



Tilstock[†]

Part of the Marches Academy Trust 

Talking Heads

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good attendance is essential to every child's learning, confidence and long-term achievement, and we want all pupils to benefit fully from the education they deserve. As a school, we monitor attendance every two weeks and work closely with Shropshire's Education Welfare Officer to support families in maintaining excellent attendance.

Our school target is 97%, and when attendance falls below this level we will contact parents to offer support and understand any barriers. Parents also have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly, and sometimes additional external support may be needed if patterns of absence continue. Persistent Absence is defined nationally as attendance below 90%, which amounts to four weeks of lost learning across a school year. To prevent this, we check not only attendance but also children's wider needs, such as progress, friendships, wellbeing and any worries at home, so that the right support can be put in place. The NHS provides helpful guidance for families, and reminds parents that children can still attend school with mild illnesses, including a slight cough, sore throat, runny nose, cold symptoms or a mild headache, as long as they do not have a high temperature.

We will be issuing attendance reports to all parents each term, so that you can keep an eye on your child's missed days. We encourage all families to talk to us early if attendance becomes difficult; it is never too late to make improvements, and we achieve the best outcomes when home and school work together.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



NHS guidance

Explicit NHS Guidance for Common Illnesses

Coughs and Colds: Children can come to school with a slight cough or common cold. It is fine for your child to attend if they have a runny or blocked nose, a mild cough, sore throat, or mild headache, as long as they do not have a high temperature.

Sore Throats: A sore throat on its own does not require absence. If your child has a sore throat AND a high temperature, please keep them at home until the temperature has gone.

High Temperature: If your child has a high temperature (around 38°C or above), they should stay at home. They may return once their temperature has gone.

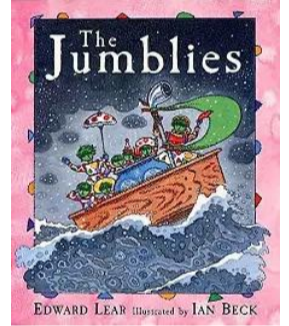
Respect Value Awards



Audio-books for the season – listen to a book before bed

'The Jumblies' written by

Edward Lear and read by Paul Copley, Jane Horrocks, Josie Lawrence and Kerry Shale. 'Far and few, far and few / are the lands where the Jumblies live; / Their heads are green, and their hands are blue, / And they went to sea in a sieve....' Visit the Western Sea, the Terrible Zone and the Hills of the Chankly Bore in this Edwardian classic.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zh4q92>

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

WORSHIP



Aspire

Not being distracted or derailed from your ambitions
Positive role models
To see and hear the best of the best.
Realising that success doesn't come easily; being prepared to work for it
Opening our eyes to the world around us
Keeping your eye on your goal

Our chosen bible story

- Jesus walks on water

Our chosen worship songs:

- He's got the whole world in his hands
- Lord of the dance

Secular stories linked to this value:

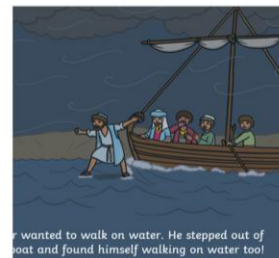
- When I Grow Up by Jon Hales
- Incredible You by Rhys Brisenden
- Only One You by Linda Kranz
- Boundless Sky Written by Amanda Addison
- Fantastically Great Women Who Worked Wonders by Kate Pankhurst
- Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Our prayer for this value:

Dear God,
Give us the strength and determination to find a solution to our problems.
Make us strong like Jesus when he had to face great hardship.
Give us the determination to achieve our aims
and be with us always, today and for evermore.
Amen.



Excellence: striving always for mastery and personal success



Jesus wanted to walk on water. He stepped out of the boat and found himself walking on water too!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

- Fri 6th March:** Otter Class school trip
- Weds 11th March:** 9am Mother's Day service in Church
- Fri 20th March:** Red Nose Day
- Weds 25th March:** 9am Easter Service in Church
- 30th March:** Easter holiday starts.
- 13th April:** Summer term starts.



Happy birthday to

Erin and Olivia

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

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