

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 26th June 2026



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 **Kiarna** in **Tiger** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	13
Shaw	6
Tabrums	14
Marsh	28



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Maddie

Eagle – Evelyn P

Axolotl – Lacey

Rabbit – Olivia

Tiger – Arthur

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 busy, exciting, and very hot week we have had in Year 6! We started the week learning about real-world contexts in maths. This focused on interest charged when borrowing, and the children loved to discuss the pros and cons of credit cards and even mortgages! We then focused on practicing for our leaver's performance on the 16th of July. The class were prompted to really use their body language and expression alongside their lines to further grab the audience's attention.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the majority of the class visited William de Ferrers for their induction days. The children were incredibly brave when approaching this, and showed a real maturity in handling the new environment with lots of new people. From the stories told by the children, it sounds as though most children loved their days at WDF and are looking forward to next year! We are also very proud of the class for doing these days and remaining so positive throughout them. We expect that they will all thrive in their future at WDF.

On Thursday, we practiced some more of our performance with a focus on smooth transitions between scenes. We are encouraging the children to be script-free by next week! We then did PHSE whilst linking in our English skills of subordinating conjunctions. We explored certain attributes that can support a healthy relationship with our peers and family. We then ranked these attributes and discussed who we know that shows these and why this creates a positive bond.

Today, we started with RE, exploring the Kingdom of God. We symbolised the Trinity through a science experiment! We used yeast, sugar and water to inflate a balloon without blowing it up. It demonstrates the powers of the Trinity and how interconnected the parts are. We then had to design our own Worldly Kingdom, just to see how many factors come into play and just how important of a job that God has. Following RE, we continued our maths project of our housing estates. Although some of the children had very extravagant designs, we introduced a strict budget that children had to abide to, again linking to real-world application! We then ended with science, where we looked at gas exchange within the cardiovascular system and labelled blood cells individually.

It has been a fantastic week!

As this is our last newsletter summary, we would just like to say a few things to our wonderful Hedgehog class...

The class have grown into well grounded, hardworking and inquisitive individuals this year. Being in Year 6 is really a responsibility that we often forget as time passes. They not only have to consolidate years of learning, but are also delving into more complex topics throughout an already busy schedule. This is all whilst dealing with their own personal challenges and the growing pains of being the 'big fishes in a little pond'. After facing this, they then have to sit an increasingly difficult exam to prove their capacity in a minority of subjects. It is something that even as adults can be extremely daunting.

From the very first day until the last, we have had laughter, smiles and kindness. We are extremely proud of the entire class and we continue to wish them the absolute best in the future. They all deserve a huge shout out for persevering and still coming in to school with a big smile.

To the TSM Leavers of 2026, thank you and we have one hundred percent faith in every single one of you that you will fulfil your absolute potential.

Miss Hume

Attendance

Congratulations to **Hedgehog** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **90.97%**. Whole school attendance is **89.08%**.

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.

Letters Emailed Home

Year 6 Questionnaire

Childs Report Card – Phonics Year 1 / Multiplication Check Year 4 / Reception

Year 5 WDF Taster Day

Year 2 WDF Mini Olympics

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hume introduced our theme of the week as Heroes. We discussed common beliefs about heroes, and named some of our favourites like Super Man, Thor and Wonder Woman. However, we delved into what makes a hero and if they actually all have these glorious suits and films made about them. We looked at Alan Turing who helped to save millions of lives in WW2 using his determination and perseverance.

Tuesday - Mrs Greenyer-Smith introduced another hero called Martin Luther King Jr. We explored what made him a hero and what attributes he must have had to fulfil his duties. We compared this to people we know, such as our families, friends and our public service officers who take care of us throughout our lives whilst asking for nothing in return. We discussed what gives us the strength to persevere, including looking at how God accepts us and appreciates our efforts.

Wednesday - Miss Mason highlighted three main qualities of a hero: Resilience, Kindness and Dedication. We compared this to Marcus Rashford, the professional football player currently on the England squad! He spoke publicly about his upbringings and how he wanted to help others in that situation, so he bought more attention to helping children who need it most!

Thursday - Reverend Jacqui started her Collective Worship with a song about how great God can make us! She linked this to being a captain and spoke about what makes a successful captain. Is it being the fastest runner? The strongest thrower? We talked about actually being a leader and how it requires bravery, strength and support. We discussed Jesus as the captain of Christianity and how he guides us every day just like a captain of a sports team does.

FOTSMS

Sending everyone a MASSIVE thank you for all of your support with our Summer fete last Friday. It was great to see so many of you, even in the scorching heat!

Every single donation, offer of help, kind message & purchase of bands, tokens & tickets has meant that we have raised a brilliant amount again this year!

Our total after paying for the inflatable hire was a fantastic £1,060.95!

This will go towards our next fundraising project which will be decided in September.

A special thank you to everyone that volunteered to help to run the event, we couldn't have made it happen without you.

We are very grateful to have such a lovely school community & hope that you all had fun!

FOTSMS ❤️





Headteacher Summary

Well, what a week it has been!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children. They have managed the heat exceptionally well, and I am very proud of each and every one of them.

Well done to our Year 6 children who attended their secondary school transition days this week. I hope you enjoyed the experience and are feeling excited about moving on at the end of this academic year.

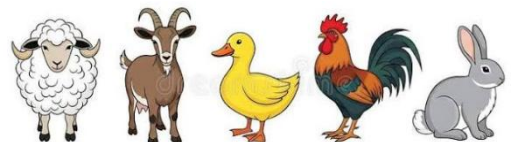
Each year, Meadow Croft invites local schools within a five-mile radius to enter their Schools in Bloom competition. Plants are delivered to participating schools in early April, and schools nurture and display them in containers and designs of their choosing, ready for judging. We were visited by the judging panel this week and now await the results. A big thank you to Mrs Gadd for leading this project, and to all of the children who have supported her over the past few months.



South Woodham Ferrers Library is once again hosting the national "Read to the Beat" Summer Reading Challenge for children. They led an assembly for us this morning, and the challenge begins on Saturday 18th July. Please do visit the library to sign up and collect your reading folder ready to get started.

I am really looking forward to our Wellbeing Week next week. It is wonderful to see how these themed weeks continue to be such a success for children, staff, parents and governors. This year, each day has a different focus:

Monday – Animals



Tuesday – Art



Wednesday – Health and Fitness

Thursday – Environment

Friday – Music

Staff have been carefully planning a range of engaging activities. On Monday, we are excited to welcome a visiting farm, where each class will have the opportunity to meet the animals and learn from the specialists. On Friday, all children will take part in a drumming session, which is always a highlight of the week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful 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	
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
2 nd July 2026	Eagle Class Fen Trip
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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To apply: please send your CV to
tammy.taylor@stirfood.co.uk

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Trinity St. Mary's **DODGEBALL** CLUB

WHEN: Tuesday July 7th 3:30 - 4:15pm

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