

**TILLINGTON
MANOR**
PRIMARY SCHOOL



A message from the Headteacher

How quickly has this half term gone and how many things have we already achieved—new classes, meet the teacher, Harvest festival, Halloween discos, Hello yellow, Y6 residential, Clubs, Assessments, Black History month, reading café, selecting school council, choosing house captains...and then there is all of the teaching and learning, too! Wow, we have been busy.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the new Nursery and Reception children, and see them settle in to Tillington life.

We have also welcomed two new Parent Governors, Mrs Hodsdon and Mr Williams, who I look forward to working with.

Working at Tillington is always an absolute privilege and this half term has cemented that. The leadership Team have carried out learning walks and observations as part of our continual monitoring of the standards of teaching and learning. We have been thrilled with our findings, confirming what we already know about our staff and pupils at Tillington.

A big thank you to our staff for all of their hard work this half term. They have really supported all of your children to be the best that they can. Without their compassion and dedication, we wouldn't be the terrific Team Tillington that we are.

Your very proud Headteacher,

Mrs Brockhurst

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are planned in and on the dates



listed. These are short 15 minute assemblies where the children will share their learning journey with you and practice their 'performing to an audience' skills, which is part of our curriculum. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Thank you to Y6 who have started us off!



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<https://www.facebook.com/TillingtonManorPrimarySchool/>

<https://twitter.com/TillingtonManor>

School Website

<https://www.tillingtonmanor.staffs.sch.uk/>



Dates

| Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| <p>Wed 11th Sept – Meet the Teacher</p> <p>Thurs 3rd Oct – National Poetry day</p> <p>Thurs 3rd Oct – Reading Café 9-9.45</p> <p>Fri 4th Oct – School photos</p> <p>Mon 7th Oct– Dyslexia Awareness Week</p> <p>Mon 7th Oct – Y6 Standon Bowers</p> <p>Thurs 10th Oct–Mental Health Awareness Day—Hello Yellow!</p> <p>Tues 22nd Oct – Harvest at Church (pupils only)</p> <p>Oct – Black History Month</p> <p>Thurs 24th Oct – Y6 Class Assembly @ 9am</p> <p>Thurs 24th Oct–PTFA Halloween discos</p> <p>Mon 28th Oct- Fri 1st Nov – Half term</p> <p>Mon 11th Nov – Remembrance Day assembly</p> <p>Mon 11th Nov- Anti bullying week—Odd socks Day, EYFS—World Nursery rhyme week</p> <p>Thurs 14th Nov – Parents Evening 4-7pm</p> <p>Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need</p> <p>Mon 18th Nov- Road Safety week</p> <p>Mon 18th Nov – Flu Spray Vaccine</p> <p>Thurs 21st Nov – Y5 class assembly @ 9am</p> <p>Thurs 5th-Wed 11th – Book Fair in School</p> <p>Wed 4th Dec—Y1/2 Christmas crafts @2pm</p> <p>Thurs 5th Dec—Y3/4 Christmas crafts @2pm</p> <p>Mon 9th—Choir@St Mary's church 1pm</p> <p>Thurs 12th Dec– EYFS Nativity @ 2pm</p> <p>Wed 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day</p> <p>Monday 16th Dec—EYFS Lower Drayton Farm Visit</p> <p>Tue 17th Dec – Christingle at Church (pupils only)</p> <p>Wed 18th Dec – Selection box raffle</p> <p>Fri 20th Dec – Finish for Christmas</p> | <p>Mon 6th Jan – INSET-School closed</p> <p>Tue 7th Jan – School opens</p> <p>Thurs 9th Jan – Y1-Y6 Trip to New Vic</p> <p>Thurs 23rd Jan – Y1 Class assembly @9am</p> <p>Fri 7th Feb – NSPCC Number Day</p> <p>Tue 11th Feb – Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Thu 13th Feb—Y3 class assembly @ 9am</p> <p>Fri 14th Feb - Y3 visit to Tamworth Castle</p> <p>Mon 17th– Fri 21st Feb – Half Term</p> <p>Thurs 27th Feb– Y5/6 Young Voices</p> <p>Fri 28th Feb– Schools Gotta Sing @ Gatehouse</p> <p>Thurs 6th March – World Book Day</p> <p>Mon 10th March—Y6 and Reception group photos</p> <p>Thurs 13th March – Parents Evening 4-7pm</p> <p>Mon 17th March—PTFA Movie Night Y1-6 3.15-4.45pm</p> <p>Thurs 20th March—Y4 class assembly @ 9am</p> <p>Tues 25th March – Y1/Y2 Mother's Day workshop @ 2pm</p> <p>Wednesday 26th March – EYFS Mother's Day workshop @ 2pm</p> <p>Mon 31st March -Y2 visit to Ancient High House</p> <p>Tue 2nd April – Autism Awareness Day</p> <p>Thurs 10th April—PTFA Easter Egg raffle</p> <p>Fri 11th April – Finish for Easter</p> <div data-bbox="600 1767 997 2107" data-label="Image"> </div> | <p>Mon 28th April – School Opens</p> <p>Fri 2nd May-Schools Gotta Dance @Gatehouse</p> <p>Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday</p> <p>Wed 7th May- Y4 visit from Rodbaston Animal Zone</p> <p>Thursday 8th May—Y2 class assembly@ 9am</p> <p>Mon 12th–Thurs 15th May – Y6 SATS</p> <p>Friday 16th May—Y6 Town Park visit</p> <p>TBC – Y2 SATS</p> <p>Thurs 22nd May –Reception class assembly</p> <p>Thurs 22nd-Fri 23rd May – Base Camp for Y3</p> <p>Mon 26th May – Fri 29th May – Half Term</p> <p>Mon 2nd June – INSET</p> <p>Tue 3rd– Fri 6th June – Y4 MTC</p> <p>Thurs 5th-Wed 11th – Book Fair in School</p> <p>Monday 9th June – Y5 Black Country Museum visit</p> <p>Mon 9th – Fri 13th June – Y1 Phonics Screening</p> <p>Mon 9th June – Father's Day workshop EYFS 2.30-3.15</p> <p>Tue 10th June – Father's Day workshop Y1/2 2.30-3.15</p> <p>Wed 11th June – Father's Day workshop Y3/4 2.30-3.15</p> <p>Wed 11th June—EYFS visit to Sealife centre</p> <p>Thurs 12th June – Father's Day workshop Y5/6 2.30-3.15</p> <p>Fri 20th June – SPORTS DAY and picnic</p> <p>Wed 25th June– New to Reception welcome meeting 6pm</p> <p>Fri 27th June—Non-uniform for fair donations</p> <p>Mon 30th June– Summer Fair 3.15-5pm</p> <p>Thurs 3rd July – Y6 production @ 1.30pm and 5.30pm</p> <p>Tue 8th and Wed 9th—Y6 to SGBH(transition)</p> <p>Thurs 10th July – Y6 Harry Potter World</p> <p>Tue 15th July—PTFA End of Term discos</p> <p>Thurs 17th July – Y6 leavers assembly 1.45pm</p> <p>Thurs 17th July – Y6 leavers event in school (pupils only) 4pm</p> <p>Friday 18th July—End of Term</p> <p>Monday 21st July –INSET</p> <p>TBC - Y1 visit to Dudley Zoo</p> |

Staffing Updates

GOODBYE

We would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs McGann and Mrs Jackson, two of our lunch time supervisors. Thank you for all of the support you have given the children at Tillington. We wish you the best of luck!



Congratulations to Mrs Turner who has had a baby boy, Alexander, to add to her family. We are really pleased for you and can't wait to meet him.



We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school.

The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way.

After half term, you will get an email so that you can create your account, log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

Our Junior Leadership Team

We have a number of pupils in our school who are part of our Junior Leadership Team. These pupils represent the children in our school and share their views.

School office monitors



These children cover Miss Sharples lunch break and give up one lunch time a week to do this, on rotation. The children have had training from Mrs Brockhurst and Miss Sharples, and they know our golden safeguarding rules.

School Council

Our school council reps meet once every fortnight, collecting views of their class and bringing ideas to improve their school.



Y3—Benjamin and Abbi, Y4—Isabella and Joseph

Y5—Tyreese and Layla, Y6—Nathaniel and Molly

House Captains

These children lead the four houses in school;

Tigers, **Panthers**, **Leopards** and **Lions**.





Our New Gates

We are really pleased to have had the new gates installed to further increase safeguarding measures at Tillington. Despite some initial teething problems, they are now working well.

We are having some signs put up to remind you how to operate them, but for now you just need to remember to press the green button in the picture to exit!



Visitors to School

At Tillington we have a daily assembly. Thursday sees our 'Visitor' assembly where visitors come to school to share things with the children. This half term we have welcomed Vicar Elaine, Dean from the Tennis Club, Grace from 'WOW' and Will from house of Bread.

If you know of anyone who would like to come and share something in assembly with the children, please contact the office.



The Reading Café

Thank you very much to all of you who came to the Reading Café. It was fantastic to see so many of you—many more than we expected!

We are always aiming to support children with their reading with weekly Reading Den visits, a large choice of books and engaging texts as part of our English curriculum.

We are always appreciative of any further support you can give at home. Thank you to Miss Hall for organising this event!



Hello Yellow for World Mental Health Day

On World Mental Health Day the children wore yellow to raise money for Young Minds, who raise awareness of mental health issues. In assembly, we talked about positive mental health and how we can encourage this by doing things we love or that help us to relax.

We raised £104! Thank you





Lost Property

There is so much lost property in school. This will be put underneath the canopy near the main office and removed at the end of each half term.

Please help us to reduce the amount of lost property by naming items of clothing so that we can easily return them to the children.



Harvest Festival



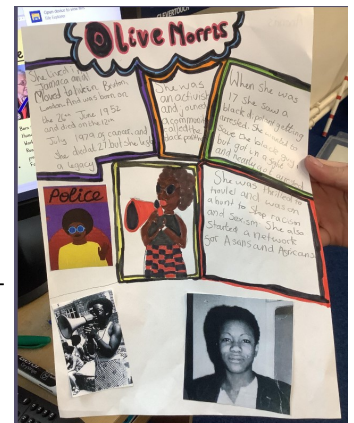
We had so many donations for our Harvest Festival; thank you! These were collected by the House of Bread.

During the festival we sang songs, watched performances and learned all about why we have Harvest.



Black History Month

Thank you to Mrs Arshad, our History lead, for leading our assembly on inspirational black women who have achieved in fields such as sport, science, music and politics – both recently and throughout history. Each year group has an inspirational black woman that they learnt about.



Upcoming Events...



Poppy Appeal

On sale
from the office



Odd Socks day

Tuesday, 12th Nov

£1 donation



Wear spots to school for a £1 donation to children in need. Full non-uniform.

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PTFA Halloween Discos

A huge thank you to our PTFA (which consisted of 2 members!) who gave up their time to throw a Halloween disco for the children. Staff supported this event to make it possible, and we are truly thankful for that.

The discos raised nearly £350 which will go directly to the children to pay for some of the nice extras.

Could you spare some time?

As mentioned above, we only have 2 very active PTFA members and events can not continue to run unless we have more support. Could you help?

Please contact the school office if you could support.



Bee Active—Football Fun



In PE this half term, Mr Chetwood has been focusing on skills needed in football.

Classes ended the half term with mini football matches.

Thank you to Mr Chetwood for all of his hard work.



Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and arriving to school on time is extremely important for all children and contributes to their performance in school.

If your child is unable to attend school, please inform the school office by 8.30am. **It is important these messages go directly to the school office via the new phone system, NOT dojo, as dojos can often be missed.**

If your child's attendance has fallen below 95% you will receive a letter to communicate this. If attendance continues to drop further, you will be contacted for an attendance meeting to ensure we are working together to maximise your child's attendance.

This month's whole school attendance is **94.6%** and our school target is **96%**. This figure is below our desired figure and want to improve it!

Well done to **4F** who are our monthly winners. You have earned an extra playtime. Weekly attendance is celebrated in assembly and winning classes receive a trophy and extra MUGA time. Any classes with 100% attendance that week earn an extra play.

| Year group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Nursery | 85.94% |
| Reception | 92.82% |
| 1D | 95.73% |
| 2U | 96.11% |
| 3A | 95.09% |
| 4F | 97.49% |
| 5T | 93.06% |
| 6R | 94.63% |



Impact of lateness

Over a school year :

5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent

15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent

30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

Pupils arriving late miss valuable teaching and learning time and it can contribute to them becoming anxious in school.

Attendance and punctuality reminders

Reporting absence

Please contact the school office by 8.30 the first morning of each absence. If no reason is provided the absence will be unauthorised on the attendance register.

Medical appointments

We expect parents to make medical and dental appointments for their children before or after school or during the school holidays. If this is not possible, confirmation of the appointment will be required prior to authorising the absence. If no evidence is provided, the absence will be unauthorised.

Children are expected to attend school prior to the appointment and parents are expected to return their children to school following the appointment. If your child does not attend school before or after the appointment the absence will be unauthorised.

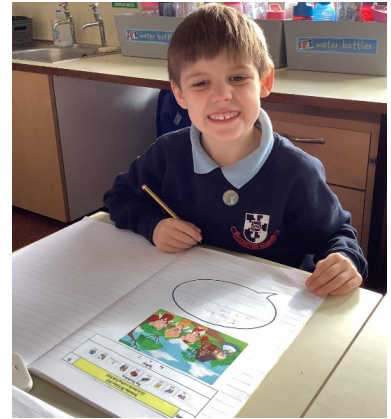
Holidays

Pupils have 13 weeks holiday each academic year. Family holidays should be avoided during term time. Leave of absence requests should be submitted for exceptional circumstances via a completed form, available at the office.

School start and end time

Doors at 8.45am and doors close at 8.55am. After this, you will need to report to the office and sign your child in. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Autumn 1 Highlights...





We have been learning Makaton signs. Here are the ones we know...



Happy



Sad

Feelings

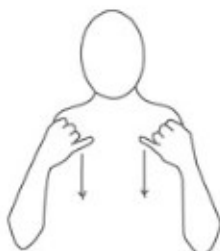


Show tension in hands.
Use one or two hands
as appropriate

Angry



Excited



Poorly/ill



Tense hand
Use both
hands if very
worried

Worried

More feelings



Shoulders sag
to show degree
of tiredness

Tired



Frightened

Safeguarding Information



Child Death Prevention Newsletter



This newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the work of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and to bring news on our ongoing campaigns

The latest edition of the CDOP Newsletter is attached, raising awareness of the signs of group B strep infection in babies and children.

[CDOP Child Death Prevention Newsletter Strep B.pdf](#)

If you have concerns about a child you can report this at

Staffordshire Childrens Advice and Support Service:

Phone: [0300 111 8007](tel:03001118007)

ASKING THE AWKWARD

Young people want their parents and carers to have everyday conversations with them about relationships. This includes being aware of the positive opportunities technology provides for their social and romantic lives.

[asktheawkward-a-parent--carers-intro.pdf](#)

Who can you speak to if you are concerned?

Designated Safeguarding lead (DSL)

—Mrs Brockhurst

Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead s (DDSLs) —

Miss Hall, Mr Tucker, Mrs Redfern, Mrs Rogers

Family Support Worker —

Mrs Rogers

**It's really hard when you think your child isn't safe.
We are here to listen and help.**

My daughter isn't safe, she is having to do things which could get her into trouble with the police.

I feel isolated and nobody is telling me what is going on.

**SAFECALL
It's your call.**

Call or text 116 000, 7 days a week, 9am-11pm
for free, confidential support

Safecall is a county lines exploitation support service operated by the charity Missing People
Registered charity in England and Wales (1020419) and in Scotland (SC047419)



Online Safety Information

[Internet-Matters-Set-Up-Safe-Checklist-Mar-2023.pdf](#)

Set Up Safe Checklist

Set your child up for online safety with these simple tasks

internet
matters.org

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Keeping children safe online

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online. Find out how with our online safety guides.

Manage broadband & mobile networks



At home, access your broadband network and set applicable controls.



On the go, set up controls on the relevant mobile network.

See step-by-step guides to help

Online Safety and Gaming

From socialising online to in-game purchases to the future of interaction, find out everything you need to know about online safety in gaming



[Topic - Online Safety and Gaming | SWGfL](#)

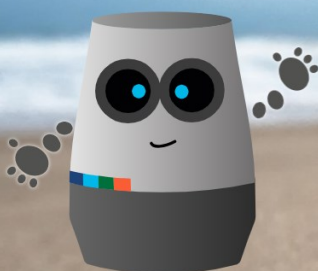
Guide to Monitoring apps

With children accessing the internet on a range of devices, the job of protecting them from things they may not be ready for online can be a challenge.

In recent years, a wide variety of monitoring software solutions have appeared to allow you to see what children are doing online and set digital boundaries.

With the help of Pocket-lint's Andy Robertson, we've given tips on how best to use them and reviewed the top apps available.

[Guide to monitoring apps for parents | Internet Matters](#)



Swiggle.org.uk Child Friendly Search Engine

An ad-free search engine designed specifically for kids who are taking their first steps on the internet

[Swiggle | SWGfL](#)