



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

As the temperature has suddenly dropped and winter has well and truly arrived, school has felt a little bit more like scarves, gloves and steaming hot chocolate than autumn leaves! Despite the cold snap, it's been a brilliant week in school, filled with rich learning experiences and lots to celebrate.

Our Year 2 Victorian Day brought history to life in the most immersive way, complete with costumes, strict rules and plenty of 'Yes, Miss!' and 'No, Miss!' echoing through the corridors. We also saw sporting success as our Year 3 and 4 football team took part in the first round of the Tewkesbury School League, playing brilliantly and representing our school with pride. Across the school, children continue to throw themselves into experiences through our REAL curriculum, with hands-on learning that brings subjects to life.

Year 3 - 4 Football League (part 1)



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

Our Year 3 and 4 children kicked off the first round of the Tewkesbury School Football League this week, and they were brilliant. The team played with real determination, teamwork and plenty of skill, scoring some fantastic goals along the way (and even saving a penalty!). They represented Tewkesbury C of E proudly, showing great sportsmanship and supporting each other throughout. We're really looking forward to the second part of the league after Christmas and can't wait to see how they get on.

Victorian Day in Year 2



On Wednesday, Year 2 stepped back in time and spent the day living the lives of Victorian children in the classroom. They spent the morning learning the 3 R's (reading, writing and arithmetic) and adopted their new roles perfectly. They learnt the importance of cleanliness with lots of hand inspections throughout the day and became well practised in standing behind their chairs when an adult entered the room. We even heard the story of one child who had been up early cleaning chimneys with his dad and came to school covered in soot! The afternoon saw a more relaxed approach and the children took part in a Victorian washing day, played playground games and made Victorian toys. Overall, it was a fantastic learning experience for all!

Henry Moore Sculpture Work



Last week, our Year 6 children were exploring sculpture inspired by the work of Henry Moore. They experimented with shape, form and texture, creating pieces that echo Moore's distinctive style. The children were incredibly proud of their finished work and enjoyed reflecting on how artists use materials to express ideas.

Year 4 Shaduf DT Project



Year 4 have been busy in Design & Technology, following a full journey of discovery on how Shadufs work. Starting with investigating historical designs, pupils moved on to creating prototypes before finally building their own working models. This project helped them understand mechanisms, structure and purpose, while also linking their learning to ancient civilisations and gives you a real insight into what our R.E.A.L Curriculum looks like at C of E.

‘Two Little Dickie Birds’ Fine Motor Fun



Last week, our pre-school children had great fun feeding the birds, testing different sizes of food to see what would fit into the birds' mouths and developing fine motor control along the way. Linked to the rhyme *Two Little Dickie Birds*, this activity sparked lots of laughter, with children carefully experimenting and adjusting their ideas based on what worked.

Christmas Jumper Sale



Every year, we invite the children to wear a Christmas jumper for our Christmas dinner day in school. Often our pupils grow out of their Christmas jumper in one year and a new one is bought the following year. We are therefore asking that if your child has outgrown a Christmas jumper, we would love it if you could donate it to the school.

This will then allow the PTFA to hold a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale (nearer to the Christmas dinner day) so that they can be purchased for a small amount of money. In addition to this, it will also mean more children can be involved in the celebration whilst helping the planet too. We will be accepting jumpers aged 3 years to 13 years up until Friday 28th November.

Community Opportunity: SEND Saturday Sports & Social Sessions

We've been asked to share details of a new initiative from *Move More*, a registered charity based in Tewkesbury. They've recently launched SEND Saturday Sports & Social sessions, running every Saturday during term time. These sessions are designed to support children and young people with SEND through inclusive physical activity and social opportunities.

Session Times:

- Ages 5–11: 10:00am – 11:30am
- Ages 11–16: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://yourewelcomeglos.org/regular-activities/move-more-send-sports-social/>



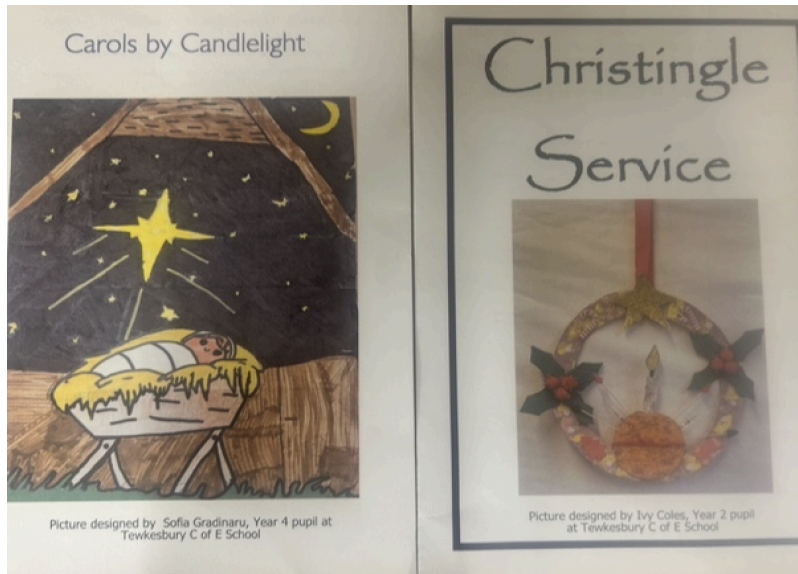


MOVE MORE
EVERY CHILD THRIVES

SEND SPORTS & SOCIAL

TEWKESBURY YOUTH SUPPORT CENTRE, LINK RD, TEWKESBURY GL20 5JQ

Christmas Art Competition



We are welcoming all pupils (including our preschool children) to enter our Christmas art competition! We would like you to produce a piece of art that can be used in either our school's Christmas Abbey service or Holy Trinity's Carols by Candlelight service programmes OR Holy Trinity's Christingle Service programme. During Collective Worship, the children were shown examples of artwork, however, we would like them to be as creative as possible!

For the Christmas Abbey/ Carols by Candlelight services, we would like artwork to link to the Nativity Story; the Christingle service artwork should link to Christingle. The children can use any medium of art (drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles etc) and work should be named and handed into Miss Cheal by Monday 1st December. Each child who enters the competition will receive a certificate; runners-up and winner prizes will also be given. Results will be announced on Tuesday 2nd December in Collective Worship.

PTFA Updates

Tewkesbury C of E Christmas Fair

This year, we are celebrating the run-up to Christmas differently! On Wednesday 3rd December, we invite children, parents/carers and friends back to our school hall at 3.30 to join in with Christmas festivities! The children, in the coming weeks, will be busy making some wonderful Christmas crafts and there will be plenty of games to play too. So grab a hot chocolate from our wonderful kitchen staff and come join us!

Non-Uniform Day

On Wednesday 26th November, we invite our pupils to enjoy a non-uniform day in exchange for an item for our raffle which will run at the Christmas Fair. Please see attached poster for the hampers the PTFA are planning to make up. The items on the poster are some recommendations- you may have better ideas!

Introducing Preloved by the PTFA – C of E's New Pre-Loved Uniform Shop!

The PTFA is very excited to launch a fun and affordable second-hand school uniform shop created to support our school community. The aim is simple: to help families save money, reduce waste and raise funds for our PTFA.

We are kindly asking parents for clean, good-quality uniform donations. If your child has outgrown jumpers, skirts, trousers, PE kit, shoes, or any other school wear like wellies or raincoats, we'd love to give these items a second life. Every item will be sold for no more than £1, making Preloved by the PTFA an easy, budget-friendly way for families to stock up on essentials.

All proceeds will go directly to the PTFA, helping to fund activities, resources, and experiences that benefit every child in the school. Thank you for supporting Preloved by the PTFA, together we can save money, support each other and make a positive eco-friendly difference. If we have enough donations, we would love to start selling items during parents evenings, next week!

No Extracurricular Clubs due to parents evening

This is just a quick reminder that there will be no extra curricular clubs next week, due to parents' evening. The clubs that will still be running are: After School Club (with Mrs Tolley) and French Club.

Driving during drop off and pick up

A reminder that Rope Walk should not be used by cars during drop-off and pick-up times. We've noticed an increase in vehicles coming down the road recently, which creates unnecessary risk for children and families walking to school. Please help keep everyone safe by avoiding driving down Rope Walk at these times. Don't forget that families have access to free parking at Spring Gardens car park, which provides a much safer alternative and helps keep our school community safe.

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2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (2)

18th November - Year 6 WW2 Workshop
 19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
 20th November - Year 3-4 Football League
 27th November - Year 5 - 6 Netball Festival
 28th November - EYFS Owl Experience
1st December - ESFA Girls Regional Football Finals
 3rd December - Year 3 & 4 Holy Trinity Christmas Experience
 3rd December - Christmas Fayre
 5th December - Abbey Carol Service at 2pm (families welcome)
 8th December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
8th December - Year 4 violin concert (2:15 - 3pm)
 10th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
 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
 13th January - Dodgeball competition
 15th January - Year 5 Swimming to begin
 20th January - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 4
 22nd January - Tewkesbury Swimming gala
 28th January - Music Workshop - tbc
 5th February - Year 2 RE trip
w/b 16th February - Half Term
 23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play
 24th March - English Touring Opera visit
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 24th November 2025

Day	The School Day	After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon		Parents Evening for: Amethyst Class Diamond Class Azurite Class		Battered Chicken & Diced Potatoes Homemade Vegetable Pizza & Diced Potatoes
Tues		Parents Evening for:		Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread Veggie Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread
		Amethyst Class Topaz Class Quartz Class Pearl Class	Jade Class Emerald Class Diamond Class Azurite Class	
Wed	Non School Uniform Day For PTFA Christmas Fayre	Parents Evening for:		Braised Beef & Roast Potatoes Veggie Mince & Roast Potatoes
		Jade Class Emerald Class Sapphire Class Pearl Class	Topaz Class Quartz Class Diamond Class	
Thurs		Parents Evening for: Emerald Class Quartz Class	Netball Tournament Tewkesbury Academy Year 5 - 6 3:30 - 5pm	Chicken Burger with Rice Veggie Burger with Rice
Fri	EYFS Owl Experience			Cod Fillet with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



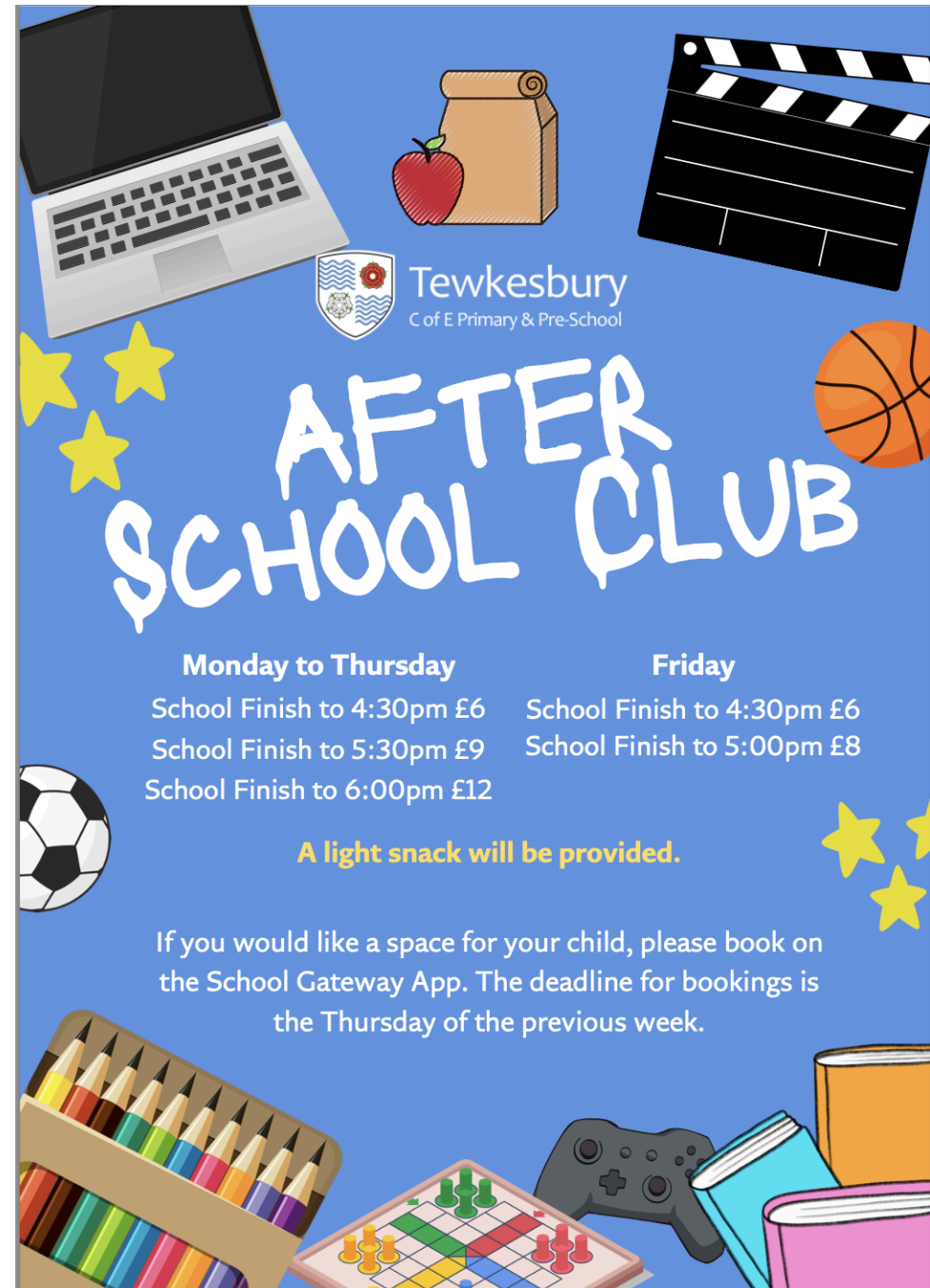
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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.

Christmas Hampers

Reception & Year 1

Rainy Day Hamper
Books, Games, Crafts, Puzzles and Snacks

Year 2 & Year 3

Pamper Hamper
Bubble bath, Candles, Bath Bombs and Chocolates

Year 4 & Year 5 & Year 6

Christmas Hamper
Seasonal Treats, Crackers, Chutneys
or anything Christmassy!



In exchange for a
Non-School Uniform Day
26th November 2025



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At Tewkesbury C of E Primary School, we'd love to welcome you for a visit! Join us for a personal tour of our vibrant and nurturing environment, where you'll discover why our school is the perfect place for your child to flourish and shine.

Dates and Times

Tuesday 4th November

Wednesday 19th November

Monday 8th December

All start at 10am.



**The
Children's
Society**

COOKING, SPORTS, ART



FUEL WEDNESDAY YOUTH CLUB

4-6PM

10-18 YEARS

Tewkesbury Youth Support Centre, Link road,
Tewkesbury, GL20 5JQ

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The
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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

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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