



Dear Parents and Carers,
One of the special parts about being in a rural school, is the strong sense of community it brings. The close-knit relationships, and the sense of belonging can boost our children's confidence and make them feel more supported and able to understand their valued place in the world. Christ Church is a big part of our community and our annual Christingle service this week was a delight. A moment of calm during what is a very busy period. The children were so responsible with their lit Christingles, and we were able to enjoy the many little candle lights in the Church together. We were also delighted this week to receive a beautiful Christmas tree gifted to us from our local garden centre, Holly Farm Nursery. The children got it decorated straight away, and it was a wonderful example of community working together for our children. One of our children suggested that we put our Christmas tree at the front of the school, so that families can see its beautiful twinkling lights as they walk by.

Having a sense of purpose and giving back is so important. We offer a variety of roles and responsibilities to empower our children to actively contribute to our school community and ensure they have a valued voice in school decision-making. At our school every child has a job either in the class or across the school. We have journalists, gardeners, playground leaders, librarians and more. Participating in school jobs fosters a sense of community and belonging. Our children feel more connected to their school environment and take pride in contributing to it. Through these opportunities, our children develop responsibility, independence, and confidence. We will be telling you more about these roles over the coming weeks, but today's focus, is all about our journalists. Read more below!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



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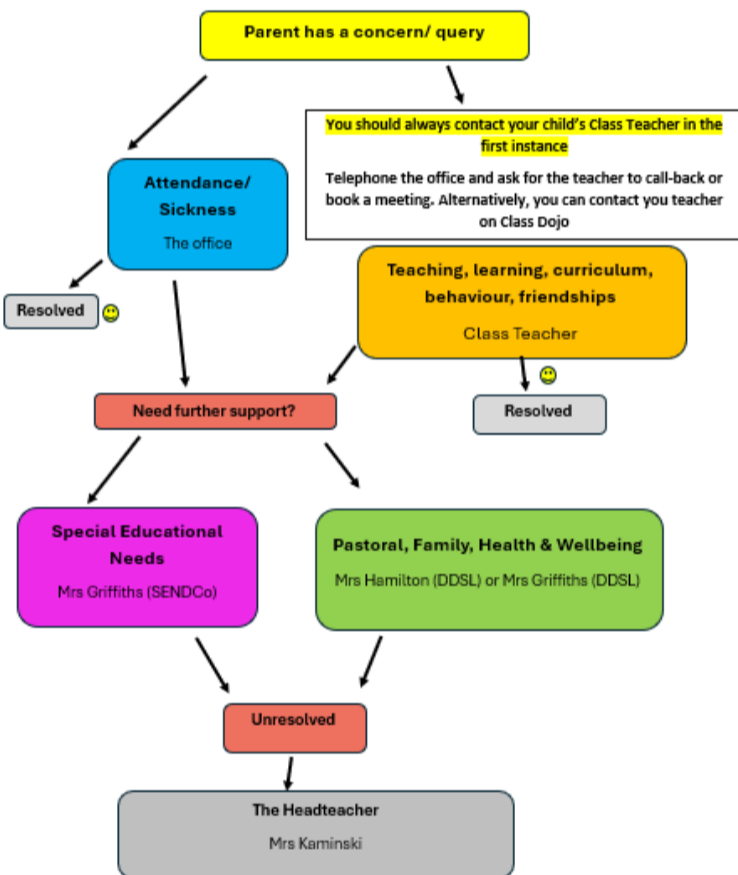


Our school journalists have been busy creating a fantastic newspaper for you to catch up on all the Tilstock school news.

They have decided to sell this in the school Reception for 50p, with 50% of sales going to charity and 50% of sales going to school resources.

Who do I contact if I have a concern or query?

To ensure we resolve any issues or concerns you have in the most efficient way, it's really important that you know who to contact and when.



Our Christingle Service in Christ Church Tilstock 04/12/24



Christmas Raffle

50p a ticket or £2 a strip

To be drawn on the last day of term - For sale in the school office



WORSHIP



This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of **Nurture**.

Our chosen worship songs this week were:

[Kumbaya](#) and [When I needed a neighbour](#)

This week in worship we learnt about [Christmas around the world](#).



Did you know that not all Christians celebrate Christmas on the same day? In countries with large populations of Orthodox Christians*, such as Russia, the Ukraine and Romania, Christmas Day falls on 7 January. Some Greek Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on 7 January, too.

Many of the festive traditions we have in the UK today came about in the Victorian era – such as Christmas cards, gift-giving and crackers, as well as traditional foods like mince pies and roast turkey! Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were huge fans of Christmas, in fact!



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

Thursday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December: EYFS Alderford Santa Island trip

Tuesday 17th December: KS1 Christmas Play 2pm

Wednesday 18th December: EYFS Nativity 9:30am in Church

Wednesday 18th December: KS2 Christmas Play Village Hall 2pm & 5:30pm

Friday 20th December: Last Day of term.

Monday 23rd December – Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January – Children return to school

Happy birthday to Willow, Jaxson, Lauren, Poppy & Tilly

Who celebrate their birthdays this week - We wish you a very happy birthday!

Meet our House Captains!



NEWS



[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

