

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had. This week I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 4s to Dodford Farm in Worcestershire. This is the first time we have opened residential trips to children younger than Year 5, and it was a brilliant success. Dodford Farm is set in 9 acres of meadow, woodland & streams, with animals to care for. We stayed in a rural converted Farmhouse, with the most beautiful views. The children were brilliantly behaved and really immersed themselves in all activities on offer. A big thank you to our incredible staff for giving up the additional time to support the stop-over. We hope to do this more regularly from now on- so watch this space!

At Tilstock we feel it is really important to ensure our children are inspired for their futures, and to think about what they want to do when they grow up! So, on that note, we have been planning a rather special day for the whole school and have had confirmation of local businesses and organisations across our local community to join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> June for our Aspire Day. This will be a day where our children will experience the career pathways of individuals from local businesses to inspire them into thinking about their own futures. We have builders, paramedics, opticians, personal trainers, and some top star chefs! We will let you know more details nearer the time. If you feel you would like to talk about your career on the day, please let us know - we would love to hear from you!

Next week we have Sports Day for Squirrels, Otters, and Badgers classes on Friday 16th June at 9:30am, of which parents and grandparents of children are welcome to attend. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and we have our fingers crossed for some sunshine! Please check Class Dojo for further details!

Take care and have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Rowena Kaminski*  
**Headteacher**



### Our school value this term is JOY!



**What this value means to us:** *Personal happiness, the happiness of others, creating an atmosphere that helps everyone relax, setting a positive tone for a group of people, making everyone welcome, finding ways together to overcome problems, giving everyone the opportunity to flourish, contributing to the health of all. To find out more click [here!](#)*

**Our chosen bible story:** *The lost coin*

**Our chosen worship songs:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful & Who Put The Colours in The Rainbow?*

**Secular stories linked to this value:** *Augustus and His Smile by Catherine Rayner, Because of You by B. G. Hennessy, Where Happiness Begins by Eva Eland, Happiness is a Watermelon on Your Head by Daniel Hahn*

**Our prayer for this value:** *Dear God, Thank you that you want us to be happy. Please help us to look for ways to make other people happy. Please help us to share and to be kind. Amen.*

**Pupil home challenge:** *Can you share with us what gives you JOY? What do you enjoy doing? What are your hobbies, or things you like doing with family and friends? Or can you give us an example of how have you given JOY to others? Maybe you have helped someone, or maybe you have taken action to make someone happy? Share with us at [admin@til.mmat.co.uk](mailto:admin@til.mmat.co.uk) and we can add to our Values display or share in Worship!*



### REMINDERS & NOTICES

**Happy Birthday to Lucas, Ethan and Xavier who will celebrate their birthday this week! We hope you enjoy your special day!**

**Summer Fair! It is going to be a good one - Please join us and support our school!**



### Attendance Reminders - Persistent Absence:

**Persistent Absence is the name the Government gives to attendance below 90%.**

**By the end of the school year a child with 90% attendance would have missed 4 weeks of school.** We try to reduce the chances of children being persistently absent by regularly checking attendance and ensuring that the right adjustments are made for a child to come back to school. We do this with our Education Welfare Officer to ensure that the right support is in place, on time and in time to avoid persistent absence.

Parents/carers of registered pupils have a legal duty under the Education Act 1996 to make sure that children of compulsory school age attend school on a regular and full-time basis. Permitting unauthorised absence from school is an offence and parents/carers may be reported to the Local Education Authority if problems cannot be resolved by agreement.

### Tilstock Twinkle Tots



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Events at a glance:

**Otter Class lunch** - Monday 12th June  
**Sports Day:** Friday 16th June Times on class dojo  
**Bumblebee Class Assembly:** Monday 19th June 2:15pm  
**Aspire Day** (careers day for pupils): 21<sup>st</sup> June.  
**Squirrel Class Assembly:** Monday 26th June 2:15pm  
**Otter Class Assembly:** Monday 3rd July 2:15pm  
**Badger Class Assembly:** Monday 10th July 2:15pm  
**Badger Class lunch-** Monday 10th July  
**EYFS new parents' meeting:** 10th July 2023, 2-3pm  
**Science Fair:** Friday 7th July  
**Summer Fair:** Friday 14th July 3:00-5:30pm  
**Yr 6 Leavers service for Yr 6 parents:** Friday 21st July 9:30am  
**Last day of term:** Wednesday 26th July  
**Summer Holiday begins:** Thursday 27th July.  
**Autumn term starts:** Monday 4th September.



## NEWS

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

## WORSHIP



**Our Value this term: JOY** If any children have any examples of their own achievements, or goals they are working towards, then please let us know!

**Our bible stories this term:** The story of Nehemiah  
**Our Hymns this term:** One More step along the world I go, This little light of mine  
**Our Secular stories this term:** After the fall by Dan Santat

### Head Awards - Congratulations to our award winners this week:

**Bumblebees:** Orla & Darcey  
**Squirrels:** Thea & Finn  
**Otters:** Archie, Jessica & James  
**Badgers:** Gabriela & Libby

