



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second Spring term of the year! It's been wonderful to see the children enthusiastically get back into learning. This week, Mrs Finch, Mrs Cartlidge and Miss Davey led a trip to Young Voices in Manchester! They had great fun and will be sharing the photos next week. We are so grateful to our wonderful staff for making this trip possible, working above and beyond their normal hours to ensure the children enjoyed such a wonderful day.

Tonight, February 28th, 2025, we have a rare and spectacular celestial event known as a planet parade! This evening, just after sunset, seven planets—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune—will align in the night sky.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to enjoy some quality time together while learning about our solar system. To catch this amazing sight, head outside around 6:10 PM. Look towards the western horizon to spot Mercury and Venus first, followed by the other planets as the sky darkens.

For the best view, find a spot away from lights and bring along binoculars or a small telescope for a closer look at the fainter planets. Don't miss this chance to witness a cosmic event that won't happen again until 2040!

Happy stargazing!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



E-mail Protocol for Parents

We want to continue to support our parents by responding to parental queries at the earliest opportunity, however we are finding an increasing number of emails to staff in the evenings and weekends, with an expectation that emails will be answered straight away.

During the day, whilst staff are prioritising the smooth running of our school and the teaching and learning of our children, we may not be able to respond straight away to emails. In addition, for the wellbeing of our staff, as a Trust, we do not expect staff to respond to emails during their personal/family time.

Expectations for email communications between parents and our staff:

- Typically emails from parents will be responded to during school working hours (8am-4pm).
- Our staff will respond to you as soon as possible and **within three working days. This does not include weekends or holidays.**
- **If a response is urgent, please use another form of communication, such as telephoning the office or using Class Dojo for teachers.**

We will continue to monitor our approach to communication to improve the process further and are welcome any feedback you may have.



Well done to our Mathematicians!

We want our children to know more and remember more and the 99 Club aims to do just that. We know that practice helps our children to embed knowledge into their long-term memory, and with repeated practice of their calculations, we hope to improve their recall of addition, multiplication and division facts. This should result in increased speed and confidence when tackling mental maths problems without relying on written workings and methods.

All pupils will begin at the 11 Club. They will have weekly opportunity to answer all calculations at their current level, unaided and within five minutes. If all of the calculations are answered correctly twice in a row, the child moves up to the next level! The initial 11 Club involves eleven problems which involve doubling numbers up to ten ie. 5+5, 8+8. The 22 Club then adds eleven further questions involving repeated addition for numbers from one to ten ie. 3+3+3+3, 5+5+5+5+5, while the 33 Club begins to introduce times tables. Division facts are added by the time a pupil reaches the 77 Club, and in the 88 Club and 99 Club, pupils will be tackling a range of mixed multiplication and division problems. The ultimate challenge is to complete all 99 questions of the 99 Club unaided, with no errors and within five minutes! Are you up for the challenge? Want to find out more? Go to our Maths section on our website or contact Mr Paterson 😊

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

Our chosen worship songs this week are;- **He's got the whole world in his hand** and **Lord of the Dance**.

This week in worship we learnt about St David's Day – click [here](#) to find out more!

WORSHIP



Did you know..... St David's Day is a celebration of the patron saint of Wales, St David. It is celebrated on the 1st March every year and is a national holiday in Wales.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

- Thursday 6th March:-** World Book Day
- Friday 21st March:** Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 26th March:-** Mother's Day Service in Church
- Wednesday 2nd April:-** Badger Class Residential 3 days
- Wednesday 9th April:-** Easter Service in Church
- Friday 11th April:-** Children break-up for Easter holidays
- Monday 28th April:-** Children return to school
- Monday 5th May:-** Bank Holiday (*no children in school this day*)
- Monday 12th May:-** Year 6 SATs week
- Friday 23rd May:-** Children break-up for half-term
- Monday 2nd June:-** Children return to school
- Friday 25th July:-** Children break up for Summer holidays

Parent Governor Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen for the appointment of a new Parent Governor to serve on our Local Governing Body. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who would like to get more involved with the life of the school, and would support us greatly in continuing our journey towards establishing the best education for young people in Tilstock and surrounding areas.

Please look out for an email with details of how to apply.

NEWS



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



Happy Birthday to:-

Erin and Olivia who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We hope you have a great day celebrating!

