

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 25th September 2026



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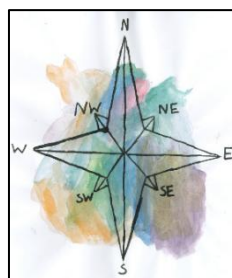
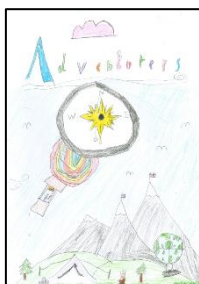


Our Core Christian Values

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 **Sonny** in **Explorers** Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	82
Shaw	34
Tabrums	48
Marsh	48

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!

Our Christian Values Book

The following children have demonstrated one or all of our Christian Values: love, honesty, sharing, dedication and forgiveness.

Well done to:

Explorers – Austin Ba, Charlotte

Adventurers – Tobi, Olivia, Marnie

Pioneers – Gracie B, Jack, Felix, Ava, Oscar C, Archie

Innovators – Rachel, Matilda, Zachary, Lydia, Molly, Timmy, Hattie



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Explorers – Maya O

Adventurers – Sofia

Pioneers – George

Innovators – Gracie G

Please visit the School of Kindness website to register and join up to their kids' club:

<https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club>

Attendance

Congratulations to **Adventurers** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99%**. Whole school attendance is **93.27%**.

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

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2027

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2026.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

Could Your Child Be Eligible for Free School Meals?

From September 2026, free school meals eligibility has expanded to all pupils from households receiving Universal Credit.

Your child may now be eligible if your household receives:

- Universal Credit (regardless of your income level)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Registering for free school meals helps us secure additional funding to support your child's education. Even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and already receives a universal free meal, you can still apply for benefits-based FSM.

If you think you might be eligible and haven't already registered, please contact the school office and we'll provide you with an application form.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Donations

If anybody has any spring bulbs or wintering flower plants that they would kindly like to donate, they would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Letters Emailed Home

Reception & Year 3 Dental Beauty Visit

Census Day – Special Menu R,1 &2

Parent Consultation Meetings – Autumn Term

Headteacher Summary

Looking at the school diary, the weeks are certainly becoming very busy!

Earlier this week, Year 3 attended the WDF Mini Olympics. The children took part in 12 activities designed to develop their fundamental movement skills. They were incredibly lucky with the weather, and both the children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the morning. It was lovely to hear the children enthusiastically sharing their experiences when they returned to school.



Well done to Years 4 and 6 for completing their Bikeability training over the last couple of days. The Bikeability Trust aims to inspire a nation of cyclists by giving young people the skills, confidence and knowledge needed to enjoy the lifelong benefits of cycling safely and independently.

Yesterday, I met with our Kindness Ambassadors for their first meeting of the year. We received a welcome pack from 52 Lives congratulating our new team of ambassadors. The children then began discussing ideas for the year ahead and designed some wonderful kindness posters. Well done team!



What a fabulous morning we had celebrating our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you for all the generous donations of cakes, biscuits and raffle prizes, and thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. A special thank you goes to the ladies in the school office, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Wood, members of the FOTSMS team and all of the volunteers who helped to make the morning such a success.

I continue to be amazed by the children and the many examples of excellent work they proudly share with me. It has also been wonderful to see so many adults and children nominating others for Kindness and Christian Value stickers.

This week, I have carried out times tables checks with all children in Key Stage 2. Knowing their multiplication facts is an essential skill that helps children develop confidence and fluency when tackling mathematical questions and challenges.



Have a fabulous weekend.

Miss Hoy



Thank you to those that made it to our coffee morning, it was so fantastic to see everyone coming together for such a worthy cause. A special thanks to our choir, Mrs Allan, our fabulous FOTSMS team, Marie, Nicola, Liz, Barbora, Geri and our superstar baker Mrs Woolley for her banana loaf!

If you were unable to join us but would still like to donate our fundraising page is <https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26002991>

So far we have raised an AMAZING £615.11.

Thank you again – Emma & Nicola.

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	
Thursday 1 st October 2026	Whole School Harvest Festival
Thursday 1 st October 2026	Census Day
Thursday 1 st October 2026	RotaKids Welcome Meeting
Friday 2 nd October 2026	Explorers, Adventurers, Pioneers & Innovators Day
Monday 12 th October 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Respect – Hate Crime Year 5/6 Assembly
Tuesday 13 th October 2026	RotaKids Committee Meeting
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Flu Immunisation Session
Thursday 15 th October 2026	Children's Parliament Event
Friday 16 th October 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Fireworks Assembly
Friday 16 th October 2026	Reception & Year 3 Oral Health Check
Monday 19 th October 2026	Individual & Sibling Photos
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Rotary Stop Polio Campaign - Planting
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Inset Day
Monday 26 th October 2026	Half Term
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	New to Reception 2027 Open Day
Sunday 8 th November 2026	Remembrance Day Service
Monday 9 th November 2026	Eco-Committee Crocus Planting
Monday 9 th November 2026	Reception & Year 5 Road Safety Session
Friday 13 th November 2026	Year 3 Home Safety Session
Friday 13 th November 2026	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 17 th November 2026	RotaKids Committee Meeting
Saturday 21 st November 2026	Town Council Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 24 th November 2026	Choir Royal Albert Hall Concert



Many hearts make a school



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School Reception 2027 Open Days

We welcome prospective parents for the September 2027 intake to come and view our wonderful school on Tuesday 3rd November at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Children are welcome to come along and booking is not required.

During Your Visit You'll:

Meet the team:

- Meet our experienced leadership team and dedicated governors who are passionate about every child's success and who will answer all your questions

Explore our school:

- Visit our bright, engaging and purpose-built Reception classroom
- See our fantastic outdoor learning areas and play spaces
- See our wellbeing snug

Learn about:

- Our proven approach to early reading and phonics
- How we support your child's smooth transition into school life
- Our wraparound care options
- Our comprehensive wellbeing support including our wellbeing mentors, partnership with Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and wellbeing week
- Our enrichment opportunities including Forest Schools, Rota Kids, Worship Warriors, Eco-Committee and being a Kindness School

Experience:

- The warm, family atmosphere that makes Trinity St Mary's unique
- Our commitment to developing the whole child – academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually

If you would prefer to book a personal tour during the school day and ask questions specific to your child's needs please contact our friendly school office.

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Asthma Newsletter

Winter 2026

Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

**Want to know how to protect your child this winter?
Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:**

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.



We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.



What is good asthma control?

1. **No symptoms during the day.**
2. **No symptoms waking them at night.**
3. **Able to complete all normal activities including PE.**
4. **Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.**

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.