

Clocking Up a Time-Piece of History at Tilstock



Time is no longer standing still for Tilstock C. of E. Primary School and Nursery following the restoration of the school clock which has stood pride of place in the school hall for over 30 years.

The clock, made by one of the world's oldest clock manufacturers, Whitchurch-based J.B. Joyce, has been fully refurbished after its hands stood motionless for over 10 years. It has had a new key and pendulum fitted and is back in full working order.

J.B. Joyce has been manufacturing clocks since as early as 1690, and have clocks at some of the railway stations around the UK, on high streets like the Eastgate Clock on the arch in Chester City Centre, and as far away as Sydney Post Office in Australia.

Margaret Peate cleaner at Tilstock Primary School for over 27 years can recall the masterpiece always having a strong presence in the school hall. Margaret said "All through the 1990's, Mr. Jinks, grandparent to one of the pupils at school and a member of staff at J.B. Joyce, would come into school to wind the clock up. Mr Jinks continued to do this every week all through the 1990's."

James Spicer, recently appointed Head of School at Tilstock Primary School commented "It will be excellent for us to have a piece of local history back in place at our school. Time really has started again at Tilstock now we have Joyce's clock working again. It hasn't worked for many years, so it will be good for a new generation of Whitchurch children to learn about the area's rich history".

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