

# Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

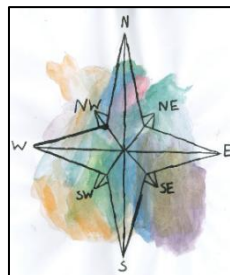
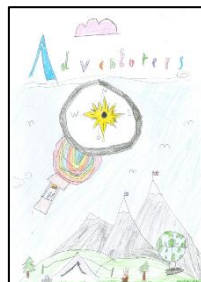


## Our Core Christian Values

### 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 **Stanley** in **Adventurers** Class. Well done!

### House Points

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Fenn    | 48 |
| Shaw    | 28 |
| Tabrums | 40 |
| Marsh   | 41 |

## 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** – Maya O, Maya M, Mina, Brody

**Adventurers** – Scarlett, Donovan, Matthew, Georgie-Rae

**Pioneers** – Tori, Louis, Adam, Nelle, Amelia, Matilda

**Innovators** – Indie-Rose, Rachel, Otis, Matilda, Isla-May, Emi



## Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

**Explorers** – Arthur

**Adventurers** – Scarlett

**Pioneers** – Nelle

**Innovators** – Bobby

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

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

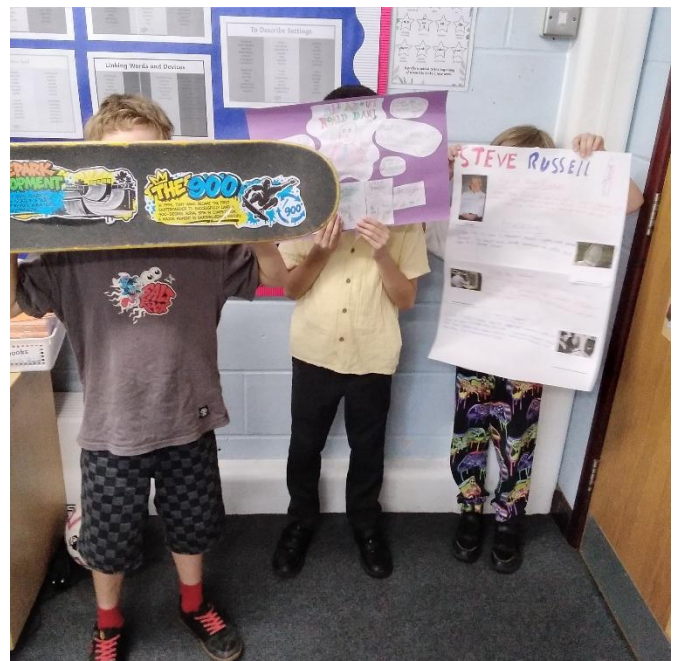
## KS1 Gym Trail Competition

On Tuesday, a group of our wonderful KS1 children participated in the School Games Gym Trail Competition. For over an hour the children demonstrated their skills, speed, balance and coordination across a wide range of challenges. They approached every circuit with energy and enthusiasm and were highly successful in all areas. They also showed excellent sportsmanship encouraging each other and children from other school teams too! Their behaviour was excellent and I was really proud of all of them. Well done for representing TSM so brilliantly – **Hugo, Lea, Arthur, Charlotte, Tobi, Wynn-Dean & Matthew.**

Mrs. Allan



## Explorers, Adventurers, Pioneers and Innovators Day







## Attendance

Congratulations to **Explorers** Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.5%**. 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

### **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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

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

## **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.

### **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.



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

**We have raised an AMAZING £692.67.**

Thank you again – Emma & Nicola.

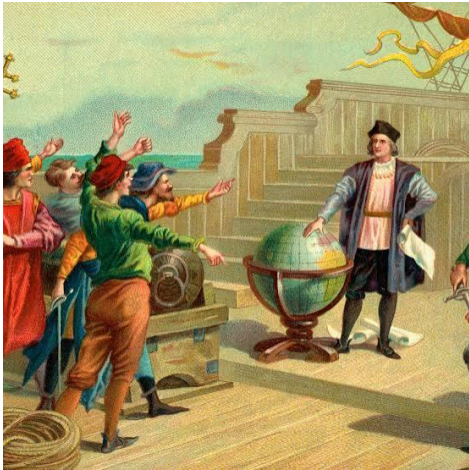


## Letters Emailed Home

Choir- Royal Albert Hall - Travel Arrangements / Innovators - Social Media  
Adventurers – Layer Marney Trip / Innovators – Duxford Trip

### Headteacher Summary

What a wonderful day we have had celebrating our Explorers, Adventurers, Pioneers and Innovators Day. As I arrived this morning, I thoroughly enjoyed talking to the children in Breakfast Club about who they had chosen to be and seeing the fantastic costumes and props they had brought with them.



I led our assembly this morning and was incredibly impressed by the effort that had gone into researching inspiring individuals and creating such imaginative costumes. Throughout the day, children have spoken with enthusiasm, confidence and pride about their chosen figures. This is exactly why I believe our themed days are so important. They provide memorable opportunities for children to develop their curiosity, deepen their learning and be inspired by the achievements of others.

Thank you to our new Worship Warriors, Emelia, Gracie, Blanca, Pixie, Otis, Lydia, Molly and Hattie, who did a fantastic job leading our Harvest Festival service at church yesterday. They spoke clearly and confidently, and I am sure they will continue to enjoy their role throughout the year as they represent our school. A special thank you also goes to Mrs Allan for organising the service and writing the script.



What a fantastic start to our participation in the Woodham Sports Partnership events! The boys who proudly represented Trinity St Mary's in the first football tournament of the year - Otis, Oscar D, Oscar C, Bobby, Charlie H, Zachary, Kieran and Jesse - should be incredibly proud of their achievements. A special thank you goes to Mr Jones, who led a training session at school before accompanying the team to the event. Mr Jones reported that the boys were

competing against older pupils who regularly train and play together, yet they rose to the challenge and performed exceptionally well throughout the competition. What impressed us most was not just their footballing ability, but the way they represented our school. They worked hard as a team, encouraged one another, and showed great respect to their teammates, opponents and the young referees. Their sportsmanship, resilience and positive attitude were a credit to Trinity St Mary's. Well done, boys - a superb start to the sporting year!

Have a great weekend.

Miss Hoy

## 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                    |                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2026     | Essex County Fire & Rescue Service<br>Respect – Hate Crime Year 5/6 Assembly |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2026    | RotaKids Committee Meeting                                                   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2026  | Flu Immunisation Session                                                     |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2026   | Children's Parliament Event                                                  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2026     | Essex County Fire & Rescue Service<br>Fireworks Assembly                     |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2026     | Reception & Year 3 Oral Health Check                                         |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2026     | Individual & Sibling Photos                                                  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2026    | Parents Evening                                                              |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2026  | Rotary Stop Polio Campaign - Planting                                        |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2026   | Parents Evening                                                              |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026     | Inset Day                                                                    |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026     | Half Term                                                                    |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2026    | New to Reception 2027 Open Day                                               |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026     | Remembrance Day Service                                                      |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2026     | Eco-Committee Crocus Planting                                                |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2026     | Reception & Year 5 Road Safety Session                                       |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 | Adventurers Layer Marney Trip                                                |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2026    | Year 3 Home Safety Session                                                   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2026    | Children in Need Day                                                         |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2026   | RotaKids Committee Meeting                                                   |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2026  | Town Council Christmas Fayre                                                 |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2026   | Choir Royal Albert Hall Concert                                              |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 | Innovators Duxford Trip                                                      |

# Dodgeball

Afterschool Club

KS2

**Tuesdays**

13/10/26 FREE

10/11/26

17/11/26

24/11/26

1/12/26

8/12/26

15/12/26

**First Session Free!**

Contact info-Jack-

**07958 371468**



Facebook: Jack Martin Fitcamp

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*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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School, Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex, CM3 5JX  
01245 321711

[admin@trinity-st-marys.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@trinity-st-marys.essex.sch.uk)



Trinity St Mary's Primary School  
Attn Rotakids Committee  
C/o Louise Allan  
Trinity Square  
South Woodham Ferrers  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM3 5JX

## Thank you so much

for raising an AMAZING

**£851.00**

for Fair Havens

**Wednesday, 30 September 2026**

Dear Rotakids Committee and Pupils at Trinity St Mary's Primary School,

We wanted to say a huge thank you for raising an amazing £851.00 for Fair Havens, from your Spellathon event – what a wonderful thing to do.

Your generosity is truly overwhelming, and we couldn't be more grateful. Every pound you raise has an immediate impact on our hospice care – because everyone deserves the best possible care throughout their whole life's journey.

The care we provide is completely free of charge, yet we receive only limited government funding. It's the generosity of extraordinary people like you that makes the majority of our work possible – so thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

With warmest wishes,

**Karen Maynard**

**Fundraising Administrator**

You're in charge of what information Havens Hospices has about you, and what you want to receive from the charity. Everything is laid out in our Privacy Policy, which you can read on our website. But you can change how we contact you by emailing [changeme@havenshospices.org.uk](mailto:changeme@havenshospices.org.uk), visiting [havenshospices.org.uk/update](http://havenshospices.org.uk/update) or calling 01702 220 305.



**Fair Havens has changed my outlook on life. Instead of worrying about what could go wrong, I focus on the good things."**

**Nicola**



**Every one of us  
Making every day count.**

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