

Friday 28th March 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a difference a bit of sunshine makes! It's been wonderful to see the brighter mornings and longer days lifting everyone's spirits this week. The warmer weather has come at the perfect time for The Big Walk and Wheel and it's been fantastic to see so many children walking, riding and scooting to school, they've come in each morning full of energy and ready to learn. In school, it's been a really positive week, with the children showing such enthusiasm and kindness in everything they do. Whether in lessons or during OPAL play, they continue to make us so proud with their hard work and fantastic attitudes. A huge well done to them all! Let's hope this sunshine sticks around for the final few weeks of term. Have a great weekend!

Year 3 become scientists



In Year 3 we combined our Science topic of magnets, our History topic of Roman Britain and our Design Technology construction unit to create Roman Chariots propelled by repelling magnets attached to the chassis. The children designed, made a prototype and refined their ideas before creating their final product. They evaluated what worked well and what they would improve next time.

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

Exciting News to share!

We are absolutely delighted to share the news that Miss Davis is expecting her first child, due in September! This is such wonderful news, and we couldn't be happier for her. Over the coming months, we'll be supporting her every step of the way and celebrating this exciting time with her. Congratulations, Miss Davis!

A Fantastic First Week of The Big Walk and Wheel!



We're now one week into The Big Walk and Wheel and I want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all of you for embracing the challenge! It's been brilliant to see so many children walking, cycling and scooting to school each day and the energy and enthusiasm from the children has been fantastic.

Not only are we reducing congestion around the school, but the children are also starting their day feeling active, refreshed and ready to learn. We've had some lovely feedback from them about how much they're enjoying their new routines, and it's wonderful to see them taking pride in making healthy choices.

Let's keep up the momentum as we head into the final week! Every journey counts, so if you can swap the car for a more active option, even for part of the journey, it makes a real difference.

To find out more, visit [The Big Walk and Wheel website](#). Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping to promote a healthy, sustainable school community.

Parking and Road Safety – A Shared Responsibility



I'd like to draw attention to an important issue that has been raised by members of our school community regarding parking and road safety during drop-off and pick-up times. A few parents and members of staff have reached out to express their concerns about unsafe parking on Chance Street, near the preschool entrance and around the junction with Rope Walk.

Some of the key issues mentioned include:

- Cars mounting the pavement, making it difficult for pedestrians, especially those with buggies or wheelchairs, to pass safely.
- Vehicles parking too close to crossings, limiting visibility for children and families trying to cross the road safely.
- An increase in cars using the school car park for drop-offs - only cars that have been authorised by the school should park in the school car park

I completely understand that mornings can be rushed. However, we must all do our part to ensure the safety of our children, families and the wider community. I kindly ask that everyone follows these simple but crucial guidelines:

- Use Spring Gardens Car Park. It's free, so if you need a parking permit, please pick one up from the school office.
- Avoid stopping or parking on pavements or near crossings. Even a quick stop can create blind spots that put pedestrians at risk.
- Don't park in the school car park, unless you have been authorised to do so by the school
- Be mindful of the junction at Chance Street and Rope Walk. This is a particularly busy crossing point for families walking, riding and scooting to school.
- Allow extra time for your journey. A little more time in the morning can mean safer and less stressful drop-offs.

We want to avoid any accidents and your cooperation will make a huge difference. Thank you for working together to keep our school community safe. Your support is truly appreciated.

Another musical treat for the children to enjoy!



The whole school had another musical treat yesterday by having the opportunity to listen to Lois Whitehead, a percussionist. We saw djembes, bongos and cymbals, just to name a few instruments, which had all been bought and created by Lois. We heard a variety of musical styles, including Rock, Jazz and Funk. Pupils also had the opportunity to join in with the beat using their own body parts. One lucky pupil was allowed the chance to play the percussion instruments. What a delight!

Wild Wonders club



This week in Wild Wonders club we discovered some Tawny Mining Bees, which are Miss Bussey's favourite British Bee. They are harmless, and we wanted to show them respect and protect them. We made information posters, and a feeding station. Did you know these bees burrow into the ground and feed on buttercups? To find out more visit: [Tawny Mining Bees](#)

Local MP needs your help

Cameron Thomas, MP for Tewkesbury, has asked whether any children would be interested in creating Easter Art (eggs, bunnies, etc) which can be displayed in their offices (located in town). If your child is interested, please bring any artwork into Miss Davis who will pass these onwards. Any artwork should be handed in by the end of next week and their art will be returned afterwards.

Scotathon Timetable

Please see the below dates when children will be participating in our sponsored Scotathon to raise money for our OPAL lunchtimes. On the day of their scoot, children will need to bring in their own scooter and their sponsor form (school has some spare scooters available) though children are free to run if they'd prefer. Please continue to gather as many sponsors as you can!

Monday 7th April - Pearl, Azurite & Quartz (Y6 & 4)

Wednesday 9th April - Easter Abbey Service.

Friday 11th April - Sapphire & Diamond (Y5)

Tuesday 8th April - Ruby, Crystal & Amber (EYFS & Year 1)

Thursday 10th April - Topaz, Emerald, Amethyst & Jade (Year 2 & 3)

A message from Miss Bussey

"I'm delighted to be able to offer a holiday club for children aged 5-12 at Norton Village Hall during the Easter holidays - 15th, 16th, 23rd and 24th April. Scan here for more information."



School diary week beginning 31st March 2025

Day	The School Day		After school	Spring Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Big Walk and Wheel Week 2		Parents evening No after school clubs	Chicken Fillet & Diced Potatoes Veggie Burger
Tues			Parents evening No after school clubs	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Quorn Bolognese
Wed	Story Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chill out zone Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Parents evening No after school clubs	Sausages with Mash Potato Quorn Sausages with Mash Potato
Thur	Year 5 swimming		Parents evening No after school clubs	Homemade Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Fri	Board game Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Parents evening No after school clubs	Battered Fish with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza
	Year 4 Easter Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey			



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

w/b 24th March - Big Walk and Wheel
w/b 31st March - Parents Evening
3rd April - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am
4th April - Year 4 Easter Celebration Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey
w/b 7th April - School Scootathon
9th April - Class Photos
9th April - Easter service at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm

Summer Term

28th April - Inset Day
29th April - 1st May - Year 4 Residential - Pioneer Centre
5th May - May Bank Holiday
w/b 12th May - Year 6 SAT
Tuesday 13th May - Cyber Safety Talk - 5:30pm (more info to follow)
19th May - Year 6 visit to skillzone (more info to follow)
21st May - Jenny Pearson Author visit (more info to follow)
22nd May - Drama Club Performance (more info to follow)
w/b 26th May - Half term
2nd June - Start of MTC Window (2 weeks)
3rd June - Year 1 trip to Weston Super Mare (more info to follow)
4th June - Young Minds Matter Workshop - Year 6
5 June - B.Ware Author visit
5th June - Year 5 trip to Overbury (more info to follow)
6th - Field Work Day (more info to follow)
6th June - Music Share concert at Tewkesbury Abbey (more info to follow)
w/b 9th June - Arts Week (more info to follow)
w/b 16th June- Year 6 Residential Oaker Wood
18th June - Year 2 trip to Nature in Art (more info to follow)
23rd June - Year 6 Bikeability (more info to follow)
25th June - Grandparents Afternoon Tea (more info to follow)
2nd July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
3rd July - Year 2 - 6 Bizarre Bible performance at Tewkesbury Baptist Church
9th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date
11th July - 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.

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Hello!

We're excited to announce a brand new after-school service for parents at **Tewkesbury C of E Primary School**: an award-winning STEM club, to run during April and May of 2025! **(Plus a chance for some school holiday science fun!)**

Catering to **children in Y1-Y2**, each award-winning session will last for one hour from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and will be filled with exciting experiments and activities supporting the National Curriculum.

The cost for this award-winning, four-week programme is just £30 per child, which includes something to make and/or take home with them most weeks!

To book your child on this ***KS1 club, which runs on Wednesdays from 30 April –21 May 2025***, visit <https://tinyurl.com/tewkesks1>.

Places are limited to 20 per club. Places not paid for within 5 days of booking may be reallocated, and short-notice cancellations will still be chargeable.

(Children aged 4-11 are also welcome at our Easter STEM club, which will run at Cleeve School on 14–15 April. See <https://tinyurl.com/cheltegg25> for info!)

Yours in science,

Diatom Dave

Chief Fun Scientist



- Missed out? Email cheltenham@fun-science.org.uk to be put on the waiting list.
- Book only when you know your child can attend: ***cancelled places may be invoiced for.***
- T&Cs: tinyurl.com/funsciterms. Booking acknowledges reading and understanding.

Please note: If your child has any special educational needs, you must make us aware for safeguarding reasons. Failure to do so may mean your child is excluded at a later date, in which case no refund will be offered. **Please help us keep all children safe and well.**

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For children 3-12

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16TH AND 17TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM



EASTER
SUNCATCHERS

23RD AND 24TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM

Call 01684 297174 or email
education@johnmooremuseum.org





Easter Holiday Courses – spaces now available!



14th-17th and 22nd-25th April

- Multi Activity (5-12 years old)
- Arts and Crafts (5-12 years old)
- Pottery Club (8-12 years old)
- Football Camp (5-12 years old)

Prices from £24 per day, 8:30-4pm
We are accepting Childcare Vouchers





YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION 2025

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DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME

RRA Architects and Fresh: Art Fair are inviting entries to the inaugural Fresh: Young Artist Competition.

If you're 16 and under, you can enter, simply create your design on A4 paper. It can be a drawing, painting, collage or any paper-based medium. Then drop it into the RRA stand in the foyer at Fresh: Art Fair, Cheltenham Racecourse between 4th and 6th April.

Age Categories: under 8; 9–12; 13–16
Prizes for first, second and third place in each category.
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.



For more details and T&Cs visit: www.freshartfair.net



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