Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School

Friday 13th November 2026



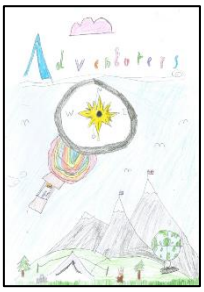
Our Core Christian Values

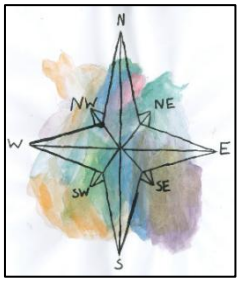
School Hours

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 **Joseph** in Explorers Class. Well done!

House Points

Fenn	48
Shaw	55
Tabrums	26
Marsh	47

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, Brody, Austin Ba

Adventurers – Marnie, Henry

Pioneers – Archie, Oscar D, Gracie, Tori, Nelle, Louis, Matilda

Innovators – Molly, Georgios, Rachel



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Explorers – Sonny

Adventurers – Louis

Pioneers – Matilda

Innovators – Bella

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

https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club

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.

Choir @ Tylers Ride – Thursday 10th December

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 Pioneers Class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **100%.** Whole school attendance is **96%.**

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

No Clubs Wednesday 18th November

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

Reception Admissions September 2027

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **9 November 2026**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2027**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Letters Emailed Home

Explorer Class Trip – Call of the Wild

Reception – Road Safety Leaflet

Chelsea FC Coaching Session – Innovators & Pioneers

Headteacher Summary



What an incredible week we've had at Trinity St Mary's! From acts of remembrance to road safety learning, historical adventures, and celebrating kindness, our pupils have truly embodied our school values of respect, resilience, and compassion. I'm particularly proud of how our children showed community spirit during Children in Need and World Kindness Day.

Thank you to Gracie and Molly who represented our school community with dignity and respect by laying a wreath at the South Woodham Remembrance Day Service, accompanied by Mrs Allan.

Road Safety Sessions with Reception and Year 5 developed crucial road safety skills this week. Year 5 pupils demonstrated their learning by practising safe road crossing techniques at the roadside, while Reception children explored road safety using interactive road mats. Ask your Year 5 child to show you the steps for crossing the road safely. Can they teach you what they learned?



Adventurers' trip to Layer Marney, our Adventurers had a fantastic time at Layer Marney Tower, where they learned about history through hands-on activities. The children made flour using traditional methods, worked together to complete 'impossible tasks' (including rolling a six as a group and throwing bean bags backwards), climbed to the top of the tower and discovered fascinating historical facts!



Year 3 Home Safety Session Year 3 developed their understanding of home safety through an engaging session led by Essex Fire and Rescue Service. The children learned how to identify potential hazards and what to do in an emergency.

Children in Need and World Kindness Day It has been a wonderful day celebrating Children in Need and World Kindness Day - two events that perfectly align with our school values. Thank you to our Kindness Ambassadors: Emi, Gracie G, Matilda C, Scarlett, Ellyn and Maya M, who led our assembly this morning.

We had a special surprise when BBC Essex Radio's Matt Mackay visited our assembly - and Pudsey Bear made an appearance! The children were thrilled to meet Pudsey and to give him a high five.

Have a brilliant 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 16th November 2026	Eco-Committee Crocus Planting
Tuesday 17th November 2026	RotaKids Committee Meeting
Thursday 19th November 2026	Reception & Year 3 Dental Check
Thursday 19th November 2026	Innovator & Pioneer Class Chelsea FC Coaching Sessions
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
Friday 4th December 2026	Explorers Class Trip – Call of the Wild
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	Choir visiting Tylers Ride
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

Road Safety Sessions

This month, our Reception and Year 5 pupils took part in engaging road safety sessions delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

Reception Highlights

Reception children, along with parents and carers, enjoyed a practical activity using a large-scale road and pavement mat. This helped them learn:

- We must hold hands with a grown-up near roads
- The importance of staying safe around traffic learning to Stop Look Listen, Think!

Year 5 experience

Year 5 pupils participated in a hands-on session designed to build confidence and promote safe, independent travel. They explored:

- The Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think
- The dangers of distractions like phones and headphones
- How to identify safer places to cross
- With guidance from trained staff, they practiced real-life road crossing skills

How You Can Help at Home

You can support these lessons by:

- ✓ Modelling safe habits when walking near roads
- ✓ Holding hands with younger children
- ✓ Talking about road safety in everyday situations
- ✓ Together, we can help keep our children safe on the roads.

For more information and free resources, visit: www.saferessexroads.org





Website: www.saferessexroads.org **Facebook & Instagram:** Safer Essex Roads

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

SANTA IS COMING

To South Woodham Ferrers With the Rotary Club

Rotary

South Woodham Ferrers Rotary club

It's that time of year again when Santa can be seen around the town!

For various reasons, South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club, Santa, and his reindeer cannot travel along all the roads of South Woodham Ferrers. However, we are very pleased to announce that this year, children and adults alike will have the opportunity to meet Santa and his reindeer when they travel down designated roads around South Woodham Ferrers on some very special nights.

So, please stop, say hello and give Santa a wave when you see him!



SLEIGH VISITS

November 21st, 2026
Town Christmas Fayre , 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Monday 7th December 2026
Woodville School 5.00 pm to 5.30 pm Travelling around surrounding roads 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm approx. Brent Avenue, Redshanks Crescent, Hullbridge Road, then stopping at The Village Hall, King Edwards Road, Hamberts Road.

Wednesday 9th December 2026
Trinity St Marys School 5.00 pm to 5.30pm Travelling around surrounding roads 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm approx. Clements Green Lane, Saltcoats, Green Lane, Inchbonnie Road.

Thursday 10th December 2026
Elmwood School 5.00 pm to 5.30 pm Travelling around surrounding roads 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm approx. Guys Farm Road, Pertwee Drive, Forest Road, Marklay Drive, Longmans Drive, Champions Way, Hullbridge Road, Albert Road.

Friday 11th December 2026
The Withy Windle, 5.00 pm to 5.30 pm Travelling around surrounding roads 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm approx. Celeborn Street, Inchbonnie Road, Gandalf's Road.

Monday 14th December 2026
Collingwood School 5.00 pm to 5.30 pm Travelling around surrounding roads 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm approx. Collingwood Road, Carron Mead, The Bight, Broughton Road, Inchbonnie Road, Ormsby Chine, Arlington Square, Standen Avenue.

Sainsburys, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm for three Days
Friday 11th December, Saturday 12th December, Sunday 13th December.

Asda, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm for three days
Friday 18th December, Saturday 19th December, Sunday 20th December. !

Look Out For Santa Around Woodham!





The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only, as they are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, please make a booking via Eventbrite:

Sunday 22nd November: [Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sunday 22 November • 10:30 AM - 4 PM | Eventbrite]

Sunday 13th December: [Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sunday 13 December • 10:30 AM - 4 PM | Eventbrite]

Stir.

Ten Good Reasons to have a School Meal

Lunch time is an important part of a child's school day, giving pupils a break with friends and the chance to recharge their batteries. But why should you choose a school meal? Take a look at the ten great reasons we have come up with!

1. School meals are delicious, healthy and varied and if your child is in Reception, Year One or Two - they are free!
2. We have a passionate team of foodies working behind the scenes to make sure we create a menu that children love to eat.
3. It could save you hours making packed lunches for your child!
4. If entitled to a Free School Meal - no-one will know.
5. Children receiving Free School Meals have exactly the same choice as everyone else.
6. You can view their menu so you know exactly what they'll be eating.
7. The Stir catering team is fully trained to cater for children with allergies and other special diets.
8. Fussy eaters are much more likely to try new things if their friends are eating the same meals as they are.
9. School meals help encourage good eating habits from an early age and provide the opportunity to further develop social skills as they sit down with friends to enjoy their meals.
10. You'll be supporting your school too! Schools receive pupil premium government grants for every child who is claiming Free School Meals. That can be used to pay for more books,

It's easy to apply start here:
https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

