Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School

Friday 6th November 2026



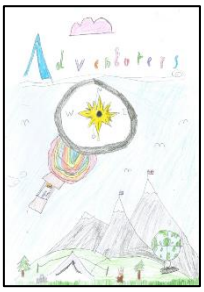
Our Core Christian Values

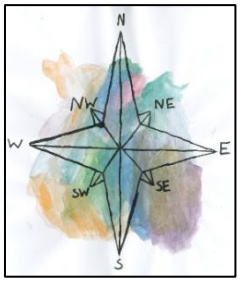
School Hours

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 **Emi** in Innovators Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	29
Shaw	15
Tabrums	9
Marsh	20

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, Sonny, Brody

Adventurers – Tobi, Oscar, Alfie

Pioneers – George, Maddie, Gracie, Charlie, Frankie

Innovators – William M, Owen, Charlie, Otis



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Explorers – River

Adventurers – Harry

Pioneers – Felix

Innovators – Albie

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

TSM Christmas Events - Save the dates!

Choir @ Town Council Christmas Fayre – Saturday 21st November

RotaKids Christmas Project, Tree of Joy – collection day - Friday 27th November

Christmas Craft Morning – Tuesday 1st December 9.15am – 10am

Whole School Panto – Dick Whittington, children only – Thursday 3rd December

Rocksteady Christmas Concert – Tuesday 8th December
Parents/carers of band members only are invited in for a 10.30am start.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 9th December

Rotary Christmas Sleigh Visit – Wednesday 9th December 5pm

Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th December 2pm / Thursday 10th December 6.30pm. Performances in the hall. 2 tickets per family available per performance.

FOTSMS Christmas Coffee Morning – Friday 11th December

Carols by Candlelight in the church – Monday 14th December 5.30pm

Choir @ Town Carol Service – Wednesday 16th December 5.30pm

KS2 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 16th December 2pm / Thursday 17th December 6.30pm. Performances in the church. 2 tickets per family available per performance.

FOTSMS Wear Something Christmassy Day – Friday 18th December



Attendance

Congratulations to Adventurers Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.52%.** Whole school attendance is **95.88%.**

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

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 and they will be able to purchase their items from our Head Pupils/Official Helpers, who will be visiting each class in the afternoons up until Wednesday 11th November.

Your School Photograph is Ready

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **9th November 2026**

The website for these codes is www.getphotos.co.uk

No Clubs Wednesday 11th & 18th November

Due to staff training there will be no netball or sketch & story clubs on 11th & 18th November.

Letters Emailed Home

School Photos are Ready / RotaKids Tree of Joy
Reception & Y5 Road Safety Session / Choir Events
Sports Ambassadors Support / Toast Tuesday

Headteacher Summary

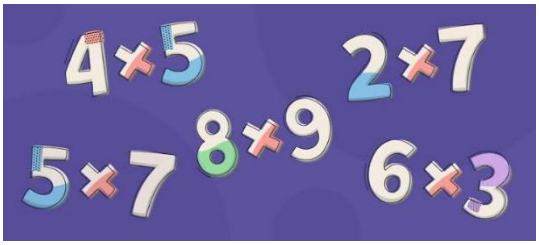


It has been another busy and successful week at Trinity St Mary's. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the FOTSMS Clothing Collection. I was amazed by the number of bags ready for collection and appreciate the support from our school community, based on the weight FOTSMS raised a wonderful £90.

We were delighted with the turnout for our *New to Reception 2027* Open Day sessions. It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective families and share what makes our school special. If you know of any families who were unable to attend but would still like to visit the school, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a tour.

Today, all children enjoyed an Impact Assembly delivered by Rocksteady, the UK's leading provider of in-school band lessons. Their inclusive approach helps children develop confidence, wellbeing, social skills and a sense of belonging through a shared love of music.

As always, our Year 6 pupils were eagerly anticipating the arrival of their Year 6 hoodies. They were thrilled to receive them in assembly this morning and look fantastic wearing them with pride. The hoodies may be worn on PE days. A huge thank you to FOTSMS for heavily subsidising this venture.



A huge congratulations to every child in Years 3 to 6 who completed the Multiplication Check with me this week. I was incredibly impressed by the effort, determination and confidence shown by the children. It was a pleasure to hear so many pupils talk enthusiastically about how much they had practised at home and in school, and how they felt their skills had improved. Well done to you all.

Thank you to our Head Pupils, Emi and William, who have been visiting classes with Remembrance Day merchandise over the past few weeks. A Remembrance Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, with Molly and Gracie proudly representing our TSM RotaKids committee.

I am also pleased to share that a selection of our children's artwork is currently on display in South Woodham Ferrers Library. The exhibition showcases work from across the school and can be viewed in the children's area until the end of term. We hope many of you will have the opportunity to visit and celebrate the creativity of our pupils.

Have a fantastic 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	
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
Friday 27th November 2026	Tree of Joy Collection
Monday 30th November 2026	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop TBC
Tuesday 1st December 2026	Parents Christmas Craft Session
Thursday 3rd December 2026	FOTSMS Panto – Dick Whittington
Monday 7th December 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Year 5/6 Cyber Bullying Session
Monday 7th December 2026	Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop TBC
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Simply the Nativity – R, 1, 2 Performance – 2pm
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Rotary Christmas Sleigh Visit 5pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	Simply the Nativity – R, 1, 2 Performance – 6.30pm
Friday 11th December 2026	FOTSMS Christmas Coffee Morning
Monday 14th December 2026	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Winter Safety Assembly
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
Friday 18th December 2026	FOTSMS Wear Something Christmassy
Monday 21st December 2026	Christmas Holidays

TSM Rota Kids – Christmas Project

Dear TSM families,

For our first fundraising project this year, we have chosen to support the **'Tree of Joy'**.

This amazing project, aims to provide a new toy or book to a disadvantaged child who, otherwise would have very little to look forward to at Christmas. We thought how sad it must be to have a Christmas without a present to unwrap and we really wanted to do something to help.

How it works:
We will be having our own 'Tree of Joy' in our school. The tree carries tags that will be added to the present. This tag shows if the present is for a girl or a boy and also shows the age range that it is suitable for. These are:0-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6-8; 9-10; or 11-12 years of age.
The presents **do not** have to be wrapped, just brought into your classroom or the front office. They can then have their tag added and the present can then be placed under the tree.
All the presents will be collected on Friday 27th November by Rotary to allow time for the charities to wrap all the presents and distribute them to the children in good time for Christmas.

We think it would be a wonderful thing to bring some happiness to a child who might not be as lucky as us and would be very grateful if you would support us with this project. We are looking forward to seeing how many presents we can get.

If you have any questions about our 'Tree of Joy' project, please speak to any of our Rota Kid members, or to Mrs. Allan.

Thank you for all your help with making a child's Christmas special.

Molly (President) Gracie (Vice President) Pixie (Secretary) Oscar (Treasurer)

On behalf of the Rota Kids Committee


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