



Trinity St Mary's C of E VA Primary School



Friday 31st January 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: **Kieran, Molly, Pixie** and **Timmy** in **Amber**.

Lunchtime Cup

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

House Points

Fenn	33
Shaw	82
Tabrums	62
Marsh	69



Kindness Star of the Week

Well done to:

Humite – Lucas

Emerald – Keaton

Amber – Charlie T

Ruby – Scarlett

Topaz – George

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 Humite class.

Humite Class Summary

It's been a busy week in Humite class!

Last Friday, we had an unforgettable Titanic Day! Children arrived in fantastic costumes, representing passengers and crew from the ill-fated voyage. They experienced the shock of the freezing Atlantic waters, created stunning porthole pop-out art, and conducted floating and sinking investigations to explore which materials were best suited for shipbuilding. The highlight of the day was a taste test of authentic 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class meals, giving everyone a real sense of life aboard the Titanic!

In maths this week, we have continued working on statistics, focusing on line graphs and dual bar charts. Children learned how line graphs display continuous data, such as tracking temperatures or population changes over time. They also explored dual bar charts, which allow two sets of data to be compared side by side—helping us analyse trends.

In English, we put our scriptwriting skills to the test by composing playscripts of a scene from Titanic. Children carefully included key features such as stage directions, dialogue formatted correctly, and character actions to bring their scenes to life. Some scripts focused on the moment the iceberg was spotted, while others explored passengers' experiences in the dining hall or 1st class promenade. We can't wait to act out and bring them to life next week.

In science, we investigated spore dispersal using mushrooms. Children observed how mushrooms release microscopic spores, which act like seeds to grow new fungi. By placing mushroom caps on paper overnight, we created beautiful spore prints, revealing the natural patterns of dispersal. This experiment helped us understand how fungi reproduce and spread in different environments.

In RE, we explored how messages from the Bible influence Christian moral decisions. Children reflected on the parable of the Good Samaritan, discussing how it teaches the importance of kindness and helping others, regardless of differences. We also examined the golden rule ("Treat others as you would like to be treated"), linking it to real-life ethical choices and how Christians strive to live by this principle.

It's been a fantastic week of learning!









Reception & Year 5 Road Safety Session



Year 5/Early Years had a visit from the Safer Essex Road Partnership this week. The students learnt about the sort of dangers they will face as pedestrians, cyclists or as a passenger and how they can keep themselves safe.

Year 5 took part in a practical roadside session today where they put the Green Cross Code into practice and were all Road Safety superstars crossing the road. Every pupil was given a fluorescent bag to remind them to **Be Bright, Be Seen**.

Early Years children and parents learnt together how to stay safe, hold a grown-up's hand and use the Green Cross Code.

Encouraging your children to share what they have learnt, and your repetition of the Green Cross Code can help their road safety.

Remember Think, Stop, Look, Listen!

For more information please visit www.saferessexroads.org.



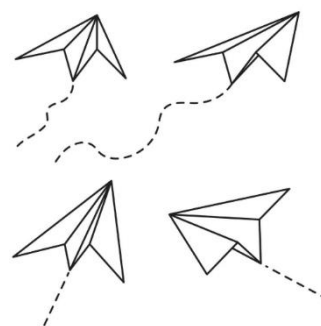
Emerald Class Glider Challenge

In Emerald Class we had great fun at a 'Glider Workshop' last Friday. We learnt about what gliders are, how they move and why they are used. Then using the instructions and different designs we made our own ones, which we would later test. After lunch we used the hall to test out which gliders flew the furthest and why. We also used a stopwatch to measure the time and meter sticks to measure the distance to work out the speed they were travelling.

The most fun was when we flew them all as a group!

Our last task was to design a sustainable aircraft for the future, and we spoke about what features we would need and what made them sustainable.

By **Jake, Gracie, Charlie, Skylar and Luke**



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.



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 **Topaz** class who have the highest attendance this week, with an attendance of **97.78%**.

Whole school attendance is **94.94%**.

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.

Essex Kids Camp – Kurling



Thank you to Captain North for giving us the experience of trying kurling today – it was so much fun!

Collective Worship

Monday - Miss Hoy

On Monday we were learning about the good Samaritan. It was about a man walking across the road, when he came across thieves they took all his money and then all his clothes. Firstly, a Priest walked past him and did not do anything, then a Levite walked past him but still did not do anything but just stared at the man and then walked away. After that a Samaritan walked past and saw the man on the floor and decided to help the poor man. He put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn and took care of him. This story shows to help anybody even though they are not your friend.

Tuesday- Mrs Greenyer-Smith

On Tuesday we were learning about the town and the country mouse. The country mouse went to see the town mouse. The town mouse had lots of food but little did he know there was also a lot of danger around. The country mouse got scared and went back home. This story shows to always be grateful for what you have and never put your life in danger for something you really want.

Wednesday- Open the Book

The story was about a long journey when Jesus' mum and dad went to a temple and then went back on the long journey to their home, but they did not realise that Jesus had gone missing until they were nearly home. So, they turned around and went back the other way to go and see if Jesus was still there. Luckily when they got back he was still there and they took him home.

Thursday - The Enormous Turnip

There was once an enormous turnip the farmer wanted to take the turnip out. He called everyone over but it would not move. The mouse came over to help and it made a big difference. This shows the mouse or anyone can make a small difference and that you should always show teamwork and dedication to achieve your goals.

By Worship Warriors Eloise and Paxton

Eco Committee Conference

Thank you to our Eco-Committee members **Thomas, Molly, Oliver, Jake, Bethan** and **Gracie** for attending the conference at Woodville school on Thursday. Unfortunately, on this occasion, we couldn't take everybody but the children did a great job at representing the whole team.

Gymnastics Training – Sports Ambassadors/House Captains

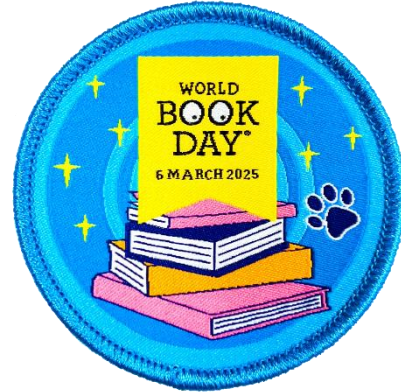
Thank you to our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors and House Captains, for giving up their time and joining the gymnastics training on Tuesday afterschool;

Maddie B, Thomas Bou, Kaiden, Harry, Ava C, Mia E, Mia-Rose, Bethan & Sebastian S

World Book Day

Remember Thursday 6th March is World Book Day!

World Book Day encourages more children and families to find the fun and enjoyment in reading, because reading for pleasure changes lives.



Children across the country are encouraged to dress up as a book character to celebrate the day.

General Reminders

Parent Forum Group

We are looking for a volunteer to represent this year's Ruby class on the Parent Forum. If you would like to put yourself forward as the representative for Ruby class please contact the school office.

Follow us

Thank you to everyone who is following us and liking our posts on Instagram and/or Facebook, please do promote our pages to family and friends.



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.

Donations

Forest School

Mrs Broome our Forest School Leader would like to develop our forest school area and is looking for empty cable reels. If you have any that you can donate to the school it would be much appreciated.



Gardening

One of the topics our Eco-Committee are focusing on this year is improving our school grounds as we would like to have a gardening area for each class and possibly setup a gardening club. Mrs Foote is also working with a number of children on our planting area at the back of Emerald class. 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 in advance.

Letters Emailed Home

Social Media Letter – Year 6

Reception Road Safety Leaflet

Cardboard Tubes – Amber Class Experiment

Tudor / Stuart Day – Ruby Class, Thursday 13th Feb

Young Voices Ticket Information

Headteacher Summary

Following on from our SIAMS inspection last week, we are determined to continue to give our children enrichment opportunities which allow our children to flourish. This week children in Reception and their parents have benefited from a road safety session. Yesterday Mrs Allan and



Mrs Graham took members of our eco-committee to Woodville school to participate in the first pupil conference. The town major spoke to the children and then the children created environmental posters. Today, children in Year 5 have participated in a road safety workshop and walk. Plus, Captain North from Essex Kids Camp led kurling sessions for all the classes today. I hope the children thoroughly enjoyed this – it sounded like a lot of fun!

I thoroughly enjoy seeing children who eagerly come and see me with work that they are proud of. The children speak with confidence and are clearly proud of their achievements. I continue to see children who have demonstrated kindness and also our Christian values.



It was great to see a member of Eduthing, our IT support company, in yesterday, sorting out our new laptops. The children will be able to enjoy 16 new laptops and we are working with FOTSMS to replace the remaining laptops in the near future.

I hope you have a fantastic 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	
3 rd February 2025	Year 6 Cyber Safety Lesson – Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
5 th February 2025	Young Voices Choir @ O2
10 th February – 14 th February 2025	Random Acts of Kindness Week
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
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
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
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



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 Friday 7th March.

Biggest Raffle Prize Ever!!!

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

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All money raised will be put towards replacing the laptops the children use within school. The draw will take place on **Friday 14th 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
28th 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/register/7VBKEcsRR2eo0teblpNyBQ>
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.