



Tilstock⁺

Part of the **Marches Academy Trust** 

Talking Heads

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and enriching week it has been at Tilstock! We were incredibly lucky to welcome a very special visit from one of our families. Isla's dad kindly brought some beautiful lambs from his farm into school, giving our children a truly memorable hands-on experience. The children were able to interact with the lambs, ask thoughtful questions and even have a go at bottle feeding them! It was a fantastic opportunity to bring learning to life and reinforce just how important it is to provide children with chances to connect with the natural world. This experience linked perfectly with our science learning on mammals, and it was fantastic to see the children apply their knowledge in such a meaningful way. Throughout the visit, the children demonstrated our school values superbly – showing kindness, curiosity and respect towards the animals and one another. A huge thank you to Isla's dad for making this possible.

We would also like to say a very big well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have approached their SATs this week with calmness, confidence and maturity. They came in each day ready to do their best, and we are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and resilience they have shown.

Finally, looking ahead to May half term, we are excited to celebrate one of our very own pupils on the stage! Our Badger Class star Lyla will be performing in a full-scale production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Theatre Severn. This spectacular show promises unforgettable family entertainment, complete with the iconic flying car, dazzling performances and plenty of magic. Lyla will be playing Jemima at the following performances: Thursday 28th May – 7:30pm, Friday 29th May – 2:30pm, Saturday 30th May – 6:00pm. We are so proud of Lyla and encourage our school community to come along and support her if you can. <https://www.theatresevern.co.uk/whats-on/chitty-chitty-bang-bang/>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Parent and family Support on Our School Website

To support our families, we have developed a dedicated Parenting Information, Workshops and Courses page on our website, bringing together a wide range of trusted advice, guidance and local support services.

Our parent support page is designed to be a one-stop hub for practical help and reassurance. It includes information on:

- Sleep and routines – with links to NHS guidance and local family hub support
- Behaviour and emotional regulation – including positive parenting strategies and managing transitions
- Supporting learning at home – with resources for phonics, early reading and maths
- Online safety and screen time – with age-appropriate advice for keeping children safe online
- Neurodiversity and SEND – offering guidance on ADHD, autism and sensory needs

We have also included a wealth of wider support for families, such as:

- Early Years guidance, including preparing children for starting school
- Early Help services, reminding families that “you don't need to be in crisis to ask for support”
- Wellbeing and mental health resources for parents and carers
- Access to local services, including family hubs, helplines and drop-in sessions
- Practical support, such as advice on cost of living, free school meals and holiday provision

We encourage all parents and carers to explore the page and make use of the resources available:

<https://tilstockprimaryschool.co.uk/parenting-information-workshops-courses/>

Lamb visit -hands on learning for our Tilstock children



Safeguarding

Worried about the safety of a child?

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Shropshire, you can contact the First Point of Contact (FPOC) service. This service is designed to help you report any concerns about a child's safety or well-being.

0345 678 9021

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

In our collective worship this week, we explored the Bible story of The Festival of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, giving them courage, confidence and the ability to share their message with others. This powerful story reminds us that, with belief in ourselves and support from others, we can achieve far more than we might think possible.

WORSHIP



The children have made excellent links between this story and their own learning.

Just like the disciples showed bravery and determination, our pupils have been working hard to challenge themselves, try new things and speak confidently about their ideas. Whether in the classroom, in their written work or through discussions, we have seen children striving to improve and taking pride in their achievements.



It has been wonderful to see our pupils living out this value in such meaningful ways – showing that with confidence, resilience and a positive mindset, everyone can achieve their very best.

If you would like to hear the story together, click [here](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

Wednesday 20th May - Value awards in Church 9:00am

Friday 23rd May:- Children break-up for half-term

25th -29th May - Half term

Monday 2nd June:- Children return to school

Wednesday 4th June:- Year 3 trip to St Alkmunds

Thurs 11th June:- EYFS sports day 9am

Friday 12th June:- KS1 and KS2 Sports day 9am

Friday 19th June:- Trust collaboration Day No children in school

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

Isla

Who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We wish you a very happy birthday!



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

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