

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope this bulletin finds you and your family well and that you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break, and it is my pleasure to welcome you to the new school year! It was so wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces at the gate this week.

This will be my sixth year as headteacher here at Tilstock and I am so excited to embark on another year of learning, growth, and discovery with our children. Our dedicated staff have been working diligently to prepare for the arrival of our children, ensuring that our classrooms are ready to provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environments for all.

This year, we are also introducing enhancements to our children's educational experience. These include jobs, roles and responsibilities for all children; weekly forest school sessions for every class on a half-termly rolling programme and weekly mindfulness reflection sessions. We believe these additions will greatly benefit our children and help them achieve their full potential.

I have spent the week visiting class and joining in with their creative and engaging activities. I have been so proud of how they have all settled back in so quickly and have got stuck into their learning. Each class is beginning their exciting new learning journeys. We have the 'Moon Landings' in Squirrels, 'The Industrial Revolution' in Otters and the 'Ancient Greeks' in Badgers. We will send these out to you next week, but as always, if there is any information you would like or want to find out a little bit more about your child's topic, please let us know.

We understand that the start of a new school year can bring about a mix of emotions for both children and parents. Please know that we are here to support you every step of the way. Our doors are always open, and we encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. Class teachers can be messaged on Class dojo and are always here to help.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can make this school year a successful and memorable one for all our children.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Take care.

*Mrs Rowena Kaminski*  
**Headteacher**



### Reminder of 'Drop off & Pick-up' times:

**School starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:00pm**

**The main playground gate and filed gate (at the bottom of the path) will be opened by a member of staff at 8:20am** for children to come through and go straight to their classrooms. Gates will be closed promptly at 8:30am.

At 3pm, you will be able to collect your child from the same gate.

Parents of Bumblebees (EYFS) will be able to use the demountable class gate for pick up and drop off with nursery children.

### Class Dojo:

We will be using Class Dojo as a way to keep you updated about important dates and class news.

Please make sure you have joined and have the app. If you have any problems doing this, please ask your child's teacher



## WORSHIP



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

What this means to us:-

- High expectations in everything we do
- Having resilience
- Having positive attitudes
- Working together to achieve our goals
- Understanding each child's hopes and dreams for the future.
- Believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something – courageous advocacy



This week in worship we learnt about [the story of Esther](#). We also sang the songs [Lord of all hopefulness](#) [Colours of the day](#) and [Give me oil in my lamp](#).

To watch the story and sing along with this term's hymns, click the blue links above.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Events at a glance:

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October:-** Harvest Festival in church 9:30am (parents welcome)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October:-** PD Day no children in school
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:-** Half term holidays
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:-** Children return to school
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:-** Children in Need Day (wear something yellow or spotty)
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November:-** Parents evening
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November:-** KS2 Panto trip (Otters & Badgers)
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:-** KS1 Panto trip (Squirrels)

**Happy Birthday to**

**RORY who celebrates his birthday this week. We hope you have a lovely time celebrating!**



## NEWS



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

