



Tilston Parochial  
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.

*'Encourage one another and build each other up.'* Thessalonians 5:11

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you enjoyed the harvest service this afternoon, it was lovely to see so many families in church. We are very proud of the children for their performances today. A very big thank you for your generous contributions to our Harvest collection, we have a super array of goods to donate to the Whitchurch Foodbank. The donations will remain in church for the service on Sunday and I will deliver them to the Foodbank on Tuesday with our Head Boy and Girl, Archie and Sienna.



### Attendance

Our overall attendance target for 2023-2024 is 97%.

Wrens	Robins	House Martins	Kestrels
98.2%	96.5%	97.9%	97.5%

We want to emphasise the critical importance of excellent attendance for your children's education and overall wellbeing. Regular attendance at primary school sets the foundation for a successful academic journey. It allows children to actively participate in class, engage with their peers, and build essential social skills. Moreover, consistent attendance ensures that your child doesn't miss out on crucial lessons and experiences that are vital for their development. By prioritising attendance, you are not only nurturing their educational growth but also promoting their emotional and social wellbeing.

### Holiday Requests

We have received several requests for holidays during term time and I would like to draw your attention to the section below from our Attendance Policy. Whilst I do appreciate the cost of holidays is significantly cheaper during term time, we have to implement the Department of Education's Attendance Guidance.

### Leave of Absence

'Parents are requested to arrange their family holidays within the school holidays, rather than in term time. In line with amendments made in the Education Regulations 2013, **Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless they are exceptional circumstances.'**

Any parents/ carer wishing to request leave of absence for their son/daughter should complete a request for absence form, available from the school office. Completed forms should be sent for consideration to the Headteacher ahead of any request. All requests will be responded to in writing and returned within 7 days.

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It should be noted that if any application is declined and a consecutive five or more unauthorised day's absence occurs, Tilston Primary may apply for a Fixed Penalty Notice. The Penalty Notice is issued individually to each parent/ carer who fail to ensure their children's regular attendance in school by Cheshire West and Chester. The penalty is £60 per parent/ carer, per child if paid within 21 days rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. Non-payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice may result in prosecution in the Magistrates Court. If proved guilty, the parents/ carers will receive a criminal record.

I would like to thank you all for arriving at school before the gates close at 8:50am. We have seen a significant improvement which is reflected in how settled the children are and ready to learn at the start of the day.

### **Cross Country**

We were pleased the cross-country event went ahead last night and the children had a great time; they braved the rain, tried their best and were all excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done Team Tilston!



### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evening bookings will open at 12 noon on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October and close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at noon. Please book via the School Spider app. Please refer to the information leaflet sent out for setting up and activating your account.

All 5-minute appointments will be face to face and take place in the main school hall.

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## Hello Yellow

We will be joining thousands of people for the world mental health day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October by saying #HelloYellow. The children's committee would like to ask all children to wear yellow in exchange for a small donation of £1 for Young Minds.



On Tuesday, we will join together for a special assembly, led by the chair and vice chair of the children's committee to raise awareness of mental health. The children would like to run a cake sale at breaktime and are asking for donations of cakes which they can sell for 50p. Thank you in advance for supporting the children in raising money for this great cause.

## Christmas Cards

All children will be coming home on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October with a template to create their own Christmas card design, if they wish to. Please return your designs to school by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October as they will be collected by courier on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. Your child's designs will be uploaded on the Cauliflower Card online store and you will have the option of buying a range of personalised gifts. Details will be on the paperwork sent home. Orders will be delivered to school.

The school will get commission from the sales and the School Committee have been asked to consider how best to spend the money raised.



Our personal development goal this week is **'Don't give up.'** Well done to the following children for showing perseverance and resilience this week.



## Stars of the Week



<b>YR</b>	Evelyn: persevering with her P.E skills
<b>Y1</b>	Elsie: working hard and not giving up on her maths ninja work
<b>Y2</b>	Rowan: never giving up on her maths work when it gets tricky
<b>Y3</b>	Oliver: working hard and not giving up
<b>Y4</b>	Emerson: trying hard in his learning
<b>Y5</b>	Sophia: never giving up and always trying hard
<b>Y6</b>	Sam: not giving up on long division

## Hockey Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no after school hockey club on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Parents will be refunded for this session.

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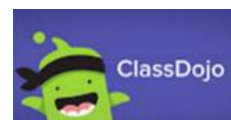
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Next week's menu is **WEEK 3**  
[Layout 1 \(tilston.cheshire.sch.uk\)](http://tilston.cheshire.sch.uk)




### Our Star Hand Writers

Reception	Dotty
Year 1	Sofia
Year 2	Clara
Year 3	Beatrix
Year 4	Harrison
Year 5	James
Year 6	Archie K



The Class Dojo Champions this week are the **Robins**. Well done for always being **ready, respectful and safe**.

Wrens & Bluebell Nursery	Robins	House Martins	Kestrels
481	577 	513	346

### Apple Day

Mrs Edwin Scott will be leading a special assembly in school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October to promote the fun 'Apple Day' being held on the Tilston Playing Fields on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please see the attached poster for details.



### Prayer of the week: Olivia Ruffle (Year 3)

Dear God,  
Help us to be ready, respectful and safe at all times.  
To love one another and build each other up.  
Help us to respect your world, and to help to reduce global warming, littering and hurting your wonderful animals.  
We also want you to help us help people in need, and to help them come out on top.  
We want no people to be cruel to each other, we thank you for all you have done.  
Amen

Wishing you all a lovey weekend.

Yours sincerely

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## 2023-2024 Dates

Please see below dates of all school events for this academic year.

Dates are subject to change.



Autumn Term 2023		
Date	Time	Event/Venue
08/10/2023	9:45am	St Mary's Church Harvest Festival service
25/10/23	1:15-6pm	Parents' Evening (5 min appointments)
27/10/23 Half Term		
06/11/23		Autumn (B) term starts- school open to all children
21/11/23		Tempest Photography- individual and family photographs
05/12/23	1:30pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity- Grandparents only
06/12/23	1:30pm & 6pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity (Details to follow)
07/12/23		Save the Children- Christmas Jumper Day
15/12/23		The Storyhouse theatre trip Years 1-6 Cinderella
17/12/23	6:30pm	Carol Service at St Mary's Church (All welcome)
20/12/23	1:30pm	KS2 Christingle Service in school (Grandparents only) 6:30pm- St Mary's Church (KS2 children only)
21/12/23- Christmas Holidays		
Spring Term 2024		
08/01/24	Pupils return (Spring Term)	
09/01/24	1:30-2:30pm swimming starts (Y3/4) fortnightly, 6 sessions)	
12/02/24	Mid-year data reports sent home	
19-23/02/24	Half Term	
26/02/24	Inset Day (School open to staff only)	
4-6/03/24	Y5/6 Residential Robinwood	
20/03/24	1:15-7pm	Parents' Evening (10 min appointments)
27/03/24	2pm	Easter Service (All pupils) Parents welcome at St Mary's Church
27/03/24 Break Up Easter Holidays		
28/03/24	Inset Day	
Summer Term 2024		
15/04/24	Pupils return	
17 & 18/04/24	Y3/4 Residential Burwardsley	
06/05/24	May Day Bank Holiday	
24/05/24	Inset Day	
27/05/24	Half term	
07/06/24	Sports Day followed by TSA Summer Fair	
12/06/24	9am	Tempest- Class photos
23/07/24	Pupil finish- summer holidays	
24/07/24	Inset Day	

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