



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 28th February 2025



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.

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: **Evelyn R** in **Amber**.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	73
Shaw	59
Tabrums	42
Marsh	52



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Jasmine

Emerald – Emily

Amber – Sofia

Ruby – Lottie

Topaz – Georgie-Rae

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 Ruby class.

Ruby Class Summary

Ruby class has had a fantastic start to our new topic all about Australia. We began by using our atlas and compass skills to locate Australia on a world map, discussing its position in relation to the UK. We explored the countries that surround Australia and learnt about its capital city, Canberra. The children enjoyed comparing Australia's geography to the UK and discussing the differences in climate, size, and location.

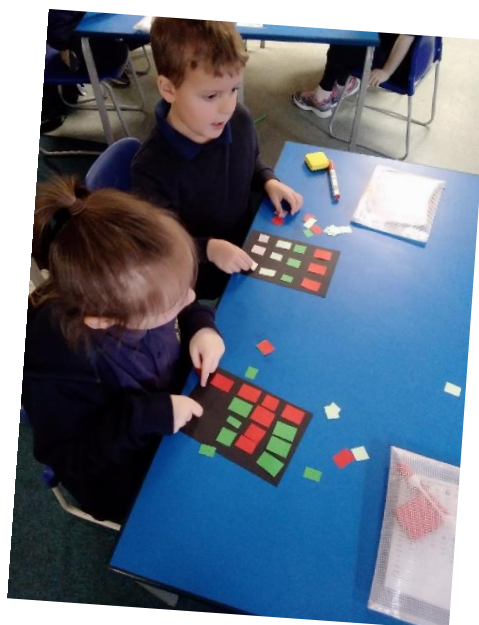
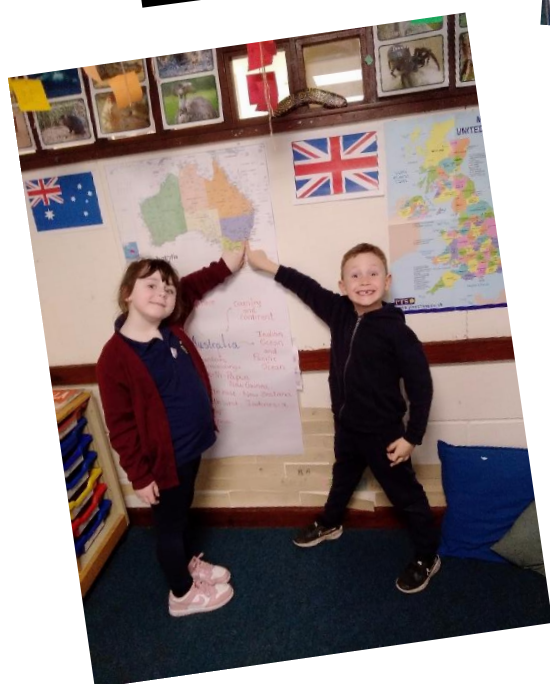
In science, we have been learning about how animals are suited to their habitats. We discovered that Australia is home to some of the world's most unique wildlife, including koalas, emus, kangaroos, wombats and platypuses. We discussed how these animals have adapted to their environments and why they thrive in Australia's diverse landscapes, from the bush to the outback.

In computing, we have been developing our research skills by using different sources to find and accurately record information about Australian animals. This will help us in English, where we will be applying our knowledge to write fact files. We will be focusing on using different sentence types to make our writing engaging and informative.

In maths, we have started our unit on multiplication. The children have been introduced to the multiplication symbol and have been using counters to build arrays to help them visualise multiplication facts. We have also explored the commutative property of multiplication – learning that 3×4 gives the same result as 4×3 . To make this learning more fun and practical, we created our very own array city, where each building had windows arranged in different arrays to represent multiplication facts.

We have also been learning about the significance of Uluru, one of Australia's most famous landmarks. We explored its importance to the Aboriginal people and how it is represented in Aboriginal art. The children were fascinated by the traditions and stories connected to this sacred site and are looking forward to exploring Australian art further.

It has been an exciting and busy start to our Australia topic, and we can't wait to continue our learning next week.



Attendance

Congratulations to Humite class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.65%**. Whole school attendance is **94.13%**.

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.

World Book Day



We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. There is no expectation that your child must wear a shop bought costume, instead encourage your child to get creative with what they already have. Alternatively, check out our local charity shops for some great bargains. If your child does not want to wear a full costume, they could design and make a badge or fact file to represent their favourite character or author.

We ask that the children do not come in football kit, or as TV or computer characters, but that they ensure their choice is linked to a literary figure and that it is age appropriate.

We will be off timetable for the day with every class participating in reading themed activities that I am sure will be great fun, whilst continuing to foster your child's love for reading.



At the end of the day, every child will receive a World Book Day token that can be redeemed at several locations.

Swallows Gymnastics Competition

On Wednesday, a very enthusiastic group of KS2 children visited Swallows Gymnastics to participate in an interschool training session provided by the William de Ferrers partnership.

After a warmup, the children rotated round a range of equipment where they received top coaching from the Swallow Gymnastics instructors. Over the course of the afternoon the children demonstrated their skills on the floor, beam, vault and bars. I was really impressed with how well the children listened to the instructors and how quickly they picked up the skills that were being demonstrated. All of the children worked extremely hard and commented on how much they had loved the training and how tired they were by the end of the session! They definitely were put through their paces, and it was great to see their high level of determination throughout the afternoon.

I was also very impressed with the children's excellent behaviour and great sporting attitude. Well done to all of the children who represented us at this event. I think we may well have some budding gymnasts in our midst!

Mrs. Allan





Art Display in the Library



We have created an art display in South Woodham Ferrers library. Our display is made up of two examples of art work produced by each class from our art gallery. The display is available to look at until the week of 24th March.

Collective Worship

In Monday's collective worship Miss Hoy was telling us about God the protector, we learnt about Gods caring and loving nature. We also got told why Christians trust the lord, they trust the lord because of the story of his doings in the bible. For example, Daniel and Goliath (1 Samuel :17) and this is because the fact that Daniel trusted God in these situations and God protected him. Telling them God will be there always be there.

In Tuesdays collective worship Mrs Greenyer-Smith told us the story of Ruth. The story is about a woman called Ruth, who sticks by her mother in law and goes with her to Bethlehem. The story told us that when you are kind it will always come back to you. We talked about what Christian values a good friend should have.

In Thursday's collective worship Miss Frith told us the story of Daniel and the lion's den. The story tells us how even when it was dangerous to trust in God, Daniel still believed in him so he got thrown into a lion's den. And so, God sent an angel down to calm the lions so they would not put a paw on him. This tells us to all ways have faith in God.

By Worship Warrior Emily

William de Ferrers Partnership Football Event



The boys football team put on an outstanding performance throughout the tournament, securing a well-deserved victory – 1st! They played with determination, skill, and teamwork, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout. Their attitude and conduct reflected our Christian values, both on and off the pitch. It was wonderful to see their encouragement and support for one another, as well as their respect for the game. Their hard work truly paid off, and they should be proud of their achievement.

Well done to **Billy, Keaton, Harry, Ferdinand, Thomas Bou, Thomas B, Sebastian, Theo** and everyone involved.

Thank you also to Mr Cooper from WDF who helped coach a session for the team earlier that day.

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

Humite, Ruby & Topaz P.E. Days Change

KS2 Swimming Gala Letter – Interested Pupils

World Book Day/Forest School – Emerald Class

Year 6 Residential PowerPoint

RotaKids Meeting/Voting Information

Headteacher Summary

We are half way through the academic year and seeing the brighter and longer days. The children have settled back into school well this week. I have taught in Topaz and Emerald class which has been great. I was thoroughly impressed with the children in Topaz sorting shapes by colour and properties. In Emerald, the children demonstrated their sporting skills in dodgeball.



Please go and have a look at the art display in South Woodham Ferrers library which displays examples of the children's work from our art focus earlier in the term.

Congratulations to the football team who have been celebrating their victory earlier in the week. You clearly demonstrated many skills and values allowing you to be successful. Well done to the children who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to try out gymnastics at Swallows. This was a fantastic opportunity provided by the William de Ferrers Partnership.

I am looking forward to different opportunities with the children next week which includes NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies on Monday, Colchester Castle class trip with Amber on Tuesday and then World Book Day on Thursday.

Have a fabulous 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	
4 th March 2025	Amber Class Trip – Colchester Castle
6 th March 2025	World Book Day
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
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
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



Coin Challenge



The coin sorter is at the ready to count all the money you have kindly donated to school this week for the coin challenge.

Winners will be announced next week, and the donut treat will be taken into school in the afternoon on Friday 7th March.

Mother's Day Sale – 28th March

The 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.



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.*

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

7 th March	Donut Day	The winners of the coin challenge will get their donut treat.
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.
22 nd May	Clothing Collection	
June 2025	Summer Fete	More details to follow.

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6TH MARCH
2025



MAINS

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs & Pasta

Katsu-in-the-Hat Quorn Dippers & Rice (V)

Wheres Wally's Wrap bar (V)

Jaqueline Wilson Jacket Potatoes (V) (VG) (GF)

SIDES

Walliams Super Sleuth Slaw

Golden Snitch Sweetcorn

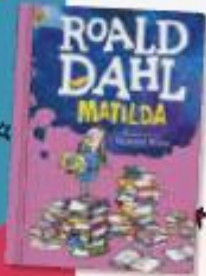
Snozzumber Salad Bar

DESSERT

Little Miss Sunshine Doughnut (V)

Queen of Hearts Jam Tart (VG)

Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)



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