



## Talking Heads


 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

My learning walks this week have highlighted some fantastic examples of hands-on learning and real-life contexts. We love giving children hands-on experiences that help bring abstract ideas to life and our Badgers class certainly had an unforgettable one! As part of their science unit on day and night and the Earth's rotation, the children enjoyed a live FaceTime call with Miss Thomas's sister-in-law... all the way in Australia! Despite it being 1pm in Tilstock, she took the children on a sunny walk down her street and showed them the moon in the Australian sky, explaining that the rest of her family were fast asleep. This real-time experience helped the children see first-hand how different parts of the world experience day and night simultaneously. Inspired by what they learned, Badgers pupils produced beautiful written explanations, showing a strong understanding of why we have day and night, and even created their own play-dough Earth models to demonstrate rotation. A truly memorable way to make learning meaningful!

Our Bumblebees have been busy exploring number bonds to 5 in the most hands-on, joyful way. Using egg cartons as their maths toolkits, the children collected sets of five and experimented with all the different ways numbers can come together to make 5.

Once they had built their combinations, each child proudly 'told a story of 5,' using a part-whole model to record their number sentences. It was wonderful to see their confidence blossom as they explained their thinking and showed how numbers can be broken apart and put back together again.

At Tilstock, we know that strong handwriting is about more than beautiful presentation - it strengthens the brain connections needed for accurate spelling, clearer thinking, and confident, independent writing. Today, we were delighted to award Pen Licences to pupils who have shown real care, fluency and consistency in their handwriting. This is an important milestone in their journey as growing writers. A huge well done to all our newly licensed pen users - we're very proud of your hard work and dedication!

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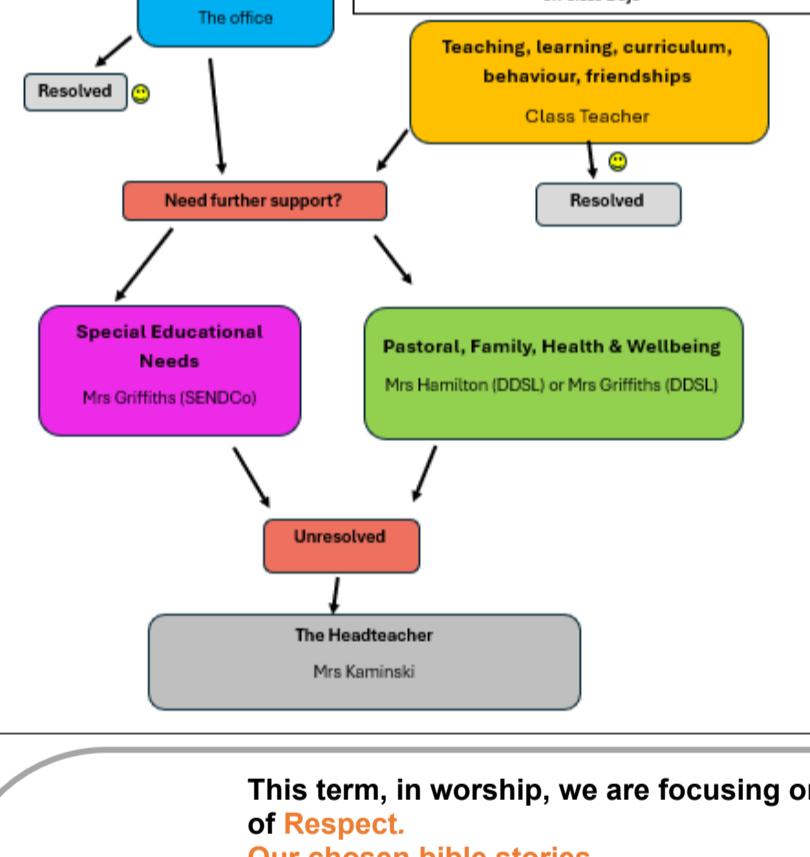


### Badger Science



### 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 😊

<https://www.storynory.com/chapter-1-wizard-of-oz/>

This week we have chosen 'The Wizard of Oz' – if you're a fan of the Wicked films, then this is the original story behind the movies.



### Pen Licences



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

#### Our chosen bible stories

- The story of Joseph
- The Ten Commandments
- Daniel and the lion's den
- Zaccheus the Tax Collector

#### Parables:

- The Good Samaritan
- The singing Shepherd boy
- Abraham and the three visitors

#### Our worship song

- Shine Jesus shine
- From the tiny ant



## WORSHIP



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

#### Events at a glance:

- 6<sup>th</sup> February:- NSPCC Number Day – no-uniform
- 12<sup>th</sup> February:- Saltmine Theatre visit into school
- 16<sup>th</sup> February:- Half-term holidays for one week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb PD Day (no children in school)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Collaboration Day (no children in school)
- 30<sup>th</sup> March:- Easter holiday starts.
- 13<sup>th</sup> April:- Summer term starts.



Happy birthday to

**Maya, Phoebe, Eliza, Ivy-Mae**

Who celebrate their  
birthdays this week - We  
wish you a very happy  
birthday!



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