Friday 2nd October 2026

Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a fantastic week of learning it has been here at C of E. From Year 4's Greek Day and Year 6's wartime cooking to Year 1 investigating animal poo and Year 3 finding inspiration through the BBC 500 Words competition, our REAL Curriculum has truly been brought to life through memorable experiences that the children will be talking about for weeks to come.

A Taste of Ancient Greece for Year 4







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


Egyptian dancing, Escape rooms
Egyptian style and drama!
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Performing our Egyptian myths,
stories and even mummification!
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Year 1 become into poo detectives!





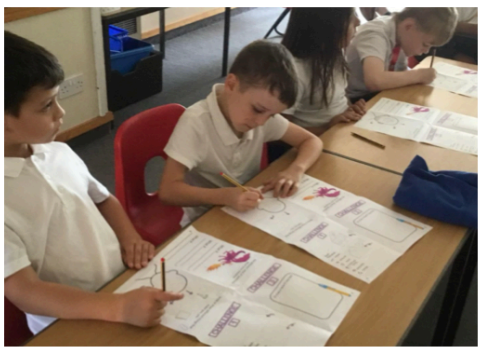


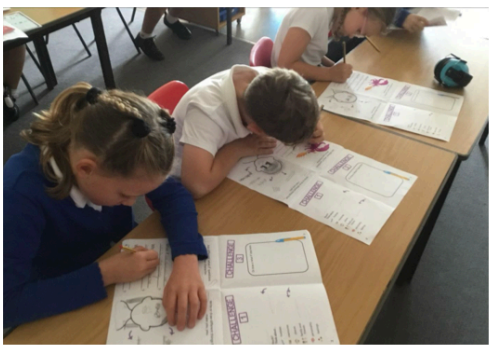


This week our Year 1 scientists have had some very exciting lessons. To help them understand what different animals eat and how to classify them as herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores, the children became official Poo Investigators! The children dissected animal poo to look for evidence of plants, seeds or meat. There were lots of great discussions and brilliant thinking as they discovered how an animal's diet can leave important clues behind.

Aspiring Authors in Year 3







On Wednesday Year 3 watched the 500 word live lesson on BBC. Alongside other schools in England, we explored what makes a memorable character, transformed our personal ideas into original story creations, and discovered how simple "what if?" questions can unlock exciting plot possibilities. The session featured storytelling tips from past 500 Words finalists and has left the class feeling inspired and motivated ready to write their own 500 Words story. We cannot wait to read them!

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War-time cooking in Year 6



Year 6 picked up their rolling pins and wooden spoons this week, taking on the role of wartime cooks to discover what life was like on the Home Front. Working with strict rationing in mind, they whipped up scones with plum jam and 'mock' cream, a hearty meat pie topped with mash, and finished the week with a delightful apple cake. The children used an array of cooking skills during the week including weighing out ingredients, peeling and slicing fruit and vegetables as well as showing collaboration and teamwork throughout.

Collective Worship

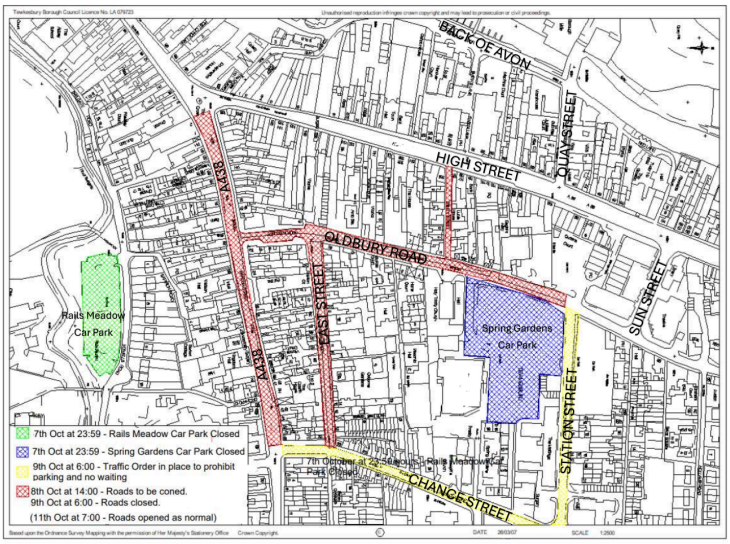


This week, Father Nick led our Collective Worship, focusing on our Christian theme of hope. We began with a demonstration where a child chose a classmate they trusted implicitly. The child had to sit back blindly, relying entirely on their friend to guide them safely onto a chair behind them. The friend proved completely trustworthy, and the child sat down safely.

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We likened this trust to hope, which is about placing our faith in God. We read a passage from the Bible about people of faith, including Noah, whose hope gave him the courage to build the ark, and Moses, whose trust in God enabled him to lead his people to freedom. Both trusted God to fulfill His promises. A Year 2 child observed that *"hoping in God can actually make people stronger."* It was a great reminder for our school community that hope provides the inner strength we need to keep going through difficult times.

Mop Fair Road Closures



Wednesday 7 October 2359hrs	**Closed** Spring Gardens Car Park (including approach to the car park) and Rails Meadow Car Park
Friday 9 October 0600hrs	**Closed** Barton Street, East Street, Nelson Street and part Oldbury Road (East Street to Station Street)
Friday 9 October 0600hrs	**No parking** Chance Street, Station Street, part Oldbury Road and Sun Street
Friday 9 October 1600hrs to 1630hrs	**Closed** Part Church Street (The Cross to The Crescent) will be closed for the procession for the official opening by the Borough Mayor
Friday 9 October 1630hrs to 2300hrs	**MOP FAIR**
Saturday 10 October 1000hrs	**MOP FAIR DAY**
Sunday 11 October 0700hrs	All streets and car parks re-open

Please be aware that road closures associated with the annual Mop Fair will be in place in Tewkesbury next week, which may affect travel to and from school. From Friday 9 October, a number of roads in the town centre, including Barton Street, East Street, Nelson Street and parts of Oldbury Road, will be closed. In addition, Spring Gardens Car Park and Rails Meadow Car Park will be closed from late on Wednesday 7 October.

We would therefore encourage families to allow extra time for their journey and, where possible, make alternative parking arrangements.

Year 4 Ukulele Lessons

Our Year 4 children are enjoying learning the ukulele as part of their Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) lessons this year. To help them practise at home, Gloucestershire Music offers a ukulele hire scheme for just £10.

If you would like to hire a ukulele for your child, please visit: Gloucestershire Music Instrument Hire. Regular practice at home can help children build confidence and make even more progress with their playing.

PTFA Meeting

Our first PTFA meeting of this academic year will be held on Tuesday 6th October. The meeting will be held in Year 1 Jade Class at 5.15pm. Please meet at the school office and either Miss Davis or Miss Cheal will let you in. We would love to see as many of you as possible!

Harvest Festival and Food Bank Donations

On Wednesday 7th October, Holy Trinity Church will welcome us once again to celebrate the Harvest Festival. The children will be leading a service with songs and presentations and we are inviting the children's families and carers to celebrate with us. Please could families and carers arrive at the church to be seated for 1:45PM. The children will arrive shortly after, for a 2pm start. At the end of the service, children will walk back to the school with their class to be collected at the normal time.

Reception Open Mornings

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2027, we'd love you to come along to one of our Open Mornings. It's a great chance to see our school in action, meet the team and get a feel for the warm, rounded REAL curriculum we're so proud of. If you would like to book a slot, please click on the following link: https://forms.gle/Ta1D9kupZdpcaDiP7



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2026/27 Calendar

Autumn Term (1)

7th October - Harvest Festival 2pm at Holy Trinity Church
8th October - B. Ware Author Visit Years 4 & 5
9th October - Reception MOP Fayre visit
16th October - Year 5 Sing concert at Tewkesbury Abbey
21st October - Year 2 trip to Black Country Living Museum
22nd October - Year 5 Road to RIAT
23rd October - Inset Day
25-30th October - Half Term

Autumn Term (2)

2nd November - Year 3 Stone Age Day
3rd November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
4th November - Individual School Photos
13th November - Year 2 Victorian Day
13th November - Year 6 GCHQ codebreaking workshop
19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
2nd December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
3rd December - Christmas Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm
4th December - Reception Owl Experience
8th December - KS2 Trip to Pantomime at Roses Theatre
9th December - Christmas dinner & Jumper day
15th December - Reception Nativity and Christmas stay and play - 9:30am start
16th December - KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
17th December - KS2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
20th December - 1st January Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

4th January - Inset Day
13th January - Young Voices Concert
25th March - Reception Spring Stay and Play - 9:30am start
26th March - 9th April Easter Holidays
30th April - Inset Day

Summer Term

3rd May - Bank holiday
Week commencing 10th May - Year 6 SATs

31st May - 4th June Half-Term
Week commencing 14th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
7th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play
14th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play (reserve date)
19th July - KS2 Celebration Assembly (Years 3-5) 2pm
20th July - KS1 Celebration Assembly (Years Rec-1) 2pm
21st July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
22nd July - Summer Holidays begin

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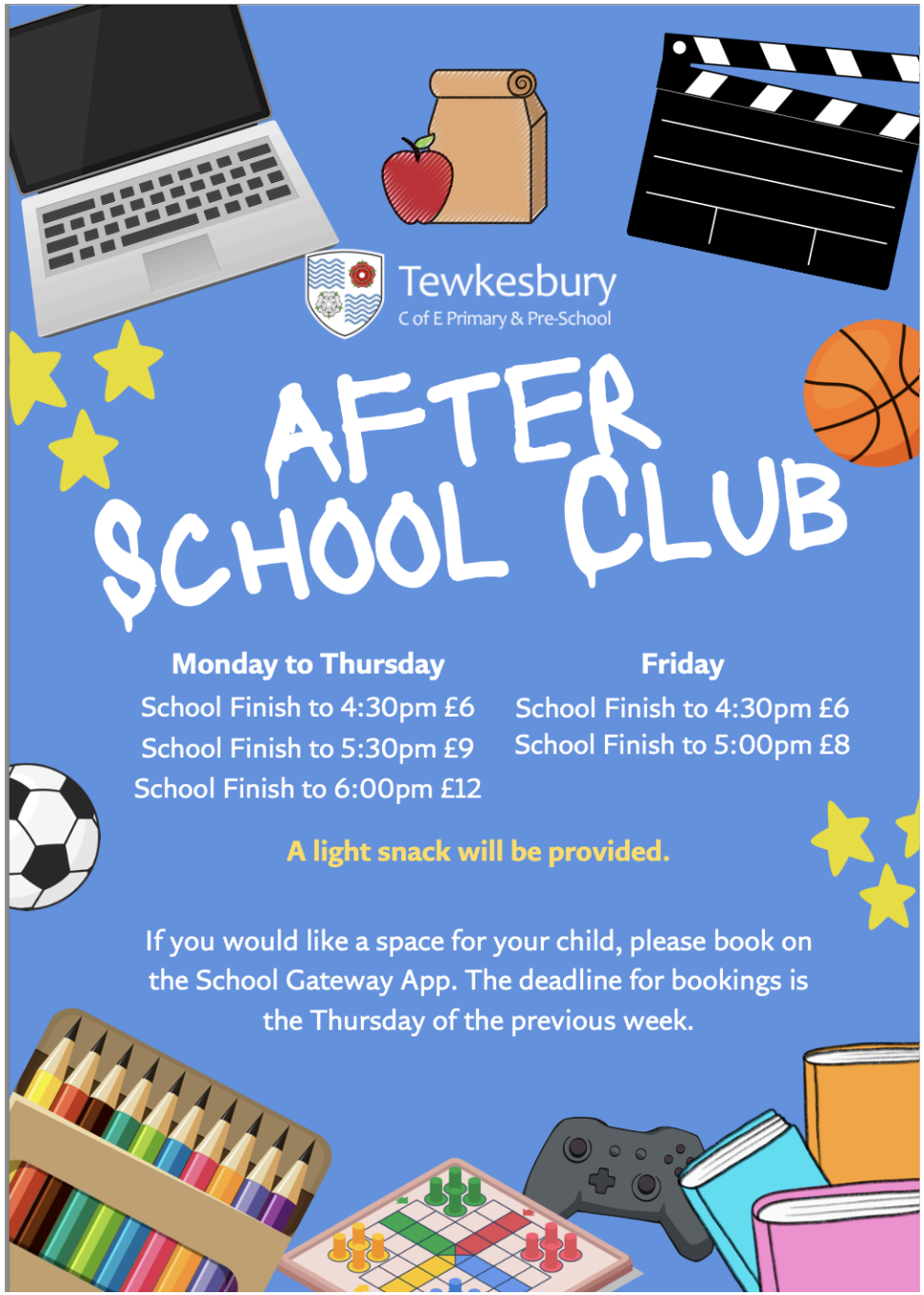
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School diary week beginning 5th October 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon			Meatballs & Tomato Pasta Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake
Tues		First Lego League Club Selected Children 3:10 - 4:30pm Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Choir 3.15 - 4.00pm	Homemade Chorizo Pork Casserole Quorn Sweet & Sour Rice
Wed	Morning Run Club 8 - 8.30am Harvest Festival Holy Trinity Church 2.00pm	Dodgeball 3.15 - 4.00pm PTFA Meeting	Roast Beef, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding Quorn Stew, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	B.Ware Author Visit Year 4 & 5 Tag Rugby Club 12.20-12.50pm	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Homemade Quorn Bolognese
Fri	EYFS visit to Mop Fayre 9.30am Year 5 Singing workshop	Superstar Gymnastics 3.15 - 4.15pm Digital Creative Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Natajacks Craft Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Cod Fillet with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza

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Tewkesbury
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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
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:30pm £9
School Finish to 6:00pm £12
Friday
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:00pm £8
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.

Holy Trinity
TEWKESBURY
MEET GOD • FIND LIFE • MAKE FRIENDS

You're invited!

Try Church Sunday

A warm welcome. A chance to explore.
Everyone's invited!

Sunday 11th October
10:00am – 11:15/30am
Holy Trinity Church Tewkesbury,
Oldbury Road, GL20 5NA

Free parking
in Spring Gardens car park until 12.30pm.

Stay afterwards for free refreshments in the hall.

Children's and youth groups running too!
6 age groups in total:
0–2 | 2–4 | 5–7 | 8–11 | 12–14 | 15–18

Come and see what it's all about.

This service is especially geared towards people who may not usually attend church

We'd love to see you there!



wild worship

Wild Worship
Living Water

3-4pm on Sunday 4 October in the Abbey Grounds

All are welcome to this short, informal service exploring 'Living Water'.

Join us as in stories & singing, planting the Abbey's raingarden, making miniature rain gardens, and snacks by the campfire.

Free and suitable for all ages

TEWKESBURY ABBEY



MUSIC GURU

Music tuition @ Tewkesbury C of E

Dear Parents/ Guardians

We are a local, multi award winning tuition company and we provide tuition at Tewkesbury C of E primary school.

We are recruiting new talent in the school and offering tuition in Piano, Guitar, Woodwind and Vocals. Our goal is to get our students through their classical and rock and pop graded exams. Starting early means more of a chance to gain UCAS points.

We also have our very own student based music festival, Party in the Park for our students to perform at. If your child is interested in learning music with us, please contact me at pete@musicguru.me and I'll get the information out to you.

Best wishes Pete Sen Director: The Music Guru

KICK OFF THE SEASON WITH TRFC

and our family fun day on

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

10:00 - 13:00

INFLATABLES



KIT SHOP

Pre-loved kit and boots for sale



BAR & FOOD

Bar open and food available



GMS/ REGISTRATION DESK

For new and existing players

RUGBY SESSIONS

Come and try rugby for free! All ages, girls and boys, 2 sessions - 11:00 and 12:00



TRFC 2ND XV MATCH DAY

Kick Off 12:30

TEWKESBURY RFC VS CINDERFORD RFC

TRFC 1ST XV MATCH DAY

Kick Off 15:00

TEWKESBURY RFC VS

FUN DAY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO SENIOR HOME GAMES


TEWKESBURY TIGERS RFC
RUGBY FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 18
DEVELOP SKILLS, CONFIDENCE AND LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS
A FUN, SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL AGES
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, ALL ABILITIES WELCOMED
JOIN OUR RUGBY FAMILY WHERE EVERY PLAYER MATTERS
KICK OFF THE SEASON
WITH FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
EMAIL US FOR MORE INFO: TIGERS@TEWKESBURYRFC.CO.UK
JOEDAN
GILBERT

COMETS

Disability + Football

Your place to play

Fun, Welcoming and Inclusive sessions for children aged 5-11 with disabilities and additional needs to discover football



Time and Date: Every Other Wednesday Starting September 9th 2026
1730-18:30

Location: Wheatpieces Community Centre - Columbine Road - Walton Cardiff - Tewkesbury - GL20 7SP

Contact: Stefan, Laura or Marina

Email: comets@ttcfc.co.uk

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Scan now to book your first session

TEWKESBURY TOWN COLTS

SUPER STAR GYMNASTICS

BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH MOVEMENT



Gymnastics Club at Tewkesbury C Of E

Fridays afterschool to 4.15pm

- Learn new skills
- Keep fit and healthy
- Have fun



£95 for the term, including 10 sessions, insurance, badge and certificate



RYC Minis

When: Mondays (term time)
Time: 4.00 - 4.45pm
Where: The Roses Theatre, Upstairs Bar
Cost: £5 per week (payable termly)
Age: 3–5 years (Pre-school or reception)

A FUN INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVITY FOR AGES 3–5

Looking for a **fun, creative** activity where your child can make **friends**, build **confidence** and feel part of a community?

RYC Minis is more than just a youth theatre. It's a **welcoming** space where every child can explore their **creativity**, have **fun** and feel like they **belong**.

Through **games, play** and **theatre-making**, children develop skills that extend beyond the stage, including **confidence, communication** and **collaboration**.

Have fun building confidence & creativity!



BOOK YOUR CHILDS SPACE

Call us on 01684 295074 or email boxo@rosestheatre.org to book your space!