

Friday 6th March 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a week! The sunshine has finally returned, the children have been brimming with energy, and spring feels like it's just around the corner. We've had some unforgettable moments, waddling little ducklings causing a stir in Reception, the grand opening of our brand-new outdoor library, and a visit from the brilliant children's author Emma Swan, who had everyone laughing their backsides off (you had to be there)! And, of course, World Book Day was a cosy affair this year with our theme "Snuggle Down with a Book". Seeing children in pyjamas and comfy clothes, curled up with a favourite story or sharing books with friends, was a perfect reminder of just how much joy reading can bring. A week of sunshine, stories, and smiles - we couldn't have asked for more!



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

World Book Day

We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day this week, with our theme “Snuggle Down with a Book.” Children came to school in their pyjamas or comfy clothes, ready to get cosy with a good story, and many brought along their favourite books to share. It was lovely to see the school filled with such excitement for reading, and there was certainly no shortage of comfortable readers throughout the day!

One of the highlights was seeing different classes visiting each other to share stories. It was a really special atmosphere, with older and younger pupils reading together, recommending books and enjoying time simply getting lost in a good story. It was a fantastic way to celebrate our love of reading and to remind us all how special it is to pause, get comfortable, and enjoy a book together.

Emma Swan visit



We were delighted to welcome children’s author Emma Swan to school this week. Emma delivered a brilliant and highly entertaining talk about her book, sharing the story behind it, the themes within it, and stories from her own rather unusual childhood growing up on a ship. Her humour and storytelling had the children in Years 2–6 completely captivated. The hall was filled with laughter throughout, and at times you could have heard a pin drop as the children hung on every word.

After the talk, Emma spent time visiting classrooms to chat with the children and sign the books many of them had bought, which they were very excited about. A big thank you to Miss Davis and Books for Bugs for organising such a fantastic visit.

Opening of the new outdoor library



We were delighted to officially open our new outdoor library this week, with the ribbon cut by children's author Emma Swan. The space will provide children with a wonderful place to snuggle down, relax and get lost in a good book during their OPAL play sessions.

The outdoor library is a fantastic addition to our school grounds and will help to further encourage a love of reading while enjoying time outdoors.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Shaw, Miss Davis, Mrs Tonkin, Mr James and Mr Hoare for all of their hard work in preparing the space and getting everything ready for the opening.

We are incredibly grateful for the time and effort they put in to make this special area possible for our children.

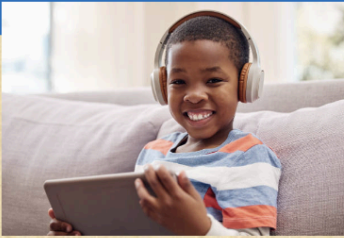
A quacking experience for Reception



The Reception children were thrilled to welcome some surprise springtime visitors this week, kindly brought in by Miss House. The children loved meeting the ducks, gently petting them and learning more about how they live.

Join Us at Our Next Coffee Morning

Managing Screen time?



Come to our coffee morning for Parents

Mrs Hortop and Mrs Wiggins will share a video and discuss points raised, as well as hearing from you..

This will give you an opportunity to meet other parents having similar issues.



When: Tuesday 17th March from 9am until 10.30

Where: Community room at Pre-School.

Please let us know if you are interested in coming, so we have enough biscuits!

Managing screens while nurturing children's minds can feel like a real balancing act. At our next coffee morning, we'll create space to share experiences, swap ideas, and learn from one another in a relaxed, supportive setting.

Collective Worship Update



On Tuesday, we welcomed Sarah from Holy Trinity, who led our Collective Worship. At the front of the hall she set up a line of dominoes and demonstrated how, when one domino was tipped over, it caused all the others to fall in turn. Sarah explained that unforgiveness can work in a similar way – when we hold onto it, it can spread and affect others around us.

She then removed one of the dominoes and showed how this stopped the chain reaction. In the same way, choosing to forgive can stop the cycle of unforgiveness from spreading from person to person.

Sarah also shared the Old Testament story of Joseph, who was badly treated by his brothers when he was younger. Despite the hardship he experienced, Joseph eventually rose to become a leader in Egypt and chose to forgive his brothers rather than take revenge.

As we look towards Easter, we are reminded that God is a forgiving God and that we too are called to forgive others.

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Year 6 Explore Electrical Components



Year 6 have been investigating how different electrical components work. Pupils first had to identify the function of each part, then head outside to match their understanding with the correct electrical symbol. It was a brilliant blend of practical learning and scientific reasoning, and they rose to the challenge with real focus.

Spring Term Parents Evening information

We will be holding our parents' evening during the week beginning 16th March, where your child's class teacher will be offering at least two dates for you to sign up. To book your 10 minute slot to meet your child's class teacher you will need to click on the link and complete your details: <https://tewkesburyprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> The booking form will open at 7pm on Friday 6th March and will close on Friday 13th March at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

PTFA Updates - Paint and Sip Evening (Adult event) Friday 20th March



After the success of our Paint & Sip Night in the autumn term, we are so excited to announce Paint Pot Parties' return on Friday 20th March!

We will be joined by the brilliant Brydie who will guide us step-by-step through creating our own masterpiece (see image below). Everyone ends up creating a wonderful piece regardless of whether they have experience or not so please do not worry about having any skills!

Tickets cost £21 per person (including the booking fee) and can be purchased through the School Gateway App. The cost also includes a delicious sweet treat from our wonderful parents who own Tewkesbury Treats! Tickets are sure to sell out like last time so be quick if you want to join us for a night of fun! Doors will open at 6.45 ready for the event to begin at 7pm.

So just grab some family or friends (they do not need to attend the school), some drinks (these can be alcoholic), relax and enjoy the evening!

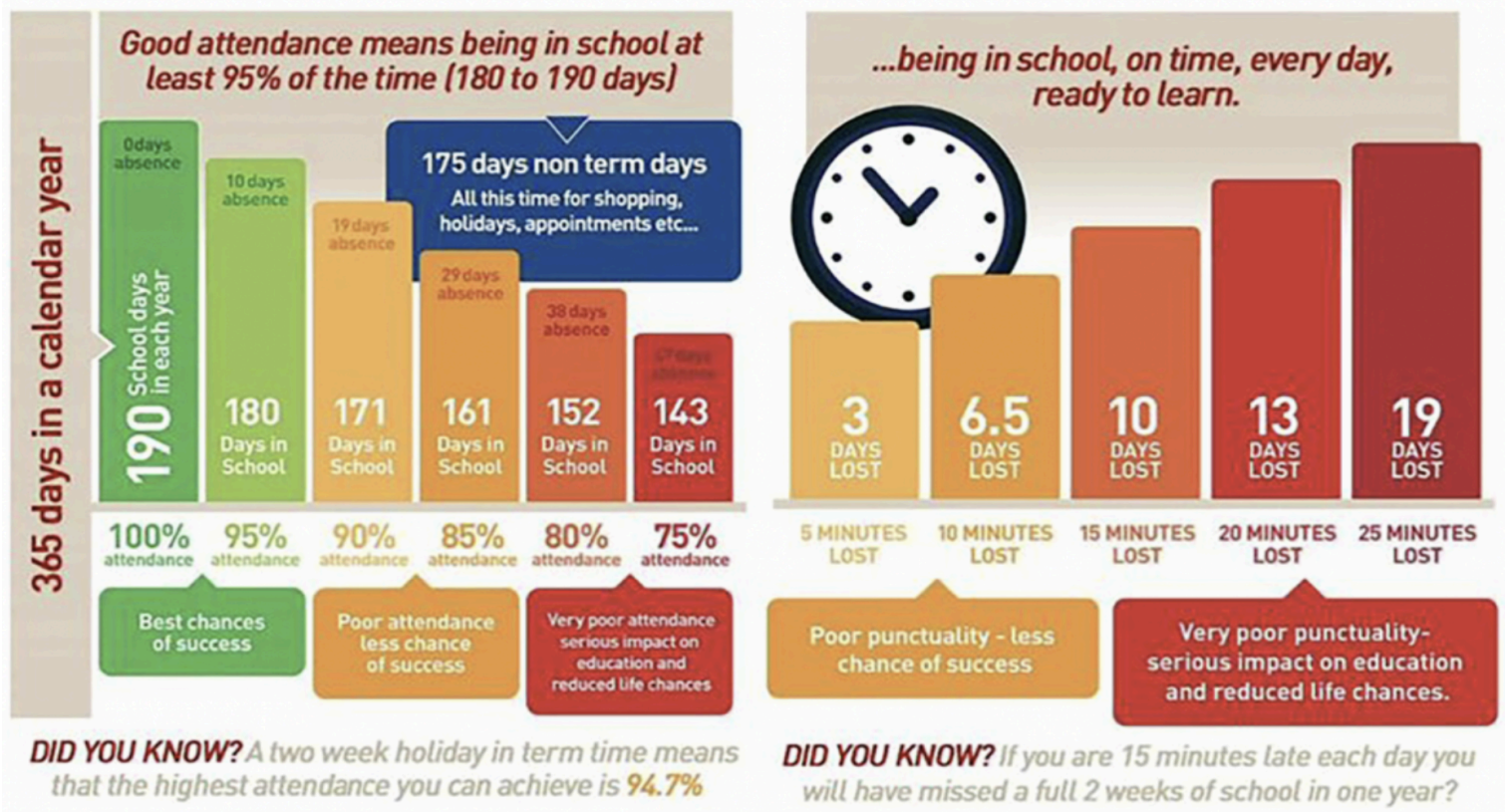
Cheltenham Town Women FC – March Fixtures & Half-Price Family Tickets



Cheltenham Town Women FC have shared details of their March home fixtures at Kayte Lane Stadium (GL52 3PD), including a **special half-price ticket offer** for our school community for the match on Sunday 15 March, when they take on Bristol City Women Academy (2:00 pm kick-off, gates open 12:30 pm).

Families can access the discount automatically via the dedicated booking link [HERE](#). Other home fixtures this month include AFC Bournemouth Women on Sunday 8 March and AFC Wimbledon Women on Sunday 22 March, both also kicking off at 2:00 pm. The club looks forward to welcoming Tewkesbury families to support women's football locally.

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

12th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup
w/b 16th March - Parents Evening
17th March - SEN Coffee Morning -Screen time
18th March - Year 4 In the Net (Internet safety performance)
20th March - Year 5 concert at Tewkesbury Abbey - more info to follow
20th March - PTFA Paint and Sip evening
23rd March - Year 6 SATS Meeting 5.00pm
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
16th April - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup (new date)
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 9th March 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Spring Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon		Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Story Club 3.15 - 3.45pm Table Tennis Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Vegetarian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Year 1 Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm Netball Club 3.15 - 4.15pm First Lego League Club (Invite Only) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken New York & Rice Veggie New York & Rice
Wed	Morning Run Club 8.00am Funky Fingers Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	Year 1 Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm Fun Science Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Dodgeball Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Homemade Cottage Pie Homemade Vegetarian Cottage Pie
Thurs	Year 5 Swimming	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm French Club Year 3- 6 3.10 - 4pm Tewkesbury Football Cup Y5/6 3.45 - 5.45pm	Sweet Chilli Chicken & Rice Sweet Chilli Quorn & Rice
Fri			Fishcake with Mini Waffles Homemade BBQ Pizza



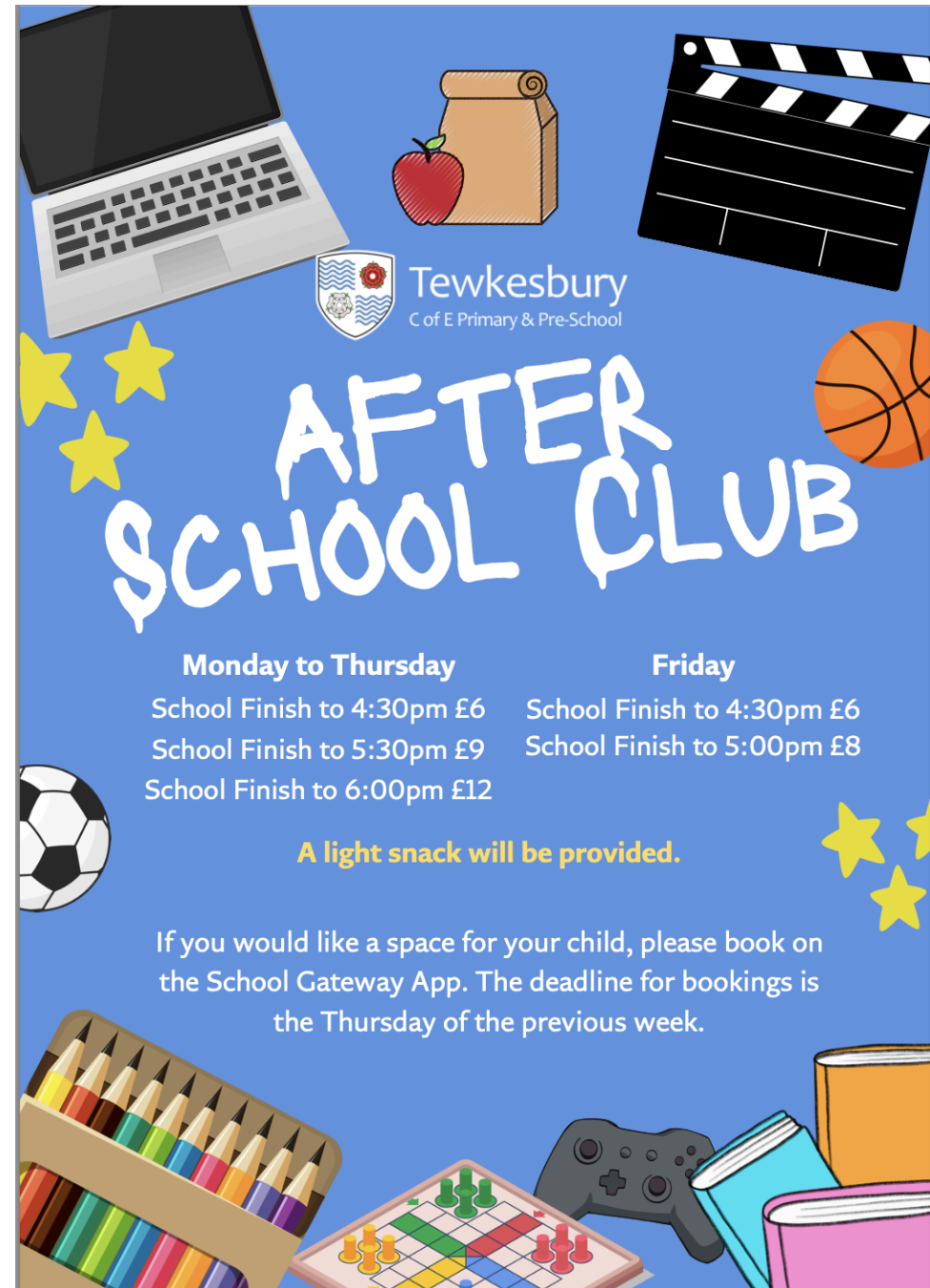
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

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FOR AGES 5 - 12

HOLIDAY CLUB AGES 5 - 12

8:15AM- 3:30PM

£45 PER DAY, PER CHILD

8:15AM- 5:30PM

£55 PER DAY, PER CHILD

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OF APRIL

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OF APRIL

AT NORTON VILLAGE HALL

OLD TEWKESBURY ROAD, NORTON, GL2 9LJ

PLEASE NOTE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP OF YOUR CHILD ANYTIME FROM 8:15 UNTIL 9:15AM



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16.00

7TH APRIL -10TH APRIL 08.30-16.00

ACTIVITIES

- BALL GAMES
- BADMINTON
- DODGEBALL
- SWIMMING
- TEAM GAMES

AGES 5-13



**£24.00 PER
DAY**

**WEEK 1 WILL ALSO INCLUDE EASTER ARTS AND CRAFTS ON
TUESDAY 31ST MARCH AND WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL**

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