



Tilstock[†]

Part of the **Marches Academy Trust** 

Talking Heads

Friday 27th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, we are placing a strong focus on spelling across the school. Secure spelling supports confident writing and helps children apply their learning independently across the curriculum. Each year group has a set of spelling words, which are taught daily, and we also encourage children to continue practising previous year group spellings. These lists are available on our website for easy reference: [\[link here\]](#). Thank you for supporting your child with regular practice at home – it really makes a difference. Our termly Spelling Bee takes place in July.

To support children's independence, they are being taught to explain their thinking and identify their next steps in learning. Children regularly refer to their individual targets in Writing and Maths, helping them understand what they are doing well and what they need to improve. This approach builds confidence, resilience and independence, and ensures children play an active role in their own learning.

We continue to prioritise positive attendance, as being in school every day, on time, and ready to learn is key to helping children keep up with their learning rather than needing to catch up. Our attendance policy is available [here](#) if you would like further guidance or support. Alongside this, children's wellbeing remains central to everything we do. Please do let us know if your child needs any additional support at any point – we work closely with families to ensure every child feels safe, confident and ready to learn.

We would like to let families know that Mr Paterson remains off, as he continues to recover. To ensure stability and continuity for the children, which is always our absolute priority, we have secured Mr Matthias to work with the class for the next four weeks. Mr Matthias is already familiar with our children, our school routines and our expectations, and this arrangement will provide consistency in teaching and care during this time. We are grateful for your continued support and understanding.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Poetry by Heart

Children at Tilstock were challenged to choose a poem, learn it by heart and perform to an audience in March. These children had the opportunity to showcase their talents during a whole-school poetry afternoon. The children spoke with such fluency, expression and clarity that the audience of children and staff were enthralled! We are passionate about celebrating the joy of language and giving children the chance to shine through oracy activities. Click [here](#) to find out more about Poetry by Heart at our school.



Dental Visit

Smiles were shining today as the Dental team came to visit our Reception Class! Everyone had a quick tooth check, showed fantastic bravery, and received a little gift at the end for doing such a great job. Click [here](#) to find out more about how you can support your child's oral health.



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

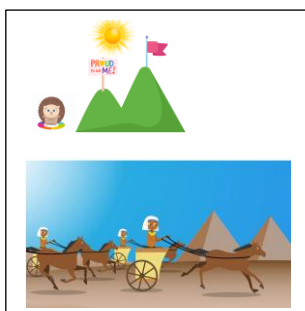
This week:-The business with the baby-Jamie is not happy about having a baby sister, until something changes everything.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/z69d92p>



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

WORSHIP



This week in worship, the children have been learning about [Moses and the story of the Passover](#), a key festival in the Jewish faith. Through this story, we explored how God guided His people through a difficult time and how trust, courage and obedience helped bring hope and freedom. We encouraged the children to think about how they can show leadership in their own lives – by being respectful, helping others, telling the truth and showing courage in small, everyday situations. As a school, we continue to nurture these qualities so our children grow into thoughtful, confident individuals who trust God and care for others.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

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
Thursday 14th May - Diabetes Day - Events TBC
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
Thurs 11th June:- EYFS sports day 9am
Friday 12th June:- KS1 and KS2 Sports day 9am

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

Zayah, Charlotte, Truan, Georgia

Who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We wish you a very happy birthday!



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