



Tilstock[†]

Part of the **Marches Academy Trust**

Talking Heads

Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents,

This week we had our first parent teacher hands-on workshop for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. It was a great success. This is a 6-week course on Building Blocks to Reading (Fostering a Love of Reading). This introduces parents to various rationales and practical activities from encouraging active listening, using nursery rhymes, songs, stories and poems, and phonics, and the kinds of questions and activities to facilitate comprehension skills. The sessions are every Wednesday 9-11am in the school hall, and parents can come in straight after drop-off at 8:30am for a cup of coffee and a chat before the session. See poster below for more details to book online or call the school office if you have any queries.

I have been wowed by the children in Badger class who have been collecting unwanted books, blankets, toys and clothes for their OneVoice project. The children will be sending your kind donations to the Shrewsbury Ark Charity shop to help homeless people. Well done Badgers!

What a scorcher! Thank you to everyone for remembering to send children to school in hats and full water bottles. It has been great to see the children enjoying the summer weather on the school field.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Sports Day Raffle - Thank you to everyone who bought tickets we raised a fantastic £89

Join us for our PTA meeting on Friday 27th June 9-10am

Summer Fair



★ You're Invited! ★

Join the Friends of Tilstock PTA
We're looking for new members with fresh ideas to help us raise vital funds for our wonderful school — and we would love for you to be part of it!

Date: Friday 27th June

Time: 9 - 10am

Whether you're full of fundraising ideas, great at organizing events, or just want to lend a hand, your support can make a big difference. Come along, meet other parents, and find out how you can get involved! Together, we can make Tilstock even better for our children.

Tea, coffee, and a warm welcome guaranteed! ☺☺



Attendance

We have noticed an increase in holidays being taken during term time, often without prior completion of the required holiday request forms. Additionally, there have been instances where children have returned to school reporting they were on holiday, despite being marked absent due to illness. These situations undermine the integrity of our attendance records and disrupt the learning process and will be passed onto to the Educational Welfare Officer to monitor and deal with case by case.

At Tilstock School, every lesson is carefully planned to ensure step-by-step progression in your child's learning. Missing school—even for a short period—can significantly impact your child's ability to meet age-related expectations and keep up with their peers.

Please be reminded of the following:

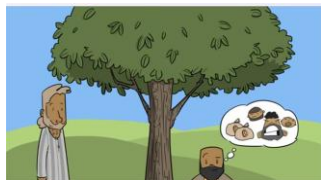
- Holidays during term time are not permitted unless approved by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances.
- All holiday requests must be submitted at least two weeks in advance using the appropriate form available from the school office.
- All absences must be reported to the school by 8:50am each day. Vague reasons such as “unwell” are insufficient and may be recorded as unauthorised.
- Unauthorised absences, including unapproved holidays, will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer for further action.
- Persistent Absence (attendance below 90%) is monitored closely and may result in formal intervention, including meetings, action plans, and in some cases, Fixed Penalty Notices or Prosecution.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable, and we are here to support you. If you are experiencing difficulties that affect your child's attendance, please contact us. Working together, we can ensure your child receives the education they deserve. Thank you for your continued support in prioritising your child's education.



This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of Joy

Our chosen worship songs this term are **All Things Bright and Beautiful** and **Who Put The Colours in The Rainbow?** This week in worship we learnt about The story of Zaccheus click [here](#) to find out more!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

Monday 30th June, Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July:- Yr 6 SJT transition days

Thursday 17th July:- Year 6 Bewilderwood trip

Friday 18th July:- Summer Fair 3-5pm

Wednesday 23rd July AM: Year 6 Bible presentations in Church

Tuesday 22nd July PM: Year 6 Leavers Assembly (time to be confirmed with staff)

Thursday 24th July:- Children break up for Summer holidays

Tuesday 2nd September:- Children return to school - Autumn term begins



**Happy birthday to:
Mia, Piotr, Louis and
James**

who celebrate their
birthdays this week.
Have a great time
celebrating



Free Family Learning Sessions

Tilstock

Building Blocks for Reading Workshops



Zillah Cope
Nursery and Primary Headteacher



Herefordshire,
Ludlow & North
Shropshire College

Learn how primary schools teach reading and how you can support your child's reading journey

Every Wednesday 9-11 am
From 18th June
To 23rd July



Book here. Limited availability



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