

Friday 26th September 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

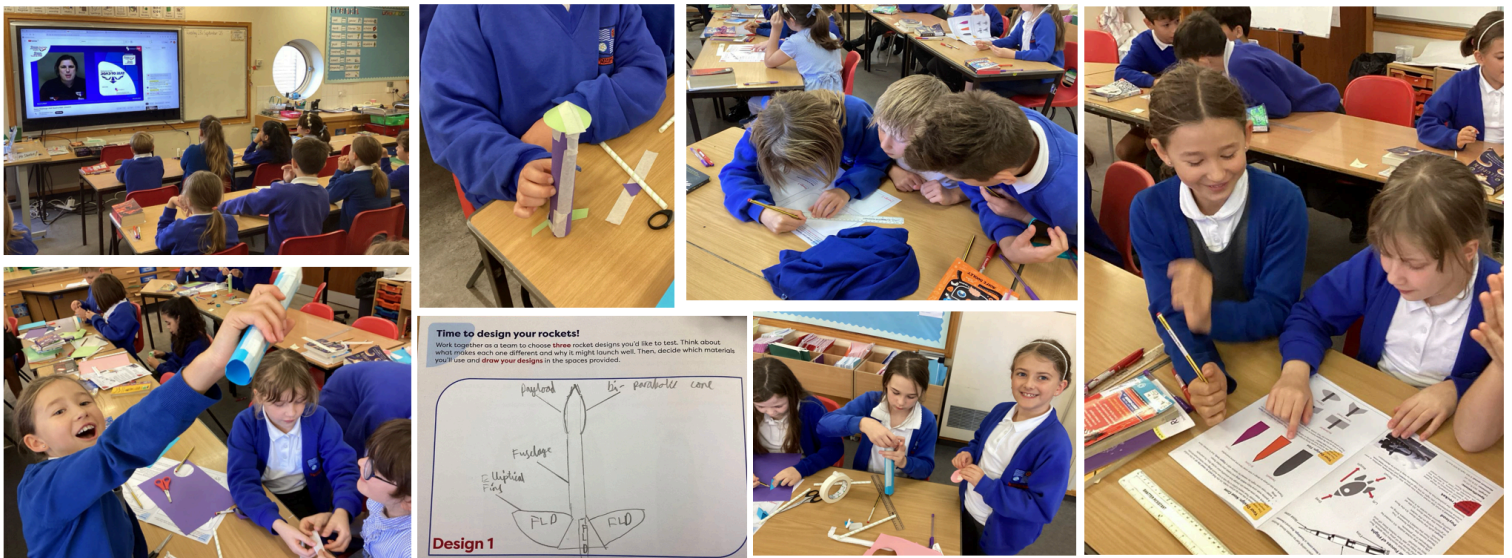
'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a week it's been! The place has felt busy from the first bell on Monday right through to this afternoon. Year 5 have thrown themselves into the Road to RIAT challenge, Year 6 have been up to their elbows in flour and potatoes as wartime cooks, and today we finished on a high with International Language Day. The school was a sea of red, white and blue as everyone got a taste of French culture (literally) sampling some very tasty French treats. There will be more about this in next week's newsletter. Bon appétit et vive la France!

Year 5 Take on the 'Road to RIAT' STEM Challenge



On Tuesday, Year 5 took part in the exciting Road to RIAT STEM Challenge, joining dozens of schools across the country to become real-life engineers for the day. STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, was brought to life as pupils explored how forces act on rockets.

Working in teams, they designed and built three unique rockets, experimenting with different nose cones, fins and fuselage shapes. Using the equation $distance \div time$, they tested each design for speed and compared results to see which flew the fastest.

The challenge didn't stop there! Pupils were then tasked with designing a sustainable aircraft of the future, considering the impact of materials and fuel choices. Once completed, a winning design from Diamond Class will be entered into the national competition.

The day was not only great fun, but it also inspired Year 5 to see the exciting possibilities of careers in STEM.

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

Year 6 Step Back in Time



Year 6 swapped their pens and pencils for wooden spoons this week, taking on the role of wartime cooks to discover what life was like on the Home Front. Working with strict rationing in mind, they whipped up scones with plum jam and 'mock' cream, a hearty meat pie topped with mash, and all finished off with a delightful apple cake.

This wasn't just about tasty treats (though the smells drifting through school were amazing!); it's a perfect example of how our REAL curriculum brings learning to life. By experiencing history first-hand, measuring ingredients, following wartime recipes, and understanding the ingenuity needed when supplies were scarce, our children gain memories and skills that stick far beyond the classroom.

iSingPop Is Coming

Another reminder that we're delighted to be welcoming *iSingPop* to school this term for a joyful celebration of music. From Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th October, pupils will take part in exciting workshops where they'll learn songs, actions, and values through music. The experience will culminate in two concerts on Wednesday 15th October—one during the school day and another at 6pm. We'd love to see as many children as possible joining us for the evening performance, which is open to all parents, carers, and family members. Come along and enjoy the uplifting atmosphere as our pupils take to the stage and sing their hearts out!

Reception 2026 Open Mornings

Come and see our happy, vibrant school in action, meet our staff and children and discover how we help every child learn, grow and shine. If you have a child starting Reception in September 2026, these open mornings are a perfect opportunity to explore what Tewkesbury C of E Primary School has to offer. Pre-booking is helpful but not essential, just turn up if it suits you. If you'd like to reserve a spot, click here: <https://forms.gle/jDC6RATwgugeNd1H8>

Open Morning Dates:

- Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 10am
- Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 10am
- Monday 8th December 2025 at 10am

Can't make the listed dates? No problem. Give us a call and we'll arrange a personal tour at a time that works for you.

Pre-school



Our youngest learners have settled in brilliantly over their first few weeks. There have been plenty of adorable moments, plus lots of gloriously messy play as they explore and create. It's wonderful to see them already so curious and confident!

iSingPop – Wear What You Like Day!

On Friday 3rd October, we're inviting all pupils to take part in a special *Wear What You Like Day*. Come dressed in your brightest, boldest colours to help us celebrate and support iSingPop. We're asking for a donation of £1, which will go towards the costs of iSingPop. Each £1 donation also gives pupils the chance to vote for their favourite iSingPop song, the top two choices will become the opening and closing songs in Collective Worship on Monday. Let's fill our school with a sea of colour to brighten up everyone's day!

Harvest Festival and Food Bank Donations

On Thursday 2nd 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 on Monday 29th September or Tuesday 30th September. Thank you to everyone who is able to do this.

PTFA Outdoor Cinema Event (Friday 26th September)

Our PTFA are excited to launch our first event of the academic year- an outdoor cinema! On Friday 26th September, we will be inviting you all back to gather on our school field and watch Matilda the Musical under the night time sky!

Gates will open at 6.15pm and the film will commence at 7pm. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks as well as chairs and blankets. Living in Britain, we can never predict the weather, so, if it's not great, the event will be rescheduled to the following Friday (3rd October).

You can purchase your outdoor cinema tickets through the School Gateway app. Tickets cost £4 each. When you purchase your tickets, you will be asked to answer two questions (how many tickets/how much you're paying). You must answer these questions to be able to purchase the tickets. You will not receive [physical tickets however the PTFA will have a record of who has purchased tickets. We will also be selling tickets on the gate on the evening of the event.

PTFA Meeting - Monday 6th October

If you would like to join our PTFA, and would be willing to help us organise and run events (no experience necessary), we will be meeting Monday 6th October at 5.30pm (meet at the school office).

PTFA Paint and Sip Evening (Adult event) Friday 17th October



We are so excited to announce our next event - a fun, adults-only Paint and Sip night in the school hall on Friday 17th October.

We will be joined by the brilliant Brydie from Paint Pot Parties who will guide us step-by-step through creating our own masterpiece of 'Bright New Day' (see image below).

No art experience needed- just bring your own drinks (these can be alcoholic), relax and enjoy the evening.

Tickets cost £21 per person (including the booking fee) and include a sweet treat from the fabulous Tewkesbury Treats.

Tickets must be pre-booked in advance via the School Gateway app. We only have a limited amount of tickets so be quick if you want to join us for a night of fun! The event will begin at 7pm (Doors open at 6.30pm).



2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (1)

w/b 22nd September - Extra Curricular Club to begin

23rd September - Year 5 road to RIAT

26th September - French Day

26th September - PTFA - Event Outdoor Cinema

30th September - Flu Nasal Spray immunisation

2nd October - Harvest Festival at 2pm (family welcome)

3rd October - iSingPop wear Bright Colours Day

6th October - PTFA meeting (5:30pm)

7th - 9th October - iSingPop teaching experience

7th October - Year 1 visit to Tewkesbury Library

9th October - Year 6 WW2 trip to Winchcombe Steam

10th October - Inset Day

15th October - iSingPop concert at 2pm & 6pm (family welcome)

w/b 20th October - EYFS parent meetings - tbc

24th October - PTFA - Event Glow in the Dark Disco

w/b 27th October - Half Term

Autumn Term (2)

4th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)

6th November - ESFA Football tournament

7th November - Year 6 Codebreaking experience

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 (family 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

w/b 16th February - Half Term

23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play

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 29th September 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon			Football Club Year 3 - 6 Finish at 4:15pm		Sausage, beams and chips Veggie sausage, beans and chips
Tues	Flu Nasal Spray immunisation		First Lego League Year 4- 5 Finish at 4:15pm	Netball Club Year 5- 6 Finish at 4:15pm	Cheesy pasta in cheese sauce Jacket potato with a choice of fillings
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		Roast chicken with roast potatoes & gravy Roasted quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy
Thurs	Harvest Festival Holy Trinity Church - 2pm start All welcome		Cross Country Year 4- 6 Finish at 5pm at the Vineyards	French Club Year 3- 6 Finish at 4pm	Chicken Jambalaya with rice Vegetable jambalaya with rice
Fri	iSingPop - Wear bright colours day Lego Club Year 1- 3 12:45 - 1:15pm				CFishcakes & mini waffles Cheese and vegetable pizza



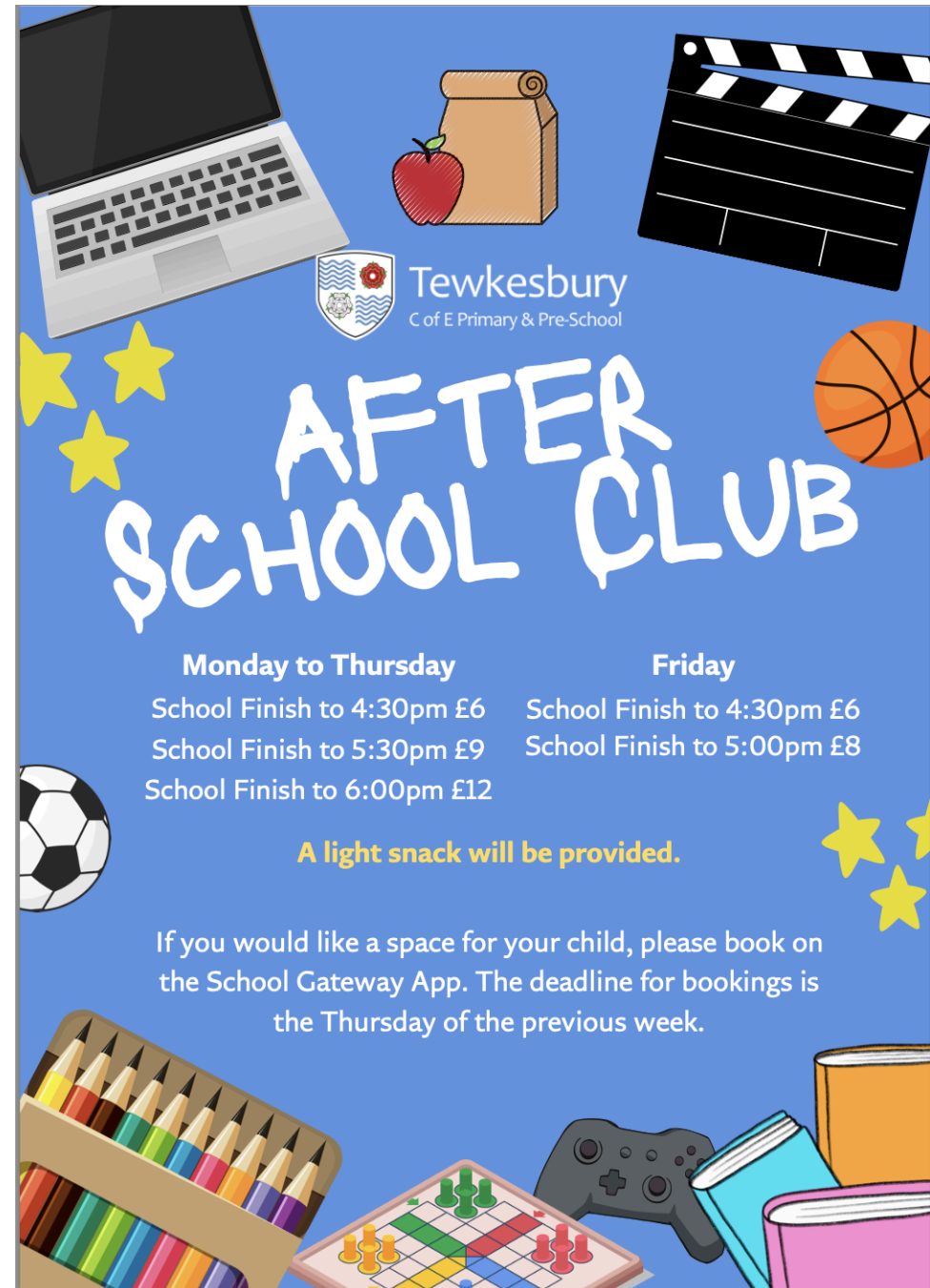
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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7:45am - School Start

£4.25 per child

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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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Our Outdoor Cinema Proudly Presents...

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The Musical

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