

Friday 31st January 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a fantastic week it's been at Tewkesbury C of E! From vibrant celebrations to hands-on learning, there's been so much to enjoy. Our school has been buzzing with excitement as we've explored Chinese New Year together, with Pre-School and Ruby Class leading the way - crafting lanterns, tasting delicious treats and even discovering a magnificent dragon in the foyer! During collective worship, we all had the chance to learn about the traditions and stories behind this special festival.

Meanwhile, Year 6 got stuck into their new science topic, creating 'Blood in a Bottle' to understand the circulatory system, while Year 3 have been sharpening their storytelling skills, weaving suspense into their writing. It's been a week full of creativity, discovery and a real love for learning. Here's to another brilliant week ahead!

Ruby Class enjoy Chinese New Year



What an exciting time it has been in Ruby Class as we've been celebrating Chinese New Year! We dove into the ancient story of the Jade Emperor and explored the fascinating zodiac animals. We worked together to transform our classroom into a vibrant space, adorned with our beautiful lanterns that were made by ourselves. But that's not all! We delved into Chinese culture by sampling some scrumptious Chinese treats and even cooked our own delicious dishes. One of the highlights was discovering a magnificent dragon in the school foyer. To end the week, we handed out red envelopes filled with chocolate money to our friends and teachers to bring them luck this year. Here's to a year filled with joy and prosperity for everyone!

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

Pre-School's Dragon Parade!



Our youngest learners had a fantastic time celebrating Chinese New Year! They created a huge, colourful dragon and proudly paraded it around the school, spreading joy wherever they went. The excitement didn't stop there—they had a go at writing in Chinese and even sampled some tasty noodles, exploring new flavours and traditions. What a wonderful way to celebrate!

Year 3

As the storm grew, we all began to hear the thunder in the sky. And another sound... Crash! something smashed across the ship. Was it a sea monster? My heart was racing fast, my body wanted to run but my legs couldn't move. Out of nowhere, a huge tentacle tightened me more.
around the timbers.

Year 3 have been exploring suspense stories in English. We have looked at using short sentences, powerful verbs and "empty" ambiguous words.

This is Sophia's paragraph about a mythical sea creature attacking a Roman boat as they attempt to cross the English Channel to invade

Year 6



This week, Year 6 started their new science unit about the circulatory system. They began by exploring what components are part of our blood. They took part in a practical lesson where they created 'Blood in a bottle'. They learnt various facts about plasma, white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets. As you can see, they had a lot of fun!

Today, they designed and created their very own comics for our other pupils to enjoy reading; these comics explain the different components and how each one has a big role to play in keeping us healthy.

PTFA Events

Love What You Wear Day- Friday 14th February

As part of our fundraising for our identified charity of the year, Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14th February, otherwise known as Love What You Wear Day! We are asking that the children bring in a £1 donation to help us raise money for this amazing charity; the donated money will be used to support cancer patients across the county.

Valentines Disco- Friday 14th November

The PTFA are excited to announce their next event for our wonderful pupils... A Valentine's Disco!
On Friday 14th February, we will be hosting our disco in the school hall.

Timings for the disco:

Reception - Year 2: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Years 3 - 6: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Tickets will be sold all next week outside the KS2 gates at the end of the school day. Tickets can be purchased by cash or card and cost £3 per child. This will include a hot dog. To reduce single-use plastic, we ask that the children bring their water bottles which we will refill with water or squash. We will send an email closer to the date with drop-off and pick up details.

Please note tickets must be booked by the end of next week. This will allow the PTFA to purchase the correct amount of food.

School diary week beginning 3rd February 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Spring Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	The Rock Project Assembly		Drama club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Football club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons with Diced Potatoes Quorn Nuggets with Diced Potatoes
Tues			Netball club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Oddstepperz Street Dance Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Meatballs & Pasta Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed	NSPCC Workshops				Braised Beef & roasties Quorn Mince with roasties
	Story Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chill out zone Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm			
Thur	Year 5 swimming		Cross Country Race 4 Year 4- 6 3:15 - 4:30 pm		Homemade Vegetable Curry with rice
			French club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Wild wonders club Year 2 - 4 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Fri	Number Day & Cake Sale Year 5 Peace Doves concert at Tewkesbury Abbey		Archery Club Year 5 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Star Fish with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza
	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Board games Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm			



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

6th January - Inset Day

16th January - Year 5 trip to We the Curious

14th January - Young Voices

Friday 7th February - Year 5 Peace Doves Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey - TBC

7th January - Number Day

w/b 17th February - Half term

3rd April - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am

9th April - Easter service at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm

Summer Term

28th April - Inset Day

29th April - 1st May - Year 4 Residential - Pioneer Centre

w/b 12th May - Year 6 SAT

w/b 26th May - Half term

2nd June - Start of MTC Window (2 weeks)

w/b 16th June- Year 6 Residential Oaker Wood

2nd July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play

9th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date

11th July - Med Fest

14th July - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am

16th July - Rec - Year 2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

17th July - Year 3 - 5 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

18th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 1:45pm

21st July - Inset Day



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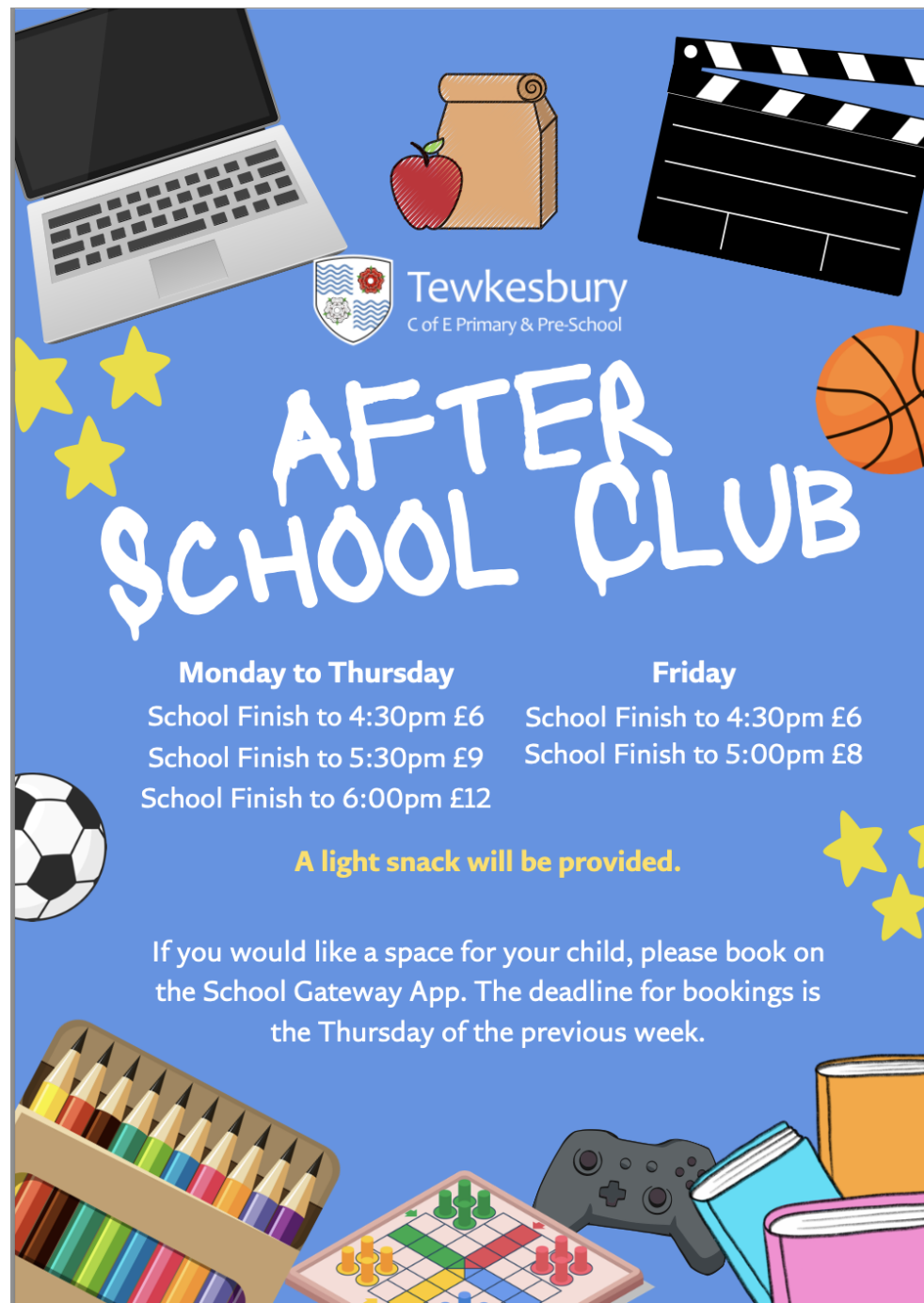
BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
8:00am - 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.

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Number Day 2025

This year, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on **Friday 7th February**.

As part of this day, each year group will be working with another to complete fun curriculum-based activities which take inspiration from famous game shows, current trends, exciting tasks, and teamwork. We will also be inviting children to take part in the Maths hat competition to design and make a hat inspired by a Maths topic they have been learning about or numbers in general (see examples below). The hats will be judged by Mr Gunter and Miss Cheal and a prize will be given to each winner.



At breaktime and lunchtime, our wonderful school council will also be holding a cake sale to raise money for NSPCC child line and a mental health charity. More details to follow.



Love What You wear day!



£1 CHARITY
DONATION



**COME TO
SCHOOL
WEARING THE
CLOTHES YOU
LOVE!**

Disco

**£3 PER TICKET
INCLUDING HOTDOG
AND REFILLABLE DRINK**

**REC AND KS1
3:30PM - 4:30PM**

**KS2
4:45PM - 5:45PM**



BOTH EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

Peter Walker's **Peace Doves**

at Tewkesbury Abbey

1-27 February, after sunset

A mass participation artwork by Peter Walker, featuring
a beautiful and reflective light and sound installation -
Imagine Peace by Luxmuralis in part of the Abbey.

Adults: £9, Children: £6.50, Family tickets: £20



Book tickets:
www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk





Spring Flower Cards

**Wed. 19th & Thu. 20th February.
10am - 12pm, £1 per child.**

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