

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 4th September 2026

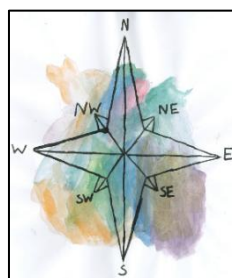
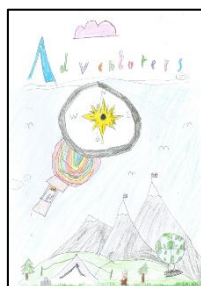


Our Core Christian Values

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.



Headteacher's Welcome Back Message

Firstly, a very warm welcome back. I hope you had a lovely summer and were able to enjoy some quality time together as a family.

It has been wonderful to see the children returning through the gates looking incredibly smart, happy and excited to be reunited with their friends. I would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all the new children and families joining Trinity St. Mary's C of E Primary School this term. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and hope that you quickly feel at home here.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning, achievement and opportunity for all of our children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that every child thrives and reaches their full potential.

To help keep you updated on your child's learning, we are making a small change to the newsletter. Rather than including class summaries, teachers will now share a weekly update on their class page on the school website. These updates will provide an insight into what the children have been learning each week. The Autumn Term curriculum maps are also available to view on the website.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

'Meet the Teacher' sessions are planned for week beginning Monday 14th September 2026.

These sessions will all take place during Collective Worship 9.10am-9.30am in the classroom.
Please come to the main entrance.

Monday 14th – Adventurers class

Tuesday 15th – Pioneers class

Wednesday 16th – Innovators class

There will be no meet the teacher session for Explorers.

Miss Hoy

Explorers, Adventurers, Pioneers and Innovators Day

On Friday 2nd October, children will take part in our first themed day, focusing on their class names and learning about Explorers, Adventurers, Pioneers and Innovators.

Children are invited to research an inspiring person linked to their learning and class name. They should find out about their life, achievements and why they are important, then present their findings in a creative way of their choice. Please bring in this information in to share with your class on the day. We look forward to seeing our young researchers' fantastic discoveries and sharing them in class!

Children are also welcome to dress up as the person they have researched.



An **explorer** is a person who travels to unknown places to find out what is there.

An **adventurer** is a person who seeks out dangerous, exciting, or new experiences, often traveling to unfamiliar places or taking great risks.



A **pioneer** is a person, group, or organism that is among the first to explore, settle, or do something new.

An **innovator** is a person, company, or group that introduces new ideas, products, or methods into reality.



We look forward to a fun and inspiring day of learning!

School Uniform

We have been really impressed by how smart the children have looked returning to school this week. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that pupils take pride in their appearance and meet our school uniform expectations.

As a reminder, please refer to our Uniform Policy and note the following:

Hair accessories should be plain and in grey, maroon, white or black. Pink gingham hair accessories may be worn with summer dresses only. Hair grips should be plain. Large bows and hair braids are not permitted.

Jewellery should not be worn for health and safety reasons, with the exception of items worn for religious or cultural reasons (for example, a kara or cross). A simple, plain watch may be worn.

Nail varnish, false nails and make-up are not permitted in school.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards and helping all children look smart and ready to learn.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Adventurers** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96.67%**. Whole school attendance is **95.7%**.

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

The Big Future National Survey

As Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza is asking you to ensure all of your children complete her survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is her role to promote the views and interests of children in England. Students should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.



This year TSM are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 25th September 2026** in the school hall from **10-11am**.

Please join us, whether we raise a little or a lot, let's do something amazing and raise money to help people living with cancer. Please save the date and let's make a difference.

If we have any budding Mary Berry's who would like to bake a cake for the morning, please contact the office to fill in an allergen information sheet to accompany your showstopper!

We hope to see you on the day however our fundraising page is below in case you cannot make the date but would still like to donate. Thank you in advance!

<https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26002991>

Letters Emailed Home

Home Learning

Forest School – Innovators

Autumn Term 1 Clubs

TSM Key Dates 2026/2027

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.

Autumn Term 2026/2027	
Tuesday 8 th September 2026	KS1 WDF Fun Run/Games (Selected Pupils)
Friday 11 th September 2026	WOW Living Streets Assembly
Monday 14 th September 2026	Meet the Teacher – Adventurers
Tuesday 15 th September 2026	Meet the Teacher – Pioneers
Wednesday 16 th September 2026	Meet the Teacher – Innovators
Friday 18 th September 2026	Virtual Kindness School Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd September 2026	Year 3 WDF Mini Olympics
Thursday 24 th September 2026	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 25 th September 2026	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 25 th September 2026	Year 6 & 4 Bikeability
Thursday 1 st October 2026	Whole School Harvest Festival
Friday 2 nd October 2026	Explorers, Adventurers, Pioneers & Innovators Day
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Flu Immunisation Session
Friday 16 th October 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Fireworks Assembly
Monday 19 th October 2026	Individual & Sibling Photos
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Rotary Stop Polio Campaign - Planting
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Inset Day
Monday 26 th October 2026	Half Term