



Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What busy week we have had this week!

Badger class had the most amazing time when visited by the Shrewsbury Museum for our Roman workshop. They came dressed up as Romans to really immerse ourselves in this experience and had a very engaging day, creating mosaics, exploring artefacts and looking at some Roman attire. They even had the opportunity to act out some Roman regiment formations in teams, on the playground, using Roman shields and commands. During the afternoon, they worked on their sketching skills to create some colosseum artwork. A huge thank you to Shrewsbury Museum for delivering the session at Tilstock.

On a bright and inspiring day, Otter Class at Tilstock CE Primary School had the wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty and importance of Shropshire's local wildlife. This special event, organized in collaboration with the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, was a fantastic way for our children to learn about the environment and how they can contribute to its preservation. The day began with a bird-themed morning, where volunteers from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust taught the children about various local bird species. The children eagerly participated in making bird feeders, which not only provided a hands-on learning experience but also instilled a sense of responsibility towards caring for our feathered friends. In the afternoon, the focus shifted to hedgehogs and other mammals. The children learned how to identify and care for these creatures, engaging in activities such as clay hedgehog-making and creating hedgehog nests outside. This enriching day perfectly aligns with our school's motto: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works." By learning about and actively participating in wildlife conservation, our children are embodying this principle. They are not only gaining knowledge but also demonstrating their ability to make a positive impact on the world around them.

We ended the week with our fantastic Red Nose Day celebration in aid of Comic Relief 2025! This year marked a special milestone as we celebrated 40 years since the charity began, and our school community came together in a truly joyful and creative way. Our children dazzled us with their imaginative costumes, with some dressing up in styles from different decades, others donning vibrant red outfits, and many sporting the iconic Red Nose. The playground was a lively scene with appearances from Madonna and Marty McFly, adding a nostalgic touch to the festivities. It was heartwarming to see the children embrace the spirit of the day, not just through their costumes but also by learning about the importance of doing good for others. At Tilstock School, we believe that teaching our children the value of helping others is essential. Red Nose Day provided a perfect opportunity to reinforce this lesson, showing our students that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day. This aligns beautifully with our value of Joy, as bringing a smile to someone's face, no matter how small, can have a profound impact. Enjoy your weekend.

> Mrs Rowena Kaminski Headteacher

### **Red Nose Day 2025 for Comic Relief**



Safety reminder

As we continue to prioritise the safety of our children, we kindly remind you to exercise caution when dropping off and collecting your children from school. Here are some important guidelines to ensure everyone's safety:

Be Aware of Children and Pedestrians: Please be vigilant when opening car doors, parking, and driving in and out of the school area. Children and pedestrians may be nearby, and their safety is paramount.

Use the Village Hall Car Park: Whenever possible, please use the village hall car park. This allows you to drop your child off safely at the top gate, where a member of staff will be present to assist.

**Drop-Off Window:** Our gates open at 8:15am, providing a 15-minute window for dropping off your child. This gives you ample time to park and ensure a safe and smooth drop-off.

Remember, safety is our priority and everyone's responsibility. By following these guidelines, we can create a safer environment for all our children.

#### Saltmine theatre company visit Tilstock to teach children to make wise choices through the Bible!

Tilstock CE Primary School is proud to be a Church school, and benefits from our fantastic supportive link with the Church. Our children had a visit from the very talented Saltmine Trust theatre today. The Saltmine trust is a charity and theatre company inspired by the life and teaching of Jesus. They carefully create bespoke productions and workshops to educate young lives on current social issues and empower them to make wise choices. The children were learning through theatre and Christianity. Theatre creates a unique connection between story and values. As a church school with our values of Respect, nurture, joy, aspire, achieve and hope, We were delighted that Christ Church Tilstock funded the visit and this is a wonderful example of the church, school and community working together to support our children. The performance today was adapted from legendary storyteller Bob Hartman's highly acclaimed Rhyming Bible. Every child was

engaged and asked..."Can Saltmine visit us again!"





**Audio stories** 

Online audio stories for children: for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 primary school pupils, aged 4 - 11. Stories cover a broad range of primary topics. Stories are grouped by theme and Key Stage and are typically about 5 minutes long. Ideal for fostering speaking and listening skills and stimulating children's imaginations.

New stories added here week by week.



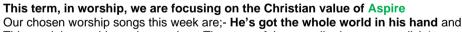
# **Uniform reminder**

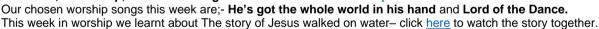
Wearing a uniform fosters a sense of belonging among children. Our school badge and colours symbolise our shared purpose and pride in being part of this wonderful learning environment. Recently, staff have noticed children wearing branded hoodies, tracksuits and t-shirts with sports logos on.

For PE, our uniform consists of:- A white t-shirt, Black PE shorts or jogging bottoms, and socks

Please ensure your child is wearing a plain (or school logo) white t-shirt for PE. If they are cold they should wear their school jumper or cardigan, not branded hoodies, tops or sweatshirts. White t-shirts and black shorts/joggers can be purchased relatively cheaply from supermarkets, however if you need any support with this, please let us know.

# WORSHIP







This week is the spring equinox, which marks the beginning of the season known for sunshine, blue skies, warmer weather and colourful plants growing in lots of gardens and green spaces. But you may have heard spring begins on the 1 March which has already come and gone, so why do we have two different dates? It's because there are two separate spring seasons. The first is known as the meteorological season, which begins at the beginning of March. The second is called the astronomical season which starts on the 20 March. Find out more here.





# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Click here to view our upcoming events.

**Events at a glance:** 

Wednesday 26th March:- Mother's Day Service in Church 9am Friday 28th March:- Otter Class Tatton Hall Viking trip

Monday 5th May:- Bank Holiday (no children in school this day)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12th May:- Year 6 SATs week Friday 23rd May:- Children break-up for half-term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:- Children return to school

Friday 25th July:- Children break up for Summer holidays

# **NEWS**

Click here to view what our students have been up to recently.



#### Happy Birthday to:-Miss Thomas, Betsy,

Ethan, Julian who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We hope you have a great day celebrating!



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