



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 2nd May 2025



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.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	121
Shaw	146
Tabrums	219
Marsh	177



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Ella

Emerald – Bella

Amber – Casey

Ruby – Scarlett

Topaz – Henry

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 **Topaz** class.

Topaz Class Summary

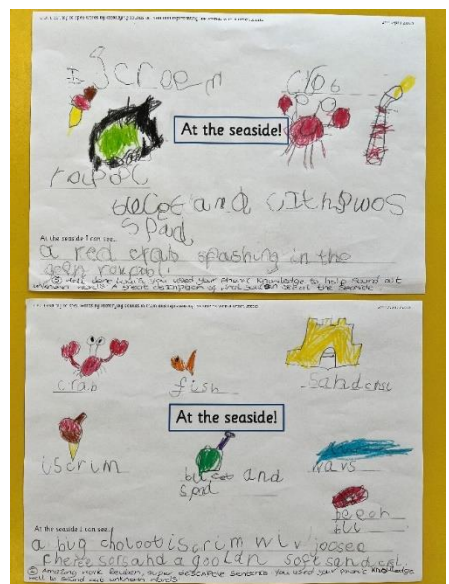
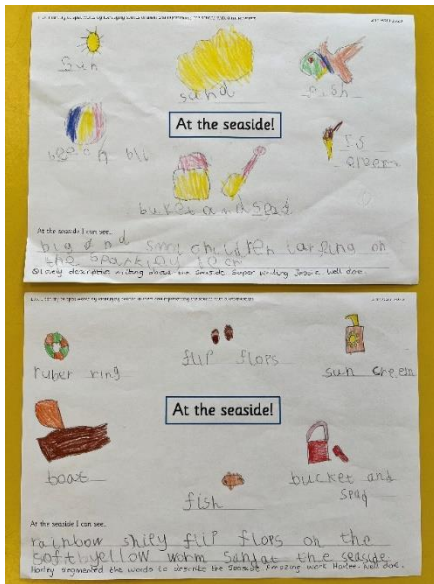
Welcome to the summer term in Topaz class. All the children have returned to school with their usual enthusiasm for learning and have thrown themselves into our new topic 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'!

Last week the children worked collaboratively to create an amazing seaside themed role play area. They discussed their own seaside experiences and decided what they wanted to create. Using a range of techniques, the children produced a range of fabulous art work including some wonderful sea life creatures.





This week the children have been learning about the key features of the seaside. Using some impressive descriptive vocabulary, they described what they might see, hear, smell and feel when visiting the seaside. Using their experience and knowledge they made their own seaside posters, showing the key features that might be found. The children worked really hard drawing detailed pictures. They then used their phonic knowledge to write labels and some excellent descriptive sentences. Great job everyone!





The children also carefully listened to a soundtrack of the seaside and discussed all the sounds they could hear. They then used their own experience and fabulous imagination to write some superb postcards. The children were challenged to use creative adjectives and to write sentences that made their postcard exciting to read. It was brilliant to see their imaginative ideas shine through in their writing. Tales about chip stealing gulls and children catching enormous sharks with their fishing rods really made me smile! I was very impressed with the high standard of their work! Well done to all the children!



Alongside all their excellent topic work, the children have also been developing their maths skills. Reception have been learning all about numbers to twenty, whilst Year One have been focusing on multiplication, including working on problem solving challenges using the two times table. All the children have particularly loved singing our 0-20 and timetable songs to help with their recall too. We all love a reason to have a good sing-a-long!





It certainly has been a busy start to the term and I am looking forward to seeing even more amazing work from the children. Well done Topaz class, I am super proud of you!

Mrs. Allan 😊







We are excited to let you know that we have planned for another TSM Wellbeing Week from Monday 19th May – Friday 23rd May.

We have designed the week so that there is a different focus everyday:

Monday – art

Tuesday – animals

Wednesday – healthy habits

Thursday – environment

Friday – music

On the afternoon of Thursday 22nd May, we would like to invite you to celebrate wellbeing with us, by joining us in having a picnic on the field from 2.30pm – 3.15pm. Please bring in snacks and drinks for your family. Please remember that we are a nut free school. You are welcome to bring in a picnic blanket. Please arrive at the front office at 2.30pm. At 3.15pm the children will be led back into their classroom to collect their belongings and will then be led back out to the playground at 3.25pm.

Rotary Swimarathon 2025 – 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 £1366.60, 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



Swimarathon



Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **100%**. Whole school attendance is **96.77%**.

If your child is absent then please remember to report this before 8.30am either by telephone or via Studybugs 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>

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

We are seeing quite a few latecomers each morning, arriving via the office. 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.

Letters Emailed Home

School Health Questionnaire – Reception Year

SATS Club – open to all Year 6 pupils

Forest School Clothing Reminder – Ruby

Summer Term 2 – P.E. Days

General Reminders

Lost Property

We currently have a lot of unnamed items in our lost property box. If your child has lost anything this term please take a look through the box to see if it is there, **the box is located under the shelter in the playground. We will be destroying any unclaimed items at the end of the term.**

Water Bottles

Please send a water bottle in every day with your child. Especially as the weather turns warmer it is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please adhere to the school uniform policy, which is as follows;

- Grey shorts, skirts, pinafore or trousers (no skinny or slim fit)
- Pink gingham dresses from the start of the summer term to October half term
 - White shirt or blouse
- Plain grey, white or black socks or plain grey, maroon, white or black tights
 - Maroon V-necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
 - School tie

Unfortunately, no playsuits are permitted.

Collective Worship

Miss Hoy led Collective Worship on Monday about Christian Aid. We learnt about Christian Aid's mission to protect our planet. Burning fossil fuels is harming our planet. Banks now do not lend money to companies making pollution. In the Philippines, Christian Aid helped fund the reparation of houses after a typhoon.

On Tuesday with Mrs Greenyer-Smith we reflected on awe and wonder. We discussed what we thought was amazing in our world. We looked at the Bible quote from Genesis 1:26-30 and discussed what it meant. We reflected on how Christians make a difference in the world.

With Miss Knight on Wednesday we learnt about Earth day. Earth day is on the 22nd April. It started in 1970, it was started to spread awareness for protecting our planet. If we do not act we could lose 50% of species. Philippians 2:4 states, "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." We all need to work together to protect our planet.

Thursday, during Miss Frith's Collective Worship we looked at the Bible quote from Genesis 1:26 "Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"

We discussed why it's important to look after our planet, what are some human actions that contribute to climate change and we reflected on some actions that we could take to reduce climate change.

Written by Worship Warriors **Grace** and **Thomas**

WDF Humite Science Lesson

Yesterday we went to William de Ferrers for a science lesson with Mr Mason. Our science lesson was about electricity, we talked about atoms and how metals want to give away their electrons and non-metals take the electrons. Harry and Thomas were atoms showing what happens to electrons when both atoms are metal.

Mr Mason then got children to show how current moves. Theo was the positive and another child was the negative with Bethan, Ava C, Billy, Max and Seb acting as the electrons moving towards the positive.

We watched a Gladiators clip that was to represent how electrons sometimes meet resistance in the wire.

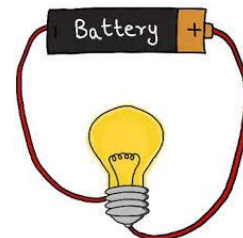
We did an experiment where we made a circuit using lightbulbs, voltage meter, amp meter and wires. We first made a circuit with one light bulb and recorded the voltage and current. We then did two light bulbs and then three, recording the same thing. Then we worked out the resistance dividing the voltage by the current. From the results we found out that the more bulbs we added the more resistance there was and so the bulbs were dimmer.

We had a really fun lesson with Mr Mason and we are looking forward to learning more about electricity.

Written by **Sophia and Ella**

Headteacher Summary

The summer term is always a busy one! This week I accompanied Humite to WDF for a laboratory lesson. It was fantastic to see the children engaged and enthusiastic about the topic of electricity. It was interesting to learn about volts and amps from Mr Mason, a secondary school science teacher, and then to carry out an investigation. The children behaved impeccably – well done to you all.



I am looking forward to hearing all about the Mighty Oak Competition which was held today at Anglian Ruskin University in Chelmsford. A group of Year 4 children have been practising hard, led by Miss Frith, for this day. It will be a great experience for the children.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend and I look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday.

Miss Hoy

TSM Key Dates 2025

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	
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
9 th May 2025	FOTSMS VE Day Non-Uniform Day
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATS Week
13 th May 2025	Topaz Teddy Bear Games @ WDF
15 th May 2025	Emerald WDF Laboratory Lesson
19 th May 2025	Year 6 Online Transition Session
19 th May – 23 rd May 2025	Well Being Week
21 st May 2025	Early Years Oral Health Talk
21 st May 2025	KS2 Healthy Eating Session
22 nd May 2025	Wellbeing Picnic
26 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
27 th May – 30 th May 2025	Half Term
2 nd June 2025	Inset Day
3 rd June 2025	RotaKids Sponsored Readathon
4 th June 2025	Emerald Class – Road to RIAT Virtual Session
4 th June 2025	Year 6 Gambling Workshop
6 th June 2025	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos
10 th June 2025	Year 6 - Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service
16 th June – 20 th June 2025	TSM Sports Week
17 th June 2025	RotaKids Meeting
18 th June 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
20 th June 2025	TSM Summer Fete
24 th June 2025	WDF Mini Olympics Year 2
24 th June – 25 th June 2025	WDF Year 6 Induction Days
1 st July 2025	Practise Sports Morning
3 rd July 2025	TSM Sports Morning
9 th July 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Water & Summer Safety Assembly
15 th July 2025	Rocksteady Music Summer Concert
17 th July 2025	RESERVE TSM Sports Morning
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly



VE 80 – Non-Uniform Day – 9th May



Next week we are celebrating 80 years since victory in Europe.

We are inviting all children to come in wearing red, white & blue non-uniform, you can donate on ParentPay.

Clothing Collection – 19th - 22nd May

Our clothing collection this year is running from 8am Monday 19th May to 8am Thursday 22nd May.

We Accept:	We Don't Accept:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult and children's clothing• Paired shoes• Fashion accessories• Handbags, belts• Hats, scarves• Jewellery, perfumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dirty, damaged, wet clothes• Uniforms, underclothing• Toys, books, DVD's• Duvets, pillows, household linen• Carpets, blankets, curtains• Bric-a-brac

Please ensure that all items are placed in bags which are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days.



Summer Fair – 20th June

We are getting stalls booked and confirmed for the fete, please put the date in your diary, we plan on having inflatables again along with an ice cream van and Phoebe's!

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

9 th May 2025	VE-Day 80 Non-Uniform Day	To celebrate VE Day, children are invited to wear red, white & blue on Friday 9th May - £1.00 donation can be made on ParentPay.
22 nd May 2025	Clothing Collection	
3 rd – 13 th June 2025	Rainbow Raffle Donations	Donation boxes will be in class to collect non-perishable items.
20 th June 2025	Summer Fete	More details to follow.