Tilston Parochial
CE Primary Academy

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

Date: 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest Festival Service
A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and families who joined us last Friday for our wonderful Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church. It was a lovely occasion, with every child from Nursery through to Year 6 taking part. The children shared an important message about thankfulness, reminding us to be grateful for the harvest, the wonderful food we enjoy and the many blessings in our lives. It was a joy to see them singing with such enthusiasm, speaking with confidence and sharing meaningful messages from the Bible. We are incredibly proud of them all.

A special thank you to Mr Gilbert for leading our Harvest service so beautifully. Mr Gilbert and his wife, Tess, will also be leading the next All-Age Service at St Mary's Church on Sunday 1st November at 9:45am. Everyone is invited to attend. These services are very child-friendly, and I know you will receive a wonderfully warm welcome if you would like to join them.

Whitchurch Foodbank
A huge thank you for your kind and generous donations this Harvest. Our Worship Leaders had the pleasure of personally delivering your gifts to Whitchurch Foodbank.

A special thank you to the volunteers at the Foodbank for taking the time to show the children around the centre and explain the incredible work they do to support families in our local community. It was a valuable experience for our children and a lovely opportunity to see how our school community's kindness and generosity can make a real difference to others.







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A lovely message from the foodbank
Hello Tilston and Good Afternoon Mrs Mort

Hannah tells me that she was delighted to meet three young pupils and a member of your staff at the Food Bank yesterday, bringing donations from their Harvest at School. Hannah says the donations were *amazing*, and actually weighed 107 kgs!! THANK YOU SO MUCH, TILSTON for your support - we are *truly* most grateful to you all - fantastic!!

Please, do pass on our sincere thanks to all those children and their parents who supported your Harvest appeal in any way!

We are supported by *all* our schools, churches and chapels at Harvest nowadays, from near and far, which is truly amazing! For, what would we do without all the support from you wonderful people I ask myself - the answer, I fear, would be unthinkable!!

We do have a Motto at Whitchurch Food Bank - **"Never forget that *every* item we receive, makes a *world* of difference to *someone* in despair" - So THANK YOU TILSTON, once again, for your support enabling us to help those families when *they are* in despair! - *Bless you!***

(I was told that Hannah was able to give your little party a small tour of our Food Bank, and I'm sure she would have enjoyed talking to the children)

Once again, *many* thanks for your wonderful support, and all Good Wishes!

PAULINE STOKES - Secretary to Whitchurch Food Bank

Parents' Evening
A big thank you to everyone who joined us, either in person or online, for Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely for our teachers to have the opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, share the progress they are making and discuss the next steps in their learning.

We would also like to say a special thank you for all the lovely, positive comments and feedback we received. Your kind words mean a great deal to our staff and are very much appreciated. We are incredibly fortunate to have such supportive families and truly value the strong partnerships between home and school. Thank you for your continued encouragement, kindness and support.

School Meals
Our new school menu is already proving very popular with the children! It has been lovely to see pupils enjoying the new choices and trying a variety of delicious meals.

Next week's menu is WEEK 3
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Extra-Curricular Clubs (Autumn B)
We are delighted to offer a range of extra-curricular clubs next half term, providing children with exciting opportunities to develop new skills, explore their interests and have fun with their friends.

Please book your child's place via School Money. Kindly note that the dates and times vary between clubs, so please check the details carefully before booking.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Cost	Time
Monday	Craft Club- Ditzy Rose	KS2- Years 3,4,5 & 6	Total- £40.00	3:15-4:30pm
Tuesday	Choir- Mrs Edwards	KS2	Free	12:30-1:00pm
Tuesday Starting Tuesday 3rd Nov- last session Tuesday 8th Dec	Computing- Mrs Hughes	KS2	£6.00 per session Total- £36.00	3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday Every Wednesday- starting wed 3rd Nov and last session Wed 16th Dec	Sports Club	KS1 & KS2 (years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6)	£6.00 per session Total- £42.00	3:15-4:15pm

The Class Dojo Champions this half term are the Kestrels.
Well done for always being **ready, respectful and safe.**

Wrens	**Robins**	**Kestrels**	**House Martins**
2061	2997	**3065**	2983

Values Ambassadors
Our Values Ambassadors have made our celebration worship even more special by recognising and praising individual children for living out our core Christian values.

Value/Values Ambassador	Children we are very proud of and why
Joy- Fearne	Julian: for always being joyful at breaktime
Courage- Phoebe	Finn: for showing courage this week
Community- Beatrix	Jasmine: for being kind and trustworthy
Trust- Jasmine	Henry (Nursery) for being brave at the Harvest Festival
Friendship- Georgia	Theo: for being a good friend to everyone
Respect- Beth	Isla-Mae: for always sitting respectfully in worship



Well done to the following children for their fantastic work towards our personal development focus this week — **Try New Things.**

They have shown wonderful courage, confidence and enthusiasm by stepping outside their comfort zones, embracing new challenges and having a go at something different. They have demonstrated that trying new things helps us develop new skills, discover hidden talents and grow in confidence. We are so proud of their positive attitudes, determination and willingness to give things a go, even when they seem a little challenging!

Stars of the Week

N	Nursery: their 1st performance in church
YR	Theo: trying new foods in science
Y1	Otis: showing increased confidence and resilience
Y2	Emilia: tackling tricky situations and tasks with a smile on her face!
Y3	Remy: trying new ways to concentrate on his learning
Y4	Sofia: finding new ways to succeed in literacy
Y5	Alby: contributing great ideas in class
Y6	Elvis: trying new methods in maths

Neat and Improved Handwriting Award	
Reception	James
Year 1	Florence S
Year 2	Verity
Year 3	Jacob
Year 4	Isla-Mae
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Fearne

Presentation Award	
Robins	Oliver
House Martins	Joss
Kestrels	Clara







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Wrens	98.1%
Robins	98.4% ★
House Martins	98.2%
Kestrels	97.5%

It's great to see everyone working so hard to achieve our 97.2% target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for this week is

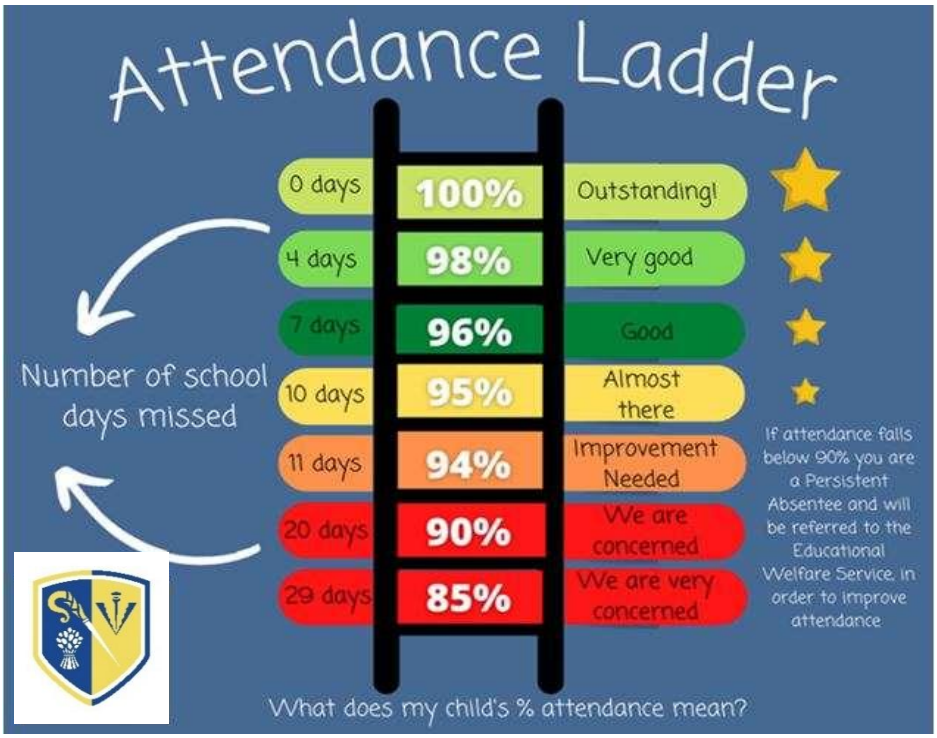
★ **97.9%** ★

Our attendance for the year to date

Tilston	98.3%
National	96.3%
CWAC	96.8%

Everyday Counts!

This Week's Attendance



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

NWAT Friday League – A Fantastic End to the Half Term!
What a wonderful way to finish a busy half term with our NWAT Friday League! Today, our Year 5/6 children enjoyed a fantastic morning of football and netball, welcoming pupils from Grosvenor Park Academy in Chester for a friendly tournament. We were also very lucky with the weather, as the rain held off and we managed to enjoy all the matches in the dry!

All the children were fabulous ambassadors for our school, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the games. A special thank you to our brilliant Sports Leaders, who did a fantastic job refereeing the matches and taking on this important responsibility.

It was lovely to welcome the children and staff from Grosvenor Park to Tilston and round off such a busy half term with a fun, friendly and enjoyable sporting event. We are already looking forward to our next Friday League fixture!

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Prayer of the week (Worship Leaders- Beth & Georgia)

Dear God,

Thank you for this school week, for the water we drink and the food we eat. Please help us to show our British Values this year and may we all have a lovely half term break.

Amen.

Have a wonderful half term. School will be open to all children on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely

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Autumn Term 2026

Key Dates for Parents

Please see below dates of all school events for the Autumn Term 2026. Dates are subject to change.

Date	Time	Event / Venue
Tuesday 15th September	6pm	KS2 Maths Information Meeting (Mrs Hughes) Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 16th September	6pm	Reception Phonics Information Meeting (Mrs Edwards & Mrs Bryan)
Thursday 17th September	6pm	KS2 Reading Information Meeting (Mrs Callister) Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 23rd September	6pm	Reception Maths Information Meeting (Mrs Edwards & Mrs Hughes)
Friday 25th September	8–8:40am	**TSA Big Breakfast** – Come along and enjoy breakfast together before the school day begins. It's a lovely opportunity for our school community to get together and support our fantastic TSA. We hope to see lots of you there!
Wednesday 30th September		**Wow basketball** – Inspirational assembly/class workshops. (A special thanks to Mr Gerrard for funding this sports event)
Sunday 11th October		St Mary's Church Harvest Festival (Please see the church website for details)
Tuesday 13th October	6pm	TSA Annual General Meeting – All welcome!
Friday 16th October	2pm	Harvest Festival – All children will be taking part in this event. Further information and full details will follow shortly.
Wednesday 21st October	1:15–4:45pm 5–7pm (online)	**Parents' Evening** – Face to face appointments (1:15–4:45pm) and online (5–7pm). Appointments will be available to book via the School Spider app. Details will follow shortly.
Friday 23rd October		**Break Up – Half Term**
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half Term		
Monday 2nd November		School opens for all pupils
Sunday 8th November	9:30am	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church – Details to follow
Friday 13th November		**Bonfire Bingo – TSA Event** *Details to follow!*
Wednesday 11th & 18th November		Outdoor Exploring – am Kestrels / pm EYFS
Wednesday 11th November	2:45–3:15pm	Y6 SATS Information Meeting for Parents
Friday 4th December	3:15–4:15pm (EYFS & KS1) 4:30–5:30pm (KS2)	TSA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 8th December	2pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity (Grandparents only)
Wednesday 9th December	2pm & 6pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity (2 tickets allocated for each family per performance) Details to follow
Thursday 10th December		Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'
Friday 11th December	10:30am showing	Years 1–6 Storyhouse 'Rapunzel'
Tuesday 15th December	2:30pm	KS2 Christingle (Grandparents only)
Wednesday 16th December	6pm	KS2 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church (All KS2 children are expected to attend)
Wednesday 16th December		Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December		Break Up – Christmas
Sunday 20th December	6:30pm	St Mary's Church Christmas Carol service – All Welcome
Monday 4th January 2027 – Inset Day (School closed for pupils)		
Tuesday 5th January – School Opens		

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