

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th February 2024

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

What a fantastic term it has been at C of E! The children have truly shone, embracing learning with enthusiasm and spreading joy throughout every classroom. From captivating lessons to exciting extracurricular activities, there's been no shortage of learning and laughter. As we head into the half-term break, let's all recharge our batteries and make the most of this well-deserved time off. Remember, while winter may still linger, spring is just around the corner, bringing with it new beginnings and fresh opportunities. Enjoy your break, everyone!

C of E visit Gaia at Tewkesbury Abbey



This Thursday, Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 visited Tewkesbury Abbey to view Gaia, a spectacular touring artwork by the renowned UK artist, Luke Jerram. During the visit, we lay/sat under this incredible piece of art and watched it rotate! We also learnt about sustainability and how flowers, that are bought in the UK, are actually imported from African countries such as Kenya and Ethiopia. This is particularly problematic as these countries, which have smaller quantities of water than the UK, are using much of their water to grow the flowers. We learnt how we could make our own flowers using more sustainable, recyclable materials such as paper, wood and magazines. The Nature Reserve also talked to the children about our local wildlife. We had a wonderful afternoon immersing ourselves at this out-of-this-world exhibition. A big thank you to the Abbey for hosting us!

Some great news from our Cross Country club

Well done Michalina for showing determination and resilience and commitment to your running. She is a genuine star and has qualified and been selected to represent Tewkesbury at the County Finals. All of C of E are super proud of you.

Year 1



In Year 1 this term the children's work has been centred around the story of The Three Little Pigs. During design lessons they have been looking at different joining methods, what a structure is and how you can make a structure more stable. After designing their own house for the pigs they had great fun making them out of a variety of materials.

School Council

A HUGE THANKYOU!

School council would like to say a massive thank you to all those children and parents that contributed cakes for the cake sale last week. The support was magnificent and enabled the school council to raise just over £200! Half of this is being given to a charity supporting endangered animals and the other half will be used by the school council to buy something meaningful for the school. This will be decided by the school council over the coming weeks and we will let you know once a decision is made.

Pre-School



Preschool had an incredibly busy and vibrant week celebrating Chinese New Year! From crafting traditional decorations to learning about Chinese culture through stories and songs, our little learners immersed themselves in the festivities with excitement and curiosity. But the excitement didn't stop there! They were also visited by some very special guests—veterinarians! The children had the unique opportunity to learn about caring for animals, asking questions, and even getting a close-up look at some veterinary tools.

Gloucestershire Libraries

Gloucestershire Libraries are excited to share an upcoming campaign that we believe will add an extra layer of excitement to this year's World Book Day celebration. In the spirit of promoting sustainability and creativity, Gloucestershire Libraries is organising a World Book Day Costume Swap. We invite students, parents, and staff members from across the county to participate in this fun and eco-friendly initiative. We are eager to make this World Book Day Costume Swap a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

What's On at the Library Guide

We also have a range of upcoming events for both children and adults at our sites across the county. Events are open to everyone, membership isn't required. Our January – March dates can be found here in this online magazine: [What's On at The Library](#)

School diary week beginning 19th February 2024

Day	The School Day		After school		Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Story club Rec - Y1 12:30 - 1 pm		Christian Union Year 6 3:15 - 4 pm	Netball Year 5 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Cheese and pasta bake Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues			Art club Rec, Y1, Y2 3:15 - 4 pm	Choir Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4.15 pm	Chicken bites with potato wedges Quorn nuggets with potato wedges
Wed			Fencing Rec - Y6 3:15 - 4:10 pm	Tag Rugby Y5 - Y6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Beef & mushroom stew with mash potato Quorn & mushroom stew with Mash Potato
Thur			Drama Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4.15 pm	Cross country Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 5 pm	Chicken Korma with naan bread
			French club Year 1 - 2 3:15 - 4 pm		Quorn korma with naan bread
Fri	Lego club Y1 - Y2 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chess club Y1 - Y2 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Archery Y5 - Y6 (invite only) 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Football club Y5 - Y6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Jumbo fish fingers with Chips
	Young voices Choir				Vegetable fajitas

Important Dates

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - New term begins

Friday 23rd February - Young Voices

w/b 26th February - Parents Evening for Reception class only

w/b 11th March - Parents Evening Year 1 - 6 (more information to follow)

Monday 4th March - School Inset Day

Wednesday 6th March - Clarinet recital to Year 4 parents at 2:30pm

Thursday 14th March - Shrek the Musical (for selected children)

Monday 18th March - Y3 Easter Experience at Holy Trinity

Thursday 21st March - Year 6 theatre trip (The boy at the back of the class)

Wednesday 20th March - Easter Celebration at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm start (Parents and friends welcome)

Friday 22nd March - Last day of Spring term

Monday 8th April - First day of Summer term

The Library

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SWAP an old costume for a new one!



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- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap



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