



**TILLINGTON
MANOR**
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2025



A message from Mrs Brockhurst

The year seems to be flying by and there will only be a few more newsletters before we finish for the Summer break. It was wonderful to welcome you all in to school for the recent Parent Consultation evening. Thank you to all who attended.

It has been a pleasure to see children be emersed in so many rich and varied activities at Tillington this month, from Young Voices to Castle visits and everything in between. We've seen sleepy children reading bedtime stories for World Books Day to energetic dancing at the silent disco and so many wonderful opportunities to enhance learning such as school visits to The Ancient High House.

One of the big upcoming events for our Y6 pupils is their KS2 SATs— the end of year assessments which each Primary Y6 pupil across the country will take. At Tillington, Y6 staff have been preparing the pupils for these assessments since beginning Y6 and we are very proud of their attitude to learning. Please can I remind all Y6 Parents that all Y6 pupils MUST attend school the week of SATs -12th-16th May. Their day will begin at 8.30am as they will be having a treat breakfast to prepare them for the tests.

Thank you to the staff who are dedicated and committed to your children and, as ever, thank you to all of you for your continued support in your child's learning journey.

Have a lovely Easter holiday and see you in the new term.

The Ancient High House

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to The Ancient High House, where they learnt about the lives of the rich and the poor in Tudor times - and dressed up like them too!



They also learnt about Tudor building techniques and had a go at building a wall and tried their hands at calligraphy.



Thank you to Miss Uttley for organising the visit and to the staff who supported to make it happen.

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<https://twitter.com/TillingtonManor>

School Website

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



Date change— please note!

Father's Day workshops have been changed to 'Superhero session' (based on feedback from parents and trialling something new) for Nursery to Y6 and will be on Tuesday, 10th June 2.30-3.15. This is for Dad's, Uncles, Grandad's or any other relative to join us to celebrate Father's Day. Please only send one adult per child due to classroom space. If this is successful, we will consider replicating for Mother's Day next year.

Summer Term

Mon 28th April – School Opens

Fri 2nd May–Schools Gotta Dance @Gatehouse

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Wed 7th May – Y4 visit from Rodbaston Animal Zone

Thursday 8th May– Y2 class assembly@ 9am

Mon 12th–Thur 15th May – Y6 SATS

Friday 16th May– Y6 Town Park visit

TBC – Y2 SATS

Thur 22nd May –Reception class assembly

Thur 22nd–Fri 23rd May – Base Camp for Y3

Mon 26th May – Fri 29th May – Half Term

Mon 2nd June – INSET

Tue 3rd– Fri 6th June – Y4 MTC

Thur 5th–Wed 11th – Book Fair in School

Monday 9th June – Y5 Black Country Museum visit

Mon 9th – Fri 13th June – Y1 Phonics Screening

Mon 10th June – Superhero session– All years 2.30-3.15

Wed 11th June – EYFS visit to Toddler Sense

Wed 18th June– Year 1 Visit to Dudley Zoo

Fri 20th June – SPORTS DAY and picnic

Wed 25th June– New to Reception welcome meeting 6pm

Fri 27th June– Non-uniform for fair donations

Mon 30th June– Summer Fair 3.15-5pm

Thur 3rd July – Y6 production @ 1.30pm and 5.30pm

Tue 8th and Wed 9th– Y6 to SGBH (transition)

Thur 10th July – Y6 Harry Potter World

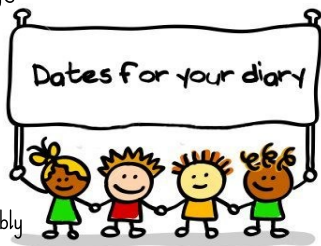
Tue 15th July– PTFA End of Term discos

Thur 17th July – Y6 leavers assembly 1.45pm

Thur 17th July – Y6 leavers event in school (pupils only) 4pm

Friday 18th July– End of Term

Monday 21st July –INSET



Young Voices 2025

Y5 and Y6 had an amazing time at Young Voices.

From leaving school at 12noon to getting back at 10.30pm, an afternoon of rehearsing and an evening of performing ...they were amazing.



We even featured on ITV Central News!

Schools Gotta Sing 2025

KS2 choir performed at The Gatehouse theatre in Stafford as part of Schools Gotta Sing.

They were amazing and we are so very proud of their courage and their commitment. Well done to each and every one of them for stepping on to the stage in front of a sold out audience to sing their hearts out. They had so much fun!



Tamworth Castle

The Y3 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Tamworth Castle.

They were part of either the Anglo-Saxon or Viking army, discovered artefacts while being archaeologists and explored the castle.

Thank you to all the staff who supported the visit.



Communication with staff in school

As we continue to navigate the current academic year, we would like to remind you of our communication policy regarding teacher availability. Our teachers are available for communication from 8.30am to 4pm during weekdays. We understand that communication between teachers and parents is important, and we strive to make this process as convenient as possible for all with our school use of ClassDojo. A reminder that during the school day, teachers' focus is on their class and they do not always pick messages up until after 3.15pm. If you have urgent messages during the day, please contact the school office.

Please can we remind you that communication should be mutually respectful, and that there will be no tolerating rude or abusive communications. We strive to work in partnership with parents and carers as this is paramount to the successful education of your child. We operate a 48 hours return contact for any of our school staff.

General School reminders

Pupils should not be on school site before 8.30am unless attending Clubhouse/Bee Active morning club.

Pupils from EYFS up to Year 4 should not be left on school grounds unsupervised at any time. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are permitted to walk to and from school with parental permissions, however any pupils who show cause for concern will have this right removed for their own safety.



Please can I politely remind all parents and carers that vaping and smoking is not permitted on school grounds.

Dogs are also not permitted on school grounds, including waiting inside the first set of gates.

Please think carefully about parking on Young Avenue as this can impact pupils safety.

Please remind pupils to get off bikes or scooters before entering the school gates - there have been some high speed near misses this week and we would hate for any accidents to happen.

We operate a healthy schools policy but have recently seen a lot of big bars of chocolate and share bags of crisps being brought as a snack for breaktime. We have also seen lunch boxes filled with large quantities of sugary food. A treat is all part of a balanced diet, but excessive amounts of sugary foods will be removed, in line with policy.

Whilst your child is waiting to enter and exit school, they should be supervised by you at all times. For their safety, please do not let them enter the carpark areas, climb trees or run and hide in the foliage on school grounds.

Fishing



Some of our children took part in the Fishing for families 'Let's Fish' event organised by School Games Stafford & Stone in conjunction with Canal & River Trust Angling, at Barlaston.

They learnt all about bait, types of fish and floats, and put their skills to the test on the canal to see what they could catch!

Y4 Class Assembly

Well done to Y4 for their brilliant class assembly, where they shared all of their learning from each subject area. Thank you to the parents/carers who attended to support their children, and to Miss Farmer and Mrs Wild for supporting the children.



British Values

British Values are taught in school, alongside our own core school values. In assembly we have talked about British Values and learnt a British Values Rap!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8lxvCkJZAY>

Staffordshire Day— 1st May

The Year 4 and Year 5 children have taken part in the Staffordshire County Council project to design a plate for Staffordshire Day on May 1st. All of the plates will be displayed at Lichfield Cathedral. Following the first round of judging completed the 'We Are Staffordshire' Place Board, we now know the finalists from each area, including three pupils from Tillington!

There will be 9 winners overall and we need you to vote!

You can view the shortlisted plates, and vote, here: [Plate Competition - We Are Staffordshire](#)



British Science Week 2025



Simon, the scientist, came into school to talk to the children all about light - he talked to them about his role as a scientist, and showed them a demonstration of how UV light can change liquids.

Y6 and Miss Rowley organised a sustainable fashion show—and what an incredible show it was! The children made us all so proud.

Finally, every class completed work around

the theme of 'Change and Adapt.' Some activities they took part in were: designing new inventions to solve a problem; adapting carrier bags into rope to cater to survival on a desert island and researching ways that animals adapt.

A huge thank you to Miss Rowley, our Science Lead at Tillington!





Comic Relief

We wore Red and celebrated Comic Relief. We raised

£121 raised for comic relief. Thank you!

Easter Visit to St Bertelin's Church

This week we went to church for our Easter



service where the children joined in with lots of songs!

Y6 shared the Easter story and talked about why we celebrate Easter.

Thank you to Vicar Elaine for closing our service.

Bee Active Silent Disco

As an end of Term Reward, the children all took part in the Bee Active Silent disco. There were 2 children per class who stayed for an afterschool silent disco to reward their good



Road and Seatbelt Safety

The children in Y3 road safety'. The children did a great job following the green cross code and know how to find a safe place to cross and what risks to look out for.

The Y1 children learned all about being safe in the car and using their seatbelt and car seats correctly!



Rosevilla

KS2 choir and KS1 singing club have visited Rosevilla

Nursing home on Eccleshall Road to sing a range of songs to the residents!



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 dojos, 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 **94.93%** and our school target is **96%**. This figure has improved since last month but we continue to strive for our target.

Well done to Year 6 who are our half termly winners! You have earned an extra playtime. Weekly attendance is celebrated in assembly and winning classes receive a trophy and extra MUGA time. The classes with highest attendance that week earn an extra play.

Year group	Attendance
Reception	94.15%
Y1	95.65%
Y2	95.7%
Y3	94.2%
Y4	94.43%
Y5	95.55%
Y6	95.85%



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.

Spring Term 2 Highlights...



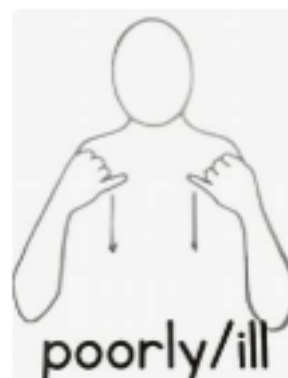
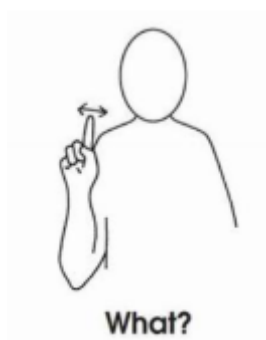
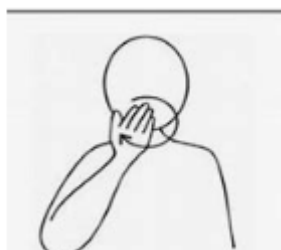


We have been learning Makaton signs. Here are the signs from spring 2...



Feelings		
 feelings	 frightened	 excited
 angry	 good	 worried
 sad	 upset	 lucky
 nervous	 happy	 tired
 love	 patient/calm	 very good

School



Safeguarding Information



Join Gayle in a safe and friendly environment where you can meet others who really understand.....

CHILD LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 2025



A Child of Mine
Supporting Bereaved Parents

'Star Cafe'

Is a regular coffee morning for anyone affected by the death of a child at any age. A safe and friendly environment where you can meet others who really understand. Held at Newcastle under Lyme and Penkridge, Staffordshire.

We meet at 10am
Room 2,
Haling Dene Centre,
Cannock Road,
Penkridge,
Staffordshire
ST19 5DT



A photograph of a white mug of coffee next to a round, golden-brown scone on a wooden surface.

We meet at 12pm
Newcastle
Fire Station
Knutton Lane,
Newcastle under Lyme,
Staffordshire
ST5 2SL

Friday 10th January
Friday 28th February
Friday 11th April
Friday 23rd May
Friday 11th July
Friday 5th September
Friday 17th October
Friday 28th November

Tuesday 7th January
Tuesday 18th February
Tuesday 1st April
Tuesday 13th May
Tuesday 24th June
Tuesday 22nd July
Tuesday 2nd September
Tuesday 14th October
Tuesday 25th November

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

Staffordshire Childrens
Advice and Support
Service:

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

**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

Family Support Worker —

Mrs Rogers

Online Safety Information

This is now shared via our Monthly online Safety Newsletter— you can find this on ClassDojo School story, or our website.

Further to the online safety newsletter, please find attached a parent handbook and a link below to access advice around setting up parental controls on a range of apps.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-videos/>