

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th July 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

Tewkesbury C of E Goes Platinum

We are delighted to announce that we have received an accreditation for the Platinum OPAL play award (the highest award available - which shows that our outdoor provision is some of the best in the country). Everyday, we see the fun and learning that goes on during our playtimes and this is wonderful recognition for everyone's hard work and for your parental support and donations during the past year and a half. Our School grounds are amazing but (pre-OPAL) they were barely being used. Now, the children are so much happier, playing together in our wonderful, naturally rich environment.

Whilst it might look like a den to me or you, what our children are experiencing are opportunities to develop resilience, teamwork, negotiation skills, perseverance and character building which are often difficult to teach in the classroom. Plus, the different zones and social spaces that have been developed are exciting, adventurous and fun.



Through the project, we recognised the importance of supporting children to take risks in their play and we have worked hard to develop a culture that promotes play as essential and an understanding that risk is good. Together they promote confidence, resilience and an aptitude to learn from trial and error, all of which resonate back into the classroom and learning environment.

We don't mind if there are sloppy mud pies being cooked up in our mud kitchens at lunchtimes, and why should we, the benefits of mud play are endless... and our school oozes happy, confident children that have the freedom to be themselves - some of whom come alive at having access to nature, freedom to play and the opportunity to enjoy loose parts.

Mr Stagg and Mr Hoare have been instrumental throughout our OPAL journey, inspiring the staff and listening to the children. They always believed that the benefits of OPAL were (and are) invaluable to all children, a belief that is shared by all of our staff! And finally, to the Opal Team, a big well done and thank you, for all you have achieved so far. Believe us when we say, this is just the beginning!

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

Oscars Night



Roll out the red carpet, get ready for some glitz and glamour, because the Oscars came to C of E last week. Following the amazing performance of Cinderella and Rockafeller, the stars of the show all got together for a night of celebration. There were awards for the best actor and actress, best comedy duo, best supporting role and so many more. We were so impressed with all of the children and we really hope they enjoyed their night celebrating their fantastic performance. We definitely have some future stars in the making. Once again, we must say a huge thank you to Mrs Sweeting, Mrs Spry and Miss Searls for putting this all together - you really do go above and beyond for our children!

Some special news to share with you



We would like to share with you some amazing news about one of our pupils.

Before joining our pre-school, Bobby was sadly diagnosed with B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (cancer of the blood). After a gruelling few years of Chemo treatments, never-ending hospital trips and a global pandemic, Bobby is finally in remission and living the life of a 'normal child' once again. Bobby's family have been waiting for restrictions to be lifted to celebrate this amazing news; however, they recently decided they couldn't wait any longer!

I believe you will join myself, Mrs Farren, Miss Cheal and the rest of the staff and children at C of E, in saying a huge well-done to Bobby, who finally got to ring the bell, last Friday! We are so proud of you, for the strength that you have shown throughout these past few years. May we take inspiration from you and your family about how to stay positive through adversity.

The Medieval Festival

Today, Year 5 have been enjoying the Medieval Festival in Tewkesbury. Throughout the day they have taken part in lots of Medieval activities, such as singing, dancing, knight training and so much more! We'll look forward to sharing some pictures with you all next week.

PTFA update - Summer Fayre (C of E's Bounce Fest)

Bounce Fest

Tewkesbury C of E's PTFA are super excited to announce BOUNCE FEST- our very own inflatable park! This spectacular event will be taking place on Friday 14th July from 3.30-6pm on our KS2 field and playground. Wristbands will be available to purchase daily from our PTFA stand in the KS2 playground at 3.15pm (cash or card accepted). These will be priced at £6.50 per child and this cost covers unlimited bounces on all of our incredible inflatables for the duration of the fayre. Feel free to purchase extra wristbands for siblings (pre school & primary school age only) who do not attend so they can enjoy our fun-filled afternoon too!

Please note if wristbands are purchased on the day, they will cost £7 each and must be paid for in cash.

Silent Auction

The silent auction is back and we think we have even better prizes than last year! Today, your child will be coming home with a silent auction bidding form. Please check your emails as we have sent the silent auction brochure for you to browse through. The brochure also provides instructions on how to bid. Final time for bidding will be 6pm on Friday 14th July. We will have a stall at the summer fayre so make sure you get any slips into the box there or pass them onto your child's teacher before the end of next Friday. All funds raised through our silent auction will go towards resources and experiences for the pupils of Tewkesbury C of E.

School Council



Here are some of our school council, showcasing the bench that was purchased following their cake sale. It is now taking pride of place in our new spiritual garden (which our gardening club has been busy creating, and we can't wait to show you the results next week).

This week's focus

Learn together, shine forever



This week your focus is:
Overcome a fear you have in school

Take a few deep breaths

Realise the worse that could happen isn't that bad

Talk to someone about it Don't give up

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This week, we challenged the children to try to overcome a worry or fear that they have in school, such as talking in front of the class or in a group, or putting their hand up to answer a question. We believe that it builds confidence and courage, when trying something new!

Next week's diary

Day	The School Day	After School Activities Final Week		Summer Lunch Menu Week 3
Monday		Gardening Club Y1 & Y2 3.15 - 4.00pm	Rounders Y6 & Y6 3.15 - 4.15pm	Homemade tomato and pasta bake
		Colouring Club Rec 3.15 - 4.00pm	Tennis Y3 - Y6 3.15 - 4.15pm	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings
Tuesday	Year 6 Bikeability Cream Tea celebration for Grandparents			Roast Gammon with chips Quorn Wrap with peppers and Onions
Wednesday	Year 6 Bikeability			Toad in the hole with mash potato Quorn sausages with mash potato
Thursday	Year 6 Bikeability Year 5 Swimming	Cricket Club Y4 - Y6 3.15 - 4.15pm		Chicken goujons with noodles Veggie Burger in a bun
Friday	Year 6 Bikeability	C of E's Summer Fayre (Bounce Fest) 3:30 - 6pm		Jumbo fish fingers with chips Vegetable nuggets with chips

Important Dates

Monday 10th July - Thursday 13th July - Final week of After School Club Activities

Friday 14th July - C of E's Summer Fayre (3:30pm - 6pm)

Wednesday 19th July - Tewkesbury Schools' Year 6 Leavers Assembly at Tewkesbury Abbey (1:30pm)

Friday 21st July - Year 6 leavers assembly 1:30pm (Year 6 parents welcome)

Monday 24th July - KS1 Celebration assembly - 2:00pm (Reception and KS1 parents welcome)

Tuesday 25th July -- KS2 Celebration assembly - 2:00pm (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents welcome)

Tuesday 25th July - Last day of the school year (KS1 3:05pm, KS2 3:10pm)

**OUR VERY OWN INFLATABLE PARK WITH 11
DIFFERENT STATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM**

TEWKESBURY C OF E BOUNCE FEST



FRIDAY 14TH JULY 3:15PM TO 6PM

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FUN FACTORY HOLIDAY CLUB

**THURSDAY 10TH & 17TH
AUGUST
10-2**

**FOR THOSE GOING INTO
YEARS 1-6 IN SEPTEMBER
LUNCH INCLUDED
NO COST**

**FUN, GAMES, CRAFT AND
A WHOLE LOT OF
CRAZINESS**

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