

Friday 27th March 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

As we come to the end of a wonderfully full and vibrant term, it's been a joy to look back at the range of experiences the children have enjoyed. From the Year 5 trip to We the Curious and the Christingle services at Tewkesbury Abbey, to music workshops, author visits, and our Year 2 visit to a mosque, the term has been packed with opportunities to explore, question and discover. Reception ventured out to Cotswold Farm Park, while Year 4 stepped back in time at Odda's Chapel. We also welcomed visitors into school, including the London Sinfonietta and the English Touring Opera. And of course, we celebrated the opening of our new outdoor library, officially opened by children's author Emma Swan, which has already become a much-loved space for reading. These are just a few highlights, but what has shone through in every moment is the children's enthusiasm and kindness. They continue to make us incredibly proud with the way they embrace new challenges and represent our school so beautifully.

Thank you to our staff for their hard work and creativity, and to our families for your ongoing support. I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Reception's Trip to Cotswold Farm Park



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

On Tuesday, our reception children had a wonderful time on their very first school trip to Cotswold Farm Park. The day was filled with excitement as they met a variety of friendly animals, including goats, sheep, rabbits and even had the chance to feed some of them. A highlight of the day was watching a baby lamb being born. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for hands-on-learning and helped bring our topic of 'New life, new changes' alive! However, this would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of our wonderful PTFA who covered the cost of our coach!

The excitement didn't just end on Tuesday ... Reception have been lucky to watch 5 baby chicks hatch in their classroom this week too!

English Touring Opera



KS2 pupils were lucky enough to experience the English Touring Opera again. This time it was the story of Ada and the Code Crusaders. It tells the story of Ada and how she needed to stop a virus using a code. Thankfully she managed to de-bug the virus with a little help from the audience, then we all defeated the virus by singing the Infinite Loop song. Bizarrely, Ada didn't seem to know what a computer was!

Tewkesbury Schools' Singing Programme – “The World Around Us”

With just four hours of rehearsal time, our Year 5 children journeyed down to Tewkesbury Abbey to take part in this term's Tewkesbury Schools' Singing Programme, *The World Around Us*. They joined pupils from several other local schools, with children from Years 3–5 represented across the partnership, and Year 5 proudly representing CoFE.

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Following a workshop earlier in the day, the children went on to give a fantastic performance to parents, filling the Abbey with beautiful music. It felt especially fitting to sing in such an inspiring setting, an incredible building over 900 years old, created for worship and music among many other things.

The programme was a truly harmonious celebration, featuring songs that connected thoughtfully to our theme. Highlights included *Astronaut*, a piece about a lonely spaceman looking down on our world from space, brought to life with sound-button effects and even laser swings. The children also performed the Canadian folk song *Land of the Silver Birch*, the African song *Si Njay, Njay, Njay*, and a firm class favourite, the jazzy and upbeat *Be Cool*. Our children represented CofE brilliantly, doing what they do best—singing with enthusiasm, confidence, and joy. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Roman Day



Year 3 had a brilliant Roman Day this week. The children designed their own shields, took part in a mosaic-hunt archaeology challenge, and even re-enacted the Battle of Watling Street with great enthusiasm. We finished by creating mosaic coasters to take home, each one unique and beautifully made. It was a fantastic day of creativity, teamwork, and hands-on history.

Year 2 become designers



To draw to a close our London theme this term, year two have been busy designing and building a moving fire engine suitable for a small child to play with. They also learnt how to use a glue gun safely. We have had so much fun and we were very proud of our end results!

Easter Service



To celebrate Easter this year, children led and participated in a special reflective Collective worship at school. Each year group played an important role in retelling different parts of Easter week through a series of stations.

The Journey Begins – Year 3

Standing at a doorway, Year 3 explored the humanity of Jesus, reflecting on how he welcomed and spent time with those often left out, reminding us of the importance of kindness and inclusion.

The Arrest – Garden of Gethsemane (Year 4)

In the garden, pupils recalled Jesus' arrest and betrayal. This station invited children to reflect quietly and offer prayers, thinking about how we can all strive to make the right choices in difficult moments.

The Denial – Courtyard (Year 5)

Gathered around a firepit, Year 5 told the story of Peter's denial. In a powerful moment of reflection, children shared their own disappointments, placing twigs into the fire as a symbol of letting go and learning from mistakes.

The Promise – The Cross (Year 6)

At the cross, pupils retold the story of Jesus' death before sharing thoughtful messages about forgiveness. They held crosses they had created from natural materials, reminding us all of hope, grace, and new beginnings.

The Surprise – The Empty Tomb (Year 2)

Year 2 shared the joy of the resurrection. Children planted seeds as a symbol of new life, helping us to remember that hope can grow even after difficult times.

Celebration Around the World – Year 1 & Reception

Year 1 showed how Easter is celebrated around the world, sharing colourful pictures and handmade kites. To conclude our celebration, Reception children delighted everyone by delivering mini eggs, bringing smiles all around.

It was a fantastic retelling of the Easter story, one that thoughtfully explored choices, disappointments, forgiveness, and the wonderful surprise that we still celebrate today. The children sang beautifully throughout, including a joyful rendition of *Happy Day*, and the celebration ended with teachers setting off confetti cannons, a truly memorable and uplifting way to begin the Easter holidays.

Pre-School get ready for Easter



Pre-School have also been getting into the Easter spirit, taking part in lots of seasonal crafts and activities. The children have loved creating their own Easter artwork, exploring all things springtime, and even heading out on an exciting Easter egg hunt around the grounds. It's been a lovely way for them to learn, play and celebrate together.

Join us at Tewkesbury Abbey for Children's & Families Easter Activities

Family Trail - 28 March to 12 April

The free family trail depicts the story of Easter with a question to answer on each stop. Pick up your sheet from the welcome desk and enjoy this 'just for fun' trail.

Good Friday Activities - 3 April

10am-11:30am Drop in and explore the Easter story with free crafts and activities for all ages, and cake and coffee for grown ups!

Easter Sunday - 5 April

10.30am Celebrate the joy of Easter with a special Children's Church during the service, followed by an Easter egg hunt.



2025/26 Calendar

Summer Term 1

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term

15th April - Class Photos

16th April - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup (new date)

20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2

24th April - EYFS Spring Stay & Play (change of date)

27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential

1st May - Inset Day

w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week

w/b 25th May - Half Term

Summer Term 2

5th June - Fieldwork Friday - tbc

w/b 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening checks

12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition

w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood

24th June - Meet your new teacher morning

24th & 25th June - Tewkesbury Academy Move up day

w/b 29th June - Arts Week

1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play

8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date

9th July - Tewkesbury School's Rounders competition

10th July - Medieval Festival

15th July - Rec - Year 2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

16th July - Year 3 - 5 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 1:45pm

17th July - Last day of Summer Term

20th July - Inset Day

School diary week beginning 13th April 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Summer Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon			Sausages & Diced Potatoes Homemade Margherita Pizza
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children		BBQ Chicken Pasta Bake Quorn Pasta Bake
Wed	Class Photos		Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	Year 5 Swimming	Tewkesbury Netball Cup Tewkesbury Academy 3.45pm - 5.30pm	Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice Quorn Masala & Rice
Fri			Fishfingers & Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



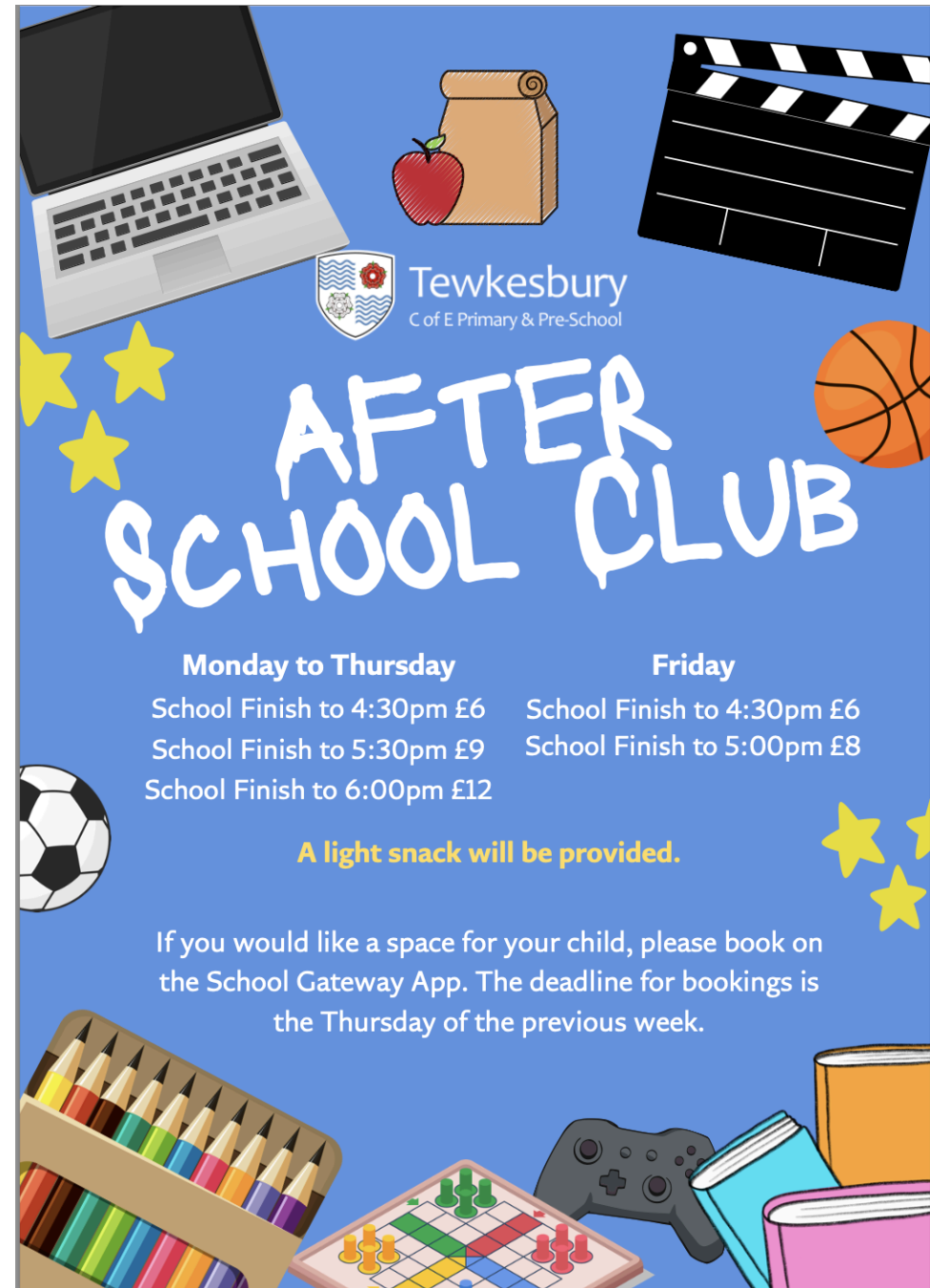
 **Tewkesbury**
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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	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.

MISS BUSSEY'S Busy Bees

THE HOLIDAY CLUB WITH
NATURE AT ITS HEART
FOR AGES 5 - 12

HOLIDAY CLUB AGES 5 - 12

8:15AM- 3:30PM

£45 PER DAY, PER CHILD

8:15AM- 5:30PM

£55 PER DAY, PER CHILD

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OF APRIL

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OF APRIL

AT NORTON VILLAGE HALL

OLD TEWKESBURY ROAD, NORTON, GL2 9LJ

PLEASE NOTE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP OF YOUR CHILD ANYTIME FROM 8:15 UNTIL 9:15AM



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30TH MARCH-2ND APRIL 08.30

16.00

7TH APRIL -10TH APRIL 08.30-16.00

ACTIVITIES

- BALL GAMES
- BADMINTON
- DODGEBALL
- SWIMMING
- TEAM GAMES

AGES 5-13



**£24.00 PER
DAY**

**WEEK 1 WILL ALSO INCLUDE EASTER ARTS AND CRAFTS ON
TUESDAY 31ST MARCH AND WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:
[BOOKWHEN.COM/EASTERHOLIDAYCOURSES](https://bookwhen.com/easterholidaycourses)**

Family Fun at the Abbey this Easter



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High Mass Easter Sunday | 5 April

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Children's Meals for £2 | 28 March - 12 April

This Easter holiday enjoy lower price kids meals at the Abbey Garden Cafe.

Up to three children can eat for £2 each with every full price adult meal purchased. See menu for details.



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Family Activities in April



Tewkesbury Community Hub (formerly PPNP) at
York road Tewkesbury GL20 5HU



Taste and See Group (Easter)



Date: 2/4/2026 (Thursday)

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Participants: 6 families with children
from 2 to 8 year old

Free of charge

Food themes: Easter chocolate eggs



Taste and See Group (Toddlers and Families)

Date: 9/4/2026 to 23/5/2026 (every Thursday)

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (After the Stay and Play Group at
Noah's Ark Children Centre)

Participants: 6 families with toddlers from 2 to 4 year old

Free of charge

Food themes: Shushi, Flapjack and spring roll



Please contact Tim Wong to book on the activities
Tel: 07593 565 423 or Email: tim.wong@ccp.org.uk.

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**For all the family - children
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Bournside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham GL51 3EF

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MONDAYS, 5.15PM - 6.15PM (**BOURNSIDE**)

Bournside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham GL51 3EF

TUESDAYS, 5.30PM - 6.30PM (**CLEEVE**)

Cleeve Sports Centre, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, GL52 8AE



PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

MONDAYS, 5.00PM - 7.00PM (**PRESTBURY PARK**)

Prestbury Park, New Barn Lane, Prestbury, GL52 3LE

TUESDAYS, 5.00PM - 5.45PM (**THE ROCK YOUTH CENTRE**)

The Rock, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, GL51 9AH

THURSDAYS, 5.15PM - 7.00PM (**WHADDON YOUTH CENTRE**)

Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5QW
Part of Fuel Thursdays in partnership with The Children's Society



YOUTH DISABILITY FOOTBALL

MONDAYS, 7.00PM - 8.00PM

Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5QW

Part of Embrace Youth Club in partnership with The Children's Society



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FREE FOOTBALL IN CHARLTON KINGS

WEDNESDAYS, 5.00PM - 6.00PM

The Grange Field, Charlton Kings, GL53 8JN

In partnership with Charlton Kings Parish Council





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30th March - 2nd April



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Age Categories: under 8; 9–12; 13–16
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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.



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