



Tilston Parochial  
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.

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

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you for joining us this week for our Christmas nativity performances. The children read with confidence and retold the Christmas Story beautifully. The singing was exceptional, and it was lovely to see the children having so much fun. We have received so many lovely comments, we are glad you enjoyed it and appreciate your kind words.



The  
Children's  
Society

### Christingle (KS2)

We are looking forward to our Christingle service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The service starts at **6.30 pm** and we would like all the children in church at **6.15 pm** in their school uniforms. Please let us know if your child is not attending. The cubes of hope will be collected during the service.

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## Personal Development

This week's personal development goal is **improve**. Well done to the following children who have shown an improvement this week.



## Stars of the Week



<b>YR</b>	Charlotte: improving her confidence performing the nativity
<b>Y1</b>	Alfie: improving his confidence in maths
<b>Y2</b>	Oliver W: improved confidence across the curriculum
<b>Y3</b>	Beatrice: showing great improvement in literacy
<b>Y4</b>	Rory: improving concentration and focus in his work
<b>Y5</b>	Sam: an improved attitude towards maths
<b>Y6</b>	Harriet: working hard to edit and improve her writing in literacy

Next week's menu is **WEEK 2**

[http://www.tilston.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/7660466](http://www.tilston.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/7660466)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Dinner**

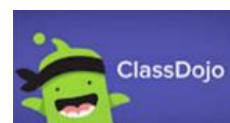
**Day!** All the staff will help to make the day very special with decorated tables, Christmas music and Christmas party hats. If children would like a packed lunch, they will join the rest of school so we can all eat together and have a special time together.



**Our Star Hand Writers**



<b>Reception</b>	Ivy
<b>Year 1</b>	Florence C
<b>Year 2</b>	Beth
<b>Year 3</b>	Ralph
<b>Year 4</b>	Noah
<b>Year 5</b>	Izaac
<b>Year 6</b>	Megan



The Class Dojo Champions this half term are the Robins with 2468 points. Well done everyone.

<b>Wrens &amp; Bluebell Nursery</b>	<b>Robins</b>		<b>House Martins</b>	<b>Kestrels</b>
1250	<b>2468</b>		1919	2220



This week's lunchtime award goes to Elle for always being kind and helpful.

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## **Cheshire West and Chester- Cost of living support**

It is currently a really challenging time for a number of families across west Cheshire. Families may be worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport. The cost of living is rising, and this could have an impact on all aspects of finances. Families may want help accessing welfare rights, benefits and debt advice, support getting all the money they're entitled to, or simply want to know more about national recent support measures.

Whatever their money worries may be, the Council has put together some useful information to help.

The page includes a wealth of information including the Household Support Fund, the Council's HELP Scheme, Warm Welcoming Spaces and much more.

- Visit: [Cost of living support](#)

At Tilston School, we want to assure parents that all activities planned through school or the TSA are inclusive to all. If any families need some financial support, please contact me in confidence and I will look at ways we can support you.

## **Free School Meals**

### **Do you qualify?**

You may be able to claim free school meals. All key stage one pupils will automatically receive them. You need to apply to Cheshire West and Chester if you are receiving one of the benefits listed below as your school can claim additional funding which can help towards equipment and resources.

We encourage all parents, including KS1 parents, to apply if you think you may be eligible. If you meet the criteria, the school will receive additional funding, called pupil premium, which can be used to support the cost of trips, residential visits and additional support in school.

You will qualify if you are receiving one of the following benefits.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

### **Do you receive Working Tax credit?**

If you or a partner receive Working Tax Credit regardless of income you will not qualify for free school meals.

**Please click on the link below to apply:** [Apply for free school meals - Your data - Self \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](#)

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## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your kind donations for Save the Children, we raised £62.30. The children enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers and getting in the Christmas spirit together.



## Spring Term 2023

Please see the timetable below for when your child/ren will be having PE or outdoor exploring next half term. The spring term starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and sessions will start from the first week.

Class	Wrens & Bluebell Nursery	Robins	House Martins	Kestrels
Outdoor Exploring	<b>Wednesday</b> (Please provide a warm winter coat/hat/scarf and gloves)	<b>Thursday</b> (Please provide a warm winter coat/hat/scarf and gloves)		
PE	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>

## Year 6 ONLY

### SATS Bootcamp

From Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, Miss Winter will run a weekly SATS Bootcamp for all year 6 children from 3:15-4:15pm. We strongly encourage all children to attend the weekly club to prepare for their SATS assessments in May. This year we are asking for a £20 donation per child to cover the costs of the resources we provide each child with to prepare for the statutory assessments. Please consent and pay using the online payment system.

Miss Winter will lead a SATS information meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February for parents to talk through the tests dates and share passed papers.



### Prayer of the week: Harriet & Izaak

Dear Lord,  
As Christmas time approaches,  
Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas.  
Please let us to be thankful for the precious time with our family and friends.  
Please keep us safe at this time of year,  
Amen

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We are looking forward to making next week very special for your children. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Kelsey Mort



### Next week's events

Dates for next half term		
Date	Event	Time/venue
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Grandparent Christingle Service	Tilston School- 2pm
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	TSA Christmas Wreath Making workshop	Please see flyer for details
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day	Staff and children will celebrate Christmas together  Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers with their school uniform/PE kit
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christingle Service (KS2 children only) All children are expected to take part in this service.	6:30pm St Mary's Church <b>Two tickets per family.</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Holidays We have a planned inset day on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 <b>School opens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Carol Service	St Mary's Church 6:30pm

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