



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 7th March 2025



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.

Lunchtime Cup

This week the Lunchtime Cup is awarded to **Sasen** in **Emerald** class for demonstrating our Christian Values. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	46
Shaw	82
Tabrums	85
Marsh	102



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Laurel

Emerald – Lexi

Amber – Lacey

Ruby – Archie

Topaz – Scarlett

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.

Class Summary

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

This week we share an insight into Topaz class.

Topaz Class Spring Learning Journey

As always, the children have been having a super busy time in Topaz class working their socks off in all areas of learning. Before half term the children had an amazing time celebrating Kindness Day. The children used their maths skills to create repeating pattern bracelets for each other. They also made 'kindness compliment' bookmarks. It was lovely to read some of the messages that they wrote to each other, such as 'you make the world a brighter place', 'you make me smile', and 'you are a star' it has also been wonderful to see them continue being kind to each other this term too. What a super class they are!





The children have been thoroughly enjoying our music lessons. They have been focusing on developing their knowledge and skills in listening and appraising; singing; playing and sharing and performing. Reception children have been totally acing the glockenspiel and Year One children are getting very good at playing the recorder. Collectively they are forming a really great band and it is wonderful to watch the children gaining confidence when performing their music.



This term we have continued our topic on Rainforests. In Science we have been learning all about food chains. I have been seriously impressed with how quickly and accurately the children have learned key vocabulary, for example, producers, consumers, omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. Wow! The children were presented with challenges of completing a food chain puzzle or creating and labelling their own food chain. Their explanations about how the food chain works have been excellent, and it was very good to hear from the children that we are at the top of the food chain...pew!

Wednesday 26th February 2025

L.O. I can show how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

Food Chains

grass	insects	bird	fox
Producer	consumer Herbivore	consumer omnivore	consumer carnivore

In a food chain energy is transferred from the producer to the consumer.
 Challenge - who is at the top of the food chain?
 The fox is at the top of the food chain.

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Food Chains

corn	grasshopper	frog	owl
Producer	consumer Herbivore	consumer carnivore	consumer carnivore

A grasshopper is a herbivore. A frog is a carnivore.
 A owl is also a carnivore.
 Challenge - what is transferred through the food chain?
 Energy is transferred through the food chain.

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Food Chains

Flower	caterpillar	bird	fox
Producer	consumer	consumer	consumer

A caterpillar is a herbivore. A bird is an omnivore.
 A fox is a carnivore.
 Challenge - what is transferred through a food chain?
 Energy is transferred through the food chain.



Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day in style! All the children in Topaz class were very excited to dress as their favourite character. As you can see they all looked absolutely fantastic!



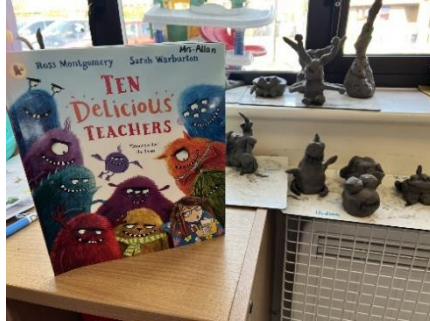
In class we read the book 'Ten Delicious Teachers'! by Ros Montgomery and Sarah Warburton.

The children used their fabulous subtraction skills to work out what would happen next as the ten teachers embarked on their short cut home through the woods! The children loved the rhyming text, brilliant pictures and very funny story.

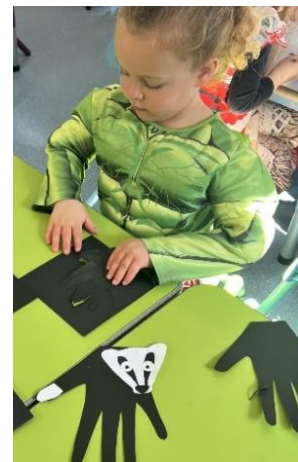
After reading the story, the children then designed and made their very own 'teacher eating monsters' out of clay! By the end of the day, I was rather nervous to have so many 'teacher eating monsters' in my classroom, but luckily the children have promised me that their monsters will behave and that I won't get eaten! I was very impressed with the children's creativity. Every monster definitely has its own personality and element of mischief! One monster was even disguised as a teacup to trick the teacher into picking them up! Their amazing monsters will take about a week to dry. Once they have dried, the children will be painting their monsters and adding any extra details and then I hope they will be taken home, just in case any of them do get a little hungry!







In addition to working hard on their terrifying monster, the children also enjoyed a range of other World Book Day activities including making handprint badgers (just like the badger in our other focus story of The Disgusting Sandwich!); dreaming up names for their colourful monsters and putting on some very entertaining puppet shows, retelling some of their favourite story books!



It really is fabulous to see all the children working so hard in all areas of the curriculum. I am very proud to see them all trying their best every day. Well done Topaz class!

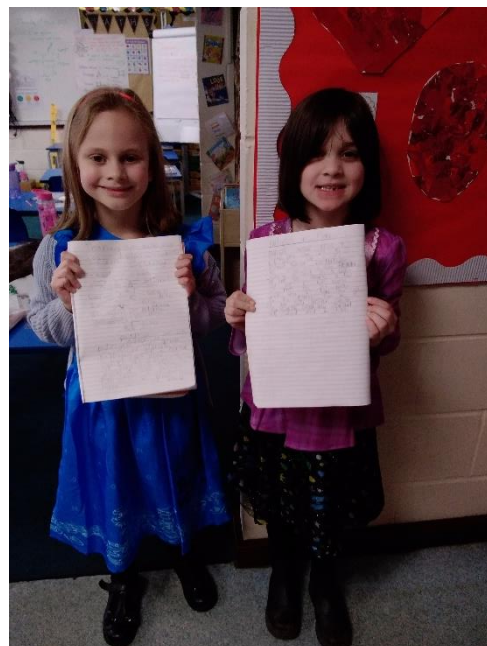
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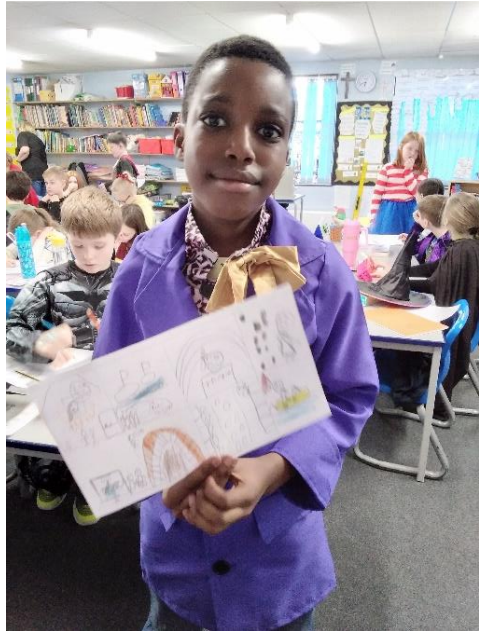
World Book Day

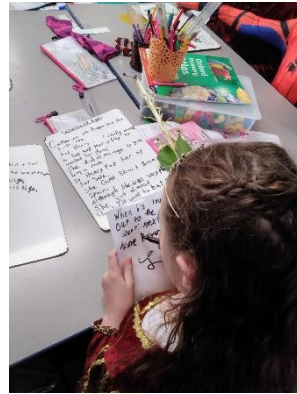
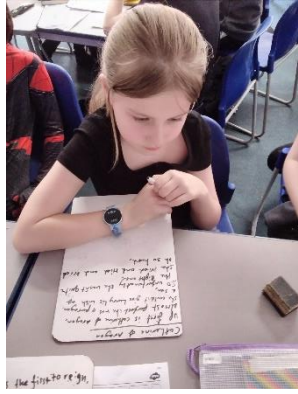


It was so lovely to see all the children dressed up in fabulous outfits for World Book Day, we hope they all had a great day.

Here are a few photos from the day.







Colchester Castle Amber Class Trip

We had a fantastic day at Colchester Castle in Amber class! We saw fantastic artefacts from the Stone Age and Roman times which helped us with our knowledge in history. We dressed up as Romans, Iron Age people and played chariot racing. We also had the opportunity to build a Roman villa and roundhouse which all the adults were very impressed with. We also got to go down underneath the castle where we went back in time to look at the story of Boudicca. Here are some quotes from the children and their favourite parts of the day:

Blanca – “I enjoyed going back in time, when we went underneath the castle and learnt about Boudicca”.

Jenson – “I loved chariot racing, as it was fun and you got to control the horse”.

Albie - “I loved looking at the old artefacts and coins that dated all the way back to the Iron Age”.

Indie-Rose – “I liked walking around the castle and looking at how it was built from the outside”.

Oliver – “I liked looking at the shields and the armour and trying on the helmet”.

Jessica – “I enjoyed building the Roman villa and roundhouse and working with my friends to achieve making it”.

Matilda – “I enjoyed looking at the facts and the broken pots from the Roman times”.

Ted – “I liked looking at the miniature house which was a model of the castle”.

Evelynne – “I liked looking at the artefacts that had still survived from such a long time ago”.

Kieran – “I loved trying on the different outfits and dressing up as Iron Age and Stone Age people”.

A special thank you to Miss Hoy, Mrs Kent, Mrs Munro, Mrs Graham and Mrs Simmons for helping out on this trip.

Mrs Greenyer- Smith





Attendance

Congratulations to **Ruby** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.23%**. Whole school attendance is **95.64%**.

If your child is absent then please remember to report this before 8.30am either by telephone or via Studybugs stating the reason for your child's absence. **We do not accept emails for reporting absence.** Thank you.

Get the app or register now <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

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 Studybugs or voicemail.

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

We are seeing quite a few latecomers each morning, arriving via the office. 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.

Collective Worship

On Monday we had a Childline safety assembly. If something is going wrong at home or if you don't want to speak to someone you can call Childline or go on their website. We had a YouTube video on how to speak out and stay safe and if you do not have someone to talk to then support is always there through Childline.

On Tuesday we learnt about Shrove Tuesday also known as Pancake Day with Miss Mason. Shrove means to confess sin and seek forgiveness. We were talking about how it's important to ask for forgiveness. We also learnt about lent. Lent is a 40-day period before Easter to recognise when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and avoided temptation.

In 'Open the Book' we learnt about when Jesus went out in a boat with Peter and his fishermen and Peter kept saying "we have no fish, there are no fish in this lake." Jesus just laughed and told the fishermen to take him to the middle of the lake. Then Jesus threw a net over and caught so many fish. The fishermen were amazed and that is why you should never think the worst, always think positive.

Miss Knights explained that Ash Wednesday is the day where people give up something they really love to show when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. We do this to show that when Jesus went into the desert he had to give up food and water for 40 days and 40 nights.

By Worship Warriors Eloise & Grace

General Reminders

Donations

We have recently received a grant that has allowed us to purchase a large raised bed that we can use for planting. If anyone has any **compost** that they would like to donate and/or any **seeds** or **bulbs** they would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

Letters Emailed Home

Swimming Gala Training Session

Swimarathon 2025 Event Forms

Parent Consultation Meetings

Amber Parent Consultation Meetings

Headteacher Summary



What a wonderful week it has been! I thoroughly enjoyed going on the Amber class trip to Colchester castle. The sun was shining which meant we could also explore the grounds as well as the marvellous exhibitions inside.

I am always impressed by the vast range of costumes that the children wear on World Book Day. It was fantastic to stand on the gate in the morning and spot the characters as the children came in. I was particularly looking out for Where's Wally characters – only four this year!

Mrs Allan and I led the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme assemblies on Monday. The assemblies help the children to understand that they always have a right to feel safe and that they can speak to a safe adult or Childline if they ever need help or support.

Have a great weekend.



Miss Hoy

TSM Key Dates 2025

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	
10 th March – 14 th March 2025	TSM Science Week
12 th March 2025	Emerald – Mighty Oak Session
12 th March 2025	RotaKids Meeting
17 th March 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Year 6 Respect Assembly
17 th March – 20 th March 2025	Poetry Writing Competition
18 th March 2025	Eco-Committee Litter Pick
19 th March 2025	KS2 Railway Safety Assembly
20 th March 2025	EYFS & KS1 Railway Safety Assembly
21 st March 2025	Year 6 Transition Workshop
22 nd March 2025	Swimarathon 2025
24 th March – 28 th March 2025	Travelling Book Fair
25 th March – 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings
26 th March 2025	Humite Library Visit – Shakespeare
26 th March 2025	Emerald Library Visit – Shakespeare
28 th March 2025	Essex Kids Camp – P.E. Kit Required
31 st March 2025	Whole School Easter Service
1 st April 2025	Rocksteady Concert
2 nd April – 4 th April 2025	Year 6 Residential
3 rd April 2025	Amber WDF Laboratory Lesson
7 th April – 21 st April 2025	Easter Holidays
22 nd April 2025	Inset Day
1 st May 2025	Humite WDF Laboratory Lesson
2 nd May 2025	Mighty Oak Competition Day
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATS Week
15 th May 2025	Emerald WDF Laboratory Lesson
19 th May – 23 rd May 2025	Well Being Week
26 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
27 th May – 30 th May 2025	Half Term
2 nd June 2025	Inset Day
4 th June 2025	Emerald Class – Road to RIAT Virtual Session
6 th June 2025	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos
10 th June 2025	Year 6 - Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service
11 th June 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
16 th June – 20 th June 2025	TSM Sports Week
24 th June – 25 th June 2025	WDF Year 6 Induction Days
1 st July 2025	Practise Sports Morning
3 rd July 2025	TSM Sports Morning
9 th July 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Water & Summer Safety Assembly
17 th July 2025	RESERVE TSM Sports Morning
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly



World Book Day - Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated or bought books or dressing up from our World Book Day sale we raised **£52.75**.



Coin Challenge – Winners

The winner of the donuts was... **HUMITE** who raised an amazing £5.39ph. Donuts were delivered to class this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised a whopping **£422.15** from this event and will be adding this amount to the new laptop funds.

Mother's Day Sale – 28th March



FOTSMS this year would like to invite the children to celebrate Mothering Sunday by surprising their special person with a gift chosen by them.

The sale will take place during school on Friday 28th March 2025

Payment will be accepted via either Parent Pay or cash on the day.

* A maximum of 2 pre-wrapped gifts from a selection per child.

Our Mother's Day sale will be held on Friday 28th March and there will be several items available for children to choose from. Payment can be made on ParentPay or cash on the day.

A maximum of 2 gifts per child.

If children have additional money and there are gifts left, we will stay open for children to buy more.



Easter Egg Raffle 24th – 31st March

Each class will have an Easter egg to raffle. A ticket is 50p and there is no limit to how many times you can enter.

We will be running the raffle from the 24th March to the 31st March with the winner being drawn in class on the 1st April.

VE 80 – Red, White & Blue Non-Uniform Day – 9th May

As the nation, along with Europe, celebrate 80 years since victory in Europe following WWII, we invite the children to wear red, white & blue for a small donation of £1.00 (an item on ParentPay will be made available closer to the time).



Clothing Collection 19th - 22nd May

Our clothing collection this year is running from 8am Monday 19th May to 8am Thursday 22nd May.

We Accept:	We Don't Accept
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult and children's clothing • Paired shoes • Fashion accessories • Handbags, belts • Hats, scarves • Jewellery, perfumes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty, damaged, wet clothes • Uniforms, underclothing • Toys, books, DVD's • Duvets, pillows, household linen • Carpets, blankets, curtains • Bric-a-brac

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days.



Rainbow Raffle Hampers for the Summer Fete 3rd – 13th June

After the amazing success of last year's Rainbow Raffle, we will be holding another one this year at the summer fete and we are asking for donations from each class.

Every class has been given a colour and we would love donations of NON-PERISHABLE items in that colour, to go into our amazing raffle hampers to be won at the summer fete.



FOTSMS Event Diary

24 th March – 31 st March	Easter Egg Raffle Winner announced 1 st April.	Each class will have an Easter egg that they can win through the class raffle, 50p a ticket, enter as many times as you want!
28 th March	Mother's Day Sale	Gifts can be pre-paid on ParentPay - £1.50 each. There will be a limit of 2 gifts per child. Children can bring cash on the day if you prefer.
1 st April	Easter Gifts	Easter gifts to be given to the children.
9 th May	VE-Day 80 non-uniform	To celebrate VE Day, children are invited to wear red, white & blue on Friday 9 th May - £1.00 donation can be made on ParentPay closer to the time.
22 nd May	Clothing Collection	
3 rd – 13 th June	Rainbow Raffle Donations	Donation boxes will be in class to collect non-perishable items.
20 th June 2025	Summer Fete	More details to follow.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

We would like to invite you to the...

Mid Essex Start Well School Transition Roadshows



These FREE events have been organised in partnership between local schools and health and care partners as an opportunity for parents & carers across Braintree, Maldon & Chelmsford to prepare for this exciting time!

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE EVENT?

From 6pm, teachers from the schools in the area will give a talk on how parents & carers can support their children to prepare for school

Alongside this, parents & carers will be able to speak to a range of other organisations on the day to help with answering questions they may have in relation to their children starting school.

TOPICS THAT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY ORGANISATIONS AT THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

- *Social Skills*
- *Managing Emotions*
- *Language & Communication*
- *Learning Skills*
- *Physical Health (including oral health)*
- *Independence Skills (including toileting)*

If you have any questions about the events please email:
MidEYEP@essex.gov.uk



Or scan the QR code

Dates, times & locations of the roadshows

Braintree area
[Chipping Hill Primary School, Witham](#)
10th March, 6pm-7.30pm

Maldon Area
[All Saints Primary School, Maldon](#)
11th March, 6pm-7.30pm
[Burnham On Crouch Primary School, Burnham](#)
27th March, 6pm-7.30pm

Chelmsford area
[Galleywood Infant School, Galleywood](#)
20th March, 6pm-7.30pm
[St Josephs Primary School, South Woodham Ferrers](#)
24th March, 6pm-7.30pm



MID ESSEX CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP

Working together to ensure all children & young people in Mid Essex get the best start in life