Friday 13th November 2026

Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a week! Only in a primary school could we celebrate Diwali, remember those who have served in our Remembrance assembly, raise money for Children in Need, win a football cup, step back in time to the Victorian era and welcome GCHQ through the doors! It really has been a week full of variety, excitement and opportunities to learn. A huge congratulations to our football team, who lifted the Tewkesbury Large Schools ESFA Cup - a fantastic achievement! Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful Victorian school day, while Year 6 had the opportunity to explore the world of coding and secret messaging with a visit from GCHQ.

Alongside all of this, we've taken time to celebrate different cultures, remember important moments in our history and support a brilliant cause through Children in Need. So many different experiences, but just another week at C of E!

Year 5-6 Tewkesbury ESFA Large School's Cup Winners



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Yesterday evening, our Year 5/6 football team took part in the Tewkesbury Schools ESFA Football Competition at Tewkesbury Academy. The boys played brilliantly, winning both of their matches 4–0 and securing a place in the County Finals. They will now face the winners from Cheltenham, Gloucester, the Cotswolds, Forest of Dean and South Gloucestershire in the next stage of the competition.

We were incredibly impressed not only by their performances on the pitch, but also by the way they supported one another and demonstrated our school values throughout the evening. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship were a credit to themselves and the school. We wish them the very best of luck in the County Finals.

Remembrance Day







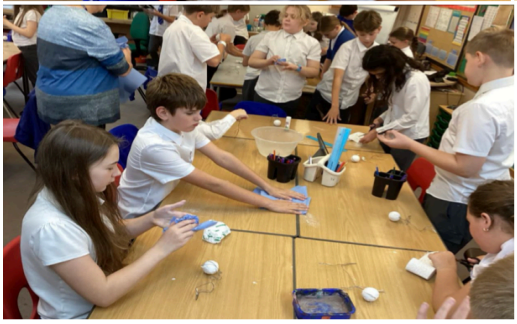
Our Remembrance Assembly was a moving and respectful occasion led by our Year 6 pupils. The children shared the significance of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, gratitude and hope, and took time to honour those who gave their lives in service to others. They confidently read a selection of poignant poems and beautifully sang *Keep the Home Fires Burning*, helping everyone reflect on the sacrifices made during times of conflict. The assembly concluded with a two-minute silence, which was observed impeccably by all pupils and staff. We were incredibly proud of the maturity, respect and thoughtfulness shown throughout this special event.

Year 6 Henry Moore Sculptures













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As part of their art learning, Year 6 have been exploring the work of the famous British sculptor, Henry Moore. Inspired by his distinctive style and use of organic forms, the children designed and created their own sculptures, carefully considering shape, form and texture.

The finished pieces showcase both creativity and craftsmanship, and we are incredibly proud of the imagination, perseverance and artistic skills the children demonstrated throughout the project. Here are some photographs of Year 6 bringing their ideas to life.

Year 1 Visit to Tewkesbury Library








On Tuesday, Year 1 visited Tewkesbury Library to learn all about toys from the past and the present. Rachel (the librarian) tasked the children with looking at a range of non-fiction books. The books had photographs of old and new toys- we had some lovely discussions about which toys from the past we recognised and still play with nowadays! The children were shocked to hear Playstations were not around 50 years ago and that the Barbie doll is older than many of their grandparents!

The children had a fantastic time at the library and impressed the Year 1 teaching team and Rachel with their enthusiasm and attitude towards their learning,

Tewkesbury Library also offers a range of free activities for children and families. Details of some upcoming sessions can be found below:

Baby Bounce & Rhyme (Thursdays, 10.30am-11.00am)
A weekly session for babies and pre-school children, featuring songs and rhymes to enjoy together. Booking required.

Library Littles (Fortnightly Thursdays, 11.30am-12.00pm)
A fun and friendly session for children aged 1-3 years, with stories, songs and play activities designed to support early language and communication skills. Booking required.

Lego Club (Saturdays, 10.30am-12.30pm)
Children can get creative and build fantastic models with Lego. Duplo is available for younger children. No booking required.

Drop-in Crafting (School Holidays)
Themed craft activities are available on most days during the school holidays, with morning and afternoon sessions to enjoy. All activities are free to attend, and children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to book where required, please visit Gloucestershire Libraries website: www.gloslibraries.uk

Try an Instrument Day

Has your child wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one's for them? Come along to our Try an Instrument Day! We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you. Open to children of all school ages.

- Saturday 21st November 2026
- 10.00 - 12.00
- Sir Thomas Rich's School, Longlevens
- Head for main reception - through car park gate 1
- FREE to attend
- Let us know you're coming at LIVE Portal

This is open to children of all school ages, but we ask that they come with an adult.
This event is FREE but we're asking for an optional £2 cash donation on the day if you feel able to. You will also only be able to attend if you let us know if you are coming by Thursday 19th November - head to LIVE Portal then scroll down to the bottom until you find 'Try an Instrument Day 21st November 2026' and fill in the form.

Instruments will include:
Flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, cello, trumpet, cornet, baritone, percussion.



GSW Music Hub

Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

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Pre-School enjoying everything from Remembrance and Diwali to Children in Need



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Odd Socks day



On Monday 16th November, as part of Anti-Bullying week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves and free from bullying. It helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school. These can be as bright and colourful as they wish!

In honour of Anti-Bullying Week, Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks recorded a brilliant song Who's in the Odd Socks?!. Go check it out! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=136-WWYjbzI&list=RD136-WWYjbzI

A Reminder About Parking and Access Around School

We have recently received a number of concerns from both parents and local residents regarding parking and vehicle access around the school, particularly on Rope Walk and Chance Street. Issues raised include vehicles parking on double yellow lines, parking too close to pedestrian crossings, blocking residents' driveways, mounting pavements, and driving along Rope Walk during the restricted access times. Several concerns have also highlighted the potential dangers caused by vehicles manoeuvring amongst large groups of children during busy drop-off and collection times.

The safety of our children, families and local community is our highest priority. We therefore ask all parents and carers to park responsibly, adhere to all parking restrictions, and show consideration for our neighbours and other road users at all times. Parents and carers are reminded that the school provides free parking permits for Spring Gardens Car Park at both drop-off and pick-up times. We strongly encourage families to make use of this facility and walk the short distance to school.

If you have concerns about parking enforcement on public roads, these can be reported directly to Gloucestershire County Council's Parking Enforcement Team via parking@gloucestershire.gov.uk. Gloucestershire County Council advises that reports help them identify locations where enforcement visits may be required.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children safe and maintaining positive relationships with our local community.

Gloucestershire Connect and Offload Helpline

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Connect *and* Offload

Delivered by Rethink Mental Illness and commissioned by Gloucestershire County Council, we provide a safe, confidential and anonymous space for adults aged 18+ across Gloucestershire to talk, be heard and access advice and signposting for their mental health and wellbeing.

Whether you're feeling overwhelmed, anxious, low, struggling with something in your life or simply need someone to listen, our friendly team is here for you. No referral needed, no need to give your name. We're here to listen.

🕑 **2pm – 9pm, every day (365 days a year)** 📞 **Call:** 0808 801 0606

💬 **Text:** 07537 410 022 🌐 **Webchat:** gloucestershirecando.org

📱 **Find us on Facebook:** Connect and Offload – follow us for updates, wellbeing advice and mental health awareness.

PTFA Event

For just £35, you can create your very own beautiful wreath to take home, enjoying a lovely evening of festive fun and cheer! Drinks and nibbles will also be available to purchase on the night. Tickets can be purchased via the School Gateway app. Spaces are limited so be sure to book yours before they're gone!

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At Tewkesbury C of E Primary School, we'd love to welcome you for a visit! Join us for a personal tour of our vibrant and nurturing environment, where you'll discover why our school is the perfect place for your child to flourish and shine.

Dates and Times

Tuesday 3rd November at 10am.
Thursday 19th November at 10am.

Wednesday 2nd December at 4pm







Please sign up or confirm your attendance by calling school on

01684 292309

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2026/27 Calendar

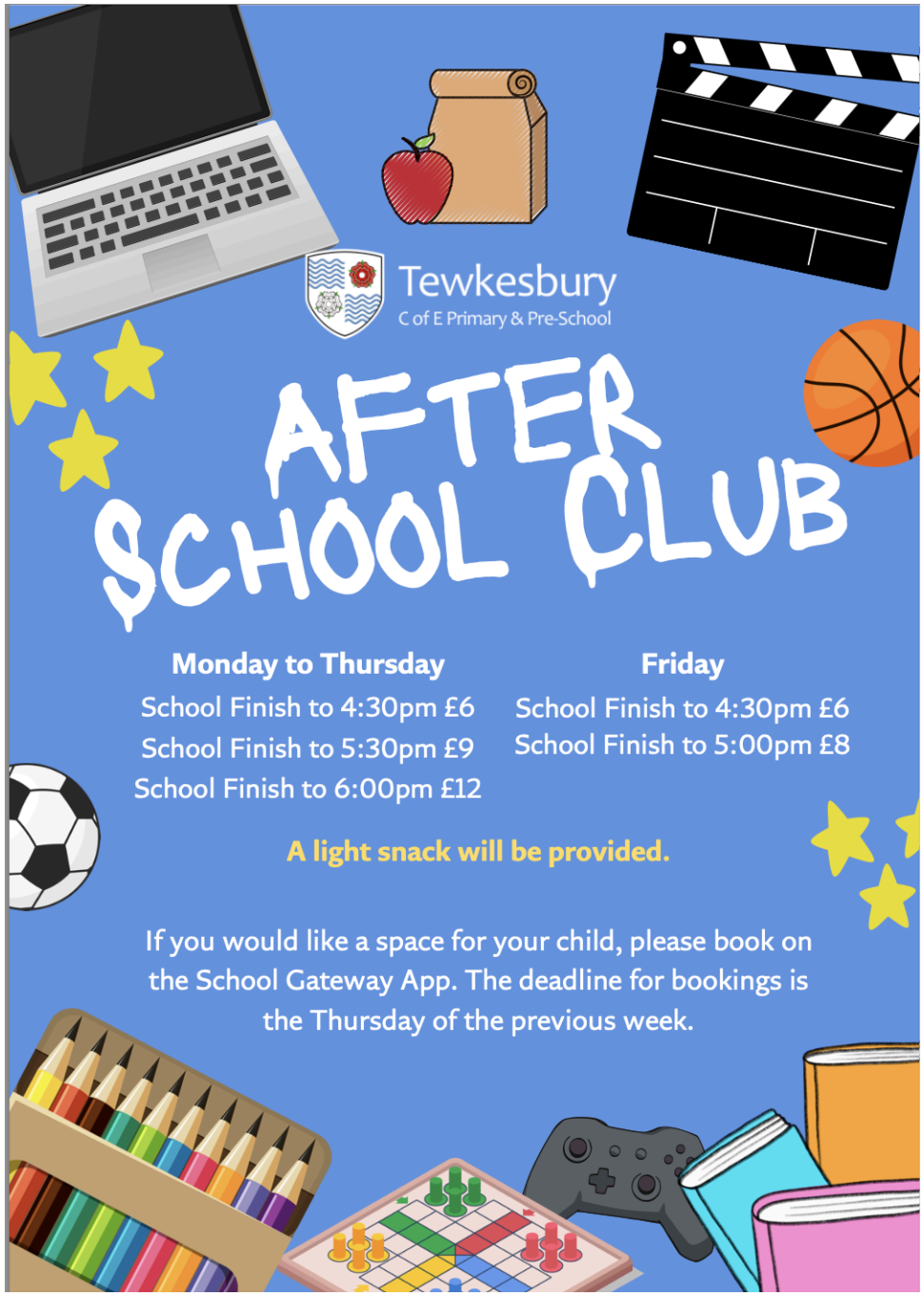
Autumn Term (2)	Spring Term	Summer Term
19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children) **20th November -** PTFA Crazy hair day **w/b 23rd November** - Parents evening for KS2 **2nd December -** Open Morning (New Reception children) **3rd December -** Christmas Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm **4th 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**	**4th January -** Inset Day **11th January -** YMM visiting Y3 (friendships) **13th January -** Young Voices Concert **4th February -** Number Day **w/b 22nd March -** Easter Experience **25th March -** Reception Spring Stay and Play - 9:30am start **26th March - 9th April Easter Holidays** **30th April - Inset Day**	**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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School diary week beginning 16th November 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	**ODD Sock Day**		Sausages & Diced Potatoes Margherita Pizza
Tues	**Drawing Club** 12.30 - 1.00pm	**First Lego League Club** 3:10 - 4:30pm **Football Club** 3.15 - 4.15pm **Choir** 3.15 - 4.00pm	Sweet Tomato Chicken with Rice Quorn Casserole
Wed	**Morning Run Club** 8 - 8.30am	**Dodgeball** 3.15 - 4.00pm	Roast Chicken, Roasties, Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese, Roasties & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	**Open Morning Reception Parents 27/28 10.00am** **Reading & Ready** 12.30 - 1.00pm **Tag Rugby Club** 12.20 - 12.50pm	**Drama Club** 3.15 - 4.15pm **Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Competition** Tewkesbury Academy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Chips Quorn Burger in a Bun with Chips
Fri			Fish Cake & Waffles Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings


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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.





Daisy Bee
Flower farmer

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

LET'S CRAFT MAGICAL MEMORIES TOGETHER!

£35 PER PERSON

Join us for a hands-on festive workshop filled with creativity, laughter and Christmas cheer.

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026 @ 7:30PM

Tickets can be purchased on School Gateway.

DRINKS AND NIBBLES CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT TOO!

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