Friday 25th September 2026

Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt…

What a week it's been. In just four days (thanks to the INSET), we've squeezed in Winchcombe Steam Railway, Greek Day, diorama building, special visitors, and even a surprise appearance from Stick Man, who clearly fancied a wander around our wonderful outdoor areas. The school has been buzzing from start to finish, and the children have thrown themselves into every moment, these are the weeks that remind you what an incredible place Tewkesbury C of E is!

Winchcombe Steam













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Our Year 6 children stepped back in time this week for their WW2 evacuation trip to Winchcombe Steam Railway. The adventure was well worth the wait, and the children made the most of every part of the day. They travelled by steam train, took part in an air-raid experience, helped to "track down" a Nazi spy, listened to stories from real evacuees, and explored what life was like for children growing up in 1940s Britain.

It was a brilliant way to bring their history learning to life, and they represented our school wonderfully throughout - engaged, curious and a credit to us all.

Year 5 Greek Day





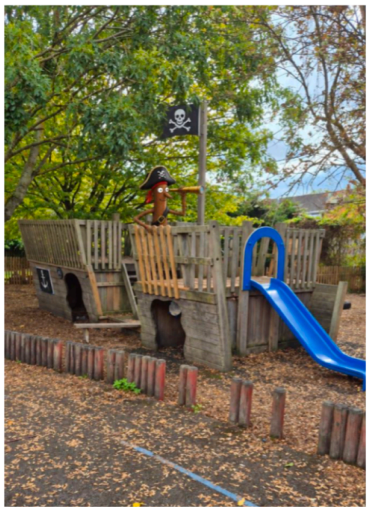




Year 5 had a fantastic Greek Day this week with a visitor from Past Productions, who joined us in costume as Socrates. The children learned about Greek gods including Aphrodite, Ares, Athena, Poseidon and Hermes, then used Greek props to create role plays, which they performed in front of a Mount Olympus backdrop.

They also explored democracy, discussed issues affecting school and the wider world, and cast their votes privately in a voting booth. In the afternoon, they took part in traditional Greek Olympic games. The children loved the day and had some brilliant discussions along the way!

Update on Stick Man from Year 1






On Thursday morning, Mr Rylatt discovered that Stick Man had been in the grounds of Tewkesbury C of E! He quickly shared the CCTV images with the Year 1 children who were elated to discover Stick Man had been so close! After examining the photographs, we produced some writing which identified exactly where he had been. He still remains missing but we are hoping that Year 1's writing about his adventures in our school playgrounds will soon reunite him with his Stick Lady Love and Stick Children Three!

Year 2 get some special visitors





Year 2 took a trip back in time and visited Florence Nightingale this week. They had so many questions to ask her about what life was like in Victorian times. They even had a surprising visit from an injured soldier and watched Florence nurse him back to health. The class had already learnt so much about hospitals before the Victorian times that they knew how to treat the soldier themselves - making sure they were in a clean environment, they had washed their hands and used the correct materials to reduce the risk of infection.

Year 3






This week, Year 3 have been busy creating fantastic dioramas to show what life was like during the Stone Age compared with modern life today! The children worked really hard to bring their learning to life, thinking about how homes, tools, clothing and everyday life has changed over time!

Young voices

Rehearsals for Young Voices are now underway, and the choir is already sounding brilliant. There's a real buzz building as the children get to grips with this year's songs and start imagining what it will feel like to perform in front of a packed arena in Birmingham.

The Young Voices concert is unlike anything else we do in school, the live band, the lights, the huge choir, and that moment when thousands of children sing together is genuinely unforgettable. It's loud, it's joyful, and it's the kind of experience they talk about long after the night is over.

If your child (in Year 3 - 6) enjoys singing, music, or simply being part of something big and exciting, Young Voices is a fantastic opportunity. We still have spaces available for children who'd like to join us and a letter will be emailed over today, with more information.

Tewkesbury C of E's 500 Words Writing Competition



On Thursday, in collective worship, Miss Davis and Mr Stanton launched Tewkesbury C of E's 500 Words Competition.

The competition encourages our pupils to have fun and be creative whilst writing a story! The challenge... to write a story in 500 words or less!

During collective worship, Miss Davis and Mr Stanton read stories from the 2025 500 Words competition to inspire the children. Miss Davis' chosen story 'The Pudding Scientists' had the children laughing along to the names of the characters (Professor Pudding Pants, Dr Custard Brain and Sir Crumblebottom!) whilst Mr Stanton's had the children imagining the wonderful description within the story including a villainous ringmaster!

The competition is open from Years 1-6 and will open on Tuesday 29th September. We will be looking at characterisation, plot and originality. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not judged. The competition closes Friday 6th November. Any entries should be given to class teachers who will be judging the first round!

Everyone who enters will receive a certificate. The winner from each year group will also receive a book token and their very own story framed in our library (as well as an additional framed copy being sent home!)

Happy beginnings for Acorns



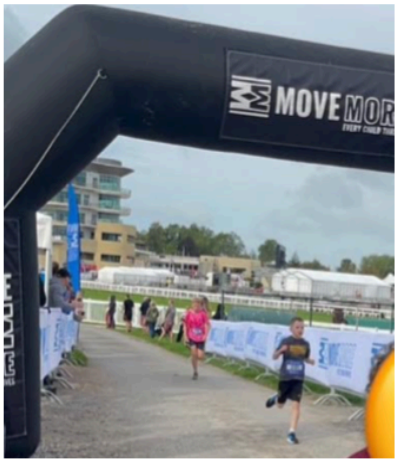


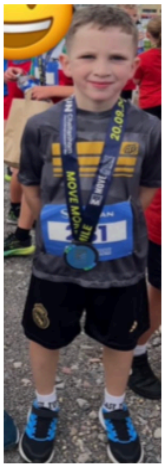





The Acorns have settled into pre-school so well this term, and it's been lovely to see them growing in confidence each day.

Go Hugo!



We were delighted to hear that Hugo K (year 4) took part in the Move More Mile at the Cheltenham Half Marathon on Sunday and he did brilliantly. Out of nearly 300 children, Hugo finished an impressive 21st, showing real determination from start to finish.

It's a wonderful achievement and one he should feel very proud of. Well done, Hugo, a great example of commitment, effort and enjoying the challenge.

PTFA Meeting

Our first PTFA meeting of this academic year will be held on Tuesday 6th October. The meeting will be held in Year 1 Jade Class at 5.15pm. Please meet at the school office and either Miss Davis or Miss Cheal will let you in. We would love to see as many of you as possible!

Harvest Festival and Food Bank Donations

On Wednesday 7th October, Holy Trinity Church will welcome us once again to celebrate the Harvest Festival. The children will be leading a service with songs and presentations and we are inviting the children's families and carers to celebrate with us. Please could families and carers arrive at the church to be seated for 1:45PM. The children will arrive shortly after, for a 2pm start. At the end of the service, children will walk back to the school with their class to be collected at the normal time. As part of the festival, the school will be making a food donation to Tewkesbury Food Bank. If you would like to contribute to this donation, please could you send in food items with your child. Please send in non-perishable foods.

Please send these items into school during the week beginning Monday 28th September. Thank you to everyone who is able to do this.

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Reception Open Mornings

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2027, we'd love you to come along to one of our Open Mornings. It's a great chance to see our school in action, meet the team and get a feel for the warm, rounded REAL curriculum we're so proud of. If you would like to book a slot, please click on the following link: https://forms.gle/Ta1D9kupZdpcaDiP7



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2026/27 Calendar

Autumn Term (1)

28th September - Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day
29th September - Flu Nasal Spray immunisation
29th September - Year 3 National Literacy Trust workshop
7th October - Harvest Festival 2pm at Holy Trinity Church
8th October - B. Ware Author Visit Years 4 & 5
9th October - Reception MOP Fayre visit
16th October - Year 5 Sing concert at Tewkesbury Abbey
21st October - Year 2 trip to Black Country Living Museum
22nd October - Year 5 Road to RIAT
23rd October - Inset Day
25-30th October - Half Term

Autumn Term (2)

2nd November - Year 3 Stone Age Day
3rd November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
4th November - Individual School Photos
13th November - Year 2 Victorian Day
13th November - Year 6 GCHQ codebreaking workshop
19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
2nd December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
3rd December - Christmas Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm
4th December - Reception Owl Experience
8th December - KS2 Trip to Pantomime at Roses Theatre
9th December - Christmas dinner & Jumper day
15th December - Reception Nativity and Christmas stay and play - 9:30am start
16th December - KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
17th December - KS2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
20th December - 1st January Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

4th January - Inset Day
13th January - Young Voices Concert
25th March - Reception Spring Stay and Play - 9:30am start
26th March - 9th April Easter Holidays
30th April - Inset Day

Summer Term

3rd May - Bank holiday
Week commencing 10th May - Year 6 SATs

31st May - 4th June Half-Term
Week commencing 14th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
7th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play
14th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play (reserve date)
19th July - KS2 Celebration Assembly (Years 3-5) 2pm
20th July - KS1 Celebration Assembly (Years Rec-1) 2pm
21st July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
22nd July - Summer Holidays begin

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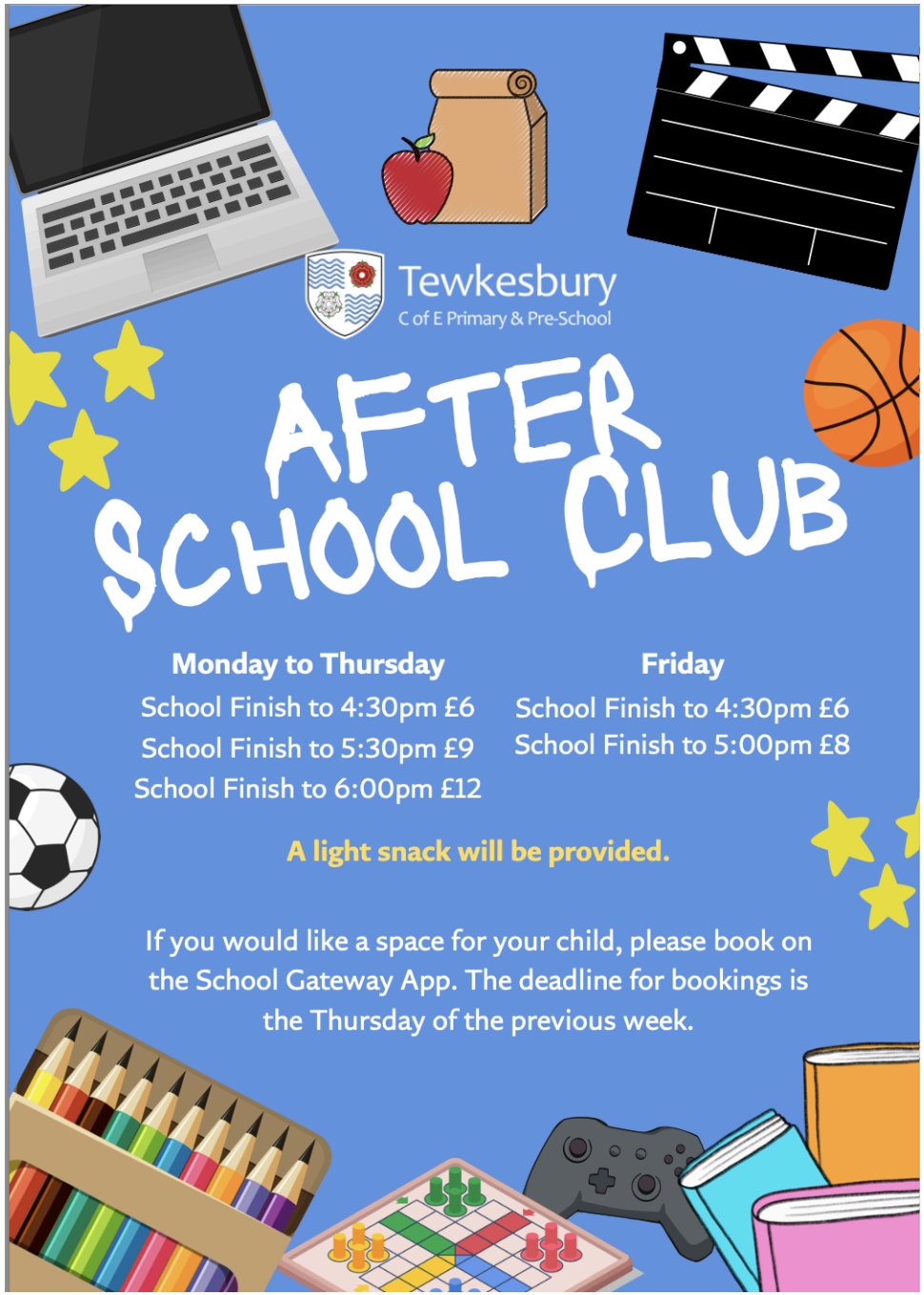
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School diary week beginning 28th September 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Y4 Egyptian Day		Sausages & Diced Potatoes Homemade Margherita Pizza
Tues	REC-Y6 Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation Year 3 National Literacy Trust Workshop	First Lego League Club Selected Children 3:10 - 4:30pm Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Choir 3.15 - 4.00pm	Sweet Tomato Chicken with Rice Quorn Casserole
Wed	Morning Run Club 8 - 8.30am	Dodgeball 3.15 - 4.00pm PTFA Meeting	Roast Chicken, Roasties, Yorkshire Pudding Colliflower cheese, Roasties, Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	Tag Rugby Club 12.20-12.50pm	Drama CLub 3.15 - 4.00pm	Beef Burger in a Bun with Chips Quorn Burger in a Bun with Chips
Fri	Year 5 Singing workshop	Superstar Gymnastics 3.15 - 4.15pm Digital Creative Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Natajacks Craft Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Fish Cake & Waffles Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

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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
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:30pm £9
School Finish to 6:00pm £12
Friday
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:00pm £8
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.

KICK OFF THE SEASON WITH TRFC

and our family fun day on

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

10:00 - 13:00

INFLATABLES



KIT SHOP

Pre-loved kit and boots for sale



BAR & FOOD

Bar open and food available



GMS/ REGISTRATION DESK

For new and existing players

RUGBY SESSIONS

Come and try rugby for free! All ages, girls and boys, 2 sessions - 11:00 and 12:00



TRFC 2ND XV MATCH DAY

Kick Off 12:30

TEWKESBURY RFC VS CINDERFORD RFC

TRFC 1ST XV MATCH DAY

Kick Off 15:00

TEWKESBURY RFC VS

FUN DAY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO SENIOR HOME GAMES


TEWKESBURY TIGERS RFC
RUGBY FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 18
DEVELOP SKILLS, CONFIDENCE AND LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS
A FUN, SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL AGES
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Disability + Football

Your place to play

Fun, Welcoming and Inclusive sessions for children aged 5-11 with disabilities and additional needs to discover football



Time and Date: Every Other Wednesday Starting September 9th 2026
1730-18:30

Location: Wheatpieces Community Centre - Columbine Road - Walton Cardiff - Tewkesbury - GL20 7SP

Contact: Stefan, Laura or Marina

Email: comets@ttcfc.co.uk

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Scan now to book your first session

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SUPER STAR GYMNASTICS

BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH MOVEMENT



Gymnastics Club at Tewkesbury C Of E

Fridays afterschool to 4.15pm

- Learn new skills
- Keep fit and healthy
- Have fun



£95 for the term, including 10 sessions, insurance, badge and certificate



RYC Minis

When: Mondays (term time)
Time: 4.00 - 4.45pm
Where: The Roses Theatre, Upstairs Bar
Cost: £5 per week (payable termly)
Age: 3–5 years (Pre-school or reception)

A FUN INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVITY FOR AGES 3–5

Looking for a **fun, creative** activity where your child can make **friends**, build **confidence** and feel part of a community?

RYC Minis is more than just a youth theatre. It's a **welcoming** space where every child can explore their **creativity**, have **fun** and feel like they **belong**.

Through **games, play** and **theatre-making**, children develop skills that extend beyond the stage, including **confidence, communication** and **collaboration**.

Have fun building confidence & creativity!



BOOK YOUR CHILDS SPACE

Call us on 01684 295074 or email boxo@rosestheatre.org to book your space!