

# Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13th October 2023

### *A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...*

It's been another tremendous week at C of E with so much going on. It began with our Year 6's venturing back in time and reliving the experiences of evacuee children, by travelling on a steam train through the countryside. Next we celebrated World Mental Health Day, where many of the children wore green and took part in fun activities to help them to gain an understanding of things we can do to support our wellbeing. Then PC Pete joined us to talk to some of the children about keeping safe online (and at break time, he let some of the children sit in his police car and blast out the sirens). Finally yesterday, we enjoyed welcoming many of you to our Harvest Festival, where the children sang songs, read aloud and joined together in celebration. We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to join us and thank you also for all of your kind donations. As usual, the children were in fine voice and we're especially proud of our wonderful reception children who did so well in what was only their second ever assembly.

#### **Year 6 - Winchcombe Steam**



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On Tuesday, Year 6 stepped back in time as they experienced what it may have been like for a child being evacuated to the countryside during the second world war. Throughout the day, they got to experience an air raid, look at lots of different clothes and artefacts from the 1940s, listen to some stories from evacuees and even took part in some fire training. When the steam train arrived, the children were so excited and couldn't wait to climb aboard. On the train, they sang songs and enjoyed looking outside at the beautiful scenery, before spotting and helping to capture a suspicious spy. It really was a fabulous experience!

## **World Mental Health Day**

Tuesday was National Mental Health Day and it was lovely to see so many children come to school dressed in green to show their support. Throughout the day, the children took part in activities based around the 5 ways to wellbeing and we hope that they can continue to use these ideas both in school and at home.



### **Connect**

Good relationships are important for our wellbeing. Spending time with family and friends is really good for us and helps to make us happy.

### **Be Active**

Being active improves our fitness and wellbeing. Whether it's walking, running, dancing, playing sports or anything else. Exercise causes chemical changes in our brains that can help to improve our mood.

### **Take Notice**

Paying more attention to things around us can help us to feel calm and peaceful. Noticing our thoughts and the world around us can help us to enjoy life more.

### **Keep Learning**

Learning a new skill or hobby can boost our self-esteem and confidence and make us feel good.

### **Give**

Giving our time or sharing our things to help others is proven to help us too. Acts of kindness can help to improve our wellbeing by creating positive feelings. It's also great as it makes the other person feel good too!

## **Parent Governors**

There is one week left for nominations for the parent governor vacancies. It's a wonderful opportunity to support our school and our community, and help children have the best possible education. Nominations need to be in the school office by 12.00 noon on Thursday 19 October. If you want to find out more about what's involved, then please contact our current Chair of Governors, John Holmes, via the school office.

## **Donations of old uniform**

We are always needing spare uniforms at school. If you have any old uniform that you no longer need (for example if your child has grown out of it) then we would be really grateful if you were able to donate it to the school. Please speak to the office, or your child's class teacher, if there is anything that you would be able to donate.

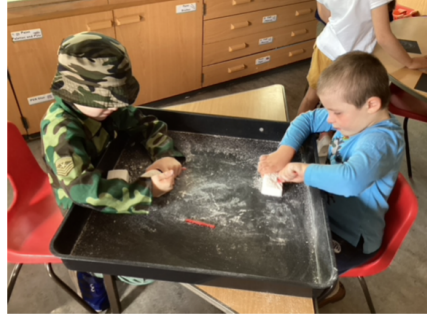
### **PC Pete**

On Wednesday, Year 6 welcomed our local School Beat Officer, PC Pete Curtis to deliver a workshop on online safety. The pupils learnt about personal and private information, the legal age for social networking and how to keep themselves safe and secure when online.



During break time, PC Pete let many of our pupils sit in the driver's seat of his police car, turn on the lights and even blast the sirens! As you can see, the children had a very entertaining break time!

### **Year 1 become palaeontologists**



Last Friday, Year 1's took on the role of palaeontologists because they had heard that some dinosaur bones from the National History Museum had been hidden in their welly boot area. They went on a hunt to find them, which didn't take long at all, because we have some excellent palaeontologists here! Once they had collected all of the bones, they handed them to Mr James to see if he could help us put the skeleton back together. Then, throughout the day, they had a go at excavating their own dinosaurs from concrete blocks (which took ages but the children persevered and finally managed to release them all), created their own skeletons using their cutting skills and played dinosaur themed phonics and maths games too.

**This week's diary**

| Day  | The School Day                                       | After school                                                                 |                                                     | Lunch Menu<br>Week 1                                                           |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon  | <b>Lego club</b><br>(Rec - Y2)<br>12:30 - 1pm        |                                                                              |                                                     | Hotdog in a Roll with Chips<br><br>Quorn Hotdog in a Roll with Chips           |
| Tues | <b>Chess club</b><br>(Rec - Y6)<br>12:30 - 1pm       | <b>Choir</b><br>(Y3 - Y6)<br>3:15 - 4pm                                      | <b>Art club</b><br>(Rec - Y1)<br>3:15 - 4pm         | Chicken Goujons with Rice<br><br>Veggie Burger in a Bun                        |
| Wed  | <b>Mindfulness club</b><br>(Rec - Y2)<br>12:30 - 1pm | <b>Recorder club</b><br>(Rec - Y6)<br>3:15 - 4pm                             | <b>Tag rugby club</b><br>(Y5 - Y6)<br>3:15 - 4.15pm | Homemade Cottage Pie<br><br>Homemade Quorn Cottage Pie                         |
| Thur | <b>Year 2 trip</b><br>Black Country Living Museum    | <b>Drama club</b><br><b>(cancelled this week)</b><br>(Y3 - Y6)<br>3:15 - 4pm |                                                     | Homemade Lemon Chicken<br>Pasta Bake<br><br>Homemade Lemon Quorn Pasta<br>Bake |
| Fri  | <b>Book club</b><br>(Rec - Y6)<br>12:30 - 1pm        | <b>Football club</b><br>(Y3 - Y6)<br>3:15 - 4.15pm                           |                                                     | Cod Fillet with chips<br><br>Vegetable Fajitas                                 |

**Important Dates**

Thursday 19th October - Year 2 trip to The Black Country Living Museum

Friday 27th October - PTFA Break the Rules Day

Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 3rd November - Half term holidays

Monday 6th November 2023 - Start of the New School Term

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Wednesday 15th November 2023 - Individual School Photos

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey

Friday 8th December 2023 - PTFA Christmas Shopping Night

**Monday 4th March (New inset day) - Monday 8th April will no longer be an Inset day.**



*We learn together - shine forever*



Tewkesbury C of E Primary School would like to invite you to visit our amazing school, where everyone is encouraged to shine!



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024? The team at Tewkesbury C of E would be delighted to show you around our fantastic school, so you can see for yourselves why this is the right place for your child to shine.

#### **Dates**

Wednesday 8th November at 10am  
Wednesday 22nd November at 10am  
Wednesday 6th December at 10am

Pre-booking is advisable but not essential. If you would like to make a booking, then please speak to reception who will be more than happy to help. If you are not available for any of the dates listed, please contact the school and we'd be happy to find an alternative date for you.

In the mean time, please check out our website: <https://www.tewkesbury-primary.co.uk>

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# PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

Autumn Half Term Play Day

## The Vineyards, Tewkesbury

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### Wednesday 1st November

### 10am to 4pm

With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for funding this day





Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

### Play Gloucestershire

Transforming lives through the power of play  
[www.playgloucestershire.org.uk](http://www.playgloucestershire.org.uk)

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# *Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire*

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Play Rangers activities target 7 - 14 year olds. Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love families to join us at all our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers. We welcome disabled children & their families.

**For further information:**

**Visit us at [www.playgloucestershire.org.uk](http://www.playgloucestershire.org.uk)**

**Email [info@playgloucestershire.org.uk](mailto:info@playgloucestershire.org.uk)**

**Phone 01452 505548**

**Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)**

You're invited

# The Welcome Table

A space to come together with others in the local community. Come in just for a tea or coffee, or enjoy a freshly cooked meal too. Bring your whole family, your friends, a neighbour, or just yourself! Everyone is welcome, it's free of charge and no booking is required.

**every other Monday**  
**doors open 3:15**  
**food served 4:45**

## next dates

- Monday 24 July 2023
- Monday 7 August 2023
- Monday 21 August 2023
- Monday 4 September 2023
- Monday 18 September 2023
- Monday 2 October 2023
- Monday 16 October 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023

## timings

**3:15** doors open  
**3:15 - 4:45** welcome space: tea and coffee, activities for children  
**4:45** warm freshly cooked meal  
**6:30** end

