

Friday 21st March 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been another busy week at C of E and it was great to end it seeing all of the children 'Wearing something Red' for Red Nose Day, witnessing the children bringing smiles and raising awareness for a great cause has been wonderful to be part of.

Red Nose Day



A huge well done to Elsie (Reception) and Gideon (Year 2), whose names were picked out during today's shine assembly, each winning themselves a marvellous hamper full of lots of amazing prizes. We would like to say a big thank you to T.K. Maxx Cheltenham, for donating the hampers and also to Miss Cheal and Miss Davis for all of your help with selling the tickets. The money raised will be split between Red Nose Day and to complete the Reception's outdoor area.

Collective Worship



Sarah from Holy Trinity, led our Collective Worship on Tuesday. She began by seeing how many keepy-ups children could do using a tennis racket and ball and related this to what Jesus taught about forgiveness. When the disciples asked Jesus how often we should forgive someone, he replied that we should always be ready to forgive people - a bit like hitting the ball up continuously!

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

A Musical Treat from Tewkesbury Town Band



The whole school had a musical treat by having the opportunity to listen to the Tewkesbury Town Band. We heard them play a variety of tunes, from traditional marching pieces, to classical music, to Harry Potter and Star Wars! It was a delight to hear and see so many instruments and we were wowed by the size of some of them! Perhaps we will see a pupil from C of E in the next performance!

The Big Walk and Wheel is Coming!



Over the next two weeks, we are excited to take part in The Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school walking, cycling and scooting challenge! The children have already had an assembly, all about road safety and some of our Year 6 children had a cycle ride lesson on the road, learning how to ride safely.

From 24/03/25 to 04/04/25 we will be encouraging all families to choose active travel whenever possible - whether that's walking, cycling or scooting to school. Not only is this a great way to stay active and healthy, but it also helps to reduce traffic congestion and support the environment.

How You Can Get Involved? Easily, just walk, cycle or scoot to school as often as possible over the two weeks and the school will tally the number of these journeys we make each day and compare totals with other schools.

To find out more, visit [The Big Walk and Wheel website](#). Let's make this a fun and active two weeks! Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping to promote a healthy, sustainable school community.

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)
Tuesday 8th April - Ruby, Crystal & Amber (EYFS & Year 1)
Wednesday 9th April - Easter Abbey Service.
Thursday 10th April - Topaz, Emerald, Amethyst & Jade (Year 2 & 3)
Friday 11th April - Sapphire & Diamond (Y5)

Keeping children safe online



“He was in his room, we thought he was safe.” This chilling line from the recent Netflix documentary *Adolescence* has struck a nerve with parents everywhere, even taking the conversation to parliament. It captures a stark new reality - our idea of where and when our children are safe has changed. In the past, keeping children at home felt like enough. But in today’s online world, being physically safe doesn’t always mean being protected. Smartphones and social media bring a host of hidden dangers right into children’s bedrooms - cyberbullying, online predators, radical content and addictive algorithms designed to keep them scrolling.

Practical Help for Parents

If *Adolescence* has made you rethink online safety, you’re not alone. Our school website has a range of expert resources and guidance to help parents keep children safe online, manage screen time and have open conversations about digital risks.

Visit <https://www.tewkesbury-primary.co.uk/information/online-safety> to learn more. By staying informed and making thoughtful choices, we can push back against the idea that screen addiction is just an inevitable part of growing up.

Parents Evening information

We will be holding our parents’ evening during the week beginning 31st March, where your child’s class teacher will be offering at least two dates for you to sign up. To book your 10 minute slot to meet your child’s class teacher you will need to click on the link and complete your details: <https://tewkesburyprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> The booking form will open at 7pm on Monday 24th March and will close on Friday 28th March at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Archery Club

Just to let you know, the last session of Archery Club will be on Friday 28th March from 3.10 to 4.15pm. This is an extra session due to this week’s cancellation.

Building a Community of Respect

At C of E, we are committed to teaching our children the importance of Respect - for themselves, for others and for the community around them. However, for these values to truly take root, they must be reflected in the way we, as adults, interact with one another.

Over the past few weeks, there have been incidents of parents speaking unkindly to one another on-site and reports of messages written about staff in Whatsapp groups. This is not the kind of community we are working to build.

Our children learn from what they see - and it is up to us to set the right example.

We ask that all members of our school community help us foster an environment where kindness, understanding and respectful communication are at the heart of everything we do. Disagreements and concerns are natural, but they should always be addressed in a way that upholds the values we want our children to embrace.

A message from Miss Bussey

“I’m delighted to be able to offer a holiday club for children aged 5-12 at Norton Village Hall during the Easter holidays - 15th, 16th, 23rd and 24th April. Scan here for more information.”



School diary week beginning 24th March 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Spring Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Big Walk and Wheel Week 1		Drama club Year 4 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm	Football club Year 4 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons with Diced Potatoes Quorn Nuggets with Diced Potatoes
Tues			Netball club Year 4 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Meatballs & Pasta Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed	Story Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chill out zone Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Girls football club Year 1 - 3 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Braised Beef with Roasties Quorn Mince with Roasties
Thur	Year 5 swimming Music Workshop for children		French club Year 1 - 3 3:10 - 4:15 pm	Wild wonders club Year 2 - 4 3:10 - 4:00 pm	Homemade Vegetable Curry with Rice Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Fri	Board game Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Archery club Year 5 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Star Fish & chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

w/b 24th March - Big Walk and Wheel
w/b 31st March - Parents Evening
3rd April - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am
4th April - Year 4 Easter Celebration Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey (more info to follow)
w/b 7th April - School Scootathon
9th April - Easter service at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm

Summer Term

28th April - Inset Day
29th April - 1st May - Year 4 Residential - Pioneer Centre
w/b 12th May - Year 6 SAT
Tuesday 13th May - Cyber Safety Talk - 5:30pm (more info to follow)
w/b 26th May - Half term
2nd June - Start of MTC Window (2 weeks)
w/b 16th June- Year 6 Residential Oaker Wood
2nd July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
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
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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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.**

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For children 3-12

£1 per child. Drop in. Old Baptist Chapel, Tewkesbury.



PAPER PLATE WREATHS
16TH AND 17TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM



EASTER
SUNCATCHERS

23RD AND 24TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM

Call 01684 297174 or email
education@johnmooremuseum.org





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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Cheltenham

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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Join the many generous Gloucestershire people
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We need people who have a spare room or two, an annexe, or even another property, to house a Ukrainian family and help them rebuild their lives.

Hundreds of Ukrainian guests have so far regained their independence and settled in Gloucestershire with the help of our champion hosts, and here's how you can help:

Sign up to express an interest in hosting. Find out more online or book an informal chat with the Gloucestershire Homes for Ukraine team.

The Homes for Ukraine team would then let you know about guests who match your household.

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Hosting agreements are very flexible, and the Homes for Ukraine team are available to assist and advise you every step of the way.

All hosts receive payments of £600 per month to thank you for your help and to cover any additional household expenses. These payments are tax free, and hosting will not impact your council tax.

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