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C of E Primary & Pre-School

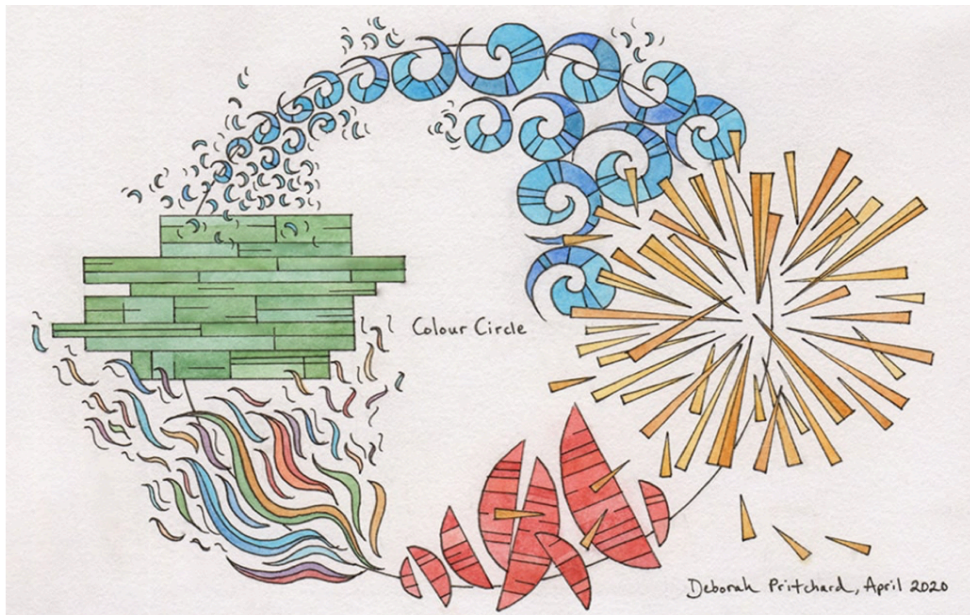
'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been a heart-warming week at C of E, with our school community showing exactly what makes this place so special. The opening of our new Pantry has been a real highlight, bringing together kindness, teamwork and a shared commitment to supporting one another. Alongside that, the children have thrown themselves into a whole range of creative and hands-on experiences that have filled the school with joy. This newsletter offers just a glimpse of a week that's reminded us what community really looks like.

Year 3 welcomed the London Sinfonietta Orchestra



We were thrilled to welcome the London Sinfonietta Orchestra to our school! Emerald and Topaz participated in an exciting workshop where they transformed colours and shapes into music. It was a truly inspiring, creative and enjoyable experience! We hope this interaction has sparked a passion for music and inspired some future composers among our children!

Philippians 2:15 "We shine like stars in the sky."

Welcome to C of E's new Pantry



We are delighted to officially open the C of E Pantry and couldn't be prouder of our school community for bringing this wonderful idea to life. Miss Cheal first saw a similar pantry at another school and knew straight away that it was something she wanted to introduce here at C of E. With the support of the School Council, who helped purchase the unit, baskets and frames, the pantry has quickly taken shape. Logan (Y5) also contributed by designing the pantry logo.

Miss Cheal would like to say a big thank you to the School Council for their generosity and hard work in setting up the pantry and creating posters to encourage everyone to use it. An even bigger thank you to Helen Cheal, June Newman, Mrs Mills, Mrs Spry and Mrs Grimmett for kindly purchasing the first supply of items to stock it. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will make a real difference and help support many families in our community.

The Pantry – How it works

The pantry, located in the school foyer, is here to support everyone in our community and we encourage people to take what they need to help. At the same time, please be mindful that many others rely on this resource as well. By taking only what you need; you help ensure that the pantry can continue to serve as many people as possible with care, fairness and respect. We have also put together some easy to cook or budget recipes that you are very welcome to help yourself to.

The Pantry is open every day from 8am to 4pm.

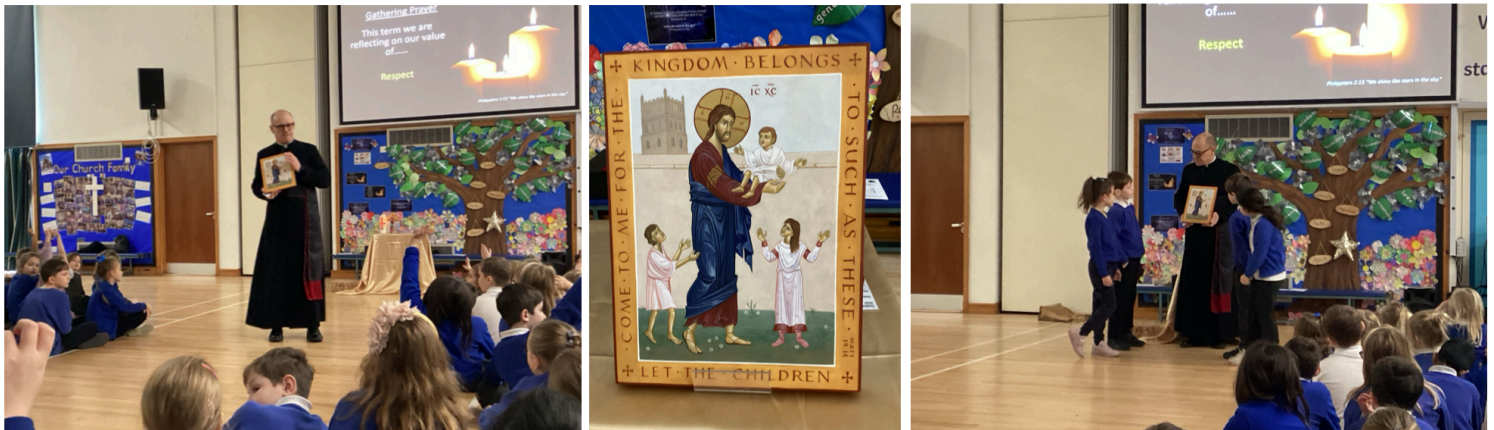
Please bring your own bag(s).

Year 1 go for a wonder around Tewkesbury



Year One went on a walk through Tewkesbury using the maps they had created to help them find Mrs Pig's new house. They had to follow their map and look for key features of our town. They were very happy when they found Mrs Pig's new house.

Collective Worship this week



On Thursday, Fr Nick from the Abbey led our Collective Worship, reminding us of the respect that Jesus has for all people, especially children. Fr Nick brought in some art work from the Abbey and he selected a group of children to investigate it. Children identified Jesus with children in the photo, as well as the Abbey. We discussed what the halo around Jesus' head symbolises and as well as the verse around the edges which came from Matthew 19:4 in the bible.

'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' A reminder that Jesus was never too busy or too important to be with anyone, including children. On Sunday, the Abbey will be hosting a special 'Wild Worship' event especially for children, see the advert below for details.

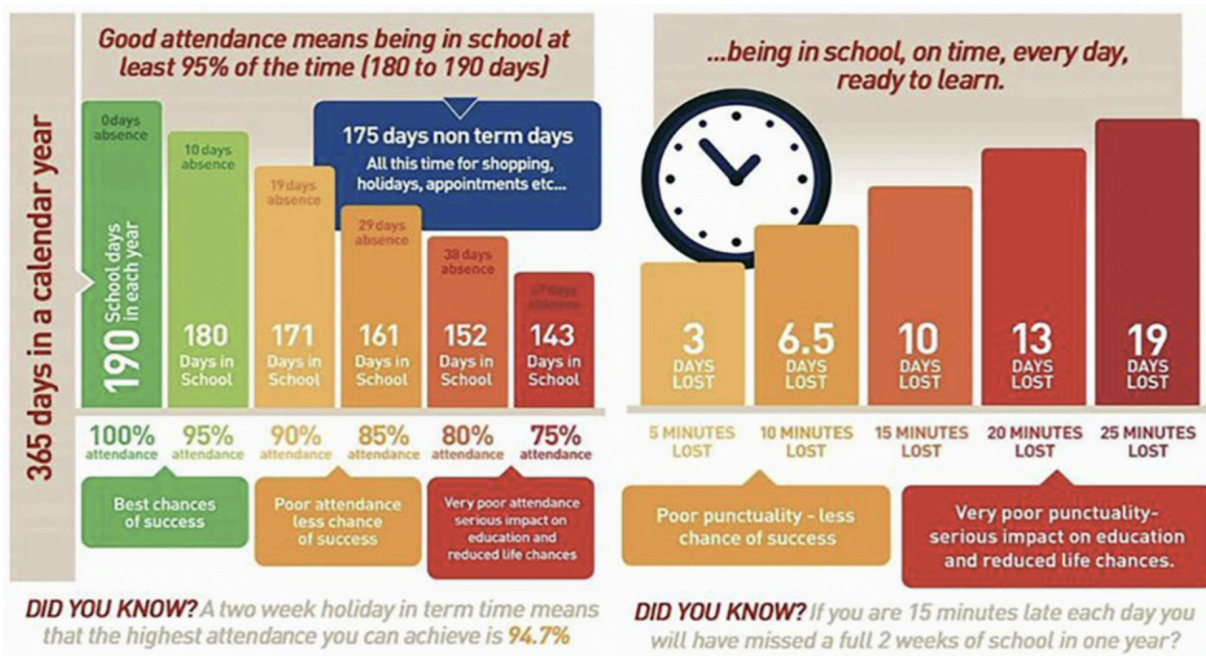


A quick reminder that next Friday (6th February) will be a joyful celebration of numbers and maths as our school comes together to support the NSPCC. Children are invited to dress as a digit or a TTRS rock star, wear anything number-themed, and take part in lively TTRS battles and fun maths games throughout the day. Alongside the excitement, the heart of the event is a meaningful one: raising vital funds to help the NSPCC continue its essential services, including Speak Out. Stay Safe and Childline, which make a real difference to children and families.

Families and Parents partnership link

We'd also like to continue to share this useful link to the latest Families in Partnership newsletter from Gloucestershire County Council, which offers support, information and updates for families, including guidance on services for children and young people with SEND. You can find the December edition here: [Families and Parents partnership link](#)

Importance of school attendance



Good school attendance is closely linked to higher achievement and greater enjoyment of learning.

Regular attendance not only gives children the best possible start in life, but also helps them develop important habits such as independence, responsibility, and essential life skills.

When pupils miss school frequently, they can struggle to keep up with their learning, which affects their progress and can make them feel less confident about being in school.



2025/26 Calendar

Spring Term

28th January - Year 3 Music Composition Workshop
5th February - Year 2 RE trip
5th February - Cross Country (Race 4)
6th February - NSPCC Number Day
11th February SRE meetings for Parents - tbc
12th February - PTFA Event - Love what you wear day
12th February - Cross Country (Race 5)
w/b 16th February - Half Term
5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)
6th March - World Book Day - more info to be shared soon
12th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup
18th March - Year 4 In the Net (Internet safety performance)
20th March - PTFA Paint and Sip evening
25th March - English Touring Opera visit
26th March - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup (Postponed due to an event at Tewkesbury Academy). A new date to be arranged asap
27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term
15th April - Class Photos
20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2
24th April - EYFS Spring Stay & Play (change of date)
27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential
1st May - Inset Day
w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
w/b 25th May - Half Term
5th June - Fieldwork Friday - tbc
w/b 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition
w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
24th June - Meet your new teacher morning
24th & 25th June - Tewkesbury Academy Move up day
w/b 29th June - Arts Week
1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date
9th July - Tewkesbury School's Rounders competition
10th July - Medieval Festival
15th July - Rec - Year 2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm
16th July - Year 3 - 5 Celebration Assembly - 2pm
17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 1:45pm
17th July - Last day of Summer Term
20th July - Inset Day

School diary week beginning 2nd February 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon		Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Story Club 3.15 - 3.45pm Table Tennis Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Smoked Bacon Mac Cheese Pasta Bake Veggie Mac Cheese Pasta Bake
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Netball Club 3.15 - 4.15pm First Lego League Club (Invite Only) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken Korma, Rice & Naan Bread Veggie Korma, Rice & Naan Bread
Wed	Science Assembly 9:30 - 10am Funky Fingers Club 12.30 - 1.00pm Board Games Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	Dodgeball Club 3.15 - 4.00pm Tewkesbury Football Club (Girls' Football) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Roast Pork, Mash Potato & Gravy Quorn Fillet, Mash Potato & Gravy
Thurs	Year 2 Visit to Gloucester Mosque Year 5 Swimming	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm French Club Year 3- 6 3.10 - 4pm Cross Country (Race 4) 3.30 - 4.45pm	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Homemade Vegetable Bolognese
Fri	NSPCC Number Day		Cod & Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of filling



The poster for Breakfast Club features a red background with illustrations of a slice of toast, a jar of jam, a butter knife, a stack of pancakes, a bowl of cereal, and a chocolate milk carton. The Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School logo is in the top left.

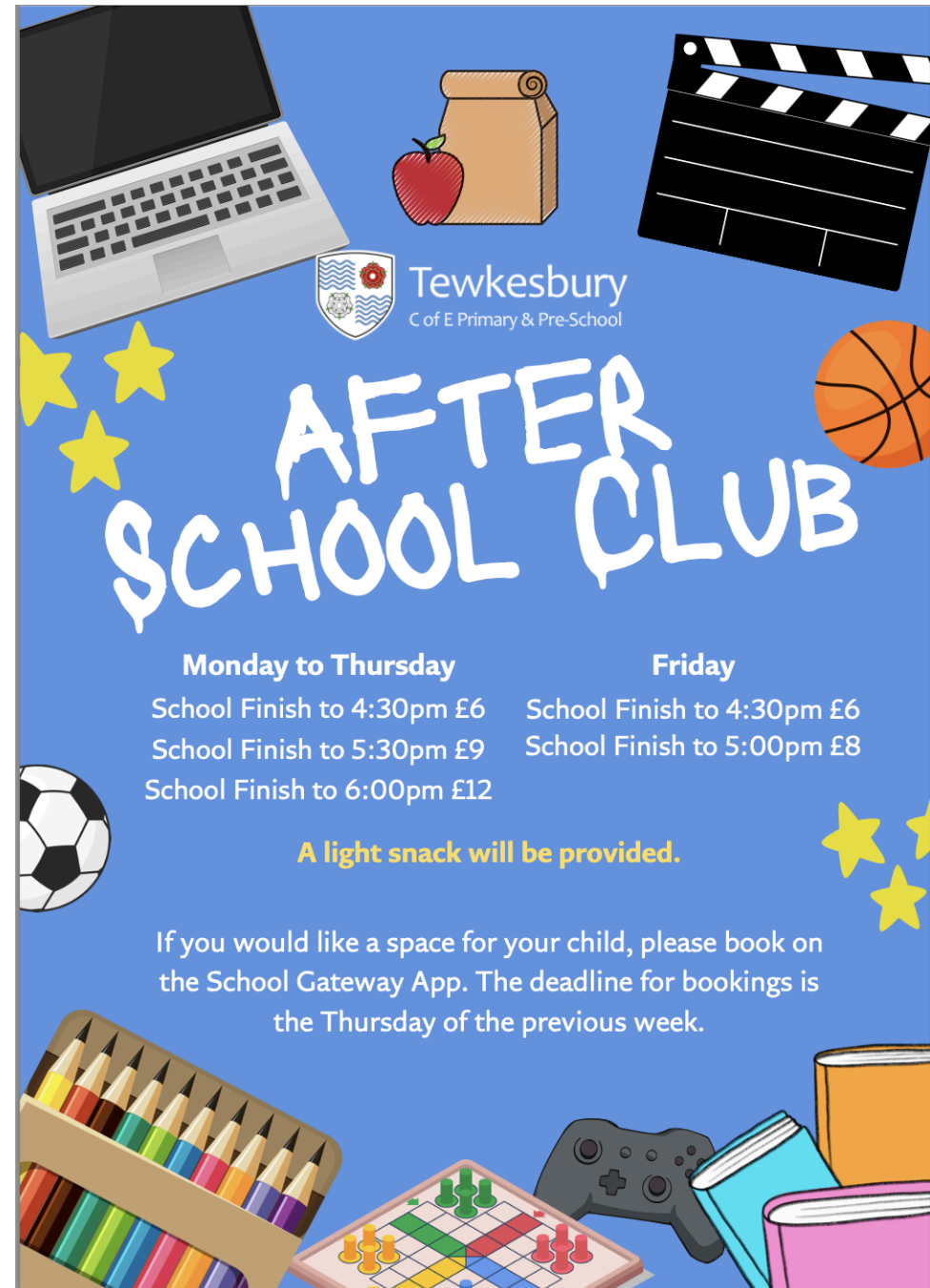
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BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
7:45am - School Start

£4.25 per child

A variety of breakfast options for your child to choose from.



The poster for After School Club features a blue background with illustrations of a laptop, a bag of snacks, a clapperboard, a basketball, a soccer ball, a box of pencils, a chessboard, a game controller, and books. The Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School logo is in the top left.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Monday to Thursday	Friday
School Finish to 4:30pm £6	School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:30pm £9	School Finish to 5:00pm £8
School Finish to 6:00pm £12	

A light snack will be provided.

If you would like a space for your child, please book on the School Gateway App. The deadline for bookings is the Thursday of the previous week.

**Love What You
wear day!**



Friday 13th February

**Come to school
wearing what you
love!**

£1 Donation





Wild Worship at the Abbey: This little light of mine...



3-4pm on Sunday 1st February in the Abbey grounds

You are welcome to a short, informal, family-friendly outdoor service looking for the first signs of spring.

We will be making candles, hunting for 'Candlemas' bells and eating round the campfire.

Free and suitable for all ages.





Hello!

We're pleased to say that **Fun Science UK's** exciting after-school STEM sessions will return to **Tewkesbury Primary School** in February-March of 2026!

Would your child like to join us for some **MORE** exciting experiments? If so, there are just 20 places, so don't delay!

- **Eligibility:** Year 3–Year 6
- **Time:** 3.15–4.15pm, Wednesdays
- **Dates:** 25 February–25 March
- **Cost:** Just £40 for five sessions!
- **Book:** tinyurl.com/tewk26
- **Capacity:** 20 places



Fun Science Cheltenham has been hosting [five-star](#), STEM-themed holiday clubs, after-school clubs, workshops and parties in Gloucestershire since 2020. See www.fun-science.org.uk for info.

Hope your child can join us,

Diatom Dave

Chief Fun Scientist



- Missed out? Email cheltenham@fun-science.org.uk to be put on the waiting list.
- Book only when you know your child can attend: **cancelled places may be billed for.**
- T&Cs: tinyurl.com/funsciterms. Booking acknowledges reading and understanding.

Please note: If your child has **any** additional support in class, you **must** make us aware for safeguarding reasons. Failure to do so may mean your child is excluded at a later date, in which case no refund will be offered. Please help us keep all children safe and well.

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£16
per day

FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES



Ages **5-12** | **9AM**
3PM | All genders welcome
FOR ALL ABILITIES

Run by FA qualified, first aid trained and DBS enhanced checked coaches.

**GIRLS ONLY
COURSES
AVAILABLE**

Courses held at:

**BISHOPS CLEEVE FC
CLEEVE SPORTS CENTRE
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

MOVE-MORE.ORG/CAMPS

CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS SCHOOL 4-7YRS

BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE 6-12YRS

CLEEVE SCHOOL 5-12YRS

ST MARKS JUNIOR SCHOOL 5-12YRS

JOHN MOORE PRIMARY 5-12YRS



**MOVE
MORE**
EVERY CHILD THRIVES

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

- Huge Range Of Activities
- No Screens Policy
- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted
- Early Drop-Off & Late Collection Options
- Income Reinvested Into The Charity



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friend

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**MOVE MORE'S
CHARITY GOLF DAY**
Friday 3rd July 2026



**RUN CHELTENHAM
CHARITY SPOTS**
September 2026

