Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School

Friday 23rd October 2026



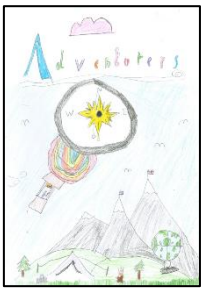
Our Core Christian Values

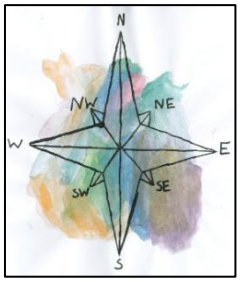
School Hours

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

House Points

Fenn	57
Shaw	21
Tabrums	23
Marsh	29

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 Bow, Henry, Charlotte

Adventurers – Matthew, Wynnie-Dean

Pioneers – Frankie, Louis, Charlie, Matilda, Maddie, Tori, Nelle, Archie, Isla

Innovators – Sofia, Lacey, Indie H, Matilda, Pixie, Molly, Zac, Albie



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Explorers – Lucy

Adventurers – Alfie

Pioneers – Penny

Innovators – Hattie

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

https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club

Kindness changes everything

Let's come together and make a difference!

TWO GREAT CAUSES ONE BIG IMPACT

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

SPREAD KINDNESS
BRIGHTEN LIVES

A day to celebrate the power of kindness and how even small actions can make a big difference.

- BE KIND
- INCLUDE OTHERS
- SHOW RESPECT

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

BRIGHTER CHILDHOODS
HAPPIER TOMORROWS

A day to support children and young people across the UK who need extra help.

- SUPPORT CHILDREN
- CREATE OPPORTUNITIES
- HELP THEM THRIVE

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

We're celebrating both events in school on Friday 13th November!

Wear it bright or wear spots!

Children and adults are invited to wear bright-coloured clothes or spots to help us celebrate this important day!

All donations must be made on Arbor.

Arbor

The total amount raised will be split equally between World Kindness Day and Children in Need.

Thank you for your support!

KINDER PEOPLE
BRIGHTER FUTURES

Small actions. Big change.

KINDNESS • OPPORTUNITY • BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Attendance

Congratulations to Explorers Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.4%.** Whole school attendance is **92.22%.**

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 after half term. 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.

Poppy Appeal 2026

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and children will have the opportunity to buy merchandise such as snap wrist bands, clip on poppies and ribbon bracelets. We have a limited number of these items and suggest a minimum donation of £1 for these goods.

If your child would like any of these items, please send them in with their donation after half term and they will be able to purchase their items from our Head Pupils/Official Helpers, who will be visiting each class in the afternoons during the week.

Letters Emailed Home

Adventurers - Layer Marney – Packed Lunch
Lost Property
Church Bazaar
Changes regarding food & allergies
Simply the Nativity / Magical Musical Performance
Eco Committee Crocus Bulb Planting
After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2
End of Term 100% Attendance

Headteacher Summary



It was a lovely start to the week, with Vancols, our new school photographers, visiting on Monday to take individual and sibling photographs. I hope you are pleased with the photographs and that our change of photography company proves to be a success.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week. I hope you found your meeting informative, enjoyed looking through your child's work and had the opportunity to see some of the wonderful work on display around school. I also hope you had the opportunity to sample some of the food provided by our catering company, Stir.



A big thank you to the South Woodham Ferrers Rotarians, our own Rotarians and, of course, Mrs Allan for organising our Rotary Stop Polio Campaign. Every child planted a crocus bulb and they looked so pleased with their efforts as they left school carrying their pots. It was lovely to hear children and parents chatting about how they would care for their bulbs and where they might put them at home. This year, we are not asking for donations. Instead, our focus is simply on supporting this worthwhile cause and giving the children the opportunity to take part in and enjoy the event. We look forward to seeing them bloom!



We are considering reintroducing 'Toast Tuesday', which was a popular initiative at school many years ago, and we would really value your feedback.We are proposing to trial Toast Tuesday for four weeks, starting on Tuesday 10th November. Children would be able to buy one slice of buttered or unbuttered toast for 50p at the beginning of morning break each Tuesday. Before introducing the trial, we would be grateful to know whether this is something families would welcome and whether your child would be likely to take part. Thank you, as always, for your feedback and support.

The weather has certainly changed recently and it is beginning to feel very autumnal. Don't forget that the clocks go back this weekend – 'fall back' in autumn!

I wish you all a very happy and restful half-term break.

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	
Friday 23rd October 2026	Inset Day
Monday 26th October 2026	Half Term
Monday 2nd November – Thursday 5th November 2026	FOTSMS Clothing Collection
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	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 / World Kindness Day
Monday 16th November 2026	Eco-Committee Crocus Planting
Tuesday 17th November 2026	RotaKids Committee Meeting
Thursday 19th November 2026	Reception & Year 3 Dental Check
Saturday 21st November 2026	Town Council Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Choir Royal Albert Hall Concert
Wednesday 25th November 2026	Innovators Duxford Trip
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Simply the Nativity – R, 1, 2 Performance – 2pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	Simply the Nativity – R, 1, 2 Performance – 6.30pm
Wednesday 16th December 2026	KS2 Magical Musical Performance 2pm
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Town Carol Service
Thursday 17th December 2026	KS2 Magical Musical Performance 6.30pm


Dodgeball
Afterschool Club
KS2
Trinity St. Mary's School
Tuesdays
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
Open to anyone from any school
3:30 - 4:15pm
£30 for 6 sessions
Come join the fun, run, throw, and dodge!
Booking is essential before attending

Netball Kids®

Netball Fun For Kids!!



SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

at Trinity St Mary's CofE Primary School

Thursdays after school



BOOK A FREE TASTER SESSION

Book via website

Classes for: 2-3.5yrs | 3.5-5yrs | 5-7yrs | 8-11yrs

www.netballkids.co.uk



Fourth Sundays - a new look Sunday Church service on the 4th Sundays of each month at Holy Trinity Church at 10am. The first one is this weekend! The service is less formal than a traditional church service and ideal for young and old worshipping together.



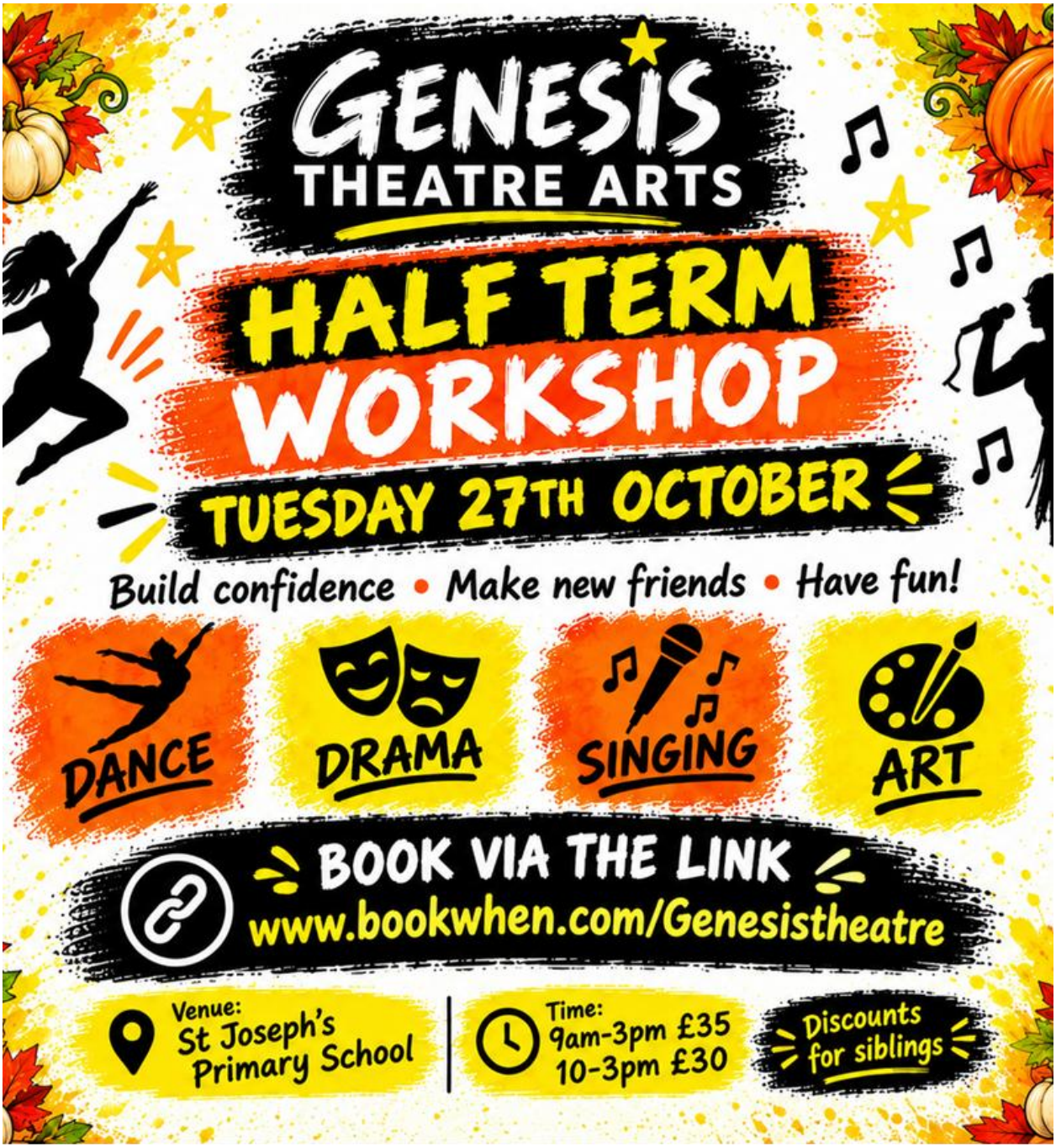
You are warmly invited to join us for our annual Memorial Service.

This is a special time when we come together to remember and give thanks for the lives of those we have loved and miss. The service will last about 45 minutes, offering a gentle and peaceful space for reflection, remembrance and thanksgiving.

During the service, we will read aloud the names of those we wish to remember and light candles in their memory, offering a quiet moment for reflection, thanksgiving and prayer. It would be lovely to welcome you, whether your loss is recent or many years ago. If you can't join us but would like someone remembered, please let me know their name(s), and I will gladly include them in the service.

Parking: The church field car park will be open on the day, with free parking available. Simply follow the signs for St Mary's Car Park; the entrance is opposite the turning into Eastham Care Home. Alternatively, paid parking is available at the Bell Pub car park using the 'Sippi' app, which we recommend downloading before your visit.

Please feel free to share this invitation with family and friends who might also appreciate the opportunity to remember someone special.


GENESIS
THEATRE ARTS
HALF TERM
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER
Build confidence • Make new friends • Have fun!
DANCE
DRAMA
SINGING
ART
BOOK VIA THE LINK
www.bookwhen.com/Genesistheatre
Venue:
St Joseph's
Primary School
Time:
9am-3pm £35
10-3pm £30
Discounts
for siblings