



Tilstock[†]

Part of the **Marches Academy Trust** 

Talking Heads

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on a new term, we are excited to focus on our school value: [Achieve](#). This value is at the heart of our Christian vision, which is to ensure every child shines bright and reaches for the stars, enabling them to live life in its fullness. Achieve is more than just a word; it is a call to action for our children, staff, and community. It embodies our commitment to excellence, perseverance, and the pursuit of personal bests. At Tilstock CE Primary School, we believe that every child has unique gifts and talents, and it is our mission to nurture these so that each child can achieve their full potential. Our Christian vision is rooted in the teachings of Jesus, who encouraged us to "let your light shine before others" (Matthew 5:16). By striving to achieve, our children are not only working towards their academic goals but also developing the character and resilience needed to navigate life's challenges. This holistic approach ensures that they are well-prepared to contribute positively to society and lead fulfilling lives. Throughout this term, we will be celebrating achievements big and small, recognising the hard work and dedication of our students. We will encourage them to set ambitious goals, support each other, and reflect on their progress. By doing so, we aim to create an environment where every child feels valued and inspired to reach for the stars.

As we enjoy the warmer weather, our current guidance for school aged children, is to wear a hat and apply a sunscreen before school. It is sufficient to apply in the morning as that should last the 6 hours they are at school for. In hot weather, children should never be out in full sunlight for more than their break/lunch time play (15-20mins) and should be wearing a hat. For any children who have skin issues or problems with application, please can you approach the school independently. This could for example include days when your child attends swimming lessons - If for any reason you would like your child to have sunscreen in school:- It should be clearly labelled with child's name on; handed directly to class teacher/staff to be stored somewhere safe in class; and It is only to be applied by the child, after asking class staff for their cream. I hope that makes sense but if you need any further clarification, please let us know.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Fossil find!

A few weeks ago Duke in Squirrels discovered a wonderful rock whilst digging in forest school which appeared to contain fossils! We got in touch with a local fossil expert- Peter from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust- who kindly came in and identified the fossil.

The fossil is a Bivalvia in limestone and arrived at Tilstock during the ice age! The children showed curiosity and respect during this session and loved finding out more. We love providing our children with enriching hands-on experiences which deepen their connection to nature and the history of the world around them.

Audio stories

Online audio stories for children: for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 primary school pupils, aged 4 - 11.

Stories cover a broad range of primary topics. Stories are grouped by theme and Key Stage and are typically about 5 minutes long.

Ideal for fostering speaking and listening skills and stimulating children's imaginations.

New stories added [here](#) week by week.

To celebrate 80 years of VE day on Thursday 8th May the children will be learning about the historic importance of this event and will end the day with a special afternoon tea party outside (weather permitting) 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Children are welcome to dress-up for the occasion either in party wear or 1940s dress (children can bring outfits to change into)

It will be a wonderful immersive event for the children and the opportunity to get together as a whole school to remember the celebration and joy felt all those years ago.

If you would like to donate cakes for the children for the occasion – they would be most welcome!

VE DAY
80th ANNIVERSARY

IF YOU'RE HAVING YOUR OWN AT-HOME VE DAY PARTY, YOU MIGHT WANT TO DRESS UP LIKE SOMEONE FROM 1945. HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR THE SORTS OF THINGS CHILDREN WOULD HAVE WORN TO A VE DAY PARTY:

A STRAW HAT OR BERET

IF YOU HAVE LONG HAIR, WEAR IT IN PLAITS WITH RIBBONS AT THE ENDS
IF YOU HAVE SHORT HAIR, TIE A RIBBON IN A BOW AROUND YOUR HEAD

A PLAIN SKIRT, WHITE BLOUSE AND V-NECK JUMPER OR CARDIGAN
A DRESS WITH SLEEVES - PLAIN, CHECKED OR DITSY FLORAL PATTERN
A DINAFORE (SLEEVELESS) DRESS WITH A BLOUSE UNDERNEATH

WHITE ANKLE SOCKS OR LONG SOCKS
SIMPLE BLACK SHOES

A FLAT CAP

SHORT HAIR COMBED IN A SIDE PARTING

A PLAIN BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT AND PLAIN GREY OR BLACK SHORTS
A V-NECK JUMPER OR TANK TOP

A BLAZER, OR PLAIN JACKET

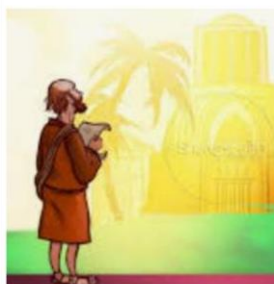
WHITE OR GREY LONG SOCKS WITH PLAIN DARK SHOES OR BOOTS

WORSHIP



Excellence

Excellence: striving always for mastery and personal success



Achieve

Not giving up
Try, try and try again
Sticking at a task; keep on keeping on
Seeing a learning task or project through to the end; exhibiting endurance
Ready for the next stage in our education

Our chosen bible story
The story of Nehemiah

Our worship song
One More Step Along The World I Go
This Little Light of Mine

Secular stories linked to this value

- *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)* by Dan Santat
- *Tilda Tries Again* by Tom Percival
- *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall
- *Almost Anything* by Sophy Henn

Our prayer for this value:
Dear Lord,
Thank you for my school and all the people who work here.
Thank you for all the children who learn here, too.
Please help us to think more, listen more and learn more this year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

Monday 5th May:- Bank holiday Monday (no children in school on this day)

Monday 26th May:- Half term holidays

Monday 2nd June:- Children return to school

Wednesday 11th June:- KS1 KS2 Sports Day 9-11am

Thursday 12th June:- EYFS Sports Day 9-10am

Friday 4th July:- Summer Fair 3-5pm

Wednesday 23rd July: Year 6 Bible presentations in Church

Thursday 24th July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 25th July:- Children break up for Summer holidays



NEWS

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

Happy birthday to: Lara-May, Thea, Adam and Martha

Who celebrate their birthdays this week and over the holidays. Have a great time celebrating



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