite pet is a dog. My dog is called Max. I love Max because I like how they can bark and they can jump and they can swim. I do swimming lessons on a Sunday. My favorite swimming club is the Dolphins. At school I like maths I have fun learning the times table and adding numbers.



May 2020


Look what I can do!

Hi my name is Oscar and I am six years old. I like my mummy and daddy and my brother Emeleu. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is blue. I love playing with my friends. My favorite pet is a dog. My dog is called Max. I love Max because I like how they can bark and they can jump and they can swim. I do swimming lessons on a Sunday. My favorite swimming club is the Dolphins. At school I like maths I have fun learning the times table and adding numbers.



May 2020

Look what I can do!




my name is Charlotte
I am 5 1/2 years
old.

my favorite
color is gold.

I love horses

CCC May 2026

Look what I can do!




my name is Tory
Casper.
I am 5 years
old.

I love hoodies and
hats.

I love horses and
dogs.

TC May 2026

Look what I can do!




my name is Nancy
and I'm
5 years old.

I love my cats.

my favorite food is
peas and mash.

ND May 2026

Look what I can do!



I am Maya and I am
five years old.
my favorite color
is yellow because my
first teddy was
yellow when I go to
bed I still cuddle him
my favorite fruit
is strawberries with
yoghurt. I love to
skip and play with
my dolls. I love
going to the theatre
with my family.

MHC

Year 5 Maths Morning at Elmwood

Year 5 visited Elmwood for a maths morning, and we had a fantastic time!

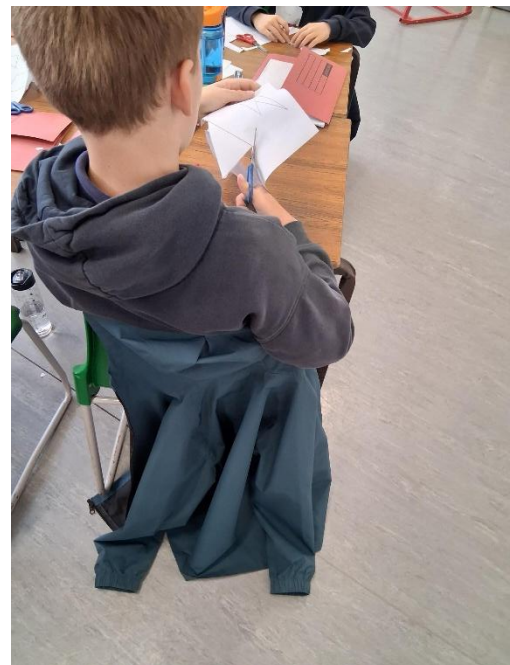
Mrs Rodriguez led our first activity. We worked through a series of calculations where each answer led to the next calculation. There were 10 calculations in total. Some of the calculations were quite tricky, but we had each other to help and support one another, which made the challenge even more enjoyable.

Next, Miss Frith led an activity all about angles. First, we explored making angles using paper and split pins. Then, we had a great time investigating and checking that the angles in quadrilaterals always add up to 360° .

After that, Mr Lee from Collingwood organised a really exciting game. We used a place value chart and a 10-sided dice. As Mr Lee called out numbers, we had to decide where to place them on the chart to make the biggest possible number. The challenge was that we did not know whether the next number would be high or low, so it involved probability, strategy and a bit of luck!

At the end of the morning, the children received a lovely badge and a pack of sweets from Mrs Maidment.

We would like to thank Miss Frith for organising the trip and taking us there with Mrs Gadd. We are also very grateful to Elmwood for hosting another superb maths morning. We all had a wonderful time and learned lots of new mathematical skills.



Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral

On Tuesday, Year 6 travelled to Chelmsford Cathedral for a Year 6 leavers service. We took the coach all the way to the cathedral where we were greeted by hundreds of other pupils from around the area! There were lots of people from the Diocese of Chelmsford to support lots of activities. The first activity involved colouring in a piece of bark to represent how our years had been. It was lovely to remember our year and talk about how and why we were feeling that 'colour' at that specific time. The second activity involved a piece of paper that was made from seeds! On these, we wrote our hopes for the future and were told to plant and nurture the paper so our hopes grow with the plant. The last activity involved looking at the 'roots' that keep us strong. We twisted pipe cleaners to represent how our spiritual roots keep us strong whilst continuing to grow.

After the activities, a service was held, which included speaking from Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani. She spoke to us about the importance of loving ourselves and reminded us just how brilliant we all are. We then joined in a song of worship called 'Shine Jesus Shine' which was a newer version of the original that celebrated diversity in religion. It was a fantastic day and we all enjoyed ourselves very much, even though it was raining as we left!

Thank you to Miss Hoy and Mrs Allan for accompanying us on the trip.



Speed Watch

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 went on a speed watch to learn about car speeds as well as the consequences of speeding. In groups we went to check the speed of cars going past, we even stopped some that were speeding and asked them questions about why they were. To check the speed the police used a camera and a clicker device to check how busy the road was. We all enjoyed this activity and found it interesting to use the devices to check the speed, as well as how harmful the consequences of speeding can sometimes be.

by **Thomas H** and **Bobby**

It was lovely to have feedback from the Essex Road Safety Team stating that the children who participated were a credit to the school. Well done Year 5 and 6!



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96%**. Whole school attendance is **93.08%**.

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.

Arbor 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.

Uniform Policy

Please note the Uniform Policy in preparation for September is now available on the website; <https://trinitystmarys.ovw1.juniperwebsites.co.uk/site/data/files/3171D96AB4A819251397AB3B4A41E198.pdf>

Earrings

As the summer holidays are nearing closer, parents are encouraged to actively work with TSM in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum when we return. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to and that ears are pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time (note newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed).

We are following national guidelines and children who do wear earrings to school on PE days will be expected to remove them by themselves. Staff are unable to help with this and we are not allowed to tape over earrings for P.E. lessons.

Thank you for your support with this policy, the expectation will be there will be no children returning with newly pierced ears.

Year 6 - Ties

If any of our leavers would like to donate their ties this year, we would be most grateful for some spares in the office. Thank you in advance.

The Big Future National Survey

As Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza is writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete her new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is her role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and she has done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition. She is now launching her final survey;

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy introduced the week with the story 'The Lion Inside'. We discussed that although we may all be unique and different, we all have strengths. The story symbolised that we can all be kind to each other even with all of our differences!

Tuesday - Mrs Greenyer-Smith focused on being resilient in our differences. We focused on what gives us the strength to be resilient and how God can support us in our journeys to being proud and confident within ourselves.

Wednesday - On a non-school uniform day, Miss Hume linked all of our different outfits and styles to the importance of respecting people's differences. We discussed how difficult it can be to be unique, but also how we can respect this and grow together.

Thursday - Reverend Jacqui lit the candles of Collective Worship and spoke about the greatness of God. We looked at the Holy Trinity and all of the many ways that God presents in our lives, spurring us on to be ourselves!

Letters Emailed Home

TSM Sports Week – P.E. Kit needed

KS1 Cross Country Fun Running Games

Free School Meals

TSM Sports Morning

RotaKids – Team Spelling Relay Challenge / RotaKids Charity Choice Results

Year 6 WDF Induction Days Student Medication

Year 3 & 4 WDF Festival

Headteacher Summary



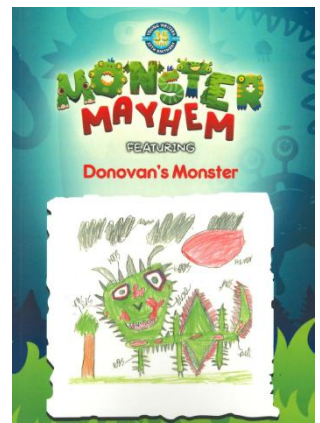
It was fantastic to accompany Year 6 to Chelmsford Cathedral on Tuesday morning. Our children took part in a range of thoughtful activities focused on gratitude and looking ahead to the future, before attending a special leavers' service. The children behaved exceptionally well throughout the visit. It was particularly lovely to see so many of them appreciating their surroundings, taking time to admire the beauty and architecture of the cathedral.

Our RotaKids have been very busy preparing for their final fundraising project of this year. This week the committee members voted for the charity they would like TSM to support and the winning charity is Havens Hospices. On 8th July all children will participate in the Team Spelling Challenge. The RotaKids are keen to raise as much as they can for this amazing charity and would be grateful for your support.

Wednesday was a colourful day celebrating the FOTSMS Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day. Thank you so much for your donations towards the raffle – the boxes of different coloured raffle prizes look fantastic.

Year 5 and 6 participated in a Road Safety Speed Watch. The session started with an interactive talk with children enhancing awareness of speed and building confidence to be able to discuss the risks associated with speeding. Groups of children then participated in a practical roadside session.

Congratulations to **Donovan**, his monster in the Young Writers Monster Mayhem competition was selected as the favourite picture in the book and now features on the front cover. Donovan won a National Book Token and is now a finalist with a chance of winning the overall prize. Well done and best of luck in the next stage.



Next week will be another busy week including TSM Sports Week and Sports Morning. Please make sure the children come into school in PE kit all week. I am also looking forward to our fete – I hope to see many of you there.

Enjoy the weekend – the forecast is promising!

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	
15 th – 19 th June 2026	TSM Sports Week – P.E. Kit
16 th June 2026	KS1 WDF Cross Country
18 th June 2026	TSM Sports Morning
19 th June 2026	TSM Summer Fete
22 nd – 26 th June 2026	Secondary School Transition Week
23 rd June 2026	Schools in Bloom Judging
23 rd June 2026	WDF Year 3 & 4 Festival
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
30 th June 2026	Year 5 & 6 Positive Action Online Roadshow – Essex Police
6 th July 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Summer Safety Assembly
6 th July 2026	Class Transition Session 1
8 th July 2026	Class Transition Session 2
8 th July 2026	RotaKids Spelling Event
9 th July 2026	Year 5 WDF Taster Day
9 th July 2026	Year 6 Treat Afternoon
10 th July 2026	Tiger Class Pirate Day
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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JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Vacancy for a Catering Assistant in Trinity St Mary's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School, CM3 5JX

School services 10 hours per week, school holidays off. Working as part of the team to create a fantastic dining experience for students and staff; you would provide excellent customer service, alongside assisting in the preparation of delicious and nutritious meals of the highest quality, using our fresh and sustainable ingredients.

To apply: please send your CV to tammy.taylor@stirfood.co.uk

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Free Family Events in Chelmsford

A snapshot of low or no cost fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex Helping you make the most of the summer holidays!

Families across Mid Essex can enjoy a range of free, fun summer events in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon.

This guide highlights local activities, support, and welcoming spaces to help keep children entertained.

This is just a starting point, there are many more opportunities available through local organisations, offering plenty to explore this summer. Scan here to take a look at our web page for further activities on offer.

Find out
more here!



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