Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School

Friday 9th October 2026



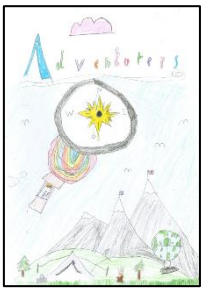
Our Core Christian Values

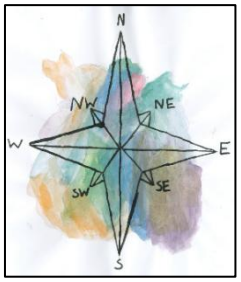
School Hours

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 **Ellyn** in Adventurers Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	83
Shaw	75
Tabrums	66
Marsh	81

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 – Lucy, Maya O, Brody, Austin Bow, Arthur, Nancy

Adventurers – Wynnie-Dean, Matthew

Pioneers – Archie, Louis, Eleni

Innovators – Isla-May, Otis, Emi, Zachary, Bella

Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Explorers – Rosie

Adventurers – Wynnie-Dean

Pioneers – Gracie

Innovators – Molly

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

https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club

Wellbeing Snug Poster by Nelle & Scarlett



Attendance

Congratulations to Explorers Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **99.17%.** Whole school attendance is **96.79%.**

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.

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.

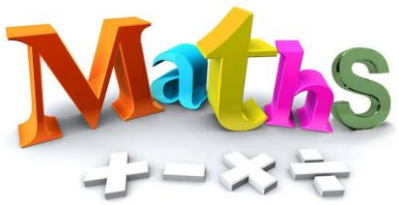
All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Letters Emailed Home

Parent Governor Vacancies / Parent Consultation Meetings - Booking Live / Flu Immunisation Session / Choir – Christmas Performances / Fidget Toys

Headteacher Summary

I thoroughly enjoyed teaching in Adventurers Class on Wednesday morning. The children demonstrated a wealth of knowledge about Greek gods, which helped them successfully meet their English learning objective of writing expanded noun phrases about a god. In maths, they impressed me with their confidence in calculating fact families.





This morning, the children took part in a sustained writing session. We regularly provide opportunities for extended writing so that children can write in depth for real purposes, such as entertaining, informing or persuading others. These tasks help children develop confidence, creativity and writing stamina while embedding the skills they learn in class.

I am also impressed by the children who are completing additional work at home to improve their maths and English skills. Well done to you all. Please come and show me your work so that I can celebrate your achievements with you.

This week, we held our first Kindness Zoom meeting, linking up with other Kindness Schools across England and led by 52 Lives. Thank you to Emi, who joined me on the call. Emi took notes during the session, which we will discuss at our next Kindness Ambassador meeting.



Thank you also to Nelle and Scarlett, who designed a fantastic Wellbeing Snug poster for the door of our snug. It looks wonderful and will help make the space even more welcoming for everyone.

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 12th October 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Respect – Hate Crime Year 5/6 Assembly
Tuesday 13th October 2026	RotaKids Committee Meeting
Wednesday 14th October 2026	Flu Immunisation Session
Thursday 15th October 2026	Children's Parliament Event
Friday 16th October 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Fireworks Assembly
Friday 16th October 2026	Reception & Year 3 Oral Health Check
Monday 19th October 2026	Individual & Sibling Photos
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st October 2026	Rotary Stop Polio Campaign - Planting
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Parents Evening
Friday 23rd October 2026	Inset Day
Monday 26th October 2026	Half Term
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	New to Reception 2027 Open Day
Friday 6th November 2026	Rocksteady Impact Assembly – Pupils Only
Sunday 8th November 2026	Remembrance Day Service
Monday 9th November 2026	Eco-Committee Crocus Planting
Monday 9th November 2026	Reception & Year 5 Road Safety Session
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Adventurers Layer Marney Trip
Friday 13th November 2026	Year 3 Home Safety Session
Friday 13th November 2026	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 17th November 2026	RotaKids Committee Meeting
Saturday 21st November 2026	Town Council Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Choir Royal Albert Hall Concert
Wednesday 25th 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
£30 for 6 sessions
Come join the fun, run, throw, and dodge!
Booking is essential before attending

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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admin@trinity-st-marys.essex.sch.uk

Free Workshops in SWF Library





As part of Chelmsford Science Festival and links with Culture Chelmsford there are two free sessions in SWF library on Saturday 31st October. The morning session is a workshop to design your own animated character for ages 7 upwards. The afternoon session is a competition to create your own colourful character. There will also be mobile gaming units in the library for children to use.

Please book on via the QR code on the flyer.