



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 7th 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: **Ava** in **Ruby**, **Charlie D**, **Hattie**, **Indie H** & **Jesse** 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	77
Shaw	99
Tabrums	74
Marsh	49



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Lenny-Ray

Emerald – Neve

Amber – Jenson

Ruby – Isadora

Topaz – Hudson

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 Emerald class.

Emerald Class Summary

We have had another great week in Emerald class - we have been extremely busy!

This week we have finished our writing, we have learnt about metaphors, similes, personification and alliteration, to enhance our writing. We imagined that after days/weeks of attempting to ascend to the summit of Everest, that we finally made it. We used these features to write a setting description of what they might smell, touch, taste, see and hear.

I was exceptionally proud of their efforts and how they have been able to add in some descriptive techniques and grammatical features, that we have learnt, into their writing.

Monday 3rd of February 2025
 Lo: I can use persuasive language to describe a setting

The snows white as a quartz.

Thailand was swirling like a leaf blown by the wind.

The English deep snow was waving my boots back like huge waves.

Nad some other flowers.

Wednesday 5th of February 2025
 Lo: I can write a setting description

When I reached the top I was so tired I was almost to sleep. I was so tired I was almost to sleep. I was so tired I was almost to sleep.

I could almost taste the air but I was so tired I was almost to sleep.

I almost gave up half way up because I was so tired.

I was so tired I was almost to sleep.

My feet were so cold I was almost to sleep.

To get like a hot glass of water.

I was climbing the mountain and I was so tired I was almost to sleep.

I could almost taste the air but I was so tired I was almost to sleep.

My brain was so tired I was almost to sleep.



Wednesday 5th February 2025
 Lo: I can write a setting description

As I reached the summit, I felt like I could smell the smell of sweet victory.

As my feet stepped in the snow

Every step made the shimmering snow crunch beneath my feet.

As I reached the summit I was floating with joy. I felt like I could touch the top of the world.

When I reached the summit I felt like I could touch the beautiful blue blazing sapphire sky.

The silky soft snow squelched with every step.

Super Oscar so far! 2kps.

Wednesday 5th February 2025
 Lo: I can write a setting description.

Climbing for so long, a chill ran down for my spine. With excitement I reached to the summit. I was speechless... silence was in the air, looking around at every thing I could see, a glare of orange in the night sky so I turned around. It was the first sun set I could see. I was tired, overworked, shocked, never forgetting this day. amazing day. As the sun went down and the moon crawled up night appeared.

Morning came. Sun start half way up the mountain nothing was going to stop me now, I was so determined.

I was walking across the so smooth, soft, silky, snow whilst listening to the ice crunching under my feet. The smell of the morning, fresh cold air to breathe and the sky the sunrise turning the mountains a tint of orange. The amazing view staring me in the face. After a while the clouds were pink but I was above them.

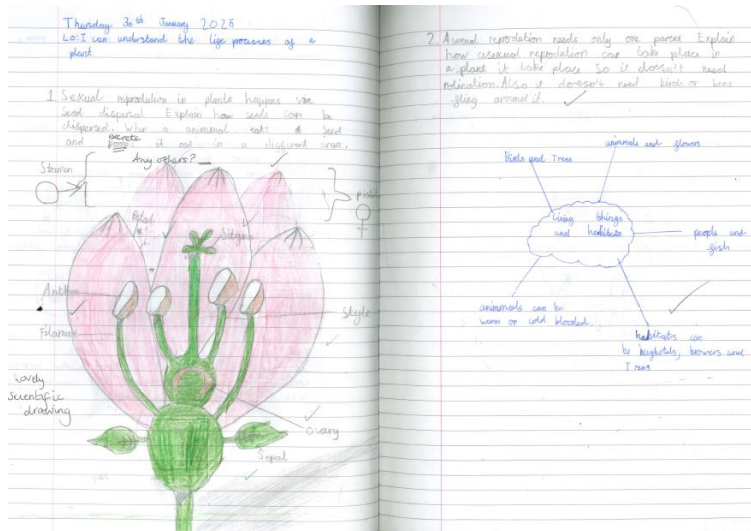
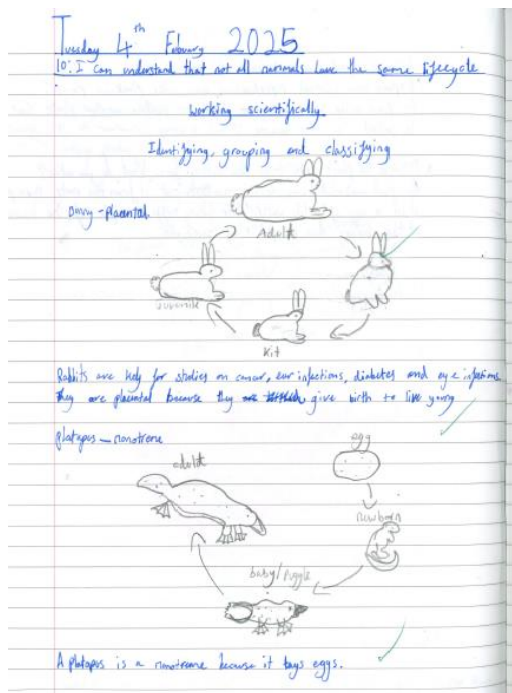
Wednesday 5th February 2025
 Lo: I can write a setting description.

As I arrived the extreme base one of the clouds are dancing in the top of sky. The view from the top was a jiggly mass of snow. Every step felt like shattered glass under my feet. I stepped. As I had climbed for hours my feet started to bleed and I ached. My feet were shaking because of the freezing cold.

Every step was a taste of victory to the top of mountain. I rested at the summit. When I finally started to see the summit what I lookt up a wash of wind flew past me. I was looking for the top and all of a sudden I was in a pink cloud that lookt like a cotton candy cloud. When I stepped out of the pink cloud I was soaking wet.

Suddenly the ground started shaking like a tornado but just instead it was snow. mass chunks of ice was falling.

In science we have continued to learn about living things and habitats, we have explored different types of reproduction and labelled the different parts of a flower and discussed what happens when fertilisation takes place and the differences between how plants grow. We have also explored different mammals such as; placental, monotreme and marsupial and investigated the differences between.



In geography we have explored topographic maps and explored how we can use them to investigate different mountain features, using contour lines, as well as atlases to locate mountains in the UK. We have found out that Ben Nevis is the highest mountain in the UK!



TSM Young Voices Choir rock out at The O2!

On Wednesday our fabulous choir had the most amazing day at the Young Voices Concert at The O2 arena in London. On arrival at this iconic London landmark, we had a quick lunch before participating in a full-on three-hour rehearsal with David Lawrence (the very talented conductor) Craig McLeish (the Musical Director) and Andy Instone (the very energetic Urban stride teacher and Creative Director extraordinaire!) During the rehearsal the choir were put through their paces practising every song, dance move and Makaton sign language. As the children soon found out, David is a perfectionist, so they worked very hard to make everything pitch perfect!

Following a speedy tea-break, it was then time to change into our very swish Young Voice 2025 tour t-shirts, grab our torches and get 'show ready'! After a slightly challenging game of 'spot the family and friends' in the audience, it was time for the concert to begin!

Wow! What a superb concert it was! Along with over 8000 other children from all around the country, our TSM choir performed to a sell-out capacity audience of 12000 people! Every one of our choir sang their hearts out, performed their Makaton sign language perfectly and absolutely danced their socks off! When asking the children what their favourite part of the day was, most of the responses were simply 'ALL OF IT!' however, a definite highlight was watching all the adults vibe out to classic 90's rave tracks lead by Andy! Way to go adults, we thought you were fabulous (I can see where your children get their grooves from!)

All of the children have worked really hard to prepare for this event and it was truly wonderful to see all their hard work pay off on the day. Watching the amount of fun, they were having together with huge smiles on their faces, arms linked, waving their torches and singing in harmony was an absolute privilege.

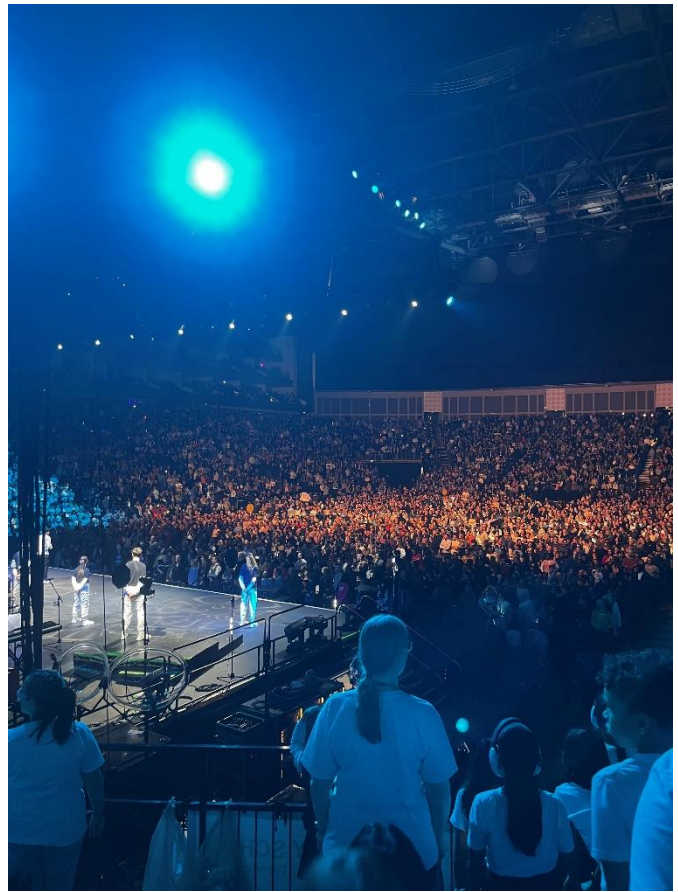
To take a group of children to such a large, busy venue could have been very challenging, however, the impeccable behaviour of the whole choir made the day very easy. I was exceptionally proud of all of the children, they were an absolute credit to the school and I thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with them. Thank you all for being such superstars.

A huge thank you must also go to Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Foote, Miss Allan and Mr. Allan for all their help. I wouldn't have been able to run the event without you. Thank you!

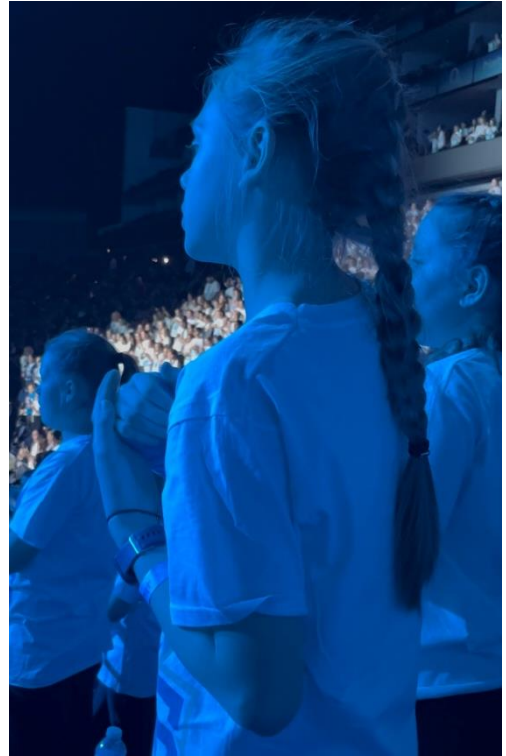
Finally, a big thank you to all the choir parents for your support with all the preparation for this event and for joining us at The O2 arena on the night. It was a very special event and I hope you had as much fun as we did!

Mrs. Allan









Random Acts of Kindness Week

It is Random Acts of Kindness Week 10 - 14th February, on Friday 14th February, the last day of half term, we will celebrate kindness as TSM Kindness Day.

The day will focus on the book 'The Colour Monster'. Children can come into school dressed in one or more of the colours from the book.



CELEBRATING KINDNESS IN OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

52lives, the creators of kindness schools, want to celebrate kindness.

52lives are asking:

Are the children in your school friendly, generous and considerate?

Is there a child or adult in your school who has gone above and beyond to show kindness?

Is there a class that has done something extraordinary to help someone?

Has your school worked hard to create a culture of kindness for pupils and staff?

The national Kindness Awards are free to enter and celebrate kindness in primary school communities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. You can win prizes and celebrate inspiring individuals, classes/groups and schools!

The Awards are organised by the School of Kindness, a project of the 52 Lives kindness charity.



A promotional poster for the National Kindness Awards. At the top, a large gold star contains the text 'KINDNESS AWARDS' and 'SCHOOL OF KINDNESS'. To the right, it says 'An Initiative of 52LIVES SCHOOL OF KINDNESS'. The main title 'TAKE PART IN OUR NATIONAL KINDNESS AWARDS' is in large, bold, purple letters. Below this, it states 'NOMINATIONS CLOSE 25TH APRIL 2025' and 'Win prizes and celebrate inspiring individuals, classes, groups and schools!'. A QR code is provided with the text 'Make your nomination here' and an arrow pointing to it. The website 'www.schoolofkindness.org/nominate' is listed. At the bottom, it says 'Supported by' and features logos for 'Einstein TRK', 'THE WEEK Junior', and 'NBB Recycled Furniture'. Small text at the very bottom reads: '52 Lives is a registered charity in England and Wales. Charity no: 1166238. PO Box 3154, Reading, RG1 9AT'.



Being kind is the best thing you can be. 52lives have created a Kindness Club just for kids. Go onto their website, click to join the club (it's free!) and you will receive their fortnightly Kindness Club email.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Emerald** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.81%**.

Whole school attendance is **95.35%**.

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.

Collective Worship

Monday - Mental Health Week Assembly

What can you do to help your mental health?

Talking to someone, helping someone, writing it down, sport, fun, eating, reading, sleeping music, gaming, pets, singing, watching tv. Mental health is how we think, feel and act.

Why is a good mental health important?

Happy, better behaviour, emotions, good choices, help you stay positive, good mental health, kindness, less silliness, live in balance.

What makes you feel happy: dogs, laughing, playing, teddys, pets, video games, smiling, football, cuddles, donuts, Lego!

Anxious: exams, competitions, being on stage, rollercoasters, guinea pigs, bullying, losing, fish, homework.

The more we understand and accept ourselves and our emotions, the more we develop the skills for life.

Tuesday - Candlemas

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40.

Wednesday - Open the book

The story begins by someone called John shouting in the wilderness talking about dipping people in a river to wash their sins away. Jesus said may you dip me in the lake and then a dove landed on Jesus' shoulder.

Thursday

Miss Mason talked about the importance of light. Light helps us see in the dark and keeps us warm and safe. Jesus is the 'light of the world' this means Jesus provides Christians with comfort in dark times and helps guide us on the right path. We discussed how we can share our light with others; showing kindness to someone, helping people and showing appreciation to others.

Friday

Reverend Adrian told us the story of Jesus walking on water. The disciples are on a boat in a storm. They are scared but Jesus walks on water towards them. Peter asks Jesus to prove it to him and Jesus tells Peter to walk on the water to him. Peter walks on the water but when he looks down at the water he is scared so he starts to sink. Jesus helps him back to the boat and then asks Peter why he doubted him.

By Worship Warriors Billy & Thomas

General Reminders

Spare Uniform

If in school your child needs a new change of clothes, we kindly lend them a spare set from our cupboard. We do politely ask that these items come back so others may use them as well. So please launder the spares and return them so we can be prepared to help others. Thank you.

Reminder that 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.

Water Bottles

Please send a water bottle every day with your child, it is important that they can keep hydrated throughout the school day.

Parent Governor Appointed

The deadline for Parent Governor nominations closed on Tuesday and we can confirm that Mrs Leann Tindall has now been appointed Parent Governor - congratulations.

Letters Emailed Home

Siams Report

Ruby – No swimming lesson, Monday 10th February

WDF Partnership KS2 Gymnastics, Netball & Football – Selected Pupils

Headteacher Summary

We are continuing to promote kindness throughout the school. Thank you to all of the staff and children who have been involved in putting the display together in the hall.



The Cyber Safety Lesson for Year 6 delivered by Essex County Fire & Rescue Service was informative on Monday. Cybersecurity for children is a set of security measures that protect children from online threats. This includes protecting their devices, online accounts, and personal information. The children received a certificate for participating.



Children and adults have been telling me how fantastic the Young Voices Choir @ The O2 was. It was a long day for everyone but it was a brilliant experience and I am sure it will be a fond memory that everyone will hold on to. Thank you to all the adults that accompanied the choir and an extra big thank you must go to Mrs Allan for organising this fantastic experience for the children.

Have a great 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	
10 th February – 14 th February 2025	Random Acts of Kindness Week
11 th February 2025	TSM Safer Internet Day
13 th February 2025	Ruby Class Tudor/Stuart Theme Day
14 th February 2025	TSM Kindness Day – Dress in one or more of the colours from ‘The Colour Monster’ book.
17 th February -21 st February 2025	Half 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
17 th March 2025	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service – Year 6 Respect Assembly
21 st March – 23 rd March 2025	Swimarathon 2025
24 th March – 28 th March 2025	Travelling Book Fair
28 th March 2025	Essex Kids Camp
1 st April 2025	Rocksteady Concert
2 nd April – 4 th April 2025	Year 6 Residential
7 th April – 21 st April 2025	Easter Holidays
22 nd April 2025	Inset Day
2 nd May 2025	Mighty Oak Competition Day
12 th May – 15 th May 2025	SATS Week
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



LAST chance to win James Martin Live tickets!

FOTSMS have been generously donated two tickets to the live James Martin show at the Cliffs Pavilion on **March 14th at 7.30pm**, by **Dan Bunn and Cuffe & Taylor**.

To enter this amazing raffle, **a ticket is £3.00 or 2 entries is £5.00**. You can pass the cash along with your full name to the school office or Marie Knight, or you can bank transfer to FOTSMS with JM and your full name as reference.



Friends of Trinity St Mary's

Sort Code - 60-20-56

Account - 11031352

All money raised will be put towards replacing the laptops the children use within school. The draw will take place on **Friday 14th of February**, when the winner will be notified and details of how to collect the tickets will be provided.

Vicki Bohr – Chair FOTSMS



FOTSMS Event Diary

14 th February	James Martin Tickets	Raffle will be drawn and the winner will be announced in the newsletter.
24 th – 28 th February	Coin Jar – Donut Wars Winning Class will get their treat on Friday 7 th March.	The class that raises the most money per child will be crowned the winners and have a doughnut treat to celebrate.
25 th – 26 th February	World Book Day Costume Sale	Come and buy a World Book Day costume for your little one. World Book Day 6th March
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.
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!
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.

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 7 - 8PM

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SCREEN SAFE

In conversation with...

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IT Services for Education

We are excited to be celebrating the upcoming Safer Internet Day by hosting a virtual parent & carer support session with Anna Sarjantson, Liam Buggs, Tim Barette and James Fraser. Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

- **Top Tips for Parents & Carers**
- **Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety**
- **Particular Apps or Features to be aware of!**
- **Interactive Q&A Session**

ABOUT SCREENSAFE



I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned.

We want them to be able to recognise the risks, be able to call out fake profiles or misinformation and have the confidence to say NO and get away from anything or anyone online that doesn't feel right or safe to them.

ABOUT EDUTHING



eduthing are a leading technology provider to schools across the UK. As well as providing technical support to ensure teaching and learning runs smoothly, eduthing work with teachers, parents, carers and students with Computing, EdTech and Online Safety support and workshops.



We are passionate about ensuring the safety of children and young people when they experience the online world and immerse themselves in a safe and measured way.



SESSION REGISTRATION



Click here to register for the upcoming session:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/7V8KEcsRR2eo0teblpNy8Q>
Please note that this is a live session.

Registration is free but places are limited. Parents and carers will need to register for the session using the Zoom link in the attached flyer.