



NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Families,

Can you believe that we have nearly completed another half term? Spring is in the air and the holidays are fast approaching for us all to have a much-needed rest and to spend quality time with our loved ones.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evenings this week and I know you will have been really pleased to hear about the progress your children are making and how much they have been loving their exciting learning across the curriculum. They really do work so hard in their lessons and their books and journals are testament to how much they have engaged with the subjects being taught which is wonderful to see.

In the newsletter this week, I would like to share an update about Music at Tintwistle and celebrate some of our recent experiences that the children have been involved with which build cultural capital, helping to enrich their learning about the arts; there is a new page to spotlight members of our Tintwistle Family and the vital work they do in helping all to flourish; we also have a few diary updates, including a disco next Thursday after school to raise some funds for the PTA so please do check out the details inside and if anyone can help at the event – please let me know!

This half term we have been focusing on our value of Forgiveness and it has been lovely to see the children really thinking about how to make amends when things have gone off track. We have spent time in Collective Worship thinking about what it feels like to be forgiven, the challenges of forgiving someone who has hurt us and how forgiveness can bring about a sense of inner peace.

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• DIETER F. UCHTDORF •



For Christians, the Easter Story reminds us that Jesus gave up his life so we could be forgiven and that this sacrifice is a calling for us to embrace forgiveness as a way of life to truly experience God's goodness and to share this with others.

Before signing off, I would like to once again thank you all for the work you do each day in supporting your children, helping to make sure each day is a success. I wish you a lovely break over the holidays when they arrive and don't forget we will see you back on Tuesday 22nd April as the Monday is Bank Holiday!

Mr Mulhall

ATTENDANCE 3 March 2025 - 21 March 2025

	Attendance
Apple Class	96.10%
Cherry Class	95.56%
Rowan Class	95.68%
Oak Class	88.45%
Whole School	93.96%



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Spotlight on Music at Tintwistle!



Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. For many pupils, the music they love will be part of the narrative of their lives and bring colour to the experiences that shape them. Learning about music is a vital part of a broad and rounded education. Taught well, music gives pupils the opportunity to make music, think more musically and, crucially, become even more musical. **(Striking the Right Note, Ofsted 2023)**

The Halle

We are delighted to let you know that children in Oak Class have been invited to perform, with their brass instruments, at the Halle. This wonderful opportunity to share their musical talents is thanks to their work with Mr Lodge who has been providing high quality instruction and practice time during enrichment afternoons each Friday. We are really looking forward to this opportunity which promotes wider experience and gives children cultural capital

Musical Afternoon

Our lovely, peripatetic music teacher Holly, who has been working across the school delivering drum, piano and guitar lessons, will be joining Mr Lodge next week to share the children's musical talents in a special **Good News Gathering, which is taking place on Friday 4 April at 2pm until 3.15pm**. Children who attended the Making Space event at Buxton will also be performing alongside the school choir and we look forward to seeing you there.

Culture

At Tintwistle we feel we have a strong and vibrant musical culture which is part of the fabric of the school. From singing hymns, learning musical instruments, participating in events like Young Voices as part of the school choir, and the general music lessons which are interweaved into our exciting curriculum, we are proud of the many opportunities for children to develop their talents and interests in the area of music.

Making Space

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending Making Space with Miss Jones and Mrs Bott, as well as the fabulous dance team and wonderful school choir. The event which took place at Buxton Opera House was attended by many local primary and dance school's. The children's performance was brilliant and is another example of the wide range of enrichment opportunities which Tintwistle provide, so thank you to all involved.



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Our education system needs a clear and compelling narrative around which to build over the coming years and decades. A collective purpose, a shared vision and a unifying concept towards which we focus our time, resources, leadership, energy, expertise and wisdom. A generous, hospitable table to which all are invited and at which everyone feels welcome. A shared vision which begins with a core belief in the inherent worth of every child and adult in the system. (Flourishing Together, 2025)

New Governors

A big welcome to Hilda and Nick who have joined the Tintwistle Governing Body. Nick has joined us as Parent Governor and Hilda as an Associate Governor. Both bring a wealth of experience to support the board in a strategic way to ensure all aspects of school life continue to flourish. We are extremely grateful to them for giving up their time and look forward to our working partnership in the years ahead. Thank you.



Volunteers

A big shout out and thank you to Tabita (Georgia's mum) who has been supporting children in Rowan Class with their reading, we are so grateful to you for your enthusiasm and commitment.

Big shout out as well to Ruth (Hattie's mum) for once again raising funds to purchase new books through her work with the Book Fair which took place at the end of World Book Day.

We are always on the look out for more volunteers to work across our classes so please do give Mr Mulhall a shout if you would to be involved in helping at school.

University Students

Tintwistle has a long running history of hosting University of Manchester students and our collaborative partnership is much valued by both sides. We are delighted to welcome Miss Broadbent into Rowan Class, working alongside Miss Doherty for the rest of the year. The education system stands or falls on the extent to which it is led by adults who are flourishing. Nurturing new teacher talent is a privilege and we want our trainees and mentors to share aspirational expectations, so they can inspire future generations of children and pupils. We are certain that Miss Broadbent will enjoy her time as part of the Tintwistle family as she completes her teaching training.

Training

In order to ensure Leadership at all levels, Tintwistle is committed to providing professional development for all adults in our school community. Some of the course which have been undertaken this academic year include:

- ◇ Maths and English Hub Leadership Support
- ◇ Little Wandle Training (weekly coaching)
- ◇ Trauma Informed Practice
- ◇ Midday Lunchtime Training
- ◇ Autism Advocacy
- ◇ EDIJ Diocesan Conference
- ◇ Governance Training



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D I S C O - Thursday 3 April 2025



Tintwistle Primary School PTA would like to invite your child to their Spring disco. The disco will be held in two sessions with Key stage 1 at 5pm until 6pm, followed by Key stage 2 at 6pm until 7pm. Tickets will be £2.50 per child which includes a can of pop and a sweet treat. We are on the look out for volunteers to supervise the disco, so if you are available to help please get in touch. We would also love for more parents to get involved in the PTA, so please get in touch if you are interested!

Please send money in by Thursday 3 April.

Red Group Treat

Red Group have been waiting patiently for their treat for winning the Tintwistle tokens last half term. The children in this group would like to attend Forest School for a vegetarian sausage sandwich and to play some games. As Good News Gathering has been moved to the afternoon of Friday 4 April, this will take place from 9.30am until 11.00am. Myself, Miss Corkin, Miss Bagshaw and Miss Barnes look forward to a morning of fun to celebrate this brilliant achievement. Children are able to wear their own clothes all day.

Easter Events

The Easter Service will be taking place on the morning of Wednesday 2 April at Christ Church in Tintwistle. We look forward to gathering as a community to hear about the Easter story.

Thursday 3 April Tintwistle is having an Easter themed day which will begin with Apple Class Collective Worship, at 9.15am. Apple Class families only, are invited to this from drop-off.

Iranian New Year & Eid

A huge thank you to Ahura's mum, Elaheh, for bringing in a Haft-sin to celebrate the Iranian New Year. This was a wonderful way for children in Cherry Class to explore other world religions and talk about the traditions of other cultures.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our families who are celebrating Eid which marks the end of Ramadan a lovely celebratory weekend.

Attendance

I am once again holding attendance meetings for children in school whose attendance is of concern. I will be accompanied by Rachel Clayton who is our Inclusion Teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our school target is 97% and I am unable to authorise any holidays during term time. As per my earlier emails in the year, the Local Authority now takes responsibility for pursuing fines and not the school. Thank you for your continued efforts in this area as every school day matters.



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School Routines:

The school gates open at 8:55am.

Apple Class—School Ends 3:25pm

Cherry Class/Rowan Class/Oak Class—School Ends 3:30pm

General Reminders:

Children in Cherry Class/Rowan Class/Oak Class come to school in their PE kit on their PE day. Pumps can be left in school.

Cherry Class need to bring their book bag on a Wednesday and they will be given back out on a Friday with new homework, library and reading book. Homework back must be back in each Wednesday.

Rowan Class should have their book bags in daily.

Rowan goes out on a Friday and should be in by the following Thursday.

Homework in Oak Class goes out on a Thursday and comes in on a Thursday, children in Oak Class should bring their reading books in daily.

Tintwistle Teacher Clubs Next Week: TBC

DATE	TIME	TEACHER & CLUB	CLASSES
Monday	3.30 - 4.30	Mrs Bott Choir	2, 3 & 4
Wednesday	12.30	Homework Club	All
Wednesday	3:30	Dance Club	3 & 4



Opening Reading

Good Morning and welcome to Good News Gathering.

This week we have been preparing for our Easter Service at Chris Church next week. We have been thinking about the Easter Story and reminding ourselves about the important journey Jesus made into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, meeting with the disciples at the last Supper and thinking about why Good Friday is really called Good Friday even though Jesus died on the cross.

This special time in the Christian Calendar gives us chance to reflect on our school value of forgiveness because it is found throughout the Easter Story from God's grace in giving us Jesus to Jesus forgiving those who betrayed him. We are called to forgive one another, extending grace and compassion to others in all that we do.

Read by Shamiso (Oak Class)

SCHOOL UNIFORM/PE DAYS

Thank you for your support in sending children in in their PE kits. Please do send pumps in to school for the children's pegs for indoor activities.

PE Days

Apple Class - Tuesday pm

Cherry Class - Wednesday pm

Rowan Class - Monday and Thursday pm

Oak Class - Tuesday pm

Forest School Days

Apple Class - Wednesday pm

Oak Class - Thursday pm

Upcoming Dates

3 April	5.00pm-6.00pm KS 1 Disco 6.00pm-7.00pm KS2 Disco
2 April	Easter Service at Christ Church
4 April	Close for half term
22 April	Children back in school
5 May	Bank Holiday
12 May	Whitehall (1 day) - Rowan Class
12 May	<u>SAT's week - all Y6 children must be in school</u>
22 May	Closed for half term
23 May	INSET Day
2 June	Children back in school
9 June	Phonics Screening test this week for KS1
23 June	INSET Day
24 July	Close for Summer

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