

Friday 11th April 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

As the Spring Term comes to a close, it's a pleasure to look back on some of the things children have been involved in. It's certainly been a busy term, full of brilliant moments, from exciting trips and special events to making the most of some lovely spring sunshine. Highlights have included Year 5's visit to We the Curious, the amazing Young Voices concert and the fantastic Peace Doves performance at the Abbey. Reception families joined us for a lovely Stay and Play and we were so pleased to gather as a school community for our Easter service at Tewkesbury Abbey on Wednesday, it was a truly special afternoon. We've also loved welcoming our new families to C of E, hosting many visitors, scootathons and watching the children throw themselves into every opportunity with such enthusiasm and positivity. They've truly been a credit to you all. I'd like to wish you a happy and relaxing Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school in a couple of weeks' time.

C of E takes part in the Easter Abbey Service



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

Our annual Abbey Easter service was a great success this week. Children told the story of Easter through three crosses that relate to the three special days of Easter: Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. A dramatized reading of Palm Sunday was followed by poems about the Easter cross and why we call such a sad day 'Good Friday'. Easter Sunday was marked through a celebratory song before we shared some of our learning about forgiveness this term through readings and prayers. As always, the children sang a number of powerful songs with much enthusiasm and this was all held together by some confident and eloquent narrators. Following all this, Fr Nick played a game of Chinese Whispers with some keen volunteers and used this to help us understand the importance of telling others about the good news of Easter! Well done to all the children who sang, read lines and acted so wonderfully!

Year 5 take a trip to Tewkesbury Academy



On Thursday 10th April, Year 5 classes attended a taster day at Tewkesbury Academy. On arrival the children were put into three groups along with children from two other local primary schools. Each group then went off to experience some sample lessons, escorted by some of the Year 7 students who had previously attended our school. Some lessons included the children learning about freeze frames in a drama class, making a pastel copy of a Monet inspired 'Haystacks' picture in Art, experimenting with bunsen burners and making copper oxide in Science or learning about crime and punishment during Tudor times in History. All children also took part in some PE activities in the sports hall. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day (especially the free lunch!) and the children seemed to be excited about possibly going to Tewkesbury Academy in the future.

Name the Sheep Competition winner

A big well done to Estelle in Year 4, who won the School Council's 'Name the Sheep' competition! The winning name 'Estha' was chosen during our collective worship today. Estelle was absolutely delighted to receive some delicious chocolate and, of course, take home Estha the Sheep!

The name *Estha* comes from *Esther*, which means 'star', a perfect fit for Estelle, who brings so much brightness and joy to our school. What a lovely match!



Scootathon Success!



This week, C of E has been racing along to raise money for our OPAL provision! Together, the children completed hundreds of laps of the school during a week of glorious sunshine! Throughout their scooting and running, children demonstrated a real drive to complete as many laps as possible while supporting each other to do the best they could. A great demonstration of resilience, perseverance and respect! A reminder that all money will go towards developing our outdoor provision for the children, the last scootathon funded the installation of our huge sandpit! Please may all sponsors/donations be handed to class teachers by Friday 2nd May (the week we return from Easter break). Thank you again for all of your continued support!

Year 5 sample some astronaut food



Year 5 has been exploring the wonders of Space this term. They've learned all about our solar system, how the Earth's tilt creates the seasons and the fascinating story of the race to be the first nation to reach the Moon. One of the highlights was discovering what astronauts ate during those early missions and how space food has evolved over time. To their surprise, they found out that modern astronauts have even enjoyed meals designed by Heston Blumenthal!

To round off the topic, the children took part in a special astronaut-themed feast, sampling Astronaut Ice Cream, Freeze-Dried Peaches and reconstituted Mango and Raspberries, all while listening to music chosen by Tim Peake for his journey to the International Space Station. A truly out-of-this-world experience!

Year 4's Singing Celebration at the Abbey



Over the past few weeks, Year 4 have been learning a range of hymns and songs with Isobel from Tewkesbury Abbey. Their hard work and enthusiasm culminated in a special concert for parents on Friday 4th April. The afternoon kicked off with a fun and energetic warm-up, which included pulling silly faces and making playful vocal sounds to get their voices ready. As the children projected their voices, the energy built and it was clear they were putting everything they'd learned into practice. The concert featured a mix of group performances with other schools, along with a beautiful solo song from our pupils. Two of our Year 4 children also had the honour of reading from the pulpit, an unforgettable moment in such a stunning setting. The whole experience was incredibly special, and the sound inside the Abbey was truly breathtaking!

Lion at large



Earlier in the year, we mentioned that we were supporting Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospital Charity throughout the year. One of the ways we are supporting them is by designing and painting a lion cub for a summer sculpture trail.

Each class was tasked with creating a design for our lion; Miss Davis was so impressed with the design that she took aspects from each class to create our final design (see below). Our cub has finally arrived, ready for painting!

Our Year 6 Cub Club Fundraising Committee are currently planning some wonderful fundraising activities for the summer term so keep your eyes peeled!



New Club Alert

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a new extra-curricular club for our Reception - Year 3 pupils, beginning next term. Learn Wiz is a STEM organisation that is dedicated to engaging students through hands-on learning and they will be offering 'Creativity Club' in the summer term. The club is designed to spark curiosity through creative activities (all of which the children will be able to keep and bring home) and encourages a development of fine motor skills, creative thinking and imagination!

The club will run on Tuesdays (3.15 - 4.15) for Reception & Year 1 and Fridays (3.15 - 4.15) for our Year 2 & Year 3 pupils. It will commence the week beginning 29th April and will run until half-term. As the club is externally run and requires resources for the crafting they will undertake and staffing, there is a cost. Each session is £6 (the total cost being £24).

If your child is interested in this club and would like to sign up, please follow the instructions on the poster (found towards the end of the newsletter) under 'Creativity Club' you will be able to locate our school.

School diary week beginning 28th April 2025

Day	The School Day	After school	Summer Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon	Inset Day		Chicken Goujons with Diced Potatoes Vegetable Wrap with Diced Potatoes
Tues	Year 4 Pioneer Residential	No after school clubs this week	Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed	Year 4 Pioneer Residential	No after school clubs this week	Braised Beef with gravy & roasties Vegetable Mince in gravy with roasties
Thur	Year 4 Pioneer Residential	No after school clubs this week	Cowboy Pie with Mash Potato Vegetarian Cowboy Pie with Mash Potato
Fri		No after school clubs this week	Salmon Fishcake with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza



2024/25 Calendar

Summer Term

28th April - Inset Day

29th April - 1st May - Year 4 Residential - Pioneer Centre

5th May - May Bank Holiday

w/b 12th May - Year 6 SAT

Tuesday 13th May - Cyber Safety Talk - 5:30pm (more info to follow)

19th May - Year 6 visit to skillzone (more info to follow)

21st May - Jenny Pearson Author visit (more info to follow)

22nd May - Drama Club Performance (more info to follow)

w/b 26th May - Half term

2nd June - Start of MTC Window (2 weeks)

2nd June - Whole School & Pre School Photo

3rd June - Year 1 trip to Weston Super Mare (more info to follow)

4th June - Young Minds Matter Workshop - Year 6

5 June - B.Ware Author visit

5th June - Year 5 trip to Overbury (more info to follow)

6th June - Music Share concert at Tewkesbury Abbey (more info to follow)

w/b 9th June - Arts Week (more info to follow)

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

18th June - Year 2 trip to Nature in Art (more info to follow)

23rd June - Year 6 Bikeability (more info to follow)

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



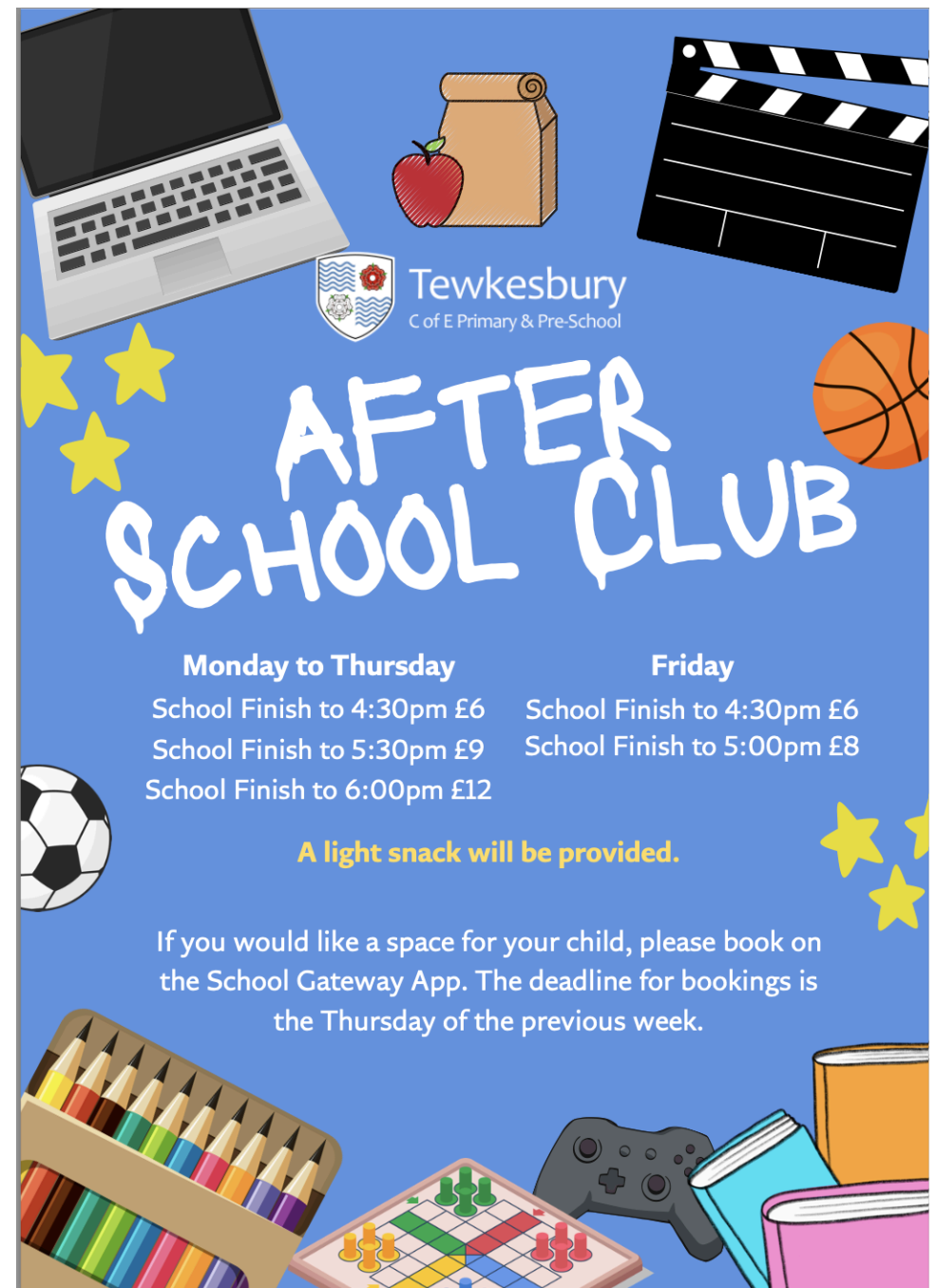
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



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**START DATE:
29TH APRIL 2025**

**SIGN UP AND
REGISTER ONLINE:**

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07776811695**



Hello!

We're excited to announce a brand new after-school service for parents at **Tewkesbury C of E Primary School**: an award-winning STEM club, to run during April and May of 2025! **(Plus a chance for some school holiday science fun!)**

Catering to **children in Y1-Y2**, each award-winning session will last for one hour from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and will be filled with exciting experiments and activities supporting the National Curriculum.

The cost for this award-winning, four-week programme is just £30 per child, which includes something to make and/or take home with them most weeks!

To book your child on this ***KS1 club, which runs on Wednesdays from 30 April –21 May 2025***, visit <https://tinyurl.com/tewkesks1>.

Places are limited to 20 per club. Places not paid for within 5 days of booking may be reallocated, and short-notice cancellations will still be chargeable.

(Children aged 4-11 are also welcome at our Easter STEM club, which will run at Cleeve School on 14–15 April. See <https://tinyurl.com/cheltegg25> for info!)

Yours in science,

Diatom Dave

Chief Fun Scientist



- Missed out? Email cheltenham@fun-science.org.uk to be put on the waiting list.
- Book only when you know your child can attend: ***cancelled places may be invoiced for.***
- T&Cs: tinyurl.com/funsciterms. Booking acknowledges reading and understanding.

Please note: If your child has any special educational needs, you must make us aware for safeguarding reasons. Failure to do so may mean your child is excluded at a later date, in which case no refund will be offered. **Please help us keep all children safe and well.**



Easter Children's Activities at Tewkesbury Abbey

Easter Trail | 12-27 April | Free

Discover the journey of Jesus (and Chuck the Donkey!) at Easter. Enjoy our interactive trail ending with a chocolate prize.

Good Friday Activities | 18 April | Free

10am-12 noon Come and explore the Easter story with crafts and activities and join us to build the Easter garden.

Easter Sunday | 20 April | Free

10.30am Join us for Easter Sunday where children will be able to make and process with banners during the service, and join in with an Easter egg hunt afterwards.





Family Mass

Anointing: What are you passionate about?

All ages welcome for a creative service
followed by sausage butties!

Sunday 6th April 2025

9.30am-10.30am



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**The Vineyards, Tewkesbury,
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10am - 4pm
Wednesday 16th April &
Thursday 24th April 2025**

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With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for
funding this play 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 and go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.



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Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at 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.

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For further information:

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14th-17th and 22nd-25th April

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- Pottery Club (8-12 years old)
- Football Camp (5-12 years old)

Prices from £24 per day, 8:30-4pm
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YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION 2025

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DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME

RRA Architects and Fresh: Art Fair are inviting entries to the inaugural Fresh: Young Artist Competition.

If you're 16 and under, you can enter, simply create your design on A4 paper. It can be a drawing, painting, collage or any paper-based medium. Then drop it into the RRA stand in the foyer at Fresh: Art Fair, Cheltenham Racecourse between 4th and 6th April.

Age Categories: under 8; 9–12; 13–16
Prizes for first, second and third place in each category.
Winners announced after the fair

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