

Friday 9th January 2026



**Tewkesbury**  
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

# Weekly Newsletter

## A message from Mr Rylatt...

Welcome back everyone, and happy new year! It's certainly been a chilly start to the year – winter has well and truly reminded us it's still in charge, but it has been lovely to see the school buzzing with life again after the break. The children have returned with fantastic attitudes, settling straight back into routines and impressing staff with their enthusiasm and readiness to learn (despite the temptation to keep hands firmly in their pockets on frosty mornings!). It's been a real pleasure to see classrooms full, friendships rekindled and learning back in full swing.

We have an exciting term ahead, with lots of opportunities for learning and enrichment activities across the school. As always, we're looking forward to working closely with families to make this another positive and successful term for our children. Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and do keep those hats, gloves and warm coats coming for now!

### The Great Fire



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



*Learn together, shine forever*

On Tuesday, Year 2 spent the morning completing activities that gave us clues to what our new topic would be this term. We did bread making, diary writing, sketching and construction. We also studied some objects and 'artefacts' that might help us to work out what we would be learning about. There was burnt bread, charred wood, a candle, a map of London, a quill and ink and a diary entry from 1666 written by someone named Samuel. After all our hard work in the morning, Mrs Rathbone came rushing in after lunch to tell us that there was a fire outside, and all our houses were up in flames. Can you guess what we will be learning about this term?



### Pre-school embrace winter



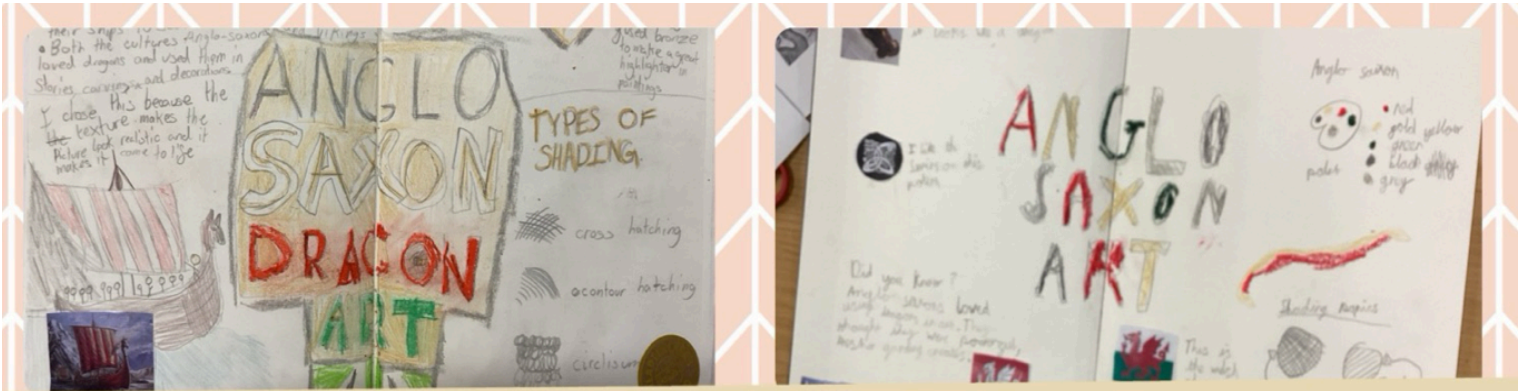
Pre-school have embraced the winter theme by learning about penguins and creating icy artwork using paint, glitter and plenty of imagination.

We think their work looks amazing, as I'm sure you'll agree.

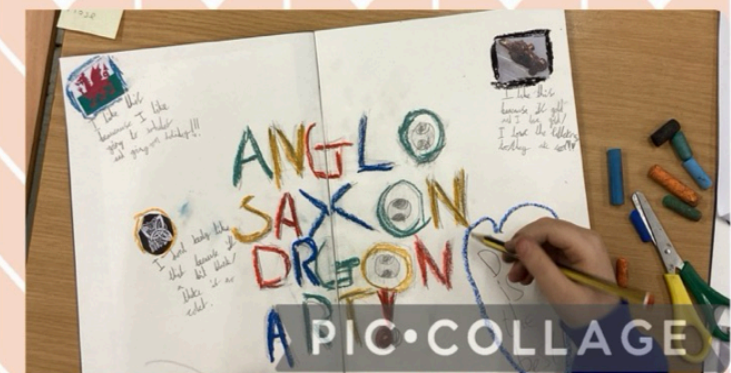
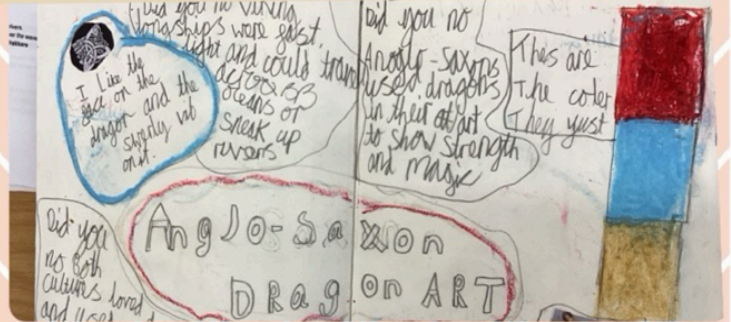
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## A flying start to the term for Year 4



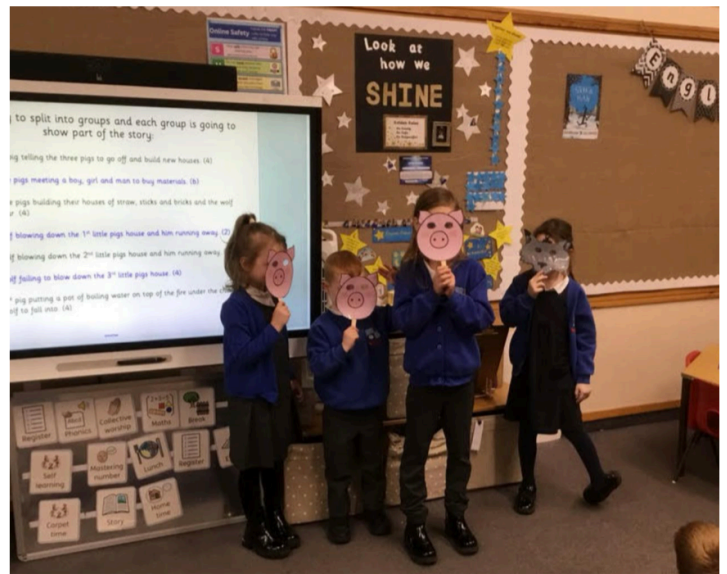
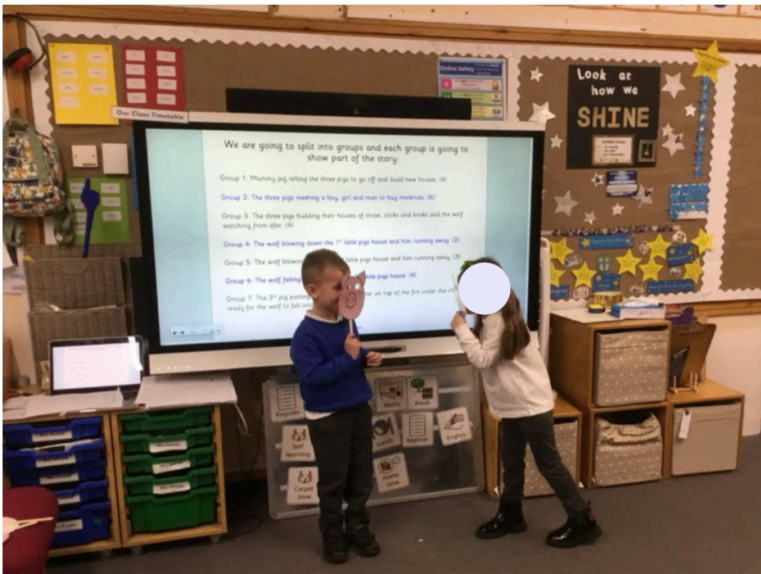
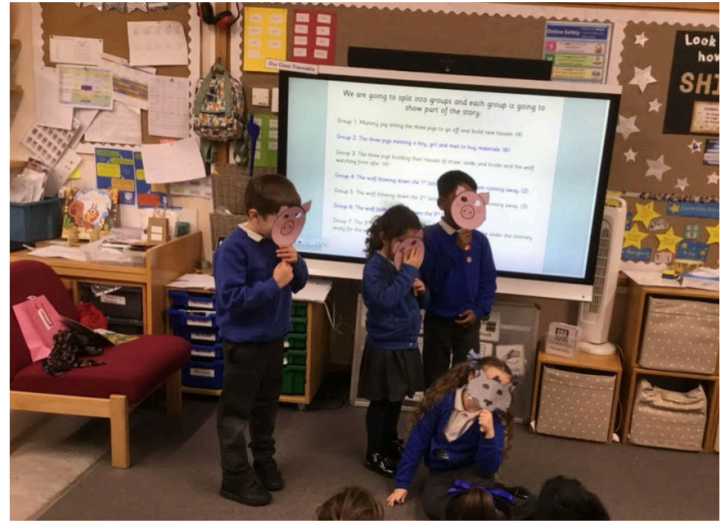
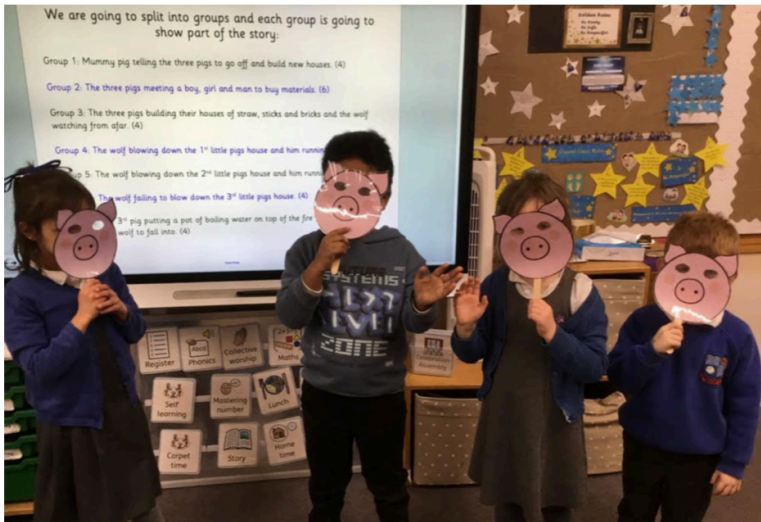
## Anglo-Saxon Dragon Art and performing Dragon Poetry.



Year 4 have made a flying start to 2026 with all things Dragon - looking at Anglo-Saxon Art and the relevance and prevalence of legendary dragons as well as performing their favourite Dragon Poems. We can't wait to hear their own dragon poems next week!



## Year 1 enjoy story time



Year 1 kick started their topic 'Once upon a Town' topic by looking at the story of The Three Little pigs. In groups they acted out the story and then created freeze frames to show different parts of the story. The children had lots of fun and we are looking forward to using this tale within our REAL curriculum too.

### Families and Parents partnership link

We'd also like to share a useful link to the latest **Families in Partnership** newsletter from Gloucestershire County Council, which offers support, information and updates for families, including guidance on services for children and young people with SEND. You can find the December edition here: [Families and Parents partnership link](#)

### Extra-curricular club sign up

Sign-ups for extra-curricular clubs will open next Friday. We are currently finalising the full list of clubs and will share this with families as soon as it is ready. Most clubs will begin in the week commencing 19th January.

Please note that French Club has already started, and First Lego League (an invitation-only club) will begin next week. As Drama Club has been busy preparing for an upcoming performance, there will be no new sign-up for this club and the current group of children will continue.





## 2025/26 Calendar

### Spring Term

13th January - Dodgeball competition  
 15th January - Year 5 We the Curious  
 22nd January - Year 5 Swimming to begin  
 20th January - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 3  
 22nd January - Tewkesbury Swimming gala  
 22nd January - Heights and weights measure (Reception & Year 6)  
 28th January - Year 3 Music Composition Workshop  
 5th February - Year 2 RE trip  
 5th February - Cross Country (Race 4)  
 11th February SRE meetings for Parents - tbc  
 12th February - Cross Country (Race 5)  
 23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play  
**w/b 16th February - Half Term**  
 5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)  
 11th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup  
 18th March - Year 4 In the Net (Internet safety performance)  
 20th March - PTFA Paint and Sip evening  
 25th March - English Touring Opera visit  
**27th March - Last day of Spring Term**

### Summer Term

**Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term**  
 20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2  
 27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential  
**1st May - Inset Day**  
 w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week  
**w/b 25th May - Half Term**  
 12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition  
 w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood  
 24th June - Meet your new teacher morning  
 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 12th January 2026

| Day   | The School Day                                                    | After school                                                        | Autumn Lunch Menu<br>Week 2                                                            |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon   |                                                                   |                                                                     | Smoked Bacon Mac<br>Cheese Pasta Bake<br><br>Veggie Mac Cheese Bake                    |
| Tues  | <b>Outdoor learning session</b><br>For selected children          | <b>Dodgeball Festival</b><br>The High School Leckhampton<br>3 - 5pm | Chicken Korma, Rice &<br>Naan Bread<br><br>Veggie Korma, Rice &<br>Naan Bread          |
| Wed   |                                                                   |                                                                     | Roast Pork, Mash Potato<br>& Gravy<br><br>Quorn Fillet & Roast,<br>Mash Potato & Gravy |
| Thurs | <b>Year 5 trip to We the Curious</b><br>Bristol                   | <b>French Club</b><br>Year 3- 6<br>Finish at 4pm                    | Sausage & Potato<br>Wedges<br><br>Homemade Margherita<br>Pizza & Wedges                |
| Fri   | <b>Year 3 and 5 Christingle Experience</b><br>at Tewkesbury Abbey |                                                                     | Cod & Chips<br><br>Jacket Potato with a<br>choice of fillings                          |





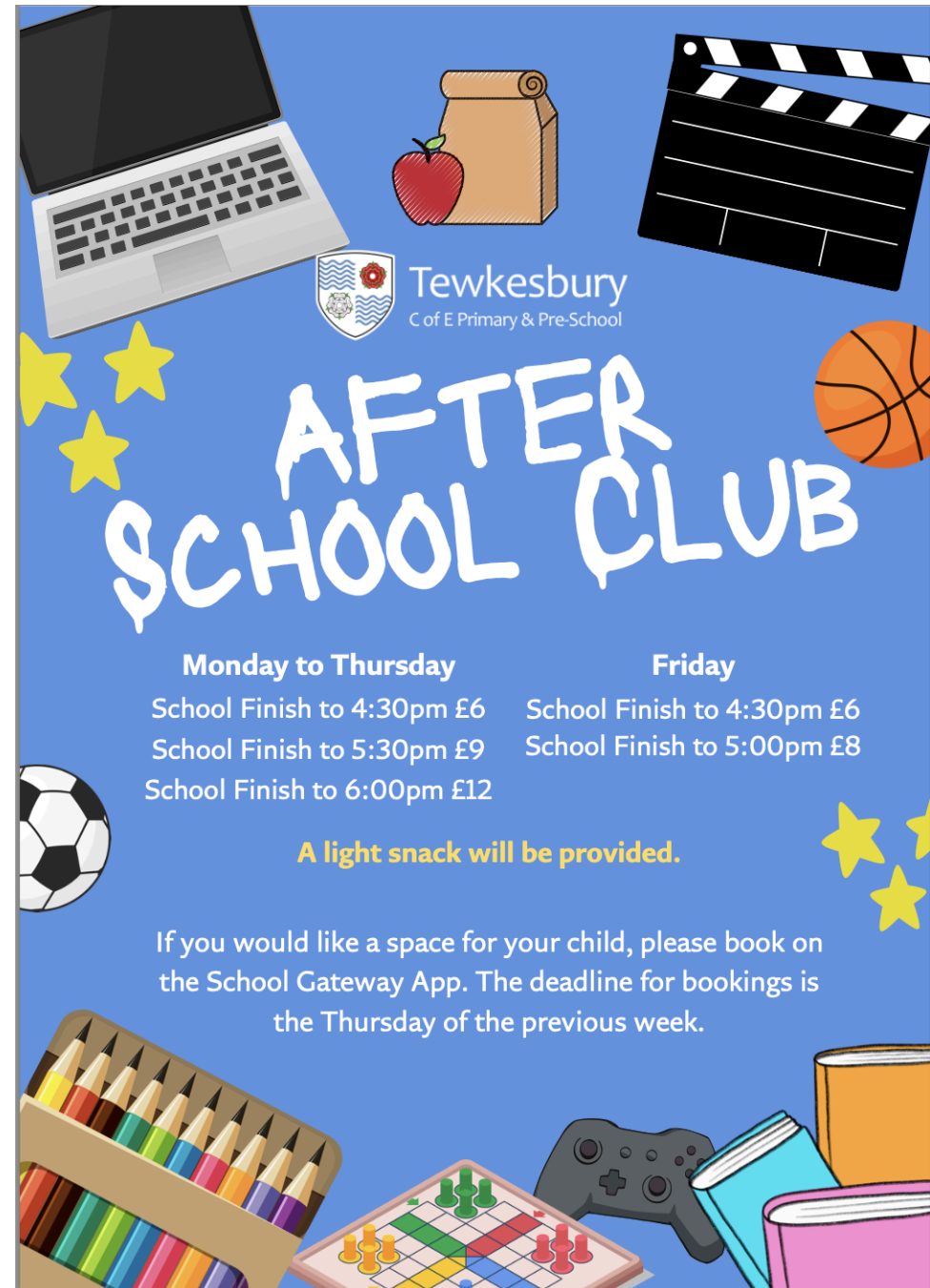
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# BREAKFAST CLUB

**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

| <b>Monday to Thursday</b>   | <b>Friday</b>              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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.



Gloucestershire  
COUNTY COUNCIL

The  
Children's  
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Tewkesbury Youth Hub

# What's On

Come and  
join us!

## Our Youth Clubs

### EPIC

#### Tuesdays

**6:30- 8:30pm**

A safe space for young people with additional needs or are neurodiverse, to cook, play sports and make friends!

### Fuel

#### Wednesdays

**4:00- 6:00pm**

Come and hang out, play videogames, cook and eat together! As well as getting involved with sports and arts activities.

### Home Ed

#### Youth Club

**Contact us for more details and timings**

An inclusive space to make friends while enjoying, sports, cooking, crafts and games.

**Where: Tewkesbury Youth Centre Link Rd, Tewkesbury GL20 5JQ**

**Who: 10- 18 year olds (up to 25 for Epic)**

**Contact us: [ctyh@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:ctyh@childrenssociety.org.uk)**

**07521429300**



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# EPIC

## What is happening?

Every Monday 6:30-8:30 we provide a safe space for young people aged 10-25 with SEN and neurodiversity.

There plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy for example:

- Cooking/baking
- Arts and crafts
- Football with will from CTFC
- Pool tables
- Table football



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