

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLYNEWSLETTER

15th December 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

Can you believe it? We're down to the final five days of the countdown to the Christmas holidays! As the festive spirit sweeps through the school like a flurry of snowflakes, we couldn't be more thrilled to share the joyous highlights of this merry week with you. Brandon (of Brandon's Murals), a talented local artist has sprinkled some magic into our library, leaving behind a masterpiece that's sure to transport our children into a world of wonder every time they pick up a book. The excitement in their eyes as they watched him weave his artistic spell was truly heartwarming – art in action is a gift in itself!

But that's not all, oh no! Our school has been buzzing with Panto laughter, concert cheers and the delightful sound of children singing Christmas songs during our Christmas Dinner. The festive spirit has even made its way into the classrooms, with Christmas jumpers of every colour and design parading through the hallways like a festive fashion show! As we approach the most wonderful time of the year, let's bask in the joy of the season and the warmth of our school community. Wishing you all the magic and merriment this festive season brings!

Christmas Carol Service



Last week, our children sang their hearts out at Tewkesbury Abbey for our Christmas Carol Service. It was wonderful to join together with the community and get into the Christmas spirit by remembering what Christmas is all about.

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

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday, we brought the festive fashion into school as the children strutted in with their Christmas jumpers – we've got to say, they looked fab and brought a sleigh-load of holiday spirit!



Music Mark



We're really pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Music Mark for 2023/24. This is in recognition of our commitment to providing high-quality music education for all of our children within the school.

We are thrilled to have been awarded this mark and thanks must go to Mrs Yeomans, our Music coordinator, as well as all of the staff and peripatetic teachers who come in to support the children with their music education.

This award showcases the continued drive for excellence that we are all striving for.

Christmas Dinner



This year's Christmas dinner was another big hit. We had Christmas music playing, children singing and staff serving, what more could you ask for! We must say thank you to our Kitchen staff, who worked around the clock to get everything ready!

Panto + Pantivity



Year 1 had a lovely trip to the Panto this week, where they got to watch Beauty and the Beast, as usual, they made us really proud by representing C of E with being beautifully behaved.

Staffing updates

As some of you may be aware, Ms Black (our current SENDCo and Y1 teacher on Wed-Fri) will be leaving us at the end of December. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the many years that she has given to C of E and wish her well in her future endeavours. Following this news, We are extremely excited to announce that we have appointed a new SENDCo who will be joining our C of E community at the beginning of January. Her name is Marika and she's written a few words for you, to introduce herself.

'Hello, my name is Marika Hortop, I have been a teacher for over 20 years and a SENDCo since 2019. I am passionate about supporting children with additional needs in mainstream classrooms, especially those struggling with social, emotional and mental health problems. I live in Cheltenham and have 3 grown up children, a sporty husband and a miniature schnauzer dog. In my free time, I enjoy going for a run, as well as baking and eating cakes! Feel free to come and say hello when you see me. I am excited at the prospect of getting to know you and your children.'

After the Easter break, Mrs Halsey will be returning from maternity leave, she will then work alongside Mrs Arnold for the rest of the academic year. This creates a 12-week gap between Ms. Black's departure and the return of another teacher. We are pleased to announce that an exceptional Year 1 teacher has been secured to teach in Crystal class on Thursdays and Fridays during this interim period. Details regarding her background and experience will be provided early next week.

Y2 Sewing



Year 2 have been learning about the tradition of the Christmas tree and how this tradition started in England in the Victorian times. We then made our very own baubles in our DT lessons using cutting and sewing skills. We love your finished pieces Year 2! Well done!

Christmas Film Night (18th December)

On Monday 18th December, each year group will be hosting a Christmas film night straight after school.

EYFS (pre-school & Reception- hosted in the hall) 3.15- 4.15pm

KS1 & KS2 3.15- 5.15pm

School diary week beginning 18th December 2023

Day	The School Day	After school		Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly 2pm start	PTFA Christmas Film Night Pre-school - EYFS 3:15 - 4:15 pm Year 1 - Year 6 3:15 - 5:15 pm		Chicken Fillet & Diced Potatoes Veggie Burger in a Bun
Tues	Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly 2pm start			Homemade Cheese Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Vegetable Fajitas
Wed				Homemade Sausage Hotpot
				Quorn Sausage Hotpot
Thur	Reception Nativity and Stay and Play 9:30am start			Chicken in a Soya Sauce with Noodles Quorn Pieces in a Soya Sauce with Noodles
Fri	Last day of term			Fishcake with Chips Vegetable Pizza with Chips

Important Dates

Monday 18th December 2023 - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Monday 18th December 2023 - Christmas Film Night

Tuesday 19th December 2023 - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Thursday 21st December Reception Nativity and Stay and Play - 9:30am start (Receptions family and friends)

Friday 22nd December 2023 - Last day of term, School finishes at normal time

Monday 8th January 2024 - School Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - First day of Spring term (children return to school)

You are invited to join us for our

Christingle Service

CHRISTMAS EVE, 3pm & 4.30pm



Wishing you all joy and peace this Christmas time



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Monday	The Wesley Community Centre 7 Belle Vue Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AA 16:30 - 18:30
Tuesday	Matson Baptist Church Matson Avenue, Matson, Gloucester, GL4 6LA 16:30 - 18:30
Wednesday	St Oswalds Church Coney Hill Road, Coney Hill, Gloucester, GL4 4LX 16:30 - 18:30
Thursday	Wheatpieces Community Centre Columbine Road, Walton Cardiff, Tewkesbury GL20 7SP 16:30 - 18:30

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Christmas Movie Night

Monday 18th December 2023

PRE-SCHOOL & RECEPTION

3:15PM - 4:15PM

£2 TICKET INCLUDES A
SWEET BAG, SHORT FILM
AND CHRISTMAS
COLOURING.

YEARS 1 - 6

3:15PM - 5:15PM

£3 TICKET INCLUDES A
SWEET CONE AND FILM.

*Purchase your ticket from the
School hall week commencing
4th December 2023*



You're invited

The Welcome Table

A space to come together with others in the local community. Come in just for a tea or coffee, or enjoy a freshly cooked meal too. Bring your whole family, your friends, a neighbour, or just yourself! Everyone is welcome, it's free of charge and no booking is required.

every other Monday
doors open 3:15
food served 4:45

next dates

- Monday 2 October
- Monday 16 October
- Monday 30 October
- Monday 13 November
- Monday 27 November
- Monday 11 December
- CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday 22 January 2024
- ...continues every other Monday

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea
and coffee, activities for children
4:45 freshly cooked meal
6:00 end



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The Welcome
Table

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