

Friday 14th March 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

This week has been a week full of excitement and achievements! We've celebrated National Science Week with fascinating discoveries, cheered on our netball team's success and watched our preschoolers embark on their very own bear hunt. Read on to relive the highlights of this action-packed week!

Science Week



This week, we celebrated National Science Week! Throughout the week, the children engaged in a variety of exciting experiments and hands-on activities, exploring the three main branches of science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Walking through the school, there was an undeniable buzz of excitement in the air. The children were captivated by the wonders of science, their faces lighting up in awe as they discovered the magic behind scientific phenomena. It has been an amazing week, sparking a love for learning and discovery that will hopefully stay with them for years to come!

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Netball competition



On Tuesday, we took some of our Year 5/6 netball team to a tournament. They began their challenge beating Gretton 7-0, Tirlbrook 6-0 and Twynning 1-0 during the group stages. They progressed as winners of their pool and faced Carrant Brook which they won 5-3. Finally, in the final, they played John Moore and lost 7-5. We placed 2nd overall- an impressive achievement!

We were not only impressed with the result but with the manner in which our children conducted themselves. They displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork and the adults who took them to the tournament have commented on how proud they were of each child. Well done Tewkesbury C of E's netball team!

World book day display



Last week, the children celebrated World Book Day, based on the 'Little People, Big Dreams' book series. Part of the day was set aside for the children to learn about some inspirational people throughout history.

Each class then had to create a giant display about their inspirational person, which are now taking pride of place, dotted around the school corridors, for everyone to see and learn about.

As you can see, everyone has done a great job on their displays!

Something to celebrate

We always like to celebrate the success of our children both in and out of school, and this week I'm really pleased to share that Kacper, in Year 6, achieved a distinction at Grade 2 piano and Eira, also in Year 6, achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 piano - an amazing achievement and one where they should be ever so proud of themselves!

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Pre School's World Book Day



Last week, the children in pre-school celebrated their world book day, and as you can see from the pictures, they all had a wonderful time. The children were dressed as some of their favourite characters and spent the day, creating, reading and enjoying everything there is to do with books!

County Cross Country Runners

A big well done to Michalina and Tiago for qualifying for this year's County Cross Country Race! The county event took place last Sunday and saw the best runners from each district competing. There were runners from Stroud, The Cotswolds, Gloucester, Tewkesbury, The Forest of Dean & Cheltenham. It was a tough race with every runner being one of the best from their district. Michalina and Tiago raced against 80 other runners in both of their races and we are thrilled that they placed 48th and 54th respectively. This is a great accomplishment with only the top 12 in each race qualifying to represent Gloucestershire at the nationals. I am pleased to say that 2 runners from Tewkesbury did qualify for the national race and will be running again in a few weeks time. We wish them the best of luck and well done to all of this year's cross country racers!

Acorns go on a Bear Hunt



Our Acorn group (from PreSchool) brought *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* to life with a range of exciting, hands-on activities. The children explored a sensory small world filled with real snow, squelchy mud and other textures, using their mini selves to reenact the story. Outside, they put on their wellies and acted out the adventure, moving under, over and through obstacles just like in the book. In PE, they continued the journey with an obstacle course that encouraged active storytelling.

Creativity flourished as the children designed their own bears using pens and DT materials and excitement grew when mysterious pawprints were discovered overnight! Throughout the week, our little learners demonstrated fantastic listening skills, eagerly joining in with words and actions - it was a truly wonderful adventure!

Comic Relief & Early Years Foundation Stage Playground Raffle

We are excited to announce a fantastic raffle that aims to raise money for two wonderful causes: half of the proceeds will support Red Nose Day, while the other half will help us purchase new resources for our Early Years Foundation Stage playground!

You will have the chance to choose between two amazing boxes filled with delightful prizes. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 21st March. Tickets will be sold at various times and locations, which you can find below. We accept both cash and card payments. £1 a strip of 5 raffle tickets!

A HUGE thank you to TK MAxx Cheltenham for providing us with the boxes and an even bigger thank you for your generous and continued support!

- The morning of Friday 14th March in the KS1 playground.
- After school on Friday 14th March in the KS2 playground.
- The morning of Monday 17th March in the KS1 playground.
- After school on Monday 17th March in the KS2 playground.
- The morning of Tuesday 18th March in the KS1 playground.

Collective Worship



In Tuesday's Collective Worship, Rev Stephen Walker from Holy Trinity spoke to us about the importance of saying sorry. He used the example of King David, who needed to say sorry to God. Psalm 51 in the bible records this apology, revealing God to be both forgiving and loving. Stephen also brought in a big Golden key and showed us how saying sorry can be the key to forgiveness in our relationship with God and with each other.

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 17th March 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Spring Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon			Drama club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Football club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Beef Burger & Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues			Netball club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 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	Girls football club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Pork & Apple & roasties with gravy
	Y6 Cycle Skills				Quorn & Apple & roasties with gravy

Thur	Year 5 swimming		French club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Wild wonders club Year 2 - 4 3:15 - 4:15 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			Fish Cake with chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
	Red Nose Day Non Uniform - Wear Something Red				



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

w/b 24th March - Big Walk and Wheel
w/b 31st March - Parents Evening (more info to follow)
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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HALF TERM HOLIDAY CRAFTS
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





SATURDAY

22 MARCH

10.00am – 12.00pm



BE A CHORISTER FOR A MORNING

For all children in school year 3 and above.

Enjoy a morning singing with
Tewkesbury Abbey Choir.

Booking essential.

email info@tewkesburyabbey.org.uk
to book your place.

Singing games – Learn some music – Abbey tour - Cake and drinks



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
who have opened their homes to those
fleeing the war in Ukraine.

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.

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

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.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact us via HFUTeam@gloucestershire.gov.uk



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or scan the QR code to express your interest in becoming a
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