

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 10th July 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 **Georgie-Rae** in **Tiger** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	23
Shaw	30
Tabrums	22
Marsh	28



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Fearne

Eagle – Ezra

Axolotl – Pixie

Rabbit – Darcey

Tiger – Tobi

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>

The Summer of Love Kindness Calendar is back! If you follow the link above to the Kids Club page you will be able to download the calendar that will help you to become one of the kindest people on the planet – each day for 30 days it invites you to complete a kind act for yourself, others or the planet. You can add your own ideas too!

Prizes: You could win a massive £20 toy or stationery voucher PLUS a kind book bundle for your school.

Deadline: Friday 18th September

Class Summary

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

This week we share an insight into Axolotl class.

Axolotl Class Summary

In our Axolotl class, we have concluded our learning on **Rocks, Fossils and Soils** by creating fact files to showcase everything we have learned throughout the topic. The children worked incredibly hard to present their knowledge and understanding, and it has been wonderful to see how much they have remembered and enjoyed learning about this fascinating subject.

In maths, we completed our learning on **fractions** and explored the links between **fractions and decimals**. The children have worked hard to build their confidence with these concepts and have shown great perseverance when tackling more challenging questions.

We also enjoyed taking part in a **spelling relay**, which was a fantastic way to practise our spellings while working together as a team. It was full of energy, laughter and friendly competition, and everyone joined in with great enthusiasm.

Despite another very warm week, the children have shown fantastic resilience and have continued to work hard in the heat. They have remained focused, supported one another and continued to produce work they can be proud of. Well done, Axolotl Class, for another brilliant week—we hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Tuesday 7th July 2026
can make a fact file on rocks.

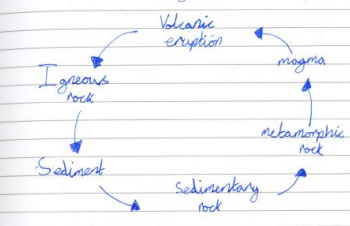
A Magnificent fact file



All the layers of Earth

- The Earth's crust is the outer of the Earth like the crust of a piece of cake.
- The Mantle is all made from melted rock and magma and it under the Earth's crust.
- The Outer core is liquid so like lava.
- The Inner core is solid so like stone.

The rock cycle



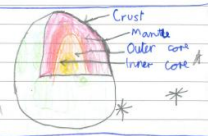
Did you know?...
Did you know that it takes over a thousand years to grow a couple of centimeters of soil.

Did you all fossils are made underground.
A nice fact file, can you give me more information regarding fossils?

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Really Cool Rocks!

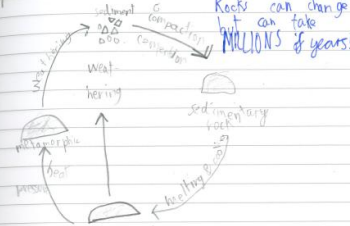
Introduction
Have you ever wondered how rocks and soils can be quite interesting? There are 3 main types: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. There are a few types of soils too like clay, sandy and loam. Read on to find out more!



Layers of The Earth
There are 4 layers of the Earth. First, there is the crust of the earth. The crust is the thinnest layer of the earth. This layer is underneath everything: towns, cities, fields and forests even under the sea! Next, there is the mantle. The mantle is the thickest part of the earth. This is rich in iron, magnesium and calcium. Think of it like warm caramel.

Then, there's the outer core. The outer core is liquid unlike the inner core which is solid. The two metals are iron and nickel. Finally, there's the inner core. The hottest part of the Earth is 13,000°F (5,000-6,000°C).

and Super Soils!

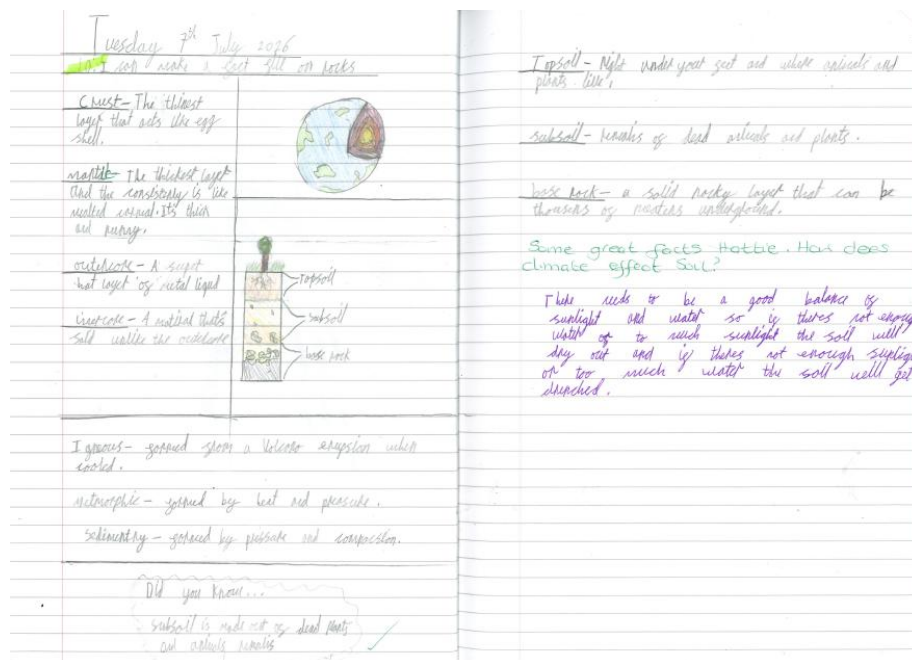


Rocks can change but can take MILLIONS of years!!

There are 5 layers of soil
Humus: This is where things grow like flowers.
Topsoil: This is underneath grass/shrubs.
Subsoil: It's made up of clay, iron and organic material.
Parent Material: After a long weathering process, bedrock turns into parent material.
Bedrock: Down 1000 feet at bedrock, it is hard and rocky. It is made up of a large solid mass of rock.

Did you know...?
That climate can affect the way things grow like when it's too wet, it'll go damp but if it's too hot, it'll dry up and die. But if it's just right, it'll grow and stay healthy.

Well done Felix a very detailed fact file about rocks.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98%**. Whole school attendance is **94.03%**.

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

Arbor Information Held – Action Needed

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>

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.

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.

Great British Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, the Government have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Letters Emailed Home

Year 6 Info

Mobile Phone Policy – 26/27

Adventurers Class Swimming Lessons

Collective Worship

Tuesday: Miss Hume introduced us to this week's focus about carrying others through difficult times.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Wednesday: Miss Mason shared with us ways in which we can find people to help and support us. Some examples were: trusted adults, friends and family. We linked this back to Hebrews 13:16 and discussed ways in which we can help others.

Thursday: Reverend Jacqui's collective worship was focused on worries. She showed us using a soap and water demonstration about how God can help reduce our worries.

Friday: Reverend Adrian led the worship on how we are all special. We watched a short film about the book, 'You are Special'. This story showed us how we should not worry about what others opinions are of us, but to remember that our maker (God) loves us.

Headteacher Summary



Essex County Fire and Rescue Service delivered a Summer Safety Assembly this week, helping children to understand the causes of field fires, develop essential water safety skills, and adopt safer habits as pedestrians and e-scooter users. The assembly encouraged improved awareness, responsible decision-making and an understanding of our shared responsibility in public spaces.

I hope the children enjoyed, and benefited from, the opportunity to spend time with their new class during the two Transition Sessions held this week.

Our RotaKids organised their final fundraising project of the year. Committee members voted to support Havens Hospices, and on Wednesday the children took part in a Team Spelling Challenge. This lively, fun and engaging event saw children working together in year-group teams, combining energy and movement with learning. Rather than the pressure of standing alone, as in a traditional spelling bee, children took turns running to write words on a whiteboard before tagging in their teammates, creating a fun, supportive and inclusive experience for everyone involved.

I hope our Year 5 pupils enjoyed the opportunity to visit William de Ferrers School for a taster day yesterday. The experience provided the children with an enjoyable and creative introduction to secondary school life.

Year 6 also enjoyed their Treat Afternoon at the park yesterday, celebrating the end of their primary school journey together.



It was wonderful to see so many pirates arriving at school this morning for Tiger Class Pirate Day. Both the children and staff looked fantastic, and I know they have thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Many of you were celebrating and supporting England in the World Cup earlier this week. I am sure many of you will be ready to cheer them on again in their quarter-final match against Norway tomorrow evening.



We are pleased to let you know that an ice cream van will be visiting school on Friday, our last day of term. If you would like your child to purchase an ice cream or ice lolly, please send them to school with some money on that day. Thank you, and we hope the children enjoy this special end-of-term treat!

Have a fabulous 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	
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
17 th July 2026	Last Day of Term / Ice Cream Van
20 th July 2026	Inset Day
21 st July 2026	Summer Holidays



Schools In Bloom 2026



BEST YOUNG GARDENER

This Certificate Is Awarded To

Scarlett

at Trinity St Mary's C of E Primary School

For her amazing knowledge of gardening

July 2026



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3RD PLACE

This Certificate Is Awarded To

Trinity St Mary's C of E Primary School

2nd July 2026





THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Trinity St Mary's

has made the world a better place by being a **Kindness Ambassador School 2025-26**
as part of the School of Kindness programme.

Your pupils have been a great role model to others, worked as a team and
helped to spread kindness in your school and community.

We appreciate you!

Jaime Thurston
CEO and Founder

52 LIVES
SCHOOL OF KINDNESS

www.schoolofkindness.org

The School of Kindness is a project of the
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BOOK SIGNING



Out Now!

Starship Mystery
written by Amanda Brandon
illustrated by Anthony Taylor

FUSION RAGE of the ROBOT RATS
written by Amanda Brandon
illustrated by Anthony Taylor

FUSION The Curse of Raven's Hall
written by Amanda Brandon
illustrated by Anthony Taylor

Out Now!

Meet author Amanda Brandon!

July 11th @ 11am
The Book Nut
24 Herald's Way
South Woodham Ferrers
Essex, CM3 5TQ

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KEGS FOUNDATION FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING 475 YEARS OF OUR SCHOOL



SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
2:00 – 7:00PM

A SUMMER AFTERNOON OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!

- ★ TOURS
- ★ HERITAGE WALK
- ★ MICRO LECTURES
- ★ ART SHOWCASE
- ★ INFLATABLES
- ★ FOOD TRUCKS
- ★ LIVE MUSIC
- ★ SPORTS COMPETITIONS

★ EVERYONE WELCOME! ★
All members of our community are invited

★ LAUNCH OF OUR FOUNDATION APPEAL ★