

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 17th July 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 **Gracie G** in **Axolotl** class, for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	8
Shaw	12
Tabrums	8
Marsh	10



The overall winning house for 2025-2026 is **Tabrums** who came 1st with a total of 1478 house points.

Followed by **Shaw** in 2nd, **Fenn** in 3rd and **Marsh** 4th.



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Bobby

Eagle – Bobby

Axolotl – Timmy

Rabbit – George

Tiger – The Whole of Tiger Class

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 Rabbit class.

Rabbit Class Summary

Even though we are almost at the finish line, Rabbit class have still been working hard this week. We have spent some time reflecting on our year and remembering all of the exciting and enjoyable things that we have done and the amazing new things we can do now.

We drew self-portraits and wrote down our reflections about this year. There was so much variety and we couldn't believe how much we have done since September! We remembered our excellent trip to Colchester Castle back in the Spring term, all of the fun sports activities that Essex Kids Camp have provided for us and our forest school sessions. We thought about our topics that we have enjoyed, such as fruit tasting, dragon poems and Henry Matisse.

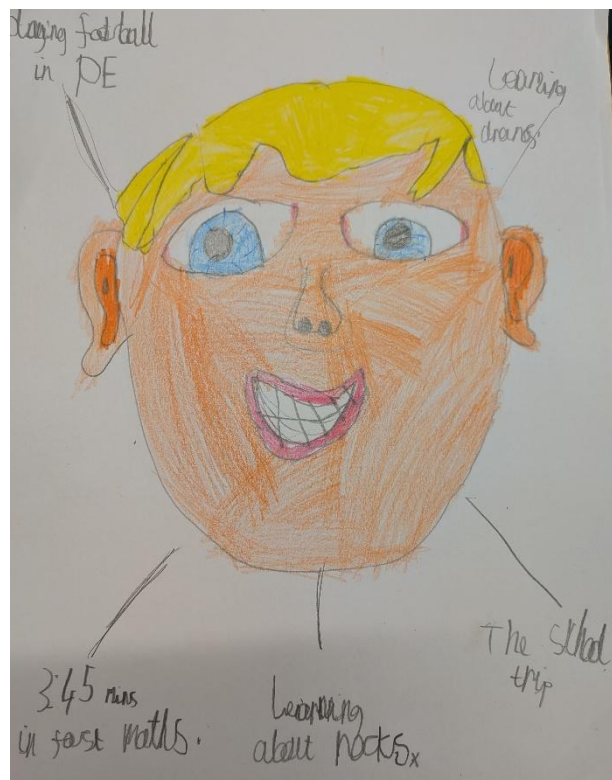
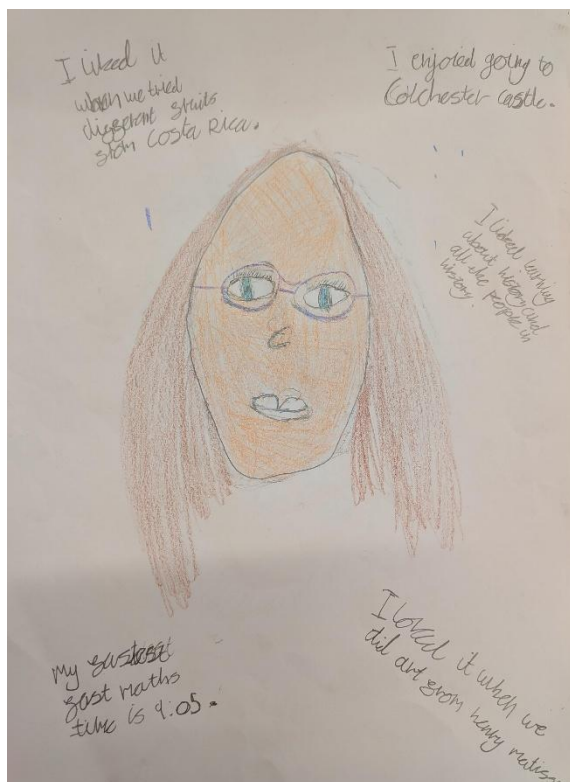
We also discussed our hopes for next year when we wrote letters to our new teachers. Although we have met them already, we wanted to give them a head start at getting to know us better.

We included important information about us, like who our best friends are, what we enjoy learning about and what we hope our topics next year will be. We hope our new teachers enjoy reading these letters and learning a little bit more about us.

We have also enjoyed lots of maths and team games this week. In our maths activities, we have had to use our arithmetic skills to solve codes to find missing words and create pictures. We've also been continuing to practice telling the time with spontaneous tell the time challenges!

We have had to consider strategy and teamwork in some "Taskmaster" challenges. We really enjoyed the challenge where we had to score 20 points without knowing what we needed to do to score the points. It made us think really hard about what we were doing and explore different options and strategies.

We can't wait for our summer holidays now, and a nice brain break before September arrives with a new school year!



Rocksteady Music Summer Concert

Well done to all our Rocksteady pupils, who put on an amazing concert earlier in the week. A big round of applause to;



Riley, Bobby, Alfie, Donovan, George, Pixie, Matilda

Oliver, Ezra, Otis, Sofia

Emi, Zachary, Maxwell, Charlie, Lexi

Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehog class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.06%**. Whole school attendance is **95.68%**.

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.

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.

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 will be located at the gate on the playground. We will be destroying/recycling any unclaimed items at the end of the term.**

Collective Worship

Monday - We looked at Ephesians 5:2 which tells us how we can live our lives in light of Jesus' life. We spoke about the use of metaphors in the Bible and how our actions can be guided by God.

Tuesday - We spoke again about how God can guide our actions and how we can become the people that we respect. We focused mainly on how we can actually do this, whether that be through spreading kindness or helping the environment.

Wednesday - On Wednesday, we looked at having people to rely on and what makes them reliable. We discussed the importance of having people to rely on and how we can follow Jesus' footsteps to become reliant.

Thursday - Miss Hoy helped us to reflect on our focus song of the week and what it was symbolising. The lyrics of Rachel Platten's 'Better Place' helped us to examine how we can treat each other to live in a kinder and better world.

Letters Emailed Home

High Attendance

P.E. Days – September

New School Lunch System – Swift Kitchen

Year 2 & 6 – SATs

FOTSMS End of Year Letter

RotaKids Spelling Challenge

Thank you to all our families that kindly donated to our RotaKids Team Spelling Challenge in aid of Havens Hospices, we raised an amazing £841 for this charity.

Havens Hospices provide compassionate, specialist care and support for adults, children and their families across Essex who are living with complex or incurable conditions. Their services include pain and symptom management, emotional and psychological support, and end-of-life care, delivered both in their hospices and in people's own homes. For adults, Fair Havens offers personalised care focused on comfort, dignity and quality of life, while Little Havens supports children and young people with life-limiting illnesses, offering respite care, play therapy and family support. They also provide bereavement support and practical guidance, helping families cope during difficult times and ensuring no one has to face illness or loss alone.

Thank you again for your generous donations, every pound truly is 'Making every day count!'



Headteacher Summary

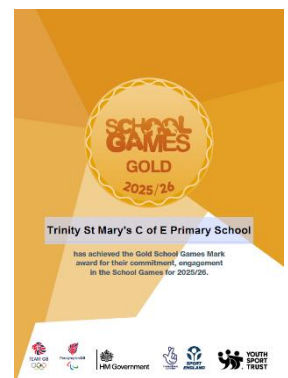
Not only has it been the final week of this academic year, but it has also been an incredibly musical one.

On Monday, we were extremely fortunate to welcome a string trio from the Essex Youth Orchestra. Their performance was truly mesmerising, and I can honestly say that we have not experienced anything quite like it before at TSM.

The musical theme continued on Tuesday with our Rocksteady Summer Concert. Well done to all of the children who performed – you should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

On Wednesday, Years 1–6 enjoyed a Conductive Music Workshop. Conductive Music inspires young minds through music and STEAM, combining music and technology to spark creativity in every learner.

We are delighted to share that Trinity St Mary's has been awarded the Gold School Games Mark this week. The School Games Mark is a UK government-led award, delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises schools for their commitment to high-quality Physical Education (PE), school sport and physical activity.



Achieving the Gold Award is a significant accomplishment and reflects our ongoing commitment to providing pupils with a wide range of sporting opportunities. It recognises our success in encouraging children to be active, participate in competitive sport, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and enjoy the many benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils and staff whose enthusiasm, dedication and hard work have contributed to this achievement.

Yesterday, Year 6 enjoyed another visit to Compass Gardens, followed by a special treat from the ice cream van. Earlier in the week, they performed their production, *Goodbye My Friend*, to the school and then to parents and carers last night. There was certainly a mix of emotions among both the children and adults.

It has been wonderful celebrating with our Year 6 pupils as they have enjoyed a range of treats and special events to mark the end of their time at TSM. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success and happiness for the future.

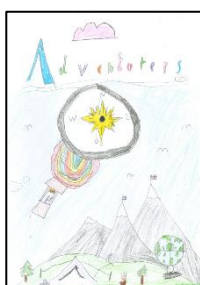
To the families who are leaving us as their children move on to secondary school, thank you for your support over the years. It has been a privilege to be part of your children's journey, and you will always remain a valued part of the TSM family.

As we are preparing for the next academic year, children have been thinking about their new class and have been designing the logo to represent the class.



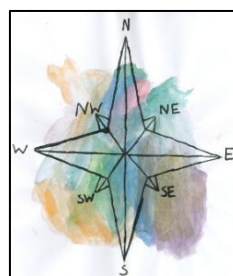
Explorers

Reception and Year 1
Designed by all of the
current reception children



Adventurers

Years 2 and 3
Designed by
Scarlett



Pioneers

Year 4
Designed by
Oscar C



Innovators

Years 5 and 6
Designed by
Emi

I hope all of the children enjoyed their ice cream treat today and have a wonderful summer break.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

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	
20 th July 2026	Inset Day
21 st July 2026	Summer Holidays
Autumn Term 2026/2027	
1 st September 2026	Inset Day
2 nd September 2026	Start of Term

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INFLATABLE FUN SESSIONS

FREE

FRIDAY 7TH & 28TH AUGUST 2026
10.00am - 11.00am and 11.30am - 12.30pm

Trying to find ways to keep the children busy, join us and let them bounce some energy off with their friends.

CALL SWF Leisure Centre to book
limited 30 spaces available/session

→ Suitable for ages 4 - 16 → SWF Residents Only

☎ 01245 605600 📍 South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre



Pool Family Fun Swim

Come and enjoy a splashing good time with the family at SWF Leisure Centre Pool with floats and toys.

Monday 3rd August 2026 1.45pm - 3pm
Monday 10th August 2026 1.45pm - 3pm
Monday 24th August 2026 1.45pm - 3pm

SWF residents only

- If your child is seven years or under, they can't use the pool by themselves.
- A person 16 years or over can accompany:
 - one child that is under four years
 - two children that are under four years if they are wearing buoyancy aids, such as armbands or a float suit
 - two children that are between four and seven years.

CALL SWF Leisure Centre to book
limited 70 spaces available/session

FREE

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INFLATABLE FUN AT THE POOL

FREE

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST
1.45pm - 2.45pm

Come and enjoy an Inflatable Fun Session in the pool at SWF Leisure Centre.

- For children 8-16 years
- All children must be able to swim 25m unaided without stopping and will be swim tested at the beginning of the session.
- SWF residents only

CALL SWF Leisure Centre to book
limited 35 spaces available

☎ 01245 605600 📍 South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre

Fun at Champions is back!

FREE

Every Thursday in August
CHAMPIONS MANOR HALL
INDOORS IN ADVERSE WEATHER





1pm - 3pm Ages 0-9

Don't forget to bring your sun cream,
picnic blanket, snacks and drinks

For more info: 01245 321617

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