



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a week of time-travelling adventures it's been! Our corridors and school grounds have echoed with the sounds of Stone Age hunters, Egyptian royalty, Greek philosophers, and even the footsteps of Florence Nightingale, as pupils across the school embarked on journeys into the past. Year 2 were captivated by a visit from the Lady with the Lamp herself, gaining powerful insights into her life and legacy through storytelling. Meanwhile, Years 3, 4 and 5 ventured through history in spectacular fashion: From building shelters and crafting spears in the wilds of prehistory, to performing ancient myths under the watchful eye of Queen Nefertiti and debating the fate of Theseus in the heart of Ancient Greece, our pupils have shown incredible teamwork and curiosity. It's been a joy to see history come alive in such imaginative and memorable ways, our REAL curriculum is well and truly alive. A huge thank you to all the staff and visitors who made these experiences so special.

Year 3 head back to the Stone Age Day



This week, Year 3 stepped into the Stone Age! After a quick teamwork challenge, we built hunting shelters and raced to erect and drag them across the field. We explored different hunting spots before creating our own settlement and fire pit. Using stones, we sharpened mini spears to keep, while others tried to make fire - then we swapped. Next, we foraged for food hidden in boxes, slicing through string with stones to reveal seeds, honey, and berries. Each box had a date and event, so we ordered them like historians. We cooked berry stew over the fire and dipped marshmallows into it - delicious! After lunch, we hunted boar (wicker sculptures) and returned to document the adventure with cave paintings using homemade paint and sticks. The rest of us crafted Stone Age jewellery, then swapped. Finally, we learned wattle and daub, building mini fences with mud, willow and hair. It was an unforgettable day!

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

Year 4 experience life during Egyptian times



This week the Year 4 children went back to Ancient Egyptian times. They were greeted in the morning by the beautiful Queen Nefertiti.

To get themselves into the mindset of an ancient Egyptian the children worked in groups to re-enact famous myths and important rituals that made up part of Egyptian culture.

After some Oscar winning performances, the children were set a number of challenges to make sure that they did not end up in the underworld. There was of course also an opportunity to dance like an Egyptian.

Year 5 travelled back in time to the time of the ancient Greeks



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

On Monday, Year 5 stepped back in time to Ancient Greece for a special day led by an educational company. The children immersed themselves in Greek culture as they explored the world of the Gods, competed in Athenian games and looked in depth at the story of *Theseus and the Minotaur*. They debated the moral consequences of Theseus' actions and even designed their own alternative endings to the myth. A real highlight was watching the children use props, imagination, and plenty of humour to bring Greek legends to life through performance. By the end of the day, everyone had not only learnt a great deal about Ancient Greece but had also thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A Champion Among Us!



We're thrilled to share that last weekend, one of our talented Year 6 pupils, Michalina, won the Sutcliffe & Co Worcester Junior 1 Mile Race! Her determination, speed and spirit truly shone through as she crossed the finish line ahead of the pack. Not only did she take home the winner's title, but she also received a lovely array of prizes, including a medal inspired by the Worcestershire flag's iconic three pears.

Take a look at the photos above to see her well-earned rewards and beaming smile, we couldn't be prouder of you Michalina!

A special visitor came to Year 2 today



Year two were very excited this morning to receive a visit from Florence Nightingale. This was part of their work as historians, where they have been exploring artefacts for clues about life in the Victorian times.

French Day

Next week, we're excited to celebrate *French Day*, a vibrant cross-curricular event designed to help children explore the wider world of French language and culture beyond just France itself. Pupils will dive into architecture, art, music, geography and more, discovering everything from the genius of Gustave Eiffel to the beauty of Monet's waterlilies. To mark the occasion, we invite all children to come dressed in red, white, and blue. Expect Notre Dame sketches, Eiffel Tower models, Cézanne-inspired portraits, and even a few renditions of *Frère Jacques* echoing through the halls. It promises to be a colourful, creative, and educational celebration of all things French!

Collective Worship



Children's Rainbow bible



Jesus Story book bible



Bear Grylls Explorers Bible



Thursday's collective worship was led by Mr Stanton, who introduced the children to the new Bibles now available in classrooms.

These include the *Storybook Bible* for KS1, the *Rainbow Good News Bible* and *The Bible for Young Adventurers*, produced by the ultimate adventurer himself, Bear Grylls!

To help explore the significance of these resources, Mr Stanton invited Mr Shaw to join him in using our *Language of Spirituality* framework: *myself, others, the world and beyond*. The two teachers interviewed one another, sharing how reading the Bible has shaped their own lives, deepening their relationship with God, guiding their care for others, reminding them of God's love for the world and helping them to wrestle with those big 'beyond' questions of meaning and purpose.

It was a rich and thought-provoking worship, and the children were encouraged to see the Bible as a source of guidance, inspiration, and adventure in their own lives.

iSingPop Is Coming

We're delighted to be welcoming *iSingPop* to school this term for a joyful celebration of music. From Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th October, pupils will take part in exciting workshops where they'll learn songs, actions, and values through music. The experience will culminate in two concerts on Wednesday 15th October—one during the school day and another at 6pm. We'd love to see as many children as possible joining us for the evening performance, which is open to all parents, carers, and family members. Come along and enjoy the uplifting atmosphere as our pupils take to the stage and sing their hearts out!

Reception 2026 Open Mornings

Come and see our happy, vibrant school in action, meet our staff and children and discover how we help every child learn, grow and shine. If you have a child starting Reception in September 2026, these open mornings are a perfect opportunity to explore what Tewkesbury C of E Primary School has to offer. Pre-booking is helpful but not essential, just turn up if it suits you. If you'd like to reserve a spot, click here: <https://forms.gle/jDC6RATwgugeNd1H8>

Open Morning Dates:

- Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 10am
- Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 10am
- Monday 8th December 2025 at 10am

Can't make the listed dates? No problem. Give us a call and we'll arrange a personal tour at a time that works for you.

PTFA Outdoor Cinema Event (Friday 26th September)

Our PTFA are excited to launch our first event of the academic year- an outdoor cinema! On Friday 26th September, we will be inviting you all back to gather on our school field and watch Matilda the Musical under the night time sky!

Gates will open at 6.15pm and the film will commence at 7pm. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks as well as chairs and blankets. Living in Britain, we can never predict the weather, so, if it's not great, the event will be rescheduled to the following Friday (3rd October).

You can purchase your outdoor cinema tickets through the School Gateway app. Tickets cost £4 each. When you purchase your tickets, you will be asked to answer two questions (how many tickets/how much you're paying). You must answer these questions to be able to purchase the tickets. You will not receive physical tickets however the PTFA will have a record of who has purchased tickets. We will also be selling tickets on the gate on the evening of the event.

Next PTFA meeting- Monday 6th October

Are you interested in joining our school's PTFA this year? Pop along on Monday 6th October at 5.30pm (we will meet at the school office) and come and see what we do. You do not need any experience... Just an eagerness to help us fundraise to give our pupils the best opportunities and experiences!

This year we are focusing on raising funds to improve our preschool outdoor provision and other multiple projects which we will keep you updated on.

We would love to see you at the meeting! If you love to be a part of the committee, but are unable to attend on this date, please speak to Miss Cheal (our vice chair) or email Miss Davis (chair) at ptfa@tewkesbury-primary.co.uk and we will send out the minutes of the meeting.



2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (1)

w/b 22nd September - Extra Curricular Club to begin

23rd September - Year 5 road to RIAT

26th September - French Day

26th September - PFTA - Event Outdoor Cinema

30th September - Flu Nasal Spray immunisation

2nd October - Harvest Festival at 2pm (family welcome)

3rd October - iSingPop wear Bright Colours Day

6th October - PTFA meeting (5:30pm)

7th - 9th October - iSingPop teaching experience

7th October - Year 1 visit to Tewkesbury Library

9th October - Year 6 WW2 trip to Winchcombe Steam

10th October - Inset Day

15th October - iSingPop concert at 2pm & 6pm (family welcome)

w/b 20th October - EYFS parent meetings - tbc

24th October - PTFA - Event Glow in the Dark Disco

w/b 27th October - Half Term

Autumn Term (2)

4th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)

6th November - ESFA Football tournament

7th November - Year 6 Codebreaking experience

12th November - Individual & sibling photos

13th November - ESFA Girls Football tournament

14th November - PTFA Event - Break the Rules Day

18th November - Year 6 WW2 Workshop

19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)

3rd December - Christmas Fayre

5th December - Abbey Carol Service at 2pm (family welcome)

8th December - Open Morning (New Reception children)

10th December - Year 3 & Year 6 Panto at the Roses theatre

16th December - EYFS Nativity & stay and play at 9:30am

17th December - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly at 2pm (family welcome)

18th December - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly at 2pm (family welcome)

19th December - Last Day of Autumn Term

Spring Term

5th January - Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January - First Day of Spring Term

w/b 16th February - Half Term

23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play

27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term

27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential

1st May - Inset Day

w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week

w/b 25th May - Half Term

w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood

1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play

8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date

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 22nd September 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon			Football Club Year 3 - 6 Finish at 4:15pm		Meatballs with Pasta and tomato sauce Quorn meatballs with Pasta and tomato sauce
Tues	Year 5 Road to RIAT challenge		First Lego League Year 4- 5 Finish at 4:15pm	Netball Club Year 5- 6 Finish at 4:15pm	BBQ chicken and rice Vegetable wrap with rice
Wed	Morning Run Club Rec - Y6 Finish at 8:00 - 8:30am	Draw with Rob Year 3- 5 12:45 - 1:15pm	Dodgeball Year 5- 6 Finish at 4pm		Homemade cottage pie & yorkshire pudding Homemade vegetable pie & yorkshire pudding
Thurs			Cross Country Year 4- 6 Finish at 5pm at the Vineyards	No French Club this week	Chicken fajita pasta bake with cheese Quorn fajita pasta bake
Fri	Whole School French Day Lego Club Year 1- 3 12:45 - 1:15pm				Cod goujons & smiley faces Jacket potato with a choice of fillings



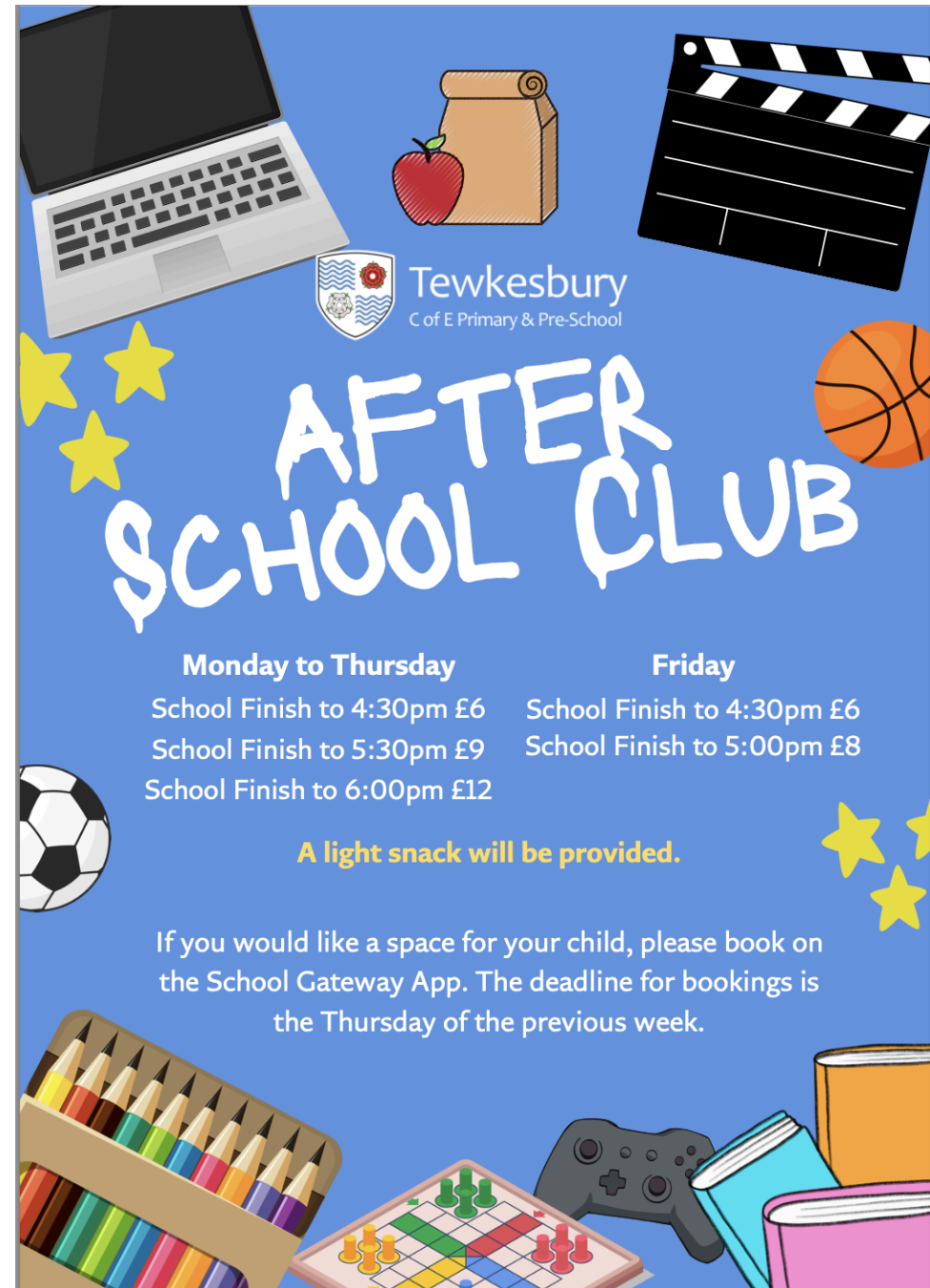
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School Finish to 6:00pm £12	

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.



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