

Friday 20th June 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

Wow, what a scorcher it's been this week! With temperatures soaring, we've been doing our best to keep everyone cool and comfortable, no easy task with so much going on! Year 6 picked the perfect week for their residential to Oaker Wood, soaking up the sunshine and making memories in the great outdoors. Meanwhile, back at school, our athletes have been out competing (and winning!) in two fantastic events. It's been a hot but brilliant week and we're so proud of all they've achieved.

Track and Field Success



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

Last Friday, children in Years 3–6 represented C of E at the Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham, competing in one of this year's major athletics tournaments. With 12 schools taking part across 44 events, including sprints, long distance, relays, throws and jumps, it was an exciting and action-packed evening. Our children showed exceptional commitment (training before and after school with Mr Stagg, Miss Ainsworth and Mr Williams) to improve their pace and technique. Special recognition goes to Eadie and Josh in Year 6 for their determination in long distance, dropping their times to an impressive 2:49 and 3:34 respectively!

From the sprints to the relays, our athletes performed with strength and confidence, with many reaching finals and picking up an array of medals. Several were even approached by the Cheltenham & County Harriers Athletics Team and invited to join their club, a real testament to their potential. We also saw success in the field events, collecting medals in both jumping and throwing, and we were thrilled to find out that we finished the competition in 2nd place overall - our best result yet!

Then, with Year 6 away on their residential, the baton passed to Years 3, 4 and 5 for Tuesday's Tewkesbury School Athletics event. Once again, they continued their brilliant form, showing great teamwork and skill across both track and field events, bringing home even more gold, silver and bronze medals. Shout-outs must go to Michelle (Y5), who dominated the Y5/6 1000m race to win the gold medal by over 50m; Harry (Y3), who also ran for the Y4 relay team and helped them win gold; and Camden (Y4), who finished the two events with a total of four gold medals and one bronze - an incredible effort.

We'd like to say a huge well done to all of our athletes for their dedication, effort and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them!

Camp Tonkin



Whilst most of Year 6 have been enjoying the delights of Oaker Wood, six intrepid members of the year group have been inducted into the very exclusive Camp Tonkin this week.

Activities have included: pizza making, creating bracelets/keyrings, KS2 Playground Balance Challenge and re-enacting scenes from the Year 6 whole class reading novel 'Holes'. The week will end with the completion of the hotly contested Kahoot! Championship and a film with popcorn. Mrs Tonkin has really enjoyed spending this creative week with her campmates.

The living rainforest



Year 3 enjoyed a great trip to the Living Rainforest last Friday. They discovered first hand, the hot and humid conditions of living in a rainforest (much like this week here in the UK!) and walked amongst the flora and fauna. Year 3 were immersed in learning about the weird and wonderful creatures of the rainforest and how they are adapted to surviving and thriving in what seems like a very inhospitable place! Highlights included seeing Harry the Armadillo, poison dart frogs, a huge green iguana (that was actually red!) and the teacher's favourite plant: the coffee plant, to name a few. Unfortunately the one animal we all wanted to catch a glimpse of, that was free to roam where it pleased: Cinnamon the Sloth, was too elusive for us to spot it, but we can be sure Cinnamon was watching us somewhere in the trees!

Collective Worship



This week, Father Nick led our collective worship and shared the story of the road to Emmaus from the Bible. He spoke about how two of Jesus' followers didn't recognise Him as they walked and talked with Him, but how their eyes were opened when He broke bread with them. Father Nick linked this story to communion, explaining that it reminds us Jesus is always with us, even when we don't realise it!

He also showed us a special item used in a service called *Corpus Christi*, which celebrates the presence of Jesus in communion. It was called a monstrance – a beautiful, sun-shaped vessel used to hold the consecrated bread. To help us understand the meaning behind the celebration, some of the children took part in a mini procession around the hall, carrying the monstrance.

PTFA Mufti-Day

In preparation for our Summer Fiesta on Friday 4th July (3.30-5.30pm), we are asking for your help! In exchange for a non-uniform day on Friday 27th June, we would like Reception & KS1 (Year 1 & 2) to 'fill a cup'. Your child will have been given a cup today to bring home; we would like for this to be filled with wrapped chocolate, sweets and/or party bag fillers. The cup should be returned to school on Friday 27th and handed in to class teachers. If you misplace your cup, please speak to either Miss Cheal or Miss Davis and they will try to get you another.

KS2 pupils are being asked to 'bring a bottle' for our popular bottle tombola. In previous years, we have had an assortment of alcohol (great if you need to sort out your cupboard!), soft drinks and toiletries.

Silent Auction

This year, we are welcoming the silent auction back! A letter, detailing how the auction will work and the incredible items you can bid on, will be given out in due course. If you have, work for or know of any businesses who would like to offer a donation, experience or prize, please speak to either Miss Davis or Miss Cheal. This could be as small as a box of donated baked goods or as large as tickets to a show/concert. No donation is too big or too small! We are happy to credit the donator or advertise for the business. We already have some excellent bid items ready but would love to add more!

Year 6 visit Oaker Wood



Here's a snapshot of the Year 6's at their Residential to Oaker Wood. I was lucky enough to visit them all on Wednesday and they were having such a wonderful time. We look forward to sharing with you what they got up to in next year's newsletter!

School diary week beginning 23rd June 2025

Day	The School Day	After school		Summer Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Year 6 Bikeability	Basketball Club Year 4 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm	Rounders Club Year 4 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm	Battered Chicken with Diced Potatoes Fishfinger 'hotdog' with Diced Potatoes
Tues		Creativity Club Rec - 2 3.15 - 4.15pm	Cricket Club Year 3 - 6 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chilli & Rice Vegetable Chilli & Rice
		Outdoor Adventure Club Rec - 6 3.15 - 4.15pm	Rounders Tournament Tewkesbury Academy 4 - 6pm	
Wed	Morning run club Year 1 – 6 8:00 - 8.30am Move up morning 10am - 12pm Grandparents Afternoon Tea party	Science Club Year 3 - 6 3.15 - 4.15pm		Chicken & Vegetable Pie topped with Saute Potatoes Vegetable Pie topped with Saute Potatoes
Thur	Music Workshop Rec - Y6 Bead Craft Club Year 3 - 4 12.45 - 1.15	French Club Year 1 - 3 3.15pm - 4pm	Tennis Club Year 3 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm	Homemade Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread Homemade Vegetarian Bolognese & Garlic Bread
Fri	PTFA Mufty Day Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12.45 - 1.15	Creativity Club Year 3 - 5 3.15 - 4.15pm		Star Fish with chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



2024/25 Calendar

Summer Term

23rd June - Year 6 Bikeability

25th June - Move up morning (Meet your new teacher)

25th June - Grandparents Afternoon Tea

26th June - Music Workshop (whole School)

30th June - It's Your Move - Year 6 workshop

2nd July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play

3rd July - Year 2 - 6 Bizarre Bible performance at Tewkesbury Baptist Church (more info to follow)

4th July - Field Work Day (more info to follow)

4th July - Summer Fayre (more info to follow)

7th July - Author B.Ware Visit

9th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date

11th July - Year 5 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



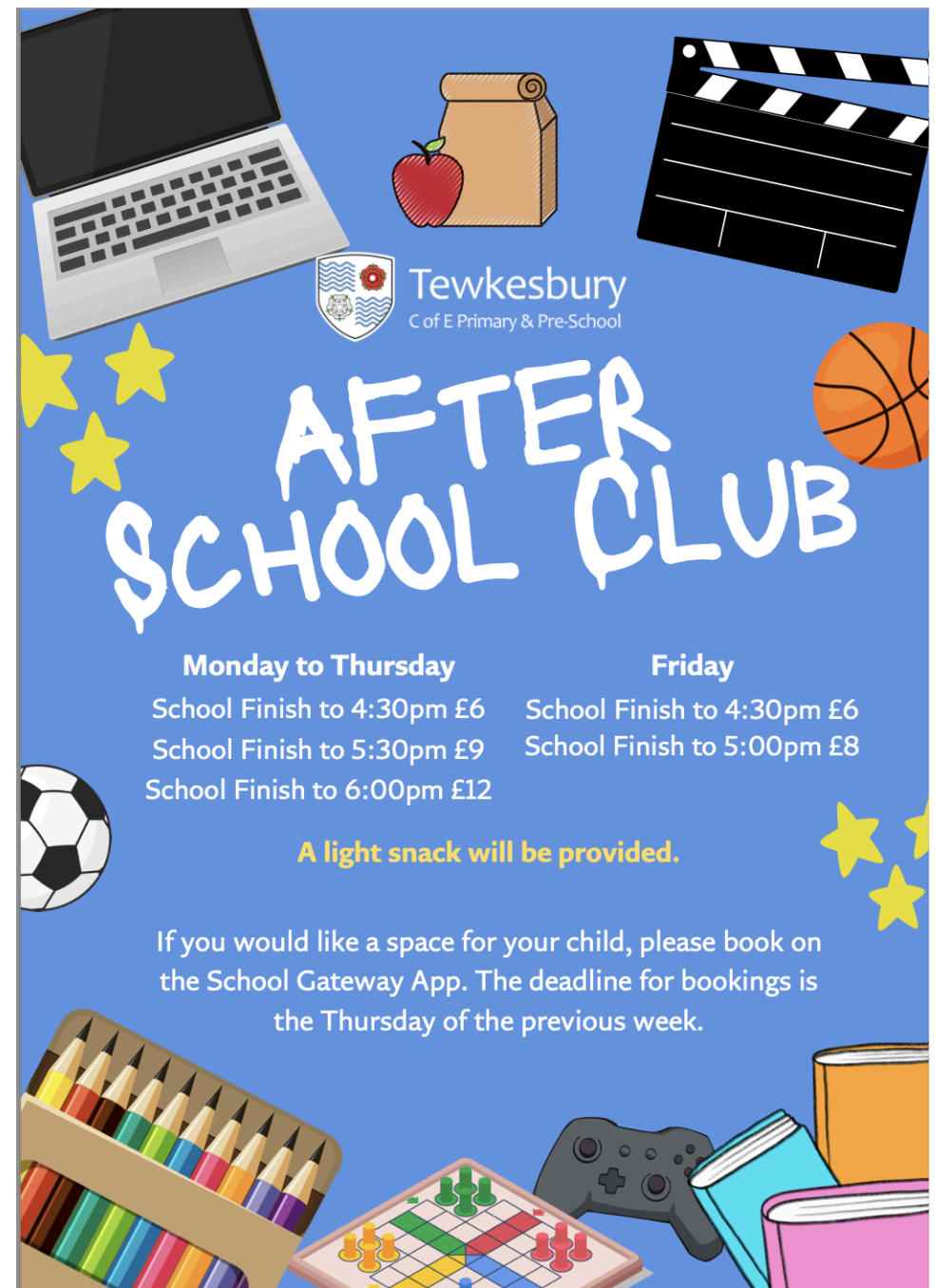
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



A vibrant poster for a 'Summer Fiesta' event. The background is light blue with green palm fronds and brown trunks. Musical notes float in the air. A yellow sunburst in the top right corner contains the text 'Free Entry!'. The title 'Summer Fiesta' is written in large, stylized red letters with a yellow outline. Below the title, a list of activities is presented in green capital letters, separated by star symbols. At the bottom, the date and time are displayed in bold brown and white text. Decorative elements include a red and white striped beach umbrella and a starfish on the left, and a blue popsicle and a pink ice cream cone on the right.

Free Entry!

Summer Fiesta

INFLATABLES ★ BAR
FOOD ★ ICE-CREAM
GAMES ★ FACE-PAINTING
MUSIC ★ TALENT SHOW
& MUCH MORE!

FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025
3:30PM-5:30PM



Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre



Summer Holiday Courses

Running throughout the Summer
Monday – Friday 9–4pm:

Prices from
£24 per day

Multi Activity
Pottery Club
Football Camp
Arts and Crafts

Suitable for
ages 5–12

Crash Course Swim Lessons

(please email for more info on the swim lesson timetable)



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