

Friday 24th October 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a fantastic way to round off the half term! It's been a busy and exciting week across the school, from Year 2's trip back in time at the Black Country Living Museum to Year 4's creative Egyptian weaving projects. Our youngest children in Acorns have been exploring all things autumn, rolling, painting and decorating pumpkins in every colour imaginable! A huge thank you to our wonderful staff for all of their hard work, to our community, for being so supportive of the school and to all of our children for the energy and smiles they bring every day. Have a lovely, restful half term, you've all earned it!

Year 2 visit the Black Country Living Museum



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

Year 2 took a step back in time this week with a visit to the Black Country Living Museum. From cobbled streets and smoky chimneys to old-fashioned sweet shops and stern Victorian teachers, the children experienced what life was really like in the Victorian era. They especially enjoyed sitting in an authentic Victorian classroom (though we're not sure they enjoyed the strict rules quite as much!). It was a brilliant day of hands-on history.

Black History Month



As part of Black History Month, children across the school have been learning about amazing Black people who have changed the world. From inspirational leaders and artists to athletes and inventors, they've explored their stories in collective worship and in lessons, learning how each one helped make the world a fairer and better place.

Year 4 become artists



Year 4 have been getting hands-on with their Egyptian Art topic, learning how to weave like ancient craftspeople! They've perfected their twill weave skills to make eye-catching diagonal patterns, a tricky technique that shows just how talented our young artists are.

Little Pumpkins, Big Ideas



Acorns have been let loose with some pumpkins! After rolling them, testing how heavy they were, and pretending to cook them, the children decided they should be decorated. They began with pens before moving on to paint, choosing their own resources, squeezing out paint and glitter, and chatting excitedly about the colours they were using.

A Magical Moonlit Performance



Last Friday, our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in the 'Under the Moon' concert at Tewkesbury Abbey.

They were amazed by the stunning Moon installation hanging high above them and enjoyed taking part in some fun activities before performing a selection of songs beneath its glow.

It was a truly magical experience, and we couldn't have been prouder of how beautifully the children sang and represented our school.

Gold Standard for Sport!

We're proud to announce that our school has achieved the **Gold** School Games Mark Award!

This national recognition celebrates schools that provide excellent sporting opportunities and encourage all pupils to stay active, take part in competitions and enjoy physical activity every day. Well done to our staff and pupils for making sport such a valued part of school life.



Collective Worship – Led by Simon from Holy Trinity



This week's Collective Worship was led by Simon from Holy Trinity, who arrived with a surprise item, a bright orange pumpkin! Simon explained that Halloween is actually the evening before the Christian festival of *All Saints' Day*, a time to celebrate saints both known and unknown.

He then carved the pumpkin, scooping out the messy insides before cutting out a cross and placing a candle inside. Simon used this as a powerful reminder that *"Jesus is the light of the world."* Together, we memorised the verse:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

It was a wonderful reminder to let our own light shine brightly.

Odd socks day - for Anti bullying week

On Monday 10th November, we're celebrating Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week! It's a day to celebrate what makes us all unique and to show that being different is something to be proud of.

It's really simple, just wear odd socks to school! The fun, colourful socks are a great way to start conversations about kindness, respect and inclusion.

Odd Socks Day is about celebrating individuality and raising awareness that bullying is never acceptable. So, get creative with your socks, show off your style, and remember: our differences make us special!





2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (2)

4th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
 6th November - ESFA Football tournament
 7th November - Year 6 Codebreaking experience
 w/b 10th November - Anti bullying week
 10th November - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 4
 12th November - Individual & sibling photos
 13th November - ESFA Girls Football tournament
 14th November - PTFA Event - Break the Rules Day
 18th November - Year 6 WW2 Workshop
 19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
 3rd December - Christmas Fayre
 5th December - Abbey Carol Service at 2pm (families welcome)
 8th December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
 10th December - Year 3 & Year 6 Panto at the Roses theatre
 16th December - EYFS Nativity & stay and play at 9:30am
 17th December - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly at 2pm (family welcome)
 18th December - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly at 2pm (family welcome)
19th December - Last Day of Autumn Term

Spring Term

5th January - Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January - First Day of Spring Term
 13th January - Dodgeball competition
 20th January - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 4
 22nd January - Tewkesbury Swimming gala
 5th February - Year 2 RE trip
w/b 16th February - Half Term
 23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play
 24th March - English Touring Opera visit
27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term
 27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential
1st May - Inset Day
 w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
w/b 25th May - Half Term
 w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
 1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
 8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date
 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 3rd November 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon			Football Club Year 3 - 6 Finish at 4:15pm		Battered Chicken & Diced Potatoes Homemade Vegetable Pizza & Diced Potatoes
Tues	Open Morning New Reception Starters - 26/27 10sm		First Lego League Year 4- 5 Finish at 4:15pm	Netball Club Year 5- 6 Finish at 4:15pm	Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread Vegetarian Bolognese & Garlic Bread
Wed	Morning Run Club Rec - Y6 Finish at 8:00 - 8:30am	Draw with Rob Year 3- 5 12:45 - 1:15pm	Dodgeball Year 5- 6 Finish at 4pm		Braised Beef with Roast Potatoes Vegetable Mince with Roast Potatoes
Thurs			French Club Year 3- 6 Finish at 4pm	EFSA Football Cup Tewkesbury Academy Year 5- 6 3:45 - 5:30pm	Chicken Burger with Rice Veggie Burger with Rice
Fri	Lego Club Year 1-3 12:45 - 1:15pm	Codebreaker Experience Year 6			Cod Fillet with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
	Autumn Showcase Pre-school/EYFS 9:30 - 10am				



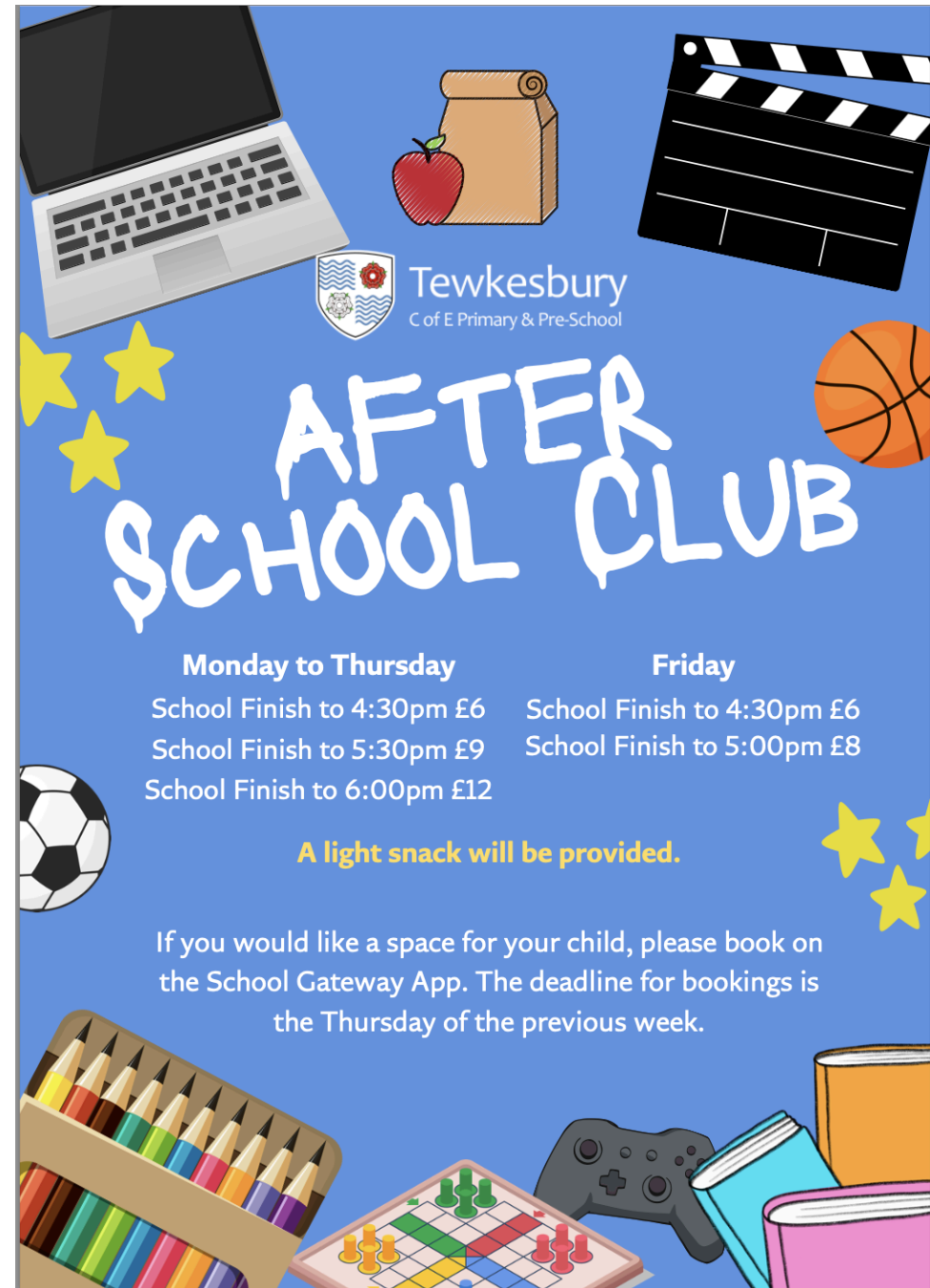
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

Parents/carers must
stay with their children, please

Join our Spooktacular HALLOWEEN

Arts & Crafts

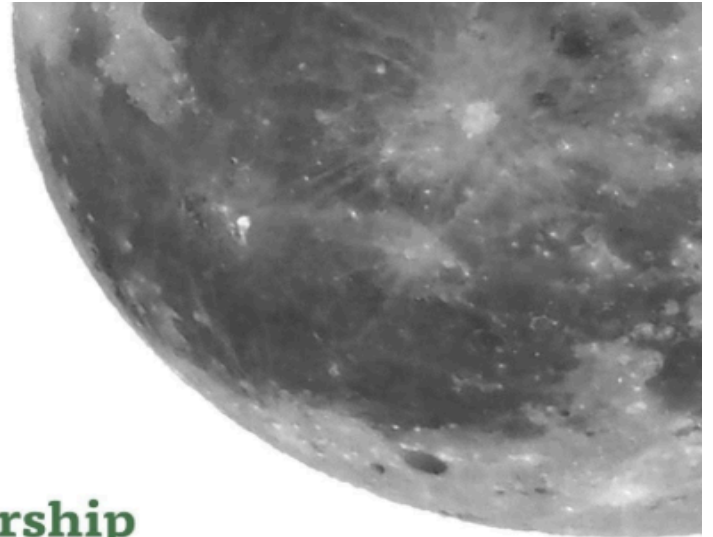


Free Halloween
Crafts

29 October 2025
10am - 2pm

Watson Hall
65 Barton Street
Tewkesbury GL20 5PX

Free squash
& biscuits



Wild Worship **3–4pm, Sunday 26th October**

Join us for an informal, family-friendly outdoor service
giving thanks for the beauty of creation.

All ages are welcome!

We'll begin in the Abbey with a story and prayers under
the moon, then move outside for a cosy campfire.

Enjoy toasting crumpets, decorating stars, and
making telescopes together.

**Come to wonder and worship with us, and
perhaps bring your waterproofs!**





PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

October Half Term
The Vineyards, Tewkesbury,
GL20 5PG
Tuesday 28th October 2025
10am - 4pm



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With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for funding this play day



Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers.

We welcome disabled children & their families.



Play Gloucestershire

Transforming lives through the power of play
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Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

For further information:

Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk

Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk

Phone 01452 505548

Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)



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At Tewkesbury C of E Primary School, we'd love to welcome you for a visit! Join us for a personal tour of our vibrant and nurturing environment, where you'll discover why our school is the perfect place for your child to flourish and shine.

Dates and Times

Tuesday 4th November

Wednesday 19th November

Monday 8th December

All start at 10am.





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Speed Stacking
Dodgeball
Board Games
Arts and Crafts

MAKE MEMORIES UNDER THE MOON THIS HALF TERM

Space Kids Trail

A family-friendly trail
around the Abbey to uncover
fascinating space facts

Storytime Under the Moon

Monday to Friday, 3–3:45pm
Settle beneath the glowing
moon each afternoon for a
story or two in this
magical setting.

Perfect for little ones and
their imaginations.

Free - no booking required

