



NEWSLETTER

Friday 9 May 2025

Dear Families,

It has been a while since my last update and I cannot believe it is only two weeks until our next break. During this half term we have had a number of bank holidays and I hope this has given you a chance to spend much quality time in the great outdoors.

Last night, I had the pleasure of supporting Miss Corkin and the children in Forest School, this Club always holds a special place in my heart as seeing the children enjoying all the great outdoors has to offer, is good for the soul. Watching the children plant fruit and vegetables and harvesting wild garlic to eat with our delicious potatoes, helped me to reflect on our school value - Responsibility.

During Collective Worship we have been talking to the children about what responsibility looks like, in particular how looking after the environment as stewards of God's creation is what we are asked to do. We have also thought about who relies on us to act responsibly and whether we can be trusted with important jobs.

In this week's newsletter there is a spotlight on wider curriculum and enrichment opportunities, an update about lunch times and a plea regarding cutlery in packed lunches.

I would like to say a big thank you to our Year 6 children who have been busy prepping for SATs next week. I would like to take this opportunity to say to all children and families, SATs are just a test and whilst we want you to do your best, they are in no way a measure of the wonderful, creative individuals you all are with so many unique talents and skills. Try and enjoy the week and especially SATs Café. Your teachers are excited to let you know about the exciting plans for your Year 6 leavers' week which Tintwistle Staff are currently planning. We have a few surprises in store to reveal next Friday!

Before signing off for the weekend, I would like to remind you that Good News Gathering is open to all in our school community and you are very welcome to join us on a Friday to celebrate the children's achievements, enjoy a hymn or two and have a bit of fun together.

Many thanks

Mr Mulhall



Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth,
and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the
sea and over the birds of the sky and over
every living thing that moves on the earth.
Genesis 1:28

ATTENDANCE

24 March 2025 - 2 May 2025

Parents will be contacted if attendance falls to 93%.
Parents will be called in for a meeting with the Family Support Worker/Local Authority if attendance falls below 90%.

	Attendance
Apple Class	94.33%
Cherry Class	93.78%
Rowan Class	92.87%
Oak Class	91.19%
Whole School	93.00%



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Spotlight on the Wider Curriculum and Enrichment at Tintwistle



Our school has been filled with music, and we are excited to share some amazing highlights! Children across all year groups have been practising hard with Holly and in their lessons. We have been treated to some wonderful performances by our talented musicians during Good News Gathering, they have been showcasing their skills and spreading joy through their performances. We are looking forward to a term full of harmony, and we can't wait to see where the music takes us next!

Writing Club and Art Club

Children have been attending lunchtime clubs with Mr Skuse and Miss Doherty. The Art Club has been very popular and the children have been producing some watercolours. Meanwhile, Writing Club has got off to a flying start and the children have been very inspired this week with writing poems. Check out Matilda's poem about her little sister Nelly - I am sure it will make you smile! It was shared in Good News Gathering this morning and we are on the hunt for more performances, so watch this space.

Cricket

Miss Doherty took a team of eight children from Oak Class to Dinting Cricket Club for an event being run by the High Peak Sports Partnership. The children were an absolute credit to us and although they did not win, comments were made about their sportsmanship and how enthusiastically they played. Thank you to all involved.

Wraparound

Just a reminder that we have a wide array of after-school clubs, many of which are oversubscribed, from Messy Science to Forest School, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We are trying to organise a Cookery Club for the last half term, more info to follow.

Can we please remind you to book all clubs through clubbookings@tintwistle.derbyshire.sch.uk

Well Dressing

The Annual Tintwistle Well Dressing is taking place on the evening of Friday 23 May 2025. The theme this year is nature and Mrs Bott is busy organising a team to create this clay delight!

We would love to see as many of our community there are hopefully the weather will be on our side and we will all enjoy a fabulous evening celebrating the wells.



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A Flourishing School Loves
A Loving School Flourishes

Flourishing schools offer society the long-term opportunity to enact any kind of social change or community transformation: the raising of aspirations, the celebrating of the family, the dismantling of oppression, the pursuit of diversity, the balancing of inequality and the rescuing of the environment. In order to deliver the broad outcomes with which they are tasked, schools must be abundantly resourced, and led by leaders granted the professional autonomy to make effective long-term decisions over against unpredictable short-term changes of accountability demands. Flourishing schools ensure a careful balance of wisdom, knowledge and skills in their curriculum planning, enabling their students not only to excel in examinations, but releasing wise young leaders and courageous advocates, inspired and equipped to shape their future society.

Reading Areas

A huge thank you once again to Mrs Bott for overhauling the reading areas in the middle of the school. Following on from the success of her library 'renovation', she has spent some time during the Easter Holiday establishing comfy areas to curl up with a book outside each classroom. This is a massive part of our Reading for Pleasure Agenda and it is so lovely to see children accessing these spaces throughout the day. Keep your eyes peeled for the next instalment a

READING RABBIT HUTCH.

Green Group Treat

Friday 16 May 2025 will be Green Group's turn for their well deserved treat for winning the Tintwistle Tokens. Children will be having vegan sausage butties and playtime up in Forest School with some of their teachers and Miss Corkin. As part of the treat, children are able to come to school in their own clothes as well. Well done Green Group for your superb efforts during the last term.

Whitehall

On Monday 12 May 2025, Rowan class will be having their second trip to the Whitehall Centre. As a school we continue to highly value outdoor education and our professional working relationship with the Centre continues to flourish. Letters have gone out to next year's Oak Class about the residential in October and we are hopeful all children will attend. Sadley, the STEM Adventure money has been spent at Derbyshire County Council, however, we are planning on rolling this out to just our Year 4 pupils so the cost of residential visits is spread throughout the years, more information to follow.

Music Festival

Rowan Class, along with other schools from Glossop, will be attending the annual Music Festival, where they will participate in an interactive live music experience featuring musicians drawn the UK's top orchestra's

A special mention goes to our Year 5 and 6 students, who had the incredible opportunity to play brass instruments with the world-renowned Halle Orchestra in Manchester!



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Lunch Time and Cutlery Plea

We have been having a big push on lunchtimes and trying to streamline the process to ensure a quieter lunchtime. Many of our children struggle with the noise levels, therefore, Key Stage 1 and 2 have separate sittings. We have been able to bolster staffing during the lunchtime period and we have made it a more inclusive space as children now sit in groups rather than on long tables. So far it is going brilliantly and feedback has been positive. Can I please ask that you provide your own cutlery to children with packed lunches as we are getting low. Thank you.

VE Day

Thank you for your superb efforts in wearing red, white and blue yesterday. It was a lovely celebration culminating in a special assembly at the end of the day. Children performed We will Meet Again and Darcey and Sofia dancing the Lindy Hop topped off our celebrations.

Training

Maths Hub Leadership (Miss Doherty)
English Hub Leadership (Miss Jones)
Reading for Pleasure (Miss Jones & Mrs Bott)
Green Award (Miss Corkin and Mrs Holmes)
Cluster School CPD Sharing Best Practice (Miss Cheadle)
NAHT Conference Rebuilding Education, Shaping Future's (Mr Mulhall and Mrs Bott)
Neurodiverse Advocate Training (Mrs Vitti)
Show Racism the Red Card (INSET 23 May 2025 - all staff)
Clerk to Governor Training (Mrs Crookes)

New Starters

We are having a new starter meeting on Wednesday 21 May 2025 for our new Apple Class recruits. I am delighted to tell you we are once again fully subscribed with 15 children in our Reception year group for 2025. This is testament to the great work that goes on at Tintwistle with so many wanting to join our special family. We look forward to September with a new cohort of children. Big well done to our newest nursery children who have settled in brilliantly.



Matilda's Poem

Her name is Nellie, and she's small and round, Stealin' all the snacks, yeah, she's super proud.

She waddles through the house like she owns the block, In her nappy and socks.
what a fashion shock!

Sometimes smelly, sometimes sweet, Sticky little hands and fast little feet.

Climbs on the sofa, thinks she's cool,
Then pours her milk in the dog's water pool!

Noodle, Bernard, Nunu, Weasel,
Got more nicknames than a superhero sequel!
Funny and sassy, a cheeky lil' queen, She rules the house like a tiny machine!

She laughs like a gremlin, throws her peas,
Shouts no then giggles, full of mischief and tease.
Dances in circles with jam on her nose, Then hides behind curtains without her clothes!
She scribbles on walls like Picasso's ghost, Stuffs crayons in shoes (she loves that most).
Tried to eat soap, gave Mum a fright, Then kissed the dog and called it "night-night!"

So here's to Nellie, our silly delight, Causing chaos morning, noon, and night.
She might be wild, but she's our star.
My little sister's the best by far!



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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 (Read by William and Toby)

Good Morning Everybody and welcome to Good News Gathering! What a lively start – well done Scott for your super performance that has got us all rocking into Friday!

This week, we have continued to explore our theme of responsibility and have spent some time celebrating for VE Day!

VE Day marks the day the fighting between Germany and Europe came to an end in 1945. It was a huge event with people dancing in the street and giving thanks for the war coming to an end.

VE Day serves as a reminder of the sacrifice so many made in trying to bring peace to a troubled world. Our value of responsibility can be seen everywhere during times of war. From rationing, to fighting abroad, to committing to the blackouts to keep everybody safe, to working in factories, taking in evacuees – responsibility was shared by communities who were committed to bringing an end to the atrocities that were happening throughout Europe and the wider world.

We give thanks today and everyday for the sacrifice of so many and we hope that if you are celebrating over the weekend, you take a moment to pause and say thank you to those who brought peace back to Europe through their efforts.

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

12 May	Whitehall (1 day) - Rowan Class
12 May	SAT's week - all Y6 children must be in school
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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