



Tilstock⁺

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Talking Heads

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at Tilstock - Our 12 Days of Christmas activities in school have brought so much joy and creativity to the classrooms. The children have been busy singing carols, making beautiful Christmas cards, and even baking festive treats—all experiences that make this time of year so special for them.

A special mention goes to Sennan in Badger Class, who wrote an outstanding piece explaining Hanukkah and the significance of this event in the Jewish calendar—a fantastic example of how we embrace and learn about different cultures and traditions.

As we head into the final week before the end of term, there are still lots of exciting events planned for the children. We want everyone to enjoy these celebrations safely, so please remind your child to wash their hands regularly and wrap up warm, as those winter bugs are flying around!

Thank you for your continued support in making this festive season so memorable for our pupils.

We can't wait to share more magical moments with you next week!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



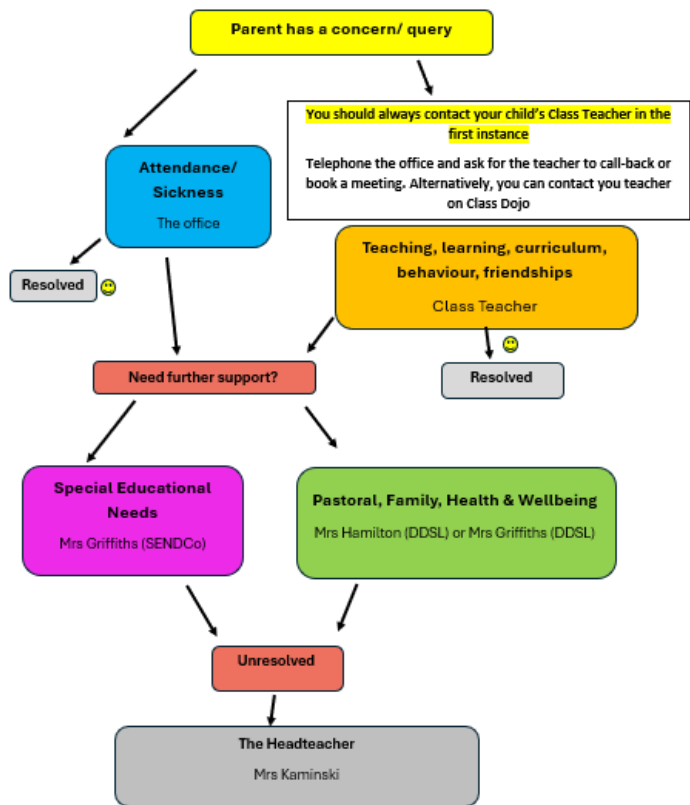
Paired Reading



The children in Squirrel class have been proudly sharing their paired reading. At our school, we know that strong foundations in reading open the door to lifelong learning. That's why we use paired reading in Key Stage 1—a simple but powerful approach where pupils read together, supporting and learning from each other.

Who do I contact if I have a concern or query?

To ensure we resolve any issues or concerns you have in the most efficient way, it's really important that you know who to contact and when.



Audio- books for the Winter season – listen to a book before bed 😊 CHRISTMAS IN ICELAND
Jason and his parents spend Christmas in Iceland – a wonderful country where ice and snow are guaranteed, and there are volcanoes too. But Jason is not happy. He's heard that Santa doesn't visit Iceland – and what use is Christmas without Santa? And it's true, they don't have Santa there – but they do have 13 Christmas Imps who bring presents. Well that's what their Icelandic friend says – but Jason doesn't believe a silly story like that – even when presents start arriving.
<https://www.storynory.com/christmas-in-iceland/>



Pen Licence



At our school, we believe that strong foundations lead to lifelong success. One of those foundations is the ability to write clearly, confidently, and with pride. That's why we're excited to introduce Pen Licences for our pupils.

A pen licence is more than just permission to use a pen—it's a recognition of hard work and achievement. When children demonstrate consistent, neat, and fluent handwriting, they earn the privilege of writing in pen. This milestone encourages pupils to take pride in their presentation and motivates them to keep improving.

This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of Nurture.
Our chosen worship songs this week were: [Kumbaya](#) and [When I needed a neighbour](#)
This week in worship we learnt about Hannukah. Watch the story of Hannukah [here](#).

WORSHIP



Did you know that the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree started in Germany over 400 years ago? People decorated trees with fruit, nuts, and candles to celebrate the festive season — and over time, it spread around the world, becoming the sparkly, colourful trees we see today!



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.
Events at a glance:

- Friday 12th December – Crib visits in Church – 1:30
- Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Concert – Village Hall – 6pm -7pm
- Friday 19th December – Theatre Trips – All day
- Friday 19th December – Last day of Term
- Monday 5th January – First day back at school
- Tuesday 6th January – Reception eye screening (in school)
- Monday 16th – 20th February – Half Term
- Monday 23rd February – PD Day
- Tuesday 24th February – Collaboration Day

Happy birthday to
Bertie, Elsie, Tommy, Finley, Ava
Who celebrate their birthdays this week - We wish you a very happy birthday!



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