Friday 11th September 2026

Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt…

It's been another wonderful week at C of E, and it's been great to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life, approaching each day with real enthusiasm. A particular highlight has been welcoming our new Reception children. They've taken everything in their stride, already getting to know their classrooms, their teachers, and each other. They look so grown up coming in each morning and have made a brilliant start.

We also want to share some happy news from within our staff team. Both Miss Cheal and Miss Middleton are expecting their first babies, and we're delighted for them. A huge congratulations to them both.

A big welcome to our new Reception Children



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

Year 1 Stay & Play








On Wednesday afternoon, Year 1 invited parents, grandparents & carers into their classrooms to enjoy an autumn-themed Stay & Play. It was wonderful to see the children (& parents) immersed in a range of autumn crafts and activities. Here are just a few photos of our session.

Fond Farewell to Reverend Stephen Walker




Last term, Reverend Stephen Walker led his final collective worship at our school. Before he relocates, we invited him back this term to give him a proper send-off.

During a special collective worship, Stephen watched a video of the children thanking him and recalling their favourite assemblies. Mr Rylatt shared a message of thanks, highlighting Stephen's positive impact on the children's and staff's wellbeing, his service as a foundation governor, and his kindness in opening up the church building for our community Harvest Festivals and iSingPOP concerts.

As a token of our appreciation, Stephen was presented with some thoughtful gifts. It included a poem celebrating the memorable props he brought to assemblies over the years, including a picture of his dog, Amber, life jackets and giant

poppies! Remarkably, our other guest that day, Mr Andrew Holt, was the headteacher when Stephen first started. Together, their shared history represents two decades of dedicated service to our school. Stephen will be deeply missed by the children, staff, and the wider Tewkesbury community. We wish him every blessing in his next season of life!

Children's Society Donation







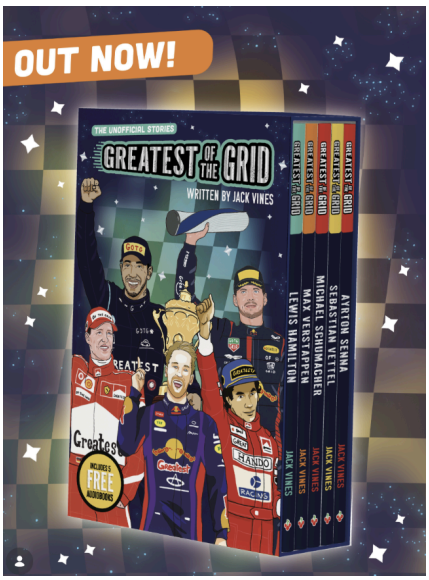
Cast your mind back to our wonderful OPAL Stay and Play event and the delicious ice creams you bought. Little did you know that a portion of the money spent was coming back to the school to be used as a charity donation! Tewkesbury C of E has a long tradition of raising money for charities and good causes. This year, our chosen cause was The Children's Society, a national charity that works to protect childhood by supporting children facing poverty, abuse, and neglect.

Our student Worship Committee presented a donation cheque for £130 to Mr Andrew Holt, a representative from the charity who came to speak to the children about the vital work they do. Andrew has a special link to our school; he was our headteacher many years ago, and some of our parents and grandparents will remember him. He shared with the children that he had probably led assembly at Tewkesbury school over 3,000 times!

We hope that the proceeds we raised go a long way in making the lives of children across the UK better. Thank you to everyone in our school community for making this donation possible.
Stephen Walker's retirement

Exciting Author Visit





On Thursday morning, our collective worship was a little different to usual!

The children walked into the Formula 1 soundtrack playing before being introduced to Jack Vines, a local author, who has written many biographies on Formula 1 drivers!

The children were treated to Jack reading the first chapter of Lewis Hamilton's biography and were given the opportunity to ask him questions about being an author and, of course, Formula 1! They asked some fantastic questions, including: Which race has been your favourite, how long does it take you to write each book on average and do you think Charles Leclerc will win another race? Jack has also very kindly donated a box set of his books to our school library (Miss Davis has called dibs

on Max Verstappen's!) and these will be in our school library shortly. However, if your child was inspired by Jack's visit, and they would like to purchase their own set, they can be found on Amazon (just type in Jack Vines Formula 1 to see individually-priced books and the box set). Jack will also be back later in the month to run author workshops with our Year 3 & Year 6 students!

Extra-curricular clubs

We're pleased to be offering a range of extracurricular clubs for the children to enjoy this term. To sign up for clubs, please check your school gateway app. Sign up will open at 7pm on Monday 14th September. Some clubs do have limited spaces, so be quick to avoid disappointment. Please note that some of the clubs will run on selected dates only (or will begin after half term). Clubs will finish at either 4pm or 4:15pm, so please check the times carefully. Finally, please note that Clubs will begin w/b 21th September (unless stated otherwise).

Member(s) of staff	Activity	Year groups	Day/Time	Location	Max Number
Mrs Arnold	Drawing club	Y2 - Y4	Tuesday lunchtime 12:30-1:00pm **Autumn 2**	Classroom 5	15
Mr Rylatt & Mr Stanton	Football club	Y3 - Y6	Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Field	30
Mrs Sweeting & Miss Booth	Choir	Y3 - Y6	Tuesday 3.15 - 4.00pm	Hall	40
Mrs Lamendola & Miss Middlecote	First Lego League	Y4 – Y6	Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Year 3 classroom	Invite only
Miss Ainsworth	Morning Run Club	R - Y6	Wednesday 8-8.30am	Back playground/field	No max
Mr Williams	Dodgeball	Y4 - Y6	Wednesday 3.15 - 4.00pm	Hall	30
Mr Gunter	Tag rugby club	Y5 - 6	Thursday 12:20-12:50pm	Field	16
Mrs Yeomans	Reading and Ready	Y1 - 6	Thursday lunchtime 12:30-1:00 **Autumn 2**	Library	20
Mrs Sweeting, Miss Cheal & Mrs Spry	Drama Club	Y4 - Y6	Thursday 3.15 - 4.00pm	School Hall	50
Mr Williams, Miss Ainsworth & Mrs Yeomans	Cross Country Pupils will be invited to represent the school	Y4 - Y6	Thursday 4 - 5pm 24.09.2026 01/10/2026 15/10/2026	Vineyards	No Max
Superstar Gymnastics (external club)	Gymnastics	Y1 - Y3	Friday 3.15 - 4.15	School hall	16
Mr Moss (external club)	Digital Creative Club	Y3 - Y6	Friday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Sapphire Class	20
Natajacks Craft Club (external club) £6.50 per session £32.50 total **Please bring money to 1st session**	Craft Club	Y1 - Y3	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Jade Class	15
The Calm Club (external club)	Children's Yoga and Mindfulness	Y1 - Y3	Friday 3.15-4.15pm **Autumn 2**	TBC	TBC

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2026/27 Calendar

Autumn Term (1)

17th September - Reception Phonics evening - 4:45pm
w/b 21st September - Extra curricular clubs to begin
22nd September - Year 6 Trip to Winchcombe Railway Station (World War II Experience)
22nd September - Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
23rd September - Inset Day
25th September - Author (Jack Vines) workshop visit Years 3 & 6
28th September - Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day
29th September - Flu Nasal Spray immunisation
29th September - Year 3 National Literacy Trust workshop
7th October - Harvest Festival 2pm at Holy Trinity Church
8th October - B. Ware Author Visit Years 4 & 5
9th October - Reception MOP Fayre visit
16th October - Year 5 Sing concert at Tewkesbury Abbey
21st October - Year 2 trip to Black Country Living Museum
22nd October - Year 5 Road to RIAT
23rd October - Inset Day
25-30th October - Half Term

Autumn Term (2)

2nd November - Year 3 Stone Age Day
3rd November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
4th November - Individual School Photos
13th November - Year 2 Victorian Day
13th November - Year 6 GCHQ codebreaking workshop
19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
2nd December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
3rd December - Christmas Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm
4th December - Reception Owl Experience
8th December - KS2 Trip to Pantomime at Roses Theatre
9th December - Christmas dinner & Jumper day
15th December - Reception Nativity and Christmas stay and play - 9:30am start
16th December - KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
17th December - KS2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
20th December - 1st January Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

4th January - Inset Day
13th January - Young Voices Concert
25th March - Reception Spring Stay and Play - 9:30am start
26th March - 9th April Easter Holidays
30th April - Inset Day

Summer Term

3rd May - Bank holiday
Week commencing 10th May - Year 6 SATs

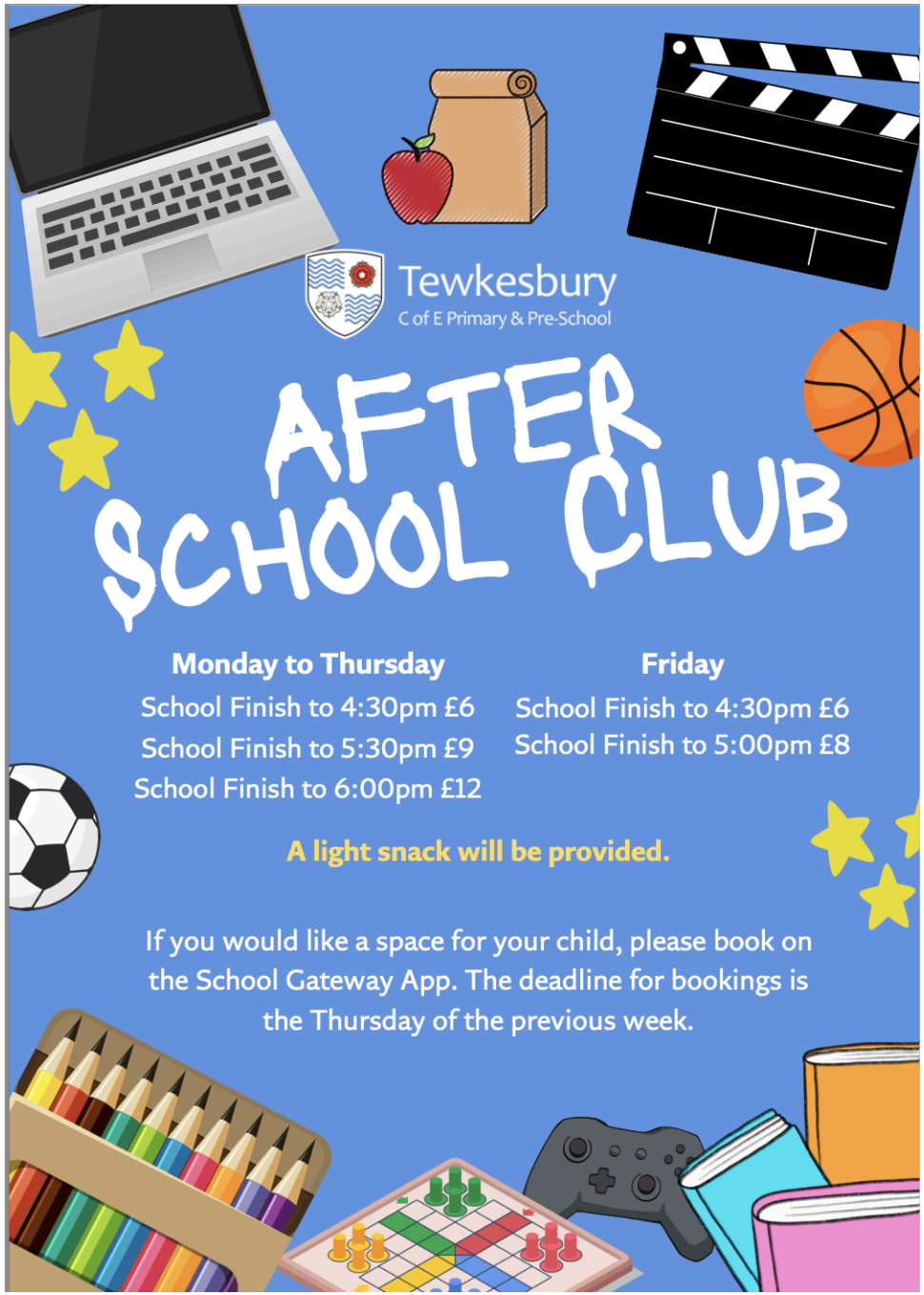
31st May - 4th June Half-Term
Week commencing 14th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
7th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play
14th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play (reserve date)
19th July - KS2 Celebration Assembly (Years 3-5) 2pm
20th July - KS1 Celebration Assembly (Years Rec-1) 2pm
21st July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
22nd July - Summer Holidays begin

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School diary week beginning 14th September 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon		Extra-curricular club sign up opens 7pm	Meatballs & Tomato Pasta Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake
Tues		First Lego League Club Selected Children 3:10 - 4:30pm	Pork & Chorizo Casserole Sweet & Sour Quorn with Rice
Wed			Roast Beef, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding Quorn Stew, Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs		EYFS Phonics Evening 4:45 - 5:30pm	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Homemade Quorn Bolognese
Fri			Cod Fillet with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza


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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
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:30pm £9
School Finish to 6:00pm £12
Friday
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:00pm £8
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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1730-18:30

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Email: comets@ttcfc.co.uk

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RYC Minis

When: Mondays (term time)
Time: 4.00 - 4.45pm
Where: The Roses Theatre, Upstairs Bar
Cost: £5 per week (payable termly)
Age: 3–5 years (Pre-school or reception)

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Suitable for children in Years 1- 4, parents welcome to stay.

Email singing@tewkesburyabbey.org.uk to register your child's interest. All are welcome.

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FEB HALF TERM
February 17th and 19th

EASTER
March 31st
April 2nd, 7th, 9th

MAY HALF TERM
May 26th and 28th

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
July 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th
August 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th,
18th, 20th, 25th and 27th

OCTOBER HALF TERM
October 27th and 29th

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- ★ DEDICATED COACHES
- ★ END OF YEAR AWARDS DINNER
- ★ ACCESS TO REGIONAL ACADEMY PATHWAYS



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