



Dear Parents and Carers,

A BIG WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR PUPILS AND PARENTS!

It has been wonderful to see happy, smiley faces at the gates this week and to hear everyone's news. The staff have worked hard over the summer to ensure that the school is well organised, safe and welcoming for all. A big thank you to all of you for such great support and such a positive start to our new school year!

At Tilstock, we believe in a curriculum that adapts and responds to the needs of our children. Due to recent events, we will be implementing for this period and into next term a "Recovery Curriculum" which focuses on five areas: **Relationships, Community, Curriculum, Metacognition, Space to Rediscover** and acknowledges that there may have been big losses and changes to children as they have stayed at home and that this can contribute to children's mental health with anxiety and trauma, which can leave children feeling vulnerable.

Equally, our children may feel like they have lost learning time and we must show them how we are addressing these gaps, consulting and co-constructing with our school community. We therefore need to reskill and rebuild their confidence as individuals and as learners, to be, to rediscover self, and to find their voice on learning.

Whilst we will continue to provide a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum, we will also ensure that our carefully adapted time-tables, Worship, Rest Easy sessions, Forest school provision, STEM and PHSE lessons will enhance and support our children through this time.

Please read more about our Recovery Curriculum [here](#).

Best wishes and take care.

*Mrs R Kaminski*  
**Head of School**



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## NOTICES

### Drop off/collection procedures for pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6

**Badger Class: Year 5 and Year 6 children:**

**Drop-off 8:40am Pick-up 3:00pm.**

Please park your car and bring your child to the front right-hand **SIDE GATE** by Talbot class where Mr Paterson will collect your child. Please do not gather at the gate.

**Otter Class: Year 3 and 4 children:**

**Drop-off 8:45am Pick-up 3:05pm.**

Please use the **Hall** door where Miss Thomas will collect your child. Please do not gather at the gate.

**Squirrel Class: Year 1 and Year 2 children:**

**Drop-off 8:50am Pick-up 3:10pm.**

Please park your car and bring your child to the rear **PLAYGROUND** gate, where Mr Gillespie will collect your child. Please do not gather at the gate.

**Bumblebee Class: Reception children:**

**Drop-off between 9:00.**

**Pick-up at 12:00pm before 14<sup>th</sup> September, then 3:15pm thereafter.**

Please park your car and bring your child to the **NURSERY** gate, where Mrs Finch will collect your child from you. Please do not gather at the gate.

**Bumblebee Class: Nursery children:**

Full days of 9:00am-3:00pm (6 hours a day or 30 hours per week)  
Half days available: 9:00am-12:00pm (3 hours) OR 12:00pm-3:00pm (3 hours).

Please check emails for details of our PE and FOREST SCHOOL sessions.

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## WEBSITE LINKS



Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#)
- [Term Dates](#)
- [School Reopening](#)

## FACEBOOK



Please follow us on Facebook @[tilstockprimaryschool](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news, competitions and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow the @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#) page.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday to Rory in Squirrel class and Abbie in Badger class!

### Our new EYFS classroom

We have designed and structured the room, drawing research from great pioneers of Early Years education, such as Reggio Emilia, to create a calm, welcoming space for our pupils. Each area has a learning focus, so that the children can develop key skills within a continuous provision. The children have settled in so well and are enjoying exploring their new class!



### Rest Easy

Our Rest Easy Space is available for all our pupils as a safe place to self-regulate during the day, to reflect or for circle time with an adult. The staff have worked hard to make this look as calm and restful as possible for our children.



### Rugby

The Mini and Juniors Rugby will return to Sunday morning training on **Sunday 6 September** at Whitchurch Rugby Club.

Training will be split to minimise social contact and divide the pitches equitably.

Minis (U6-U12) will train **09:15 – 10:45.**

Finished and off the pitches by **10:55.**

U6, 7, and 8s on their pitches.

U9s and U10s on the 1/2 second team pitch.

U11s on 3rd team pitch.

[For more information, please click here.](#)

## WORSHIP

Our value this term is the value of 'Courage'. Basic to Christian faith is the claim that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great acts of courage that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging others to persevere. Through prayer, people have found the strength to help them to be courageous. [The story of Moses and the burning bush](#) may help support your child's worship next week.



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### Therapy Guinea-Pigs

We are delighted to welcome two new additions to our school! Pets have been shown to help children develop social skills, social responsibility and help self-esteem and regular contact with animals has been shown to help children concentrate, develop collaboration skills. In addition to this it will develop their learning round caring for animals. The hygiene and safety aspects for the guinea pigs and for the children are very important to us. The school have completed a risk assessment for looking after our pets and what to do in case of an injury.

We have sent a permission slip home for parents/carers to complete if you would like your child to be involved in caring for these special pets.

