



‘Learn Together, Shine Forever’

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a wonderful week it's been at C of E! We've been lucky to welcome some very special visitors, including the brilliant author Jenny Pearson and the newly appointed Town Mayor of Tewkesbury, Cllr Alan Hayes, both of whom inspired and delighted our children. Our talented Drama Club lit up the stage with their magical performance of *The Magic Quill*, while Reception children enjoyed a joyful Hat Party full of colour and fun. Meanwhile, Year 6 took an important step towards their next adventure with a visit to Skill Zone, helping them prepare for the transition to secondary school. As always, it's been a week full of shining moments!

Drama Performance



Our Drama Club dazzled us all this week with their fantastic performance of *The Magic Quill*. In this imaginative play, the characters set out on a quest to help Roald Dahl find his missing quill, journeying through some of his most beloved stories; *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Twits*, *The Witches* and *Matilda*. It was truly magical to see the children bring these tales to life with such energy and confidence. Every child shone on stage and their joy and enthusiasm were a delight to behold. A huge well done to all involved, particularly to Mrs Sweeting and Miss Cheal for putting it all together.

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

Jenny Pearson (award-winning author) visits Tewkesbury C of E Primary



On Wednesday morning, we welcomed Year 5 & 6 pupils from local primary schools (John Moore, Tirlbrook and Mitton Manor) to join us as we hosted award-winning author, Jenny Pearson. Jenny ran a captivating talk on her new book, *Shrapnel Boys*; she engaged pupils (and teaching staff!) from across the schools as she read extracts from the book and explained how the book was influenced by her grandparents and their experience within World War II.

After her talk, the children were given the opportunity to grill her with their questions (of course, one of the first questions was how much an author earned!). They learnt more about the process of writing, and publishing, a book; what motivated Jenny to write each book and which was (secretly!) her favourite to write. Once the other schools left, our children spent a little more time with Jenny. She kindly signed each of their books and took photos with each year group. We had a wonderful time welcoming Jenny into school and she commented on how wonderful our children and school is! We would also like to thank Books for Bugs for working with Miss Davis to coordinate this visit; without them, it would have been impossible!

Mayor visit



The newly-elected Mayor of Tewkesbury visited us on Thursday. After a tour of the school, he attended our Collective Worship led by Fr Nick. It was really interesting to hear from our special guest about what he does to improve the town and how he came to be Mayor. Following this, we read about Nehemiah in the bible, who did so much for his city after it was left in ruins and how his actions not only rebuilt the city walls but also built a strong community. We reflected on how we can be inspired to improve our community in Tewkesbury and in our school. Next was a Q&A with the Mayor where we found out all sorts of things, from if he gets paid (he's a volunteer), to what his favourite food is (beans on toast)!

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Understanding Dyslexia – Learning Together



This week, the children had the opportunity to learn about dyslexia during a special assembly led by Mr Shaw. Through engaging slides and discussion, we explored what dyslexia is, how it affects people differently and the many strengths that individuals with dyslexia often have, such as creativity, problem-solving and big-picture thinking.

Mr Shaw helped us understand that dyslexia is simply a different way of thinking and learning and with the right support, children with dyslexia can thrive. We were reminded that everyone learns in their own unique way and that's something to celebrate!

To support this learning at home, here are some helpful and accessible resources for both parents and children:

What is Dyslexia? An excellent animated explanation for all ages: [Watch on YouTube](#)

Dyslexia Explained: A child-friendly site offering clear, supportive information: [Explore Nessy](#)

Year 6 Skillzone



On Monday, Year 6 headed to Skill Zone to learn about how they can stay safe in preparation for them heading to their new secondary schools.

The children visited different zones including: derelict buildings, the river, the bus, knife crime and dangers within the home; they were challenged to identify different hazards they could encounter and were provided with scenarios for which they had to choose the safest option.

Who wears this hat?



Over the past few weeks, Ruby class have been asking themselves, "Who wears this hat?" Every so often, our magic hat box has appeared with a delightful new hat inside. Each hat has inspired us to learn about various jobs in our community, as well as significant events like VE Day, and figures such as Queen Elizabeth and King Charles. We have also enjoyed reading the charming story, "You Must Bring a Hat!" and we were thrilled to be invited to our very own hat party today but ... WE MUST BRING A HAT! Therefore, we have worked incredibly hard, designing and creating our own unique hats to wear. We have so much fun this term!

Another author visit for some of our Year 6 pupils



On Thursday afternoon, a few of our Year 6 pupils visited Books for Bugs to meet poet Matt Goodfellow. Matt is renowned for his two books: *The Final Year* and *The First Year* which are highly regarded by Year 6 and 7 teachers across the country.

These books focus on the transitions between Year 6 and Year 7 and are stories that are written in the form of poetry.

It was wonderful to hear Matt reading some extracts from his books but also other poems he has written; he shared his process for writing poems and the joy he feels when penning these.

We had a wonderful afternoon with Matt and the children enjoyed receiving a signed copy of one of his books.

Arts Week 2025

After our successful Arts Week last summer, we are delighted to announce Arts Week will be returning this summer! It was so wonderful to welcome parents and other family members into school last summer and we'd love to give you the opportunity to join us once again... this time we are exploring architecture! You do not need to be a budding architect to sign up... you just need to be willing to get involved in helping the children to create their buildings.

Arts Week will run during the week commencing 9th June. A letter has been sent home with your child; this details the sessions that will be running with each class. If you are available to support (this can be in your child's class OR another class), please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher or the school office. Please send the slip back to school by Monday 2nd June if you can volunteer a few hours of your time. We really do appreciate it!

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From the Fairground to the Playground!



We're incredibly grateful to James Danter & Sons Funfair for their generous donation of fairground ride cars for our OPAL playtimes.

These colourful new additions have brought so much joy and excitement to the playground. our children have absolutely loved using them in their imaginative play!

School diary week beginning 2nd June 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Summer Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Whole School Photo		Basketball Club Year 4 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm	Rounders Club Year 4 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm	Battered Chicken with Diced Potatoes Fishfinger ‘hotdog’ with Diced Potatoes
Tues	Year 1 trip to Weston Super Mare		Creativity Club Rec - 2 3.15 - 4.15pm	Cricket Club Year 3 - 6 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chilli & Rice
	Year 5 Road to RIAT challenge		Outdoor Adventure Club Year Rec - 6 3.15 - 4.15pm		Vegetable Chilli & Rice
Wed	Morning run club Year 1 – 6 8:00 - 8.30am	Year 2 trip to Nature In Art	Science Club Year 3 - 6 3.15 - 4.15pm		Chicken & Vegetable Pie topped with Saute Potatoes
	Year 6 Young Minds Matter workshop				Vegetable Pie topped with Saute Potatoes
Thur	Year 5 trip to Overbury		French Club Year 1 - 3 3.15pm - 4pm	Athletics Club Year 3 - 6 3.15pm - 4:20pm	Homemade Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread
	Bead Craft Club Year 3 - 4 12.45 - 1.15		Tennis Club Year 3 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm		Homemade Vegetarian Bolognese with Garlic Bread
Fri	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12.45 - 1.15		Creativity Club Year 3 - 5 3.15 - 4.15pm		Star Fish with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



2024/25 Calendar

Summer Term

w/b 26th May - Half term

2nd June - Start of MTC Window

2nd June - Whole School & Pre School Photo

3rd June - Year 1 trip to Weston Super Mare

4th June - Young Minds Matter Workshop - Year 6

4th June - Year 2 trip to Nature in Art

5th June - B.Ware Author visit

5th June - Year 5 trip to Overbury

6th June - Music Share concert at Tewkesbury Abbey (cancelled)

w/b 9th June - Arts Week

w/b 16th June- Year 6 Residential Oaker Wood

23rd June - Year 6 Bikeability

25th June - Grandparents Afternoon Tea (more info to follow)

2nd July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play

3rd July - Year 2 - 6 Bizarre Bible performance at Tewkesbury Baptist Church (more info to follow)

4th July - Field Work Day (more info to follow)

9th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date

11th July - Med Fest

14th July - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am

16th July - Rec - Year 2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

16th July - Tewkesbury School Leavers Service - Tewkesbury Abbey - 1:30pm

17th July - Year 3 - 5 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

18th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 1:45pm

21st July - Inset Day



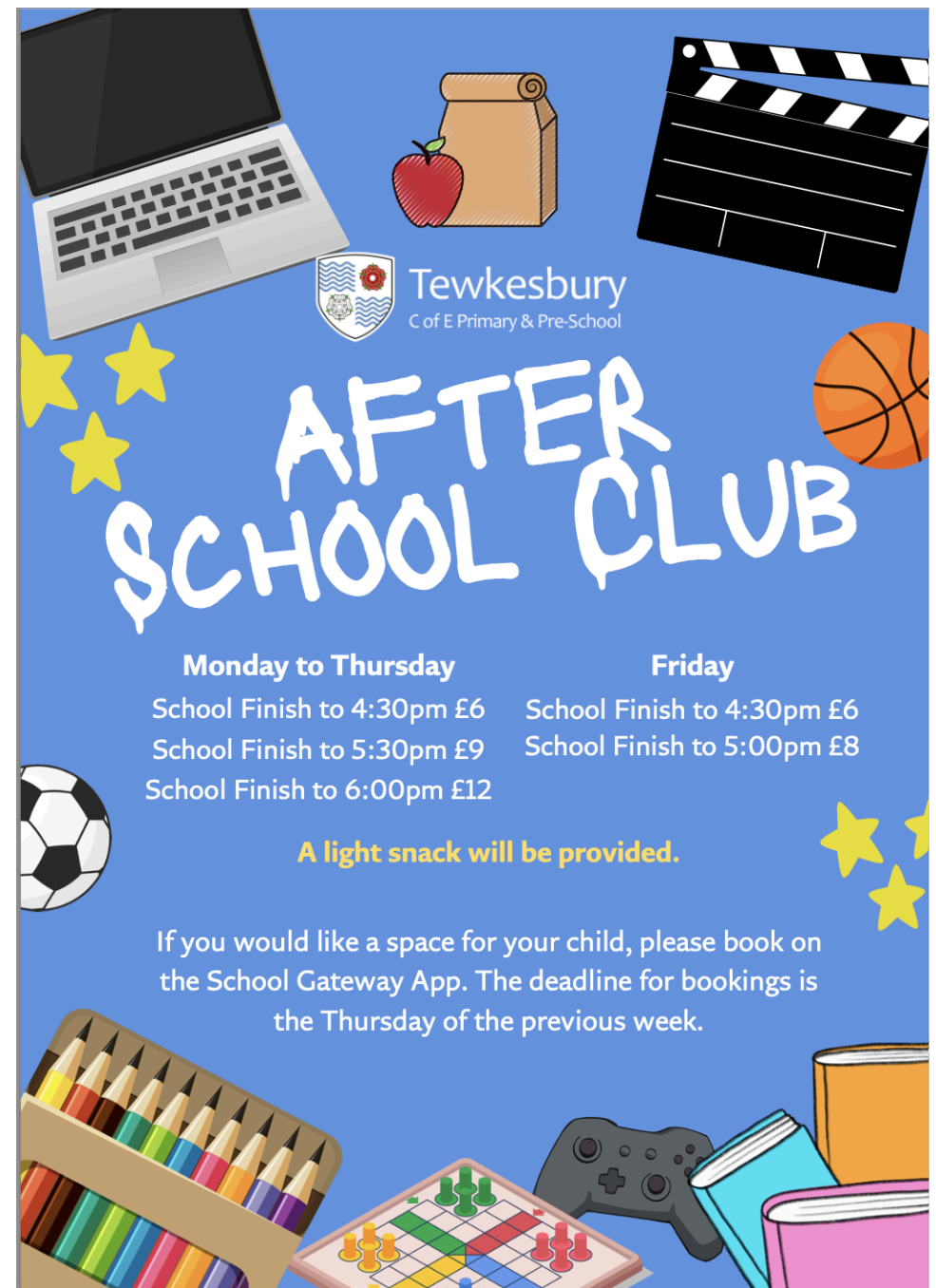
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BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
8:00am - School Start

£4.25 per child

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



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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.



Big Top Basics! A Circus Skills Workshop

Step right up for 75 minutes of circus fun—on stage!

Perfect for 7–11 year olds, this hands-on workshop teaches juggling, spinning plates, hula hoops, flower sticks and poi. Led by friendly tutors from ArtSpace Cinderford, it's all about building confidence, coordination, and having a laugh.

When Thu 29 May

Time 10.00–11.15am

Ages 7–11 years

Price £10 (sibling discount available)

Book Online at rosetheatre.org/events/circus-skills-workshop



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After School Club



**Reception
to
Year 5**

-  Hands on activities & kids will take home their creativity
-  Ignite curiosity with interactive sessions
-  Fun projects that enhance fine & gross motor skills
-  Unique craft activities that encourage imagination & art



3rd June – 11th July 2025



3:15pm – 4:30pm



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**Our Mud kitchen
needs your help!**

We Need:



**Mixing
spoons**

Pots

Bowls
(Large and
small)

Kettles

IT'S
**ALL
ABOUT
YOU**



Kettles



Trays

Utensils



Pans

Measuring jugs



Looking for something to do May half-term? Come and meet a real author!



For ages 6+

Date: Wednesday 28th May 2025

Time: 10.30am and 1.30am

Venue: Books for Bugs, Vantage Point Business Village, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, GL17 0DD

Session Time: Each session will last for approx 1 hour with book signing opportunity after.

Price: £10 per child which includes a goody bag and a copy of her brand new book Puppy Problem.

Book your tickets via the QR code or at
<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/author-visit-serena-patel/>





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● **UNIQUE CRAFT ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGE
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MOTOR SKILLS THROUGH BUILDING & CRAFTING**

● **HANDS ON ACTIVITIES & KIDS WILL TAKE
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**START DATE:
29TH APRIL 2025**

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