

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th October 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

As we reach the end of our first term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support that you have shown the school this year. We have loved every minute so far and that is down to the wonderful community that C of E has. Last week, we reflected on some of the different experiences the children have enjoyed, including trips, visitors, OPAL and classroom activities and we are so excited for what is planned for the rest of the year (there may even be some new equipment for the children to spot, when they return). We wish you all a very happy and relaxing half term holiday (I'm sure the children will be looking forward to a well deserved rest, before enjoying Bonfire night and Halloween) and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th November!

Break the Rules Day



A message from Father Nick, the new vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey



It was great to lead my first collective worship earlier today as we explored this term's value 'hope'. Having moved from Cheltenham over the summer and previously supported Cheltenham Town, I know a lot about hope! At least we have now won one match this season but there's a long way to go!

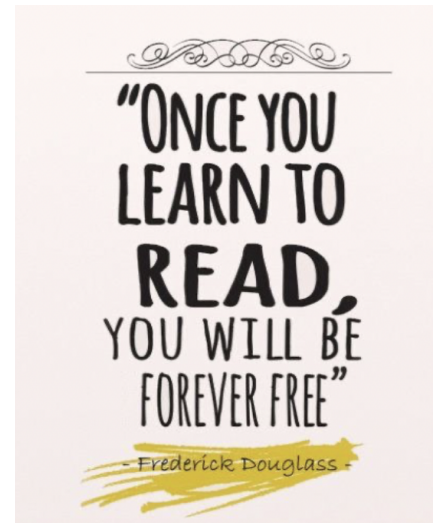
It was great to chat with the children this morning about their hopes for the half term break which included getting plaster casts removed, safe trips on holiday and to hear their prayers that the world might become a safer place. The Bible says faith is about being sure of the things we hope for and being convinced of the things we cannot see. As we listen to the news right now, I guess we all need a bit more of that.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know the school, all of you and welcoming you to the Abbey this Christmas. In the meantime, have a great half term and I'll see you on the other side!

C of E's reading wish list

Reading continues to be a priority of the school and we have many more exciting developments to come. As mentioned previously, our fantastic PTFA are kindly donating funds to renovate our school library with new furniture and books, to make it a warm and welcoming place for children to ... into their books. We have also identified some amazing books for each of the year groups and we wondered whether you could help us. We would love to get as many books from each list as possible, so if you were browsing a shop and happened to come across one (and you didn't mind buying it) or if you are having a clear out of books and you find one on the list, we would love it if you were happy to donate it. We want our children to have the very best quality literature, as it makes all the difference to their interest and enthusiasm for reading.

Any books should make their way to either the office, Miss Davis or Mr Shaw so we can then label them up.



[Recommended Reads - Reception](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 1](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 2](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 3](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 4](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 5](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 6](#)

Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale



Every year, we invite the children to wear a Christmas jumper for our Christmas dinner day in school. Often our pupils grow out of their Christmas jumper in one year and a new one is bought the following year. We are therefore asking that if your child has outgrown an old Christmas jumper, we would love it if you were happy to donate it to the school. This will then allow us to hold a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale (nearer to our Christmas dinner day) so that everyone can feel part of the celebration, as well as helping our planet. Toddler size (3-4) and up will be accepted but please make sure they are washed and in good condition.

All items will be priced around £1 but this will be confirmed along with final details of the pre-loved sale.

Children in Need

In preparation for children in need on Friday 17th of November (where the children will be able to come to school dressed up in colourful clothes) the school council would like to run a competition to raise funds for the Children in need charity. They decided that it would be fun for the children to make a 'spotacular' outfit for one of their teddies. This should be made from any paper or card products and the children can create a design on to this. They will then bring in their teddy wearing its new creation on Wednesday 15th, to be judged by the school council who will then award prizes on the Friday. To enter we ask for a small donation to the Children in Need cause.



SCHOOL COUNCIL COMPETITION

**CAN YOU MAKE A SPOTACULAR
OUTFIT FOR YOUR TEDDY BEAR?**

YOUR BEAR'S OUTFIT CAN BE MADE OUT OF ANY TYPE OF PAPER OR CARD.

BRING YOUR TEDDY BEAR
IN THEIR OUTFIT (PLUS DONATION) TO BE
JUDGED BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER.

WINNERS AND PRIZES WILL BE REVEALED ON
CHILDREN IN NEED (17TH NOVEMBER)

**PLEASE MAKE
A DONATION
TO ENTER!**

School diary for 1st week back after half term

Day	The School Day	After school		Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Lego club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm			Chicken Fillet & Diced Potatoes Veggie Burger in a Bun
Tues	Chess club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Choir (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Art club (Rec - Y1) 3:15 - 4pm	Homemade Cheese Pasta Bake With Garlic Bread Vegetable Fajitas
		ESFA football competition Years 5 - 6 at Tewkesbury academy		
Wed	Mindfulness club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm	Recorder club (Rec - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Tag rugby club (Y5 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm	Homemade Sausage Hotpot Quorn Sausage Hotpot
Thur		Drama club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm		Chicken in a Soya Sauce with Noodles Quorn Pieces in a Soya Sauce with Noodles
Fri	Book club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Archery club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Football club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm	Fishcake with chips Vegetable Pizza with chips

Important Dates

Monday 6th November 2023 - Start of the New School Term

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Wednesday 15th November 2023 - Individual School Photos

Wednesday 15th November 2023 - ESFA Year 5 - 6 Girls football competition (at Tewkesbury Academy)

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Year 3 - 4 Football League (at Tewkesbury Academy)

w/b 27th November 2023 - Parents evenings (more info to follow)

Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey

Friday 8th December 2023 - PTFA Christmas Shopping Night

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 1 trip to the Panto (Beauty and the Beast)

Friday 22nd December 2023 - Last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024 - School Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - First day of Spring term (children return to school)



We learn together - shine forever



Tewkesbury C of E Primary School would like to invite you to visit our amazing school, where everyone is encouraged to shine!



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024? The team at Tewkesbury C of E would be delighted to show you around our fantastic school, so you can see for yourselves why this is the right place for your child to shine.

Dates

Wednesday 8th November at 10am
Wednesday 22nd November at 10am
Wednesday 6th December at 10am

Pre-booking is advisable but not essential. If you would like to make a booking, then please speak to reception who will be more than happy to help. If you are not available for any of the dates listed, please contact the school and we'd be happy to find an alternative date for you.

In the mean time, please check out our website: <https://www.tewkesbury-primary.co.uk>

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You're invited

The Welcome Table

A space to come together with others in the local community. Come in just for a tea or coffee, or enjoy a freshly cooked meal too. Bring your whole family, your friends, a neighbour, or just yourself! Everyone is welcome, it's free of charge and no booking is required.

every other Monday
doors open 3:15
food served 4:45

next dates

- Monday 24 July 2023
- Monday 7 August 2023
- Monday 21 August 2023
- Monday 4 September 2023
- Monday 18 September 2023
- Monday 2 October 2023
- Monday 16 October 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea
and coffee, activities for children
4:45 warm freshly cooked meal
6:30 end

