



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, it feels like the perfect moment to pause and reflect on all that our children have experienced. From the many exciting learning opportunities throughout the term to the events of this final week, it has been a joy to welcome so many members of our community into school.

The EYFS Nativity and our celebration assemblies this week were a real highlight, giving the children the chance to shine and share their learning with confidence and pride. Seeing families and friends join in with the Twelve Days of Christmas was a particularly special moment, a wonderful way to finish the year on a high.

We wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

EYFS Nativity and Christmas Stay and Play



Our EYFS Nativity was a real highlight of the week. The children retold the Christmas story beautifully and sang a range of traditional songs with confidence and enthusiasm. It was then lovely to welcome families to stay for our Christmas Stay and Play, where everyone enjoyed making tree decorations and snowmen, preparing reindeer food, decorating biscuits and, to the children's great excitement, meeting a very special guest! It was a joyful morning and a wonderful way to share the magic of Christmas together.

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

Merry Christmas from all at Pre-school



It's been a busy week in pre-school, filled with festive fun and sensory experiences. The children have loved making Christmas tea, carefully mixing fruity tea with cloves, cinnamon and cranberries, finished with a little dash of glitter. It was a lovely, calm way to bring the term to a close.



The children have also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a wide range of festive Christmas activities this week. From creative crafts to seasonal play, they have embraced everything with enthusiasm and curiosity. It has been lovely to see them so engaged, excited and full of festive cheer as we head towards the end of term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our pre-school families.

Reception Spread some Christmas Cheer



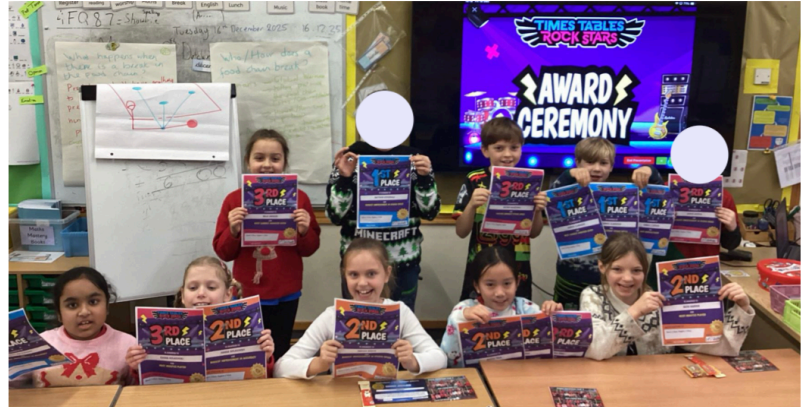
Children in Reception have been spreading Christmas cheer all week, earlier in the week they dropped off a candy cane for all of the staff in the school, and this morning, they came around with some more Christmas treats (from the 'Reception Cafe', whilst singing 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' it was lovely to see them so happy and jolly and it really made all of the staff feel appreciated!

Families and Parents partnership link

We'd also like to share a 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](#)

Year 4 TTRS Awards



This term year 4 have been working very hard to improve their times tables knowledge through TTRS . Competition has been fierce and progress impressive. To celebrate children's progress, Mr Williams hosted an awards ceremony for various TTRS awards this term including 'most accurate' and 'most improved'.

Year 3 Science



Year 3 have had a wonderful time during science lessons learning about forces and magnets. Last week they tested the strength of a variety of magnets. They found out that the horseshoe magnet was the strongest of all the magnets they tested. Ask them how many paper clips it could hold!

A term full of experiences

As mentioned earlier, it has been an incredible term, full of memorable learning experiences, exciting trips and special events. Our children have embraced so many opportunities, and we've loved seeing them grow, explore and shine! Here are just some of the highlights from this term:

EYFS: Owl Experience, Visit to the Fayre, Nativity and Stay and Play

Year 1: Under the Moon concert, Tewkesbury Library visit

Year 2: Black Country Living Museum, Victorian School Day

Year 3: Stone Age Day, Panto

Year 4: Egyptian Day, Young Minds Matter Y4 workshop

Year 5: Greek Day, Road to RIAT experience,

Year 6: John Moore Museum workshop, GCHQ Codebreakers experience, Winchcombe Steam trip, Panto

Whole School:

- Harvest Festival
- iSingPop Concert (afternoon & evening)
- Remembrance Assembly
- Christmas Carol Service
- Celebration Assemblies
- Children in Need
- Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day
- French Day
- Girls & Boys Football (ESFA tournaments & County Finals for the girls)
- Year 5 - 6 Netball competition
- Year 3 - 4 Football League (part 1)
- Cross Country Races
- PTFA outdoor cinema event and PTFA school disc



2025/26 Calendar

Spring Term

5th January - Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January - First Day of Spring Term

13th January - Dodgeball competition

15th January - Year 5 Swimming to begin

20th January - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 3

22nd January - Tewkesbury Swimming gala

28th January - Music Workshop - tbc

5th February - Year 2 RE trip

5th February - Cross Country (Race 4)

12th February - Cross Country (Race 5)

23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play

w/b 16th February - Half Term

5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)

11th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup

25th March - English Touring Opera visit

27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term

20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2

27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential

1st May - Inset Day

w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week

w/b 25th May - Half Term

12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition

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

24th June - Meet your new teacher morning

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 5th January 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Inset Day		
Tues	Children return to school Outdoor learning session For selected children		Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed			Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes Quorn Fillet & Roast Potatoes
Thurs			Sausage, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding Veggie Sausage, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding
Fri			Jumbo Fish Finger & Smiley Faces Homemade Vegetable Pizza



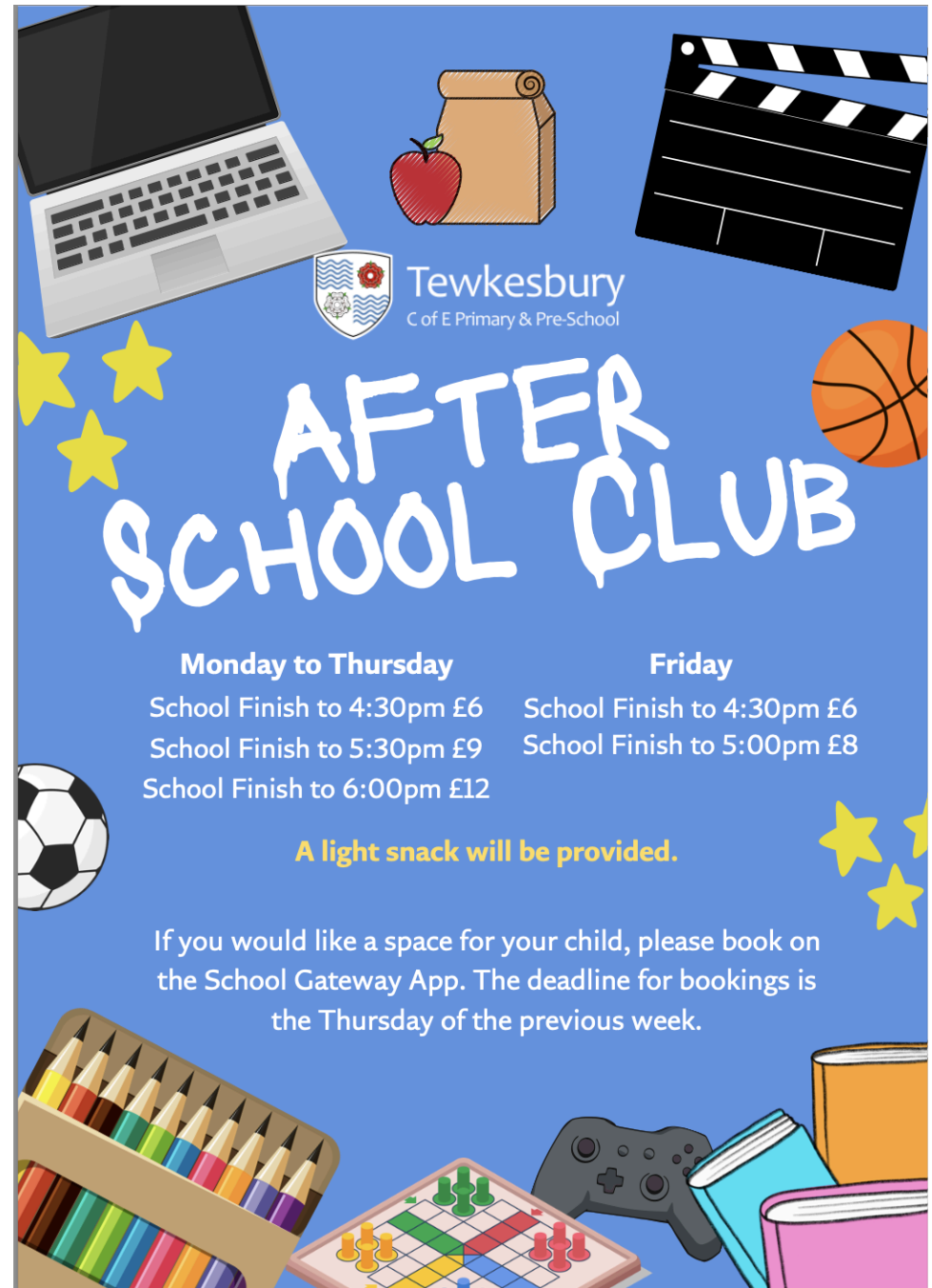
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BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
7:45am - School Start

£4.25 per child

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



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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.

christmas at Holy Trinity



CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE 3PM & 4.30PM

Featuring the popular Trinity puppets!
Come dressed as a nativity character.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Worship for Everyone, 10-11AM

Children are invited to bring their
favourite present to this family
friendly all-age service.



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

The
Children's
Society

Tewkesbury Youth Hub

What's On

Come and
join us!

Our Youth Clubs

EPIC

Tuesdays

6:30- 8:30pm

A safe space for young people with additional needs or are neurodiverse, to cook, play sports and make friends!

Fuel

Wednesdays

4:00- 6:00pm

Come and hang out, play videogames, cook and eat together! As well as getting involved with sports and arts activities.

Home Ed

Youth Club

Contact us for more details and timings

An inclusive space to make friends while enjoying, sports, cooking, crafts and games.

Where: Tewkesbury Youth Centre Link Rd, Tewkesbury GL20 5JQ

Who: 10- 18 year olds (up to 25 for Epic)

Contact us: ctyh@childrenssociety.org.uk

07521429300

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EPIC

What is happening?

Every Monday 6:30-8:30 we provide a safe space for young people aged 10-25 with SEN and neurodiversity.

There plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy for example:

- Cooking/baking
- Arts and crafts
- Football with will from CTFC
- Pool tables
- Table football



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TEWKESBURY TOWN BAND



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025

7:30pm

THE ROSES THEATRE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE ROSES
THEATRE BOX OFFICE**