

Friday 4th April 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

We've had another fantastic week here at C of E, made even more special by the glorious spring sunshine! Throughout the week, the children have been full of creativity - taking part in exciting Easter hunts, building their own fire engines and becoming brilliant young inventors. It's also been a joy to welcome parents into school for Parents' Evening, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the amazing things the children have been doing and share in their successes. To top it all off, our talented Year 4 pupils will be showcasing their singing at the Abbey today - a fitting end to a week filled with joy and celebration.

Year 2 - Fire engines



Over the last two weeks Year 2 have been working hard to research, design and create their own toy fire engines out of recycled materials. They needed to ensure that their engines moved (using wheels and dowels), are appealing to a child and are sturdy enough to be played with. Here are some photographs of their engines in the process of construction.

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

Preschool Easter Egg Art



Following the success of our Christmas artwork in the community, our Pre-School children have been busy preparing a special Easter version for you to enjoy!

From 4th April, local shops and businesses along the high street will be displaying the children's beautiful Easter-themed artwork in their windows.



We invite you to take part in an Easter Art Hunt with your family and friends - see how many pieces of artwork you can spot as you walk through town after school or over the weekend! We would love to see your discoveries - feel free to share your finds on Tapestry, so we can celebrate and discuss your child's experience during session time.



Easter Abbey Service - 2pm Start

Over the past few weeks, the children have been busy getting themselves ready for the Easter Abbey Service at Tewkesbury Abbey and we're really looking forward to seeing you all there for the service. Please arrive at 1:45pm ready for a 2pm start.

During the service, the children will be singing songs and taking part in readings and prayers. At the end of the service, you will be free to pick your child up and take them home from the Abbey. Those who do not get picked up, will walk back to school with staff to be picked up from school as usual.

Collective Worship



Fr Nick led our Collective Worship on Thursday and reminded us of the power of saying sorry and forgiving others. He demonstrated how we can carry weight when we get hurt by others and don't forgive them. Through saying sorry and forgiving, we can be free from this weight. We learnt about the disciple Peter, who was one of Jesus' closest friends. There is an incident recorded in the bible where Peter disowned Jesus 3 times. We learnt how we need to follow Jesus' example of forgiveness, where he not only forgave Peter but made him a promise about his future. We finished our collective worship with children leading the school in their own prayers.

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Year 6 become Inspirational Inventors



This week, as part of their 'Inspirational Inventors' topic, Year 6 have created their own games on Scratch. They were tasked with writing a program to enable their game to work effectively. They designed their games and debugged them when problems arose. Some children even managed to add countdown timers and additional music!

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 Council's Easter Competition!



During the last week of term, the school council is going to be running a 'name the sheep' competition. Children will have a chance to enter Wednesday - Thursday and the prize for the correct name will be announced on Friday. Entries will cost 50p and the money is going to fund some outdoor musical additions to our opal play. Happy Easter everyone from the School council!

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Scootathon Timetable

Please see the below dates when children will be participating in our sponsored Scootathon to raise money for our OPAL lunchtimes. On the day of their scoot, children will need to bring in their own scooter and their sponsor form (school has some spare scooters available) though children are free to run if they'd prefer. Please continue to gather as many sponsors as you can!

Monday 7th April - Pearl, Azurite & Quartz (Y6 & 4)

Wednesday 9th April - Easter Abbey Service.

Friday 11th April - Sapphire & Diamond (Y5)

School diary week beginning 7th April 2025

Tuesday 8th April - Ruby, Crystal & Amber (EYFS & Year 1)

Thursday 10th April - Topaz, Emerald, Amethyst & Jade (Year 2 & 3)

Day	The School Day		After school		Spring Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon	Scooterthon Pearl, Azurite and Quartz class		Drama Club Year 4 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm	Football Club Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm	Beef Burger & Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues	Scooterthon Ruby, Crystal and Amber class		Netball Club Year 5 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		BBQ Chicken & Rice BBQ Quorn & Rice
Wed	Story Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chill out zone Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Pork & Apple with gravy & roasties
	Easter Abbey Service 2pm start				Quorn & Apple with gravy & roasties
Thur	Year 5 taster Day at Tewkesbury Academy Scooterthon Topaz, Emerald, Amethyst and Jade		French Club Year 1 - 3 3:10 - 4:00 pm	Wild Wonders Club Year 2 - 4 3:10 - 4:00 pm	Cheesy Pasta Homemade Vegetable Pizza
Fri	Board game Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Fishcake with Chips
	Scooterthon Sapphire & Diamond				Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

w/b 7th April - School Scootathon

[9th April - Class Photos](#)

9th April - Easter service at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm

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](#)

[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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LearnWiz

Building Brighter Futures

CREATIVITY CLUB

**YEAR 2
&
YEAR 3**

**RECEPTION
&
YEAR 1**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

● **IGNITE CURIOSITY WITH INTERACTIVE
EXPERIMENTS**

● **UNIQUE CRAFT ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGE
IMAGINATION & ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**

● **FUN PROJECTS THAT ENHANCE FINE & GROSS
MOTOR SKILLS THROUGH BUILDING & CRAFTING**

● **HANDS ON ACTIVITIES & KIDS WILL TAKE
HOME THEIR CREATIVITY**

**START DATE:
29TH APRIL 2025**

**SIGN UP AND
REGISTER ONLINE:**

WWW.LEARNWIZ.CO.UK

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**for more information call:
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



*A professional Abbey photographer will be at this service



PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

**The Vineyards, Tewkesbury,
GL20 5PG
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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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 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.

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.

**For further information:
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Easter Holiday Courses – spaces now available!



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

- Multi Activity (5-12 years old)
- Arts and Crafts (5-12 years old)
- Pottery Club (8-12 years old)
- Football Camp (5-12 years old)

Prices from £24 per day, 8:30-4pm
We are accepting Childcare Vouchers





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

Please ensure all entries are labelled on the reverse with entrants name and age as well as contact email & telephone number for parent/guardian.



For more details and T&Cs visit: www.freshartfair.net



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who have opened their homes to those
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The Homes for Ukraine team would then let you know about guests who match your household.

Meet the guests and get to know them before deciding whether to go ahead with hosting.

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