



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term! I have had a busy week visiting classes and talking to children about their new topics. This summer term at Tilstock CE Primary School, our curriculum has been carefully planned to ensure all pupils build strong foundations, deepen their knowledge and remember more over time. This approach is closely aligned with the Ofsted 2025 inspection framework, which emphasises a well-sequenced, ambitious and inclusive curriculum. Across every year group, children are studying rich and engaging topics – from Victorian life in KS1, to the Tudors in Lower Key Stage 2, and crime and punishment through time in Upper Key Stage 2. Learning is carefully sequenced so that new knowledge builds on what pupils already know, helping them make connections and retain learning long-term. A key priority for our Tilstock children is securing strong foundations in reading, writing, maths and oracy, as these unlock success across all subjects. This is why we prioritise daily reading, explicit teaching of phonics, spelling, grammar and handwriting, secure number sense in maths, and purposeful talk and discussion in every classroom. We hold high expectations for every child - teachers adapt lessons and provide extra support where needed so that all pupils can succeed. Understanding is regularly checked, key ideas are revisited, and support is put in place early to help children keep up, not catch up. This term's curriculum also gives pupils opportunities to apply their learning across subjects – through science investigations, historical enquiry, creative arts, design and technology, RE, PSHE and computing. Through strong foundations, well-planned topics and high expectations, we are ensuring every child at Tilstock is supported to flourish, achieve and be well prepared for their next steps in learning.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Super Writers!

Well done Martha and Chloe for their super writing this week – we are so proud of you!



Audio-books for the season – listen to an audiobook before bed

This week:- Shelly and Pebbles – Seaside donkeys Shelly and Pebbles work together to overcome a problem.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zng4qwx>



Our Value this term:- Achieve.

This term at Tilstock CE Primary School, our Christian vision focuses on the value of Achieve. Rooted in our belief that each child is created by God with purpose and potential, Achieve encourages pupils to persevere, show resilience and take pride in doing their best. Through collective worship and classroom reflection, children have explored what it means to keep going when learning is challenging, to learn from mistakes, and to trust that effort leads to growth. Bible stories such as Nehemiah rebuilding the walls, Moses leading with perseverance, and Jesus' parables help pupils understand that achieving is not about being perfect, but about commitment, courage and hope. This value is woven through daily learning. Children are encouraged to set goals, revisit key learning and celebrate progress. In lessons across the curriculum, pupils are supported to try again, improve their work and believe in themselves, knowing they are valued and supported. Our worship, prayers and shared reflection help children see that achievement comes not just from individual success, but from supporting others, showing kindness and working together.

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



This week in worship we learnt about the **Parable of the lost sheep** - here is the story to watch together. We will focus on this over the next week during worship. [Treasure Champs. 11: Perseverance - 'The Parable of the Lost Sheep' - BBC Teach](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

- Tuesday 21st April - Dental Visit
- Monday 27th April – Class Photos
- Monday 4th May:- Bank Holiday (no children in school this day)
- Monday 11th May- 14th May:- Year 6 SATs week
- Friday 23rd May:- Children break-up for half-term
- Thursday 14th May - Diabetes Day - Events TBC
- Wednesday 20th May - Value awards in church 9:00am
- 25th -29th May - Half term
- Monday 2nd June:- Children return to school
- Thurs 11th June:- EYFS sports day 9am
- Friday 12th June:- KS1 and KS2 Sports day 9am
- Friday 10th July:- Summer Fair 3-5pm
- Tuesday 21st July:- 2pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school hall
- Wednesday 22nd July: 9am Year 6 Bible presentations in Church
- Thursday 23rd July: Children break up for Summer holidays

Reminder – pupils should not be wearing false nails or make-up to school – please ensure these are removed before school.

For further guidance on our uniform policy please see below

<https://tilstockprimaryschool.co.uk/information/uniform/>

Happy birthday to

Mrs Kaminski and Archie

Who celebrate their birthday this week.

We wish you a very happy birthday!

