



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 9th May 2025



DEDICATION



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: **Otis** in **Amber**.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	50
Shaw	74
Tabrums	94
Marsh	123



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Mia-Rose

Emerald – Thomas H

Amber – Emi

Ruby – Gracie

Topaz – Sofia

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.

Keeping Calm. For children doing SATS next week - and for any class at any time they need it, we have found a super resource from Child Line. There are games, activities, class yoga and breathing activities to help to keep your Zen! Plus a meditation page & tips to stay calm.

Go to: <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

<https://schoolofkindness.org/meditation-for-children>

<https://schoolofkindness.org/10-ways-to-practise-self-kindness>



Please don't forget we have planned for another TSM Wellbeing Week from Monday 19th May – Friday 23rd May.

On the afternoon of Thursday 22nd May, we would like to invite you to celebrate wellbeing with us, by joining us in having a picnic on the field from 2.30pm – 3.15pm. Please bring in snacks and drinks for your family. Please remember that we are a nut free school. You are welcome to bring in a picnic blanket. Please arrive at the front office at 2.30pm. At 3.15pm the children will be led back into their classroom to collect their belongings and will then be led back out to the playground at 3.25pm.

Year 4 Mighty Oak Public Speaking Competition



"We were so pleased to welcome your Year 4 team to the Mighty Oak Public Speaking Competition at ARU last week.

*It was a pleasure to see each team presenting with great poise and confidence. A very big thank you must go to **Miss Frith**, who clearly went above and beyond with her time and in facilitating workshop one. The standard this year was exceptionally high.*

Workshop two allowed me to meet the classes and observe their development. I was very impressed by the skills and confidence they demonstrated. We hope your Year 4's will serve as ambassadors for the rest of the school.

Know that you should be extremely proud of your beautifully behaved, hardworking, and confident Year 4 pupils. They were true ambassadors for your school and a credit to your whole community.

Warm regards,

The Mighty Oak Team"

Well done to;

**Emelia M – Manager, Charlie T – PL Reader, Ernest - Captain, Neve – Chair,
Scarlett - Speaker, William – Questioner, Bella -Word Master & Emelia S – Winning
Runner Up Poet.**



Last week I took a small group of children to Anglia Ruskin University to take part in the Mighty Oak Public Speaking Competition, it was a wonderful event and I was proud of the children's effort and behaviour whilst there.

The competition encourages the children to stand like a Mighty Oak (tall and proud) and use the public speaking tools, such as: gestures, tone of voice, to confidently articulate their thoughts and feelings to a variety of different topics. It has been wonderful to see them overcome their fears, gain skills for life and inspire others to stand tall and speak out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for attending and their support in making this day possible.

William was a questioner and did a wonderful job at asking thought provoking questions throughout the day.

I was very impressed with so many of the children's determination to push through the nerves to speak in front of parents, other children and the judges.

Emelia M – "I was the manager and I had the important job of opening and closing the competition, I was scared but I enjoyed it."

Neve – "I was scared at first but then I felt calm after a little while."

Ernest was a fabulous captain introducing the team and contributing to the team spirit of the competition.

Bella was our word master and was a very late addition and I was exceptionally proud of her efforts – especially as she didn't know her word beforehand.

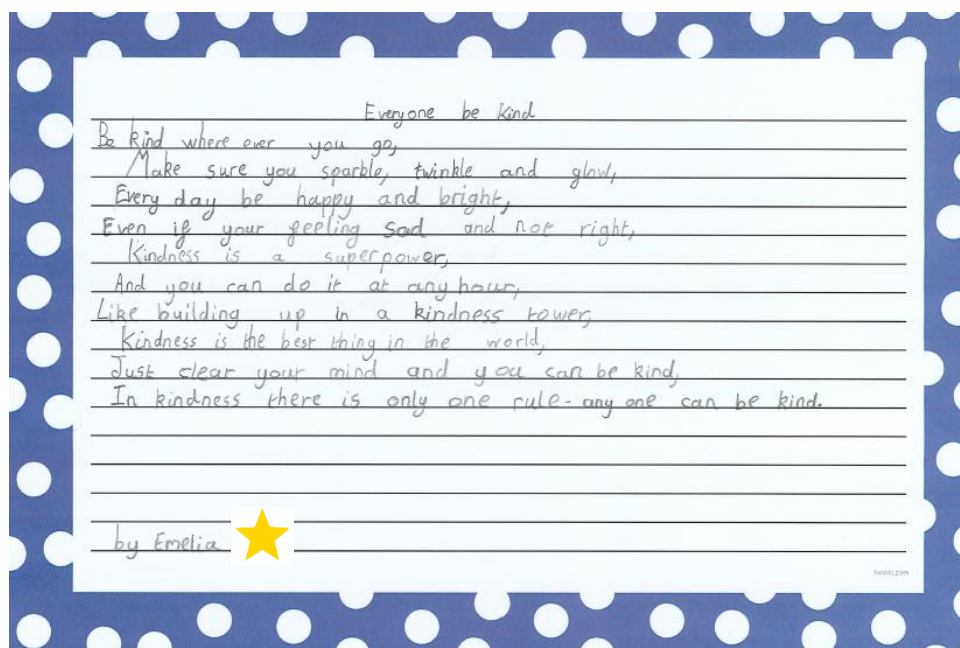
Scarlett was our speaker and whilst she was very nervous I was so proud of her hard work in producing her speech and delivering it.

Charlie did a fabulous job, learning and reciting his poetry line.

I am immensely proud of the whole TSM team.

Emelia S was a worthy runner up of the poetry competition that all the Year 4 children entered and it was wonderful seeing her receive her certificate on the day for her efforts.

Miss Frith



Attendance

Congratulations to **Emerald** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **98.39%**. Whole school attendance is **96.18%**.

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.

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.

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.

Letters Emailed Home

SATS Week – Year 6

Amber – Message from Mrs Greenyer-Smith

Arbor Parent Portal Letter

Teddy Bear Games – Topaz Class

Year 6 Leavers Service

Essex Schools Food & Farming Day – Emerald & Year 5 Humite

Bottles – Ruby

Cereal Boxes – Humite

Year 6 Knife Crime Talk – WDF

General Reminders

Lost Property

We currently have a lot of unnamed items in our lost property box. If your child has lost anything this term please take a look through the box to see if it is there, **the box is located under the shelter in the playground. We will be destroying any unclaimed items at the end of the term.**

Water Bottles

Please send a water bottle in every day with your child. Especially as the weather turns warmer it is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day. Thank you.

Donations

Any donation of toys would be welcomed for use during lunchtime play, including outdoor toys/games, dolls, board games, cars etc. Thank you in advance.

Collective Worship

Tuesday – Miss Mason

What are our Christian values?

Sharing, Dedication, Forgiveness, Honesty, Love

What do you think it means to love God?

It means to help someone and show god that they are helping people in this world.

Martin Luther King.

Martin Luther King was born in 1964 in the USA and he wanted people black and white to be treated equally no matter their skin colour and personalities. Martin Luther King showed all of our Christian values in his work.

Wednesday – Open the Book

Open the Book told us the story of David and Goliath. Goliath was a giant who threatened people. He told people to fight him and if Goliath won the people will become his slaves.

David went to see the King and asked for permission to fight but the King was worried because David was just a small boy. David said he had put his faith in God and the King agreed. David used a slingshot and a small pebble to defeat Goliath and shot him between the eyes.

Thursday- Reverend Jackie

VE Day is when lots of lights get lit up to show that it was victory in Europe 80 years ago. Back in the war people had to survive without lights. Lights shining in the darkness help us to feel safe. Acts 9.1-19 Saul is blinded by a light. Who sent the light who blinded Saul? Jesus sent it to teach Saul how to listen and love. What changed about Saul? When he could see again he believed in Jesus and went on to spread the word of God. 13 of the stories in the bible are written by him!

Written by Worship Warriors **Eloise** and **Grace**



Headteacher Summary

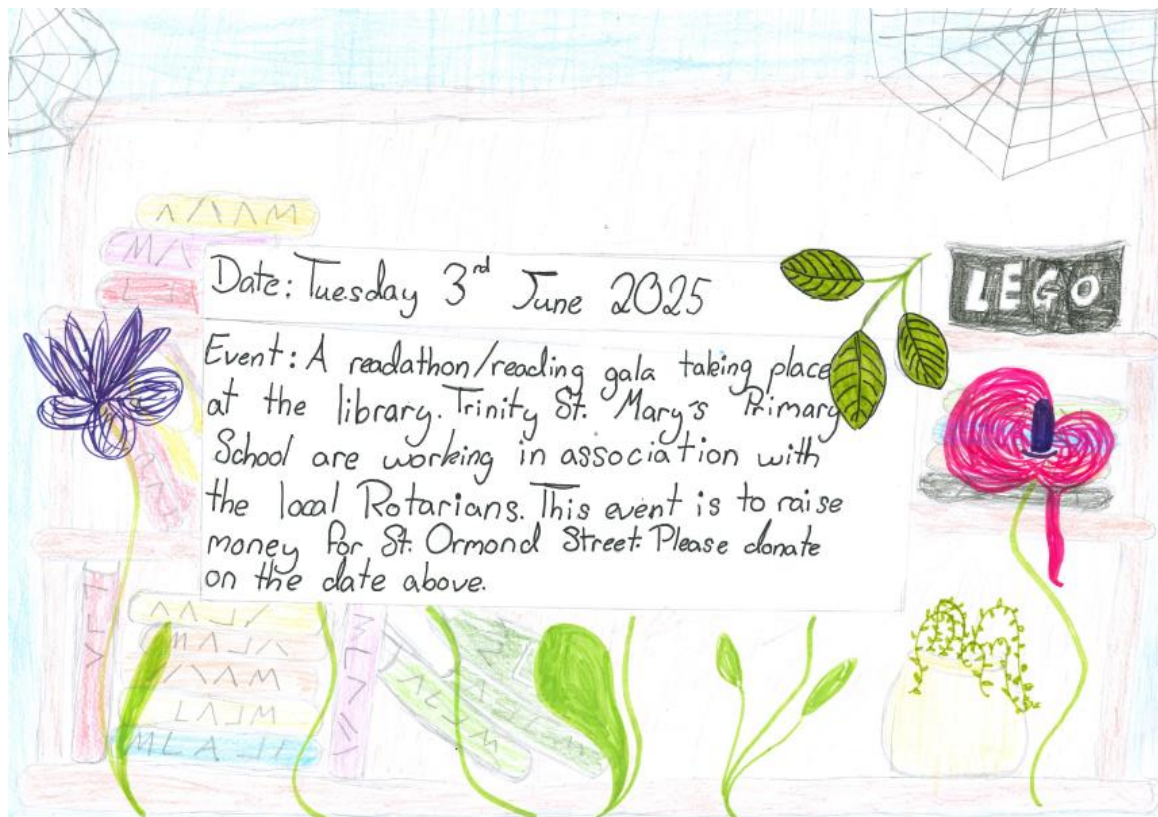
It has been another busy week. I have been impressed with children showing good manners and kindness this week. It is lovely to hear children saying thank you to other children for holding the door open, helping others when they need to go to the office and supporting each other with their learning. As a Kindness School we were invited to the summer term 52 lives Zoom meeting this week. Thank you Laurel and William for being part of the meeting. We are eager to plan our next kindness project – we will keep you posted.

It has been a sea of red, white and blue today as the children and staff have celebrated VE Day Non-Uniform Day. Thank you for supporting this event. We have a VE Day celebration art display in John Lewis in Chelmsford to celebrate the occasion. You will find this display in the café so if you are out and about in Chelmsford then please take a look.



Finally, I would like to say good luck to the children in Year 6 who will be sitting the SATS next week. You have all worked so hard and I know that you will try your best – good luck.

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.

Summer Term	
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATS Week
13 th May 2025	Topaz Teddy Bear Games @ WDF
15 th May 2025	Emerald WDF Laboratory Lesson *POSTPONED*
19 th May 2025	Year 6 Online Transition Session
19 th May – 23 rd May 2025	Well Being Week
21 st May 2025	Early Years Oral Health Talk
21 st May 2025	KS2 Healthy Eating Session
22 nd May 2025	Wellbeing Picnic
26 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
27 th May – 30 th May 2025	Half Term
2 nd June 2025	Inset Day
3 rd June 2025	RotaKids Sponsored Readathon
3 rd June 2025	Year 6 Knife Crime Talk at WDF
4 th June 2025	Emerald Class – Road to RIAT Virtual Session
4 th June 2025	Year 6 Gambling Workshop
6 th June 2025	Carmel Jane – Class/Group Photos
10 th June 2025	Year 6 - Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers Service
16 th June – 20 th June 2025	TSM Sports Week
17 th June 2025	RotaKids Meeting
17 th June 2025	Essex Kids Camp
18 th June 2025	Essex Kids Camp
18 th June 2025	Eco Committee Meeting
20 th June 2025	Essex Kids Camp
20 th June 2025	TSM Summer Fete
24 th June 2025	WDF Mini Olympics Year 2
24 th June 2025	Emerald & Year 5 Humite, Essex Schools Food & Farming Day Class Trip
24 th June – 25 th June 2025	WDF Year 6 Induction Days
1 st July 2025	Practise Sports Morning
3 rd July 2025	TSM Sports Morning
9 th July 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Water & Summer Safety Assembly
15 th July 2025	Rocksteady Music Summer Concert
17 th July 2025	RESERVE TSM Sports Morning
21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 rd July 2025	Summer Holidays



Are you having a spring clean at the moment, well FOTSMS need your clothing / shoes etc for our clothing collection which starts on Monday 19th May.



We are also in need of good condition soft toys for our teddy tombola and bottles for our bottle tombola to help get ready for the Summer Fete.



Clothing Collection –19th - 22nd May

Our clothing collection this year is running from 8am Monday 19th May to 8am Thursday 22nd May.

We Accept:	We Don't Accept:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult and children's clothing• Paired shoes• Fashion accessories• Handbags, belts• Hats, scarves• Jewellery, perfumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dirty, damaged, wet clothes• Uniforms, underclothing• Toys, books, DVD's• Duvets, pillows, household linen• Carpets, blankets, curtains• Bric-a-brac

Please ensure that all items are placed in bags which are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days.

Summer Fair – 20th June

We have many stall's confirmed, if you or anyone you know would like a stall at our fete please feel free to message me on friendsoftrinitystmarys@gmail.com





Could you spare us some time on the 20th June to help set up the stalls and ensure we are ready for when the children come out onto the field, could you help man a stall for us, maybe even just for an hour, or are you able to help with the tidy up? If you are please feel free to speak to Vicki Bohr or Marie Knight or email our FOTSMS email friendsofrinitystmarys@gmail.com

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

22 nd May 2025	Clothing Collection	
3 rd – 13 th June 2025	Rainbow Raffle Donations	Donation boxes will be in class to collect non-perishable items.
20 th June 2025	Summer Fete	More details to follow.



ENDANGERED SPECIES

CENSUS DAY

15th May 2025

Mains

Cheetah's Cheese Burger
Ocean Friendly Cod Stars
Fishless Flipper Dippers (VG)

Sides

Tiger Fries (Sweet Potato & Potato Chips)
Elephant Tusk-an Beans (Boston Style Beans)
Red Squirrel Sweetcorn Stash
Rainforest Salad Bar

Desserts

Rhino's Rocky Road Rescue
Chocolate Orange-utan Cookie
Fresh Fruit



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