



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 14th 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: **Charlie D, Jenson & Jesse** in **Amber**.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	52
Shaw	107
Tabrums	58
Marsh	49



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Mia E

Emerald – Gracie

Amber – Indie

Ruby – Eleni

Topaz – Tobi

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 Amber class.

Amber Class Summary

In Amber class we have had a very busy half term since Christmas. Our topic has been about the Romans and we have learnt about some important people, who were around at the time, as well as what the Romans, wore, ate and did for entertainment. In English we have been studying the book of "Escape from Pompeii" and have written poems, diaries, narratives and character descriptions. In maths we have been continuing with multiplication and measurement. In RE we have been looking at the gospel in Christianity and then the religion of Hinduism. Here are some quotes from children of the things they have enjoyed this term.

Ted "I have loved learning about Pompeii in English and how the volcano exploded".

Lacey "I have enjoyed making mosaics in art with little pieces of tissue paper so that it looks like tiles".

Timmy "I have loved learning about the Romans, history has been my favourite subject and I have learnt so much".

Sofia "I have loved learning about the Romans such as the Roman empire".

Kieran "In maths I have enjoyed learning about perimeters".

Isla "In science I have loved learning about sound and testing the different materials when making ear defenders".

Oliver "I have enjoyed in computing, coding and touch typing".

Blanca "I have enjoyed writing poems using alliteration, rhyming, natural sounds and similes".

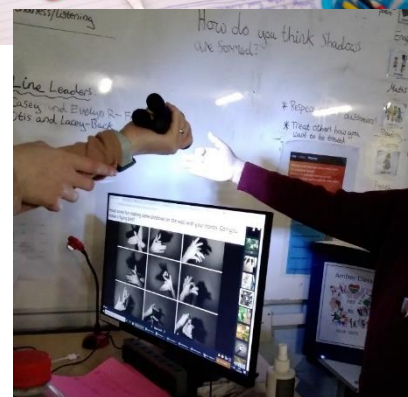
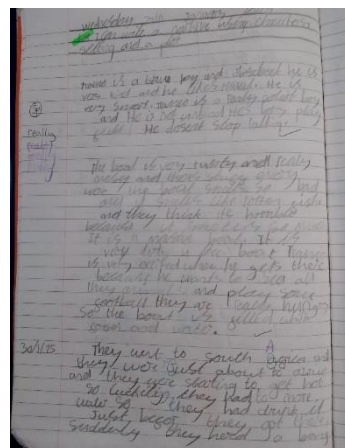
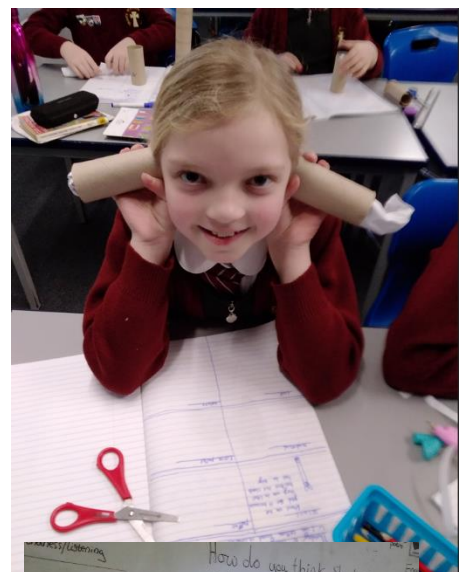
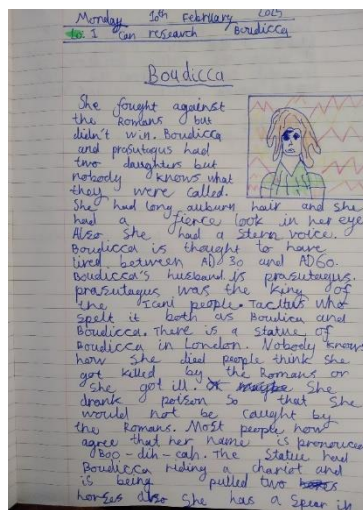
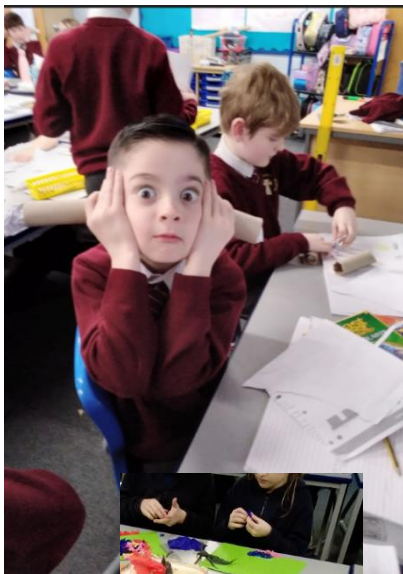
Jenson "I have enjoyed learning about the different Gods in Hinduism".

Emi "In music we have been learning new notes on the glockenspiels. Singing in two different parts and learning about Jazz".

Charlie T "I have loved that in French we have been learning about animals, fruits, shapes and ice cream".

Molly "I have enjoyed writing acrostic poems for kindness week".

Zach "In topic lessons I have enjoyed making Roman posters and researching why they were important at the time".



Random Acts of Kindness Week

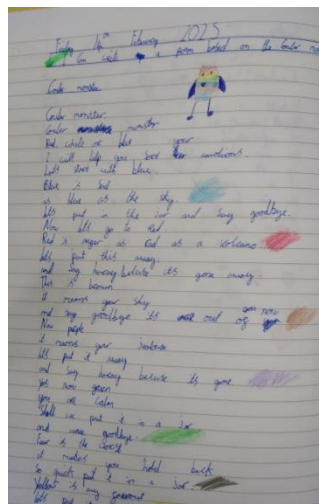
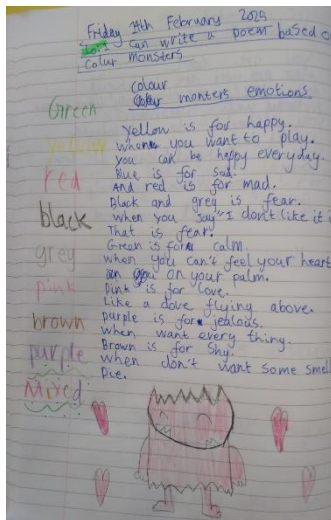
Random Acts of Kindness Week 10 - 14th February

TSM Kindness Day

The Kindness Ambassadors led assembly this morning. The assembly focused on the benefits of being kind and how you can show kindness. The team also introduced the focus for the day which has been the book 'Colour Monster'. Well done to our ambassadors: **Laurel, Sienna, William, Pixie, Isabella, Lucy and Georgie-Rae.**



In class our children have been celebrating kindness. All of the classes have focused on the book 'Colour Monster' and completing different activities based on the book.



Ruby Class Tudor and Stuart Day

Ruby class had an exciting Tudor and Stuart day filled with hands-on learning and creativity! We explored the diets of the time, discovering how rich and poor people ate different types of bread.

We had fun rolling dough into various shapes and enjoyed tasting our delicious creations!

We also learnt about signatures and designed our own after exploring calligraphy and the shorthand code Samuel Pepys used in his famous diary. On the computers, we designed our own video games, making the 'baddies' the rats and flames from the Great Fire of London, with cheese as the prize!

One of the highlights was a practical investigation where we 'burned' model houses to see how fire breaks helped slow the spread of the Great Fire. Finally, we looked at monarchy during the Stuart period and created our own royal portraits.

It was a fantastic day full of fun and learning!



Attendance

Congratulations to **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **96.67%**.

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.

Congratulations to **Topaz** and **Emerald** class for winning this half terms attendance.

The children and staff in **Topaz** class enjoyed a milkshake and a biscuit with Miss Hoy this afternoon whilst **Emerald** enjoyed their choice of some extra free time.

Interhouse Competition

We had a great time working in teams to compete in a kindness paper chain challenge. Children sat in their teams in class to create kindness strips ready to make a paper chain. Team captains worked hard to create the paper chains this afternoon.

Congratulations to **SHAW**, with great teamwork they created the longest chain and won the competition.

SHAW made the longest chain followed by **TABRUMS**, **MARSH** and finally **FENN**.



Rotary Swimarathon 2025



Following overwhelming support from our TSM families over the last 12 years, I am looking this year to enter four teams of swimmers to represent our school at the South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club Swimarathon.

Our teams will be swimming at 3.30pm on Saturday 22nd March 2025 (although we will meet at the pool for our team photos at 3pm) and will finish at approximately 4.45pm.

Positions on the team are open to all TSM pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. The only criteria are that the swimmers must be confident in the deep end of the pool and be able to swim 25m.

If your child would like to be a member of our teams, please give consent via ParentPay by **Friday 28th February 2025**. Once the teams have been finalised, further information, including sponsorship forms will be sent out.

Mrs L. Allan

Collective Worship

On Monday we were learning about Saint Valentine.

Saint Valentine was a Roman priest and he had a king called Claudius. This king always got involved in fights. But one day the king made a law that no man can get married to a woman. Valentine said that anyone can get married and have a happy life if they want to. The king found out about this and then went to prison. Later that year Valentine died and then left a note to his daughter saying 'From Your Valentine'. Now Valentine's Day is celebrated on the 14th of February.

On Tuesday we were learning about the light of the world.

We were learning about how God could be the light and it guiding you.

It also could mean spreading kindness because we are in kindness week. It could mean helping others, coming together, donating to charities and coming together as a community.

Today the kindness ambassadors took the assembly to tell us the story of The Colour Monster. When we are kind it helps our brain function and makes us happy.

How can we spread kindness; helping people, being there for others, smiling to someone.

By Worship Warriors Eloise & Grace

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.

General Reminders

Spare Uniform

If you have old uniforms that are still in good condition that your children have outgrown, we would love to be able to stock these! Items we are short of are ties, medium cardigans and medium sized trousers. Thank you.

Clubs – after Half Term

Please note all extracurricular teacher led clubs will start back after half term, week commencing **Monday 24th February 2025**.

Clubs will not be running w/c Monday 24th March or w/c Monday 31st March except for Mr Radley's Football Club.

Letters Emailed Home

Forest School – Emerald Class

Ruby Swimming Lesson 31/3

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme

Swimarathon 2025 Years 1-6

Choir Club – Years 1-6

Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting

Headteacher Summary

What a wonderful day it has been to finish off this half term. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the kindness ambassadors in the lead up to this morning's kindness assembly. I hope all of the children enjoyed the day – they definitely seemed to be, as I went into every class to see what activities they were doing. I have seen lots of different activities to do with the book 'Colour Monster' including animation on the laptops, poetry, exploring colours and their meanings and art.



The interhouse competition was very different this half term. I was keen to see what team was going to create the longest kindness paper chain. The chains were impressive and are now on display in the hall.

It was Random Acts of Kindness Week which also included Safer Internet Day. The children all studied online safety in their class.

Finally, you are welcome to attend our Easter Service on Monday 31st March at 9.10am. Please be advised the service will be in the church, families are asked to arrive (at the main school entrance) at 9am for a 9.10am start.

Have a fabulous half term.

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	
17 th February -21 st February 2025	Half Term
27 th February 2025	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting
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
17 th March 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Year 6 Respect Assembly
21 st March – 23 rd March 2025	Swimathon 2025
24 th March – 28 th March 2025	Travelling Book Fair
28 th March 2025	Essex Kids Camp
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	KS2 WDF Laboratory Lesson
7 th April – 21 st April 2025	Easter Holidays
22 nd April 2025	Inset Day
1 st May 2025	KS2 WDF Laboratory Lesson
2 nd May 2025	Mighty Oak Competition Day
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATS Week
15 th May 2025	KS2 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
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



Congratulations

And the winner is... **Leah Davies**, I am sure you will have a fantastic evening.

Thank you to everyone who entered this amazing prize, we made £115 from this raffle, and this will go towards updating the laptops / technology around school.



Our next event is after half term and is our Coin Challenge

February 24th – 28th Coin Challenge



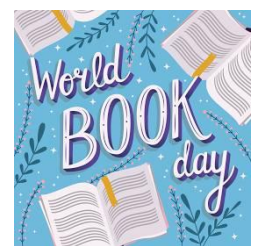
After half term we will be challenging each class to fundraise the most amount of money to earn a sweet treat.

Each class will have a jar to put in any loose change / money they can collect in the week.

We will count up the money raised, dividing by the numbers in the class to ensure fairness and the winning class will get a donut treat on the 7th March.

February 25th & 26th – World Book Day Sale

After half term we will be having a sale of preloved books and costumes ahead of World Book Day. If anyone has any suitable costumes or books for older children, we would be really grateful for any donations, thank you!



Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

<p>24th – 28th February</p>	<p>Coin Jar – Donut Wars</p> <p>Winning Class will get their treat on Friday 7th March.</p>	<p>The class that raises the most money per child will be crowned the winners and have a doughnut treat to celebrate.</p>
<p>25th – 26th February</p>	<p>World Book Day Costume Sale</p>	<p>Come and buy a World Book Day costume for your little one.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">World Book Day 6th March</p>
<p>24th March – 31st March</p>	<p>Easter Egg Raffle</p> <p>Winner announced 1st April.</p>	<p>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!</p>
<p>28th March</p>	<p>Mother's Day Sale</p>	<p>Gifts can be pre-paid on ParentPay - £1.50 each.</p> <p>There will be a limit of 2 gifts per child. Children can bring cash on the day if you prefer.</p>
<p>1st April</p>	<p>Easter Gifts</p>	<p>Easter gifts to be given to the children.</p>
<p>22nd May</p>	<p>Clothing Collection</p>	
<p>June 2025</p>	<p>Summer Fete</p>	<p>More details to follow.</p>