



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year! This year has been a year of celebration, collaboration and community.

2023 also brought us the official welcome of a new King, and we knew this would be a very important historic occasion in our children's lives. The school, church and community came together to celebrate and to ensure it was a very special occasion for the children.

We were delighted to secure the Quality Mark for EYFS. This was an extremely proud moment for us as a school, as we were recognised for the high-quality provision, we offer our youngest learners giving them the best start in their education.

This academic year, was also the first time our new school values, introduced in 2022, had a full year's service. We wanted to mark the occasion with a value day. This year it was dedicated to the value *Aspire* with a goal to ensure that every pupil felt inspired by our community. The overwhelming support from businesses and organisations made the day a great success, and we hope this is the first of many. We have enjoyed many meaningful school trips including Dodford Farm, Pioneer Centre and BeWILDerwood.

Tilstock School has shown that it continues to grow and develop for the community it serves. This year has fully embraced the quote of 'It takes a village to raise a child' and through community, collaboration and celebration, I know each and every member of staff will continue to make a positive difference to our children's lives, and for that I am very proud to be part of it.

The Autumn term has always been my favourite term of the school calendar. It brings about new beginnings and endless possibilities, and I look forward to sharing these with you, the staff and the children in the new academic year - have a great Summer and I will see you in September!

*Mrs Rowena Kaminski*  
**Headteacher**



### Autumn Term topics and themes

Have a quick peak at the fabulous topics we will be learning about next term – more details to follow! We will post the new planners on our website soon!

<b>Badgers</b>	<i>Ancient Egypt</i>
<b>Otters</b>	<i>Great Fire of London</i>
<b>Squirrels</b>	<i>What makes Britain Great?</i>
<b>Bumblebees</b>	<i>Underground, Overground</i>

### Attendance Heroes this term

Congratulations to our Summer Attendance Heroes who have all had 100% attendance this term! Well done Heroes!



### Year 6 Alderford Waterpark

On Monday, Mr Paterson took our Year 6 children to Alderford for a fun Water Park session. They had a great time, and enjoyed making memories together!



### Staff news...

We are delighted to share with you that Mr Paterson has taken on the additional role of Key Stage 2 Leader and Miss Thomas as Key Stage 1 Leader. Mrs Finch, whilst undertaking her degree, is our Early Years Nursery Teacher in new class, Butterflies. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them and I know that they will have such a positive impact on our school development plans for the year ahead.

We also say goodbye to Miss Turton and Miss Vigon, who we will miss greatly. We thank them for the time they have spent at Tilstock and wish them the very best of luck for the future! Miss Vigon will continue working within the Marches Academy Trust at the Woodlands School in Wem, so I am sure we will still be seeing her regularly!



Did you know Miss Jones is a master baker? Just look at this beautiful cake she made for the Tilstock staff team! Also, more importantly, Miss Jones has been accepted to start her Masters in Psychology of Mental Health and Wellbeing, which she will complete whilst teaching with us at Tilstock- well done Miss Jones - we are very proud of you!

## WORSHIP

The value next term is: **HOPE**

Our chosen bible story:

- Jesus calms the storm
- Noah's Ark

Our chosen worship songs:

- Lord of all hopefulness
- Colours of the day
- Give me oil in my lamp

Secular stories linked to this value:

- Finding Nemo
- The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark (Jill Tomlinson)
- The World Made a Rainbow by Michelle Robinson
- La La La: A Story of Hope by Kate DiCamillo

## NEWS



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Events at a glance:

**Last day of term:** Wednesday 26th July

**Summer Holiday begins:** Thursday 27th July.

**Autumn term starts:** Monday 4th September.

**Harvest Festival:** Wednesday 27th September

**Half-term holidays:** Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November 2023

**PD DAY:** Monday 6th November 2023

### Happy Birthday to:

**Darcey, Alfie, Charlie, Thomas, Mateen, Mia, Jude, Hector, Leo, Maisie, Max, Conor, Caem, Rory**

who all celebrate their birthdays over the holidays! We hope you have a great time!

