

Friday 9th May 2025



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 Tewkesbury C of E! The beautiful weather has continued to lift spirits across the school and provide the perfect setting for our OPAL Play. It's been a joy to see our children's energy and enthusiasm shine as brightly as the skies above us. A special welcome back to our Year 4 pupils, who have returned from their Pioneer adventure full of stories and excitement. It's been lovely to hear all about their experiences and to see their confidence shining through. We also marked VE Day in school this week, taking time to reflect, learn and celebrate together. The children engaged thoughtfully with the day, showing great respect.

Pioneer

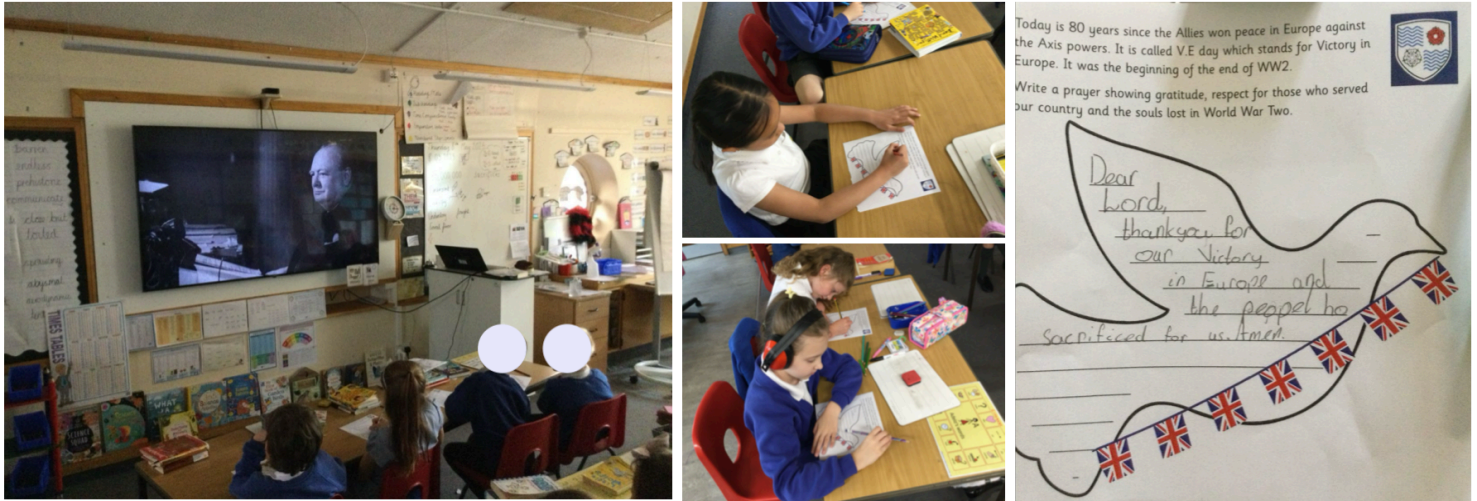


Our Year 4 residential to the Pioneer Centre was an unforgettable adventure from start to finish! Whether they were scrambling through caves, soaring down zip lines or building rafts to paddle across the lake, the children threw themselves into every challenge with huge smiles and muddy boots. Pioneer Tokens were earned for bravery, teamwork and pushing personal limits and swapped for some well-deserved prizes at the end. Staff at the centre (and even from other schools!) were full of praise for how kind, polite and supportive our children were. It was a trip full of laughter, courage and star-shining moments we'll never forget! To view the photos for each day, please click on the following link:

<https://www.tewkesbury-primary.co.uk/news-events/news>

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

VE Day activities



In Year 3, we learnt that Thursday was 80 years since the Allies won peace in Europe against the Axis powers. It is called V.E day which stands for Victory in Europe. It was the beginning of the end of WW2. We watched Churchill's speech and talked about the mixed emotions that people may have felt: relief that the fighting in Europe had stopped, frustrated that it had gone on for so long. We then wrote a prayer on a peace dove about our gratitude and respect for those who served our country and the 85,000,000 souls lost in World War Two.

Collective Worship - VE Day 80th Anniversary



On the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Fr Nick led us in a special Collective Worship to help us remember this important day. Three volunteers stood at the front to see if they could break some sticks! The first person attempted to break just one stick, the second tried to break two at once and the third three at once. It was so much harder to break the three helping us realise we are stronger when we are together. We learnt how Britain came together as a country and how we worked with other countries such as the USA and France in the war effort. We heard Winston Churchill's famous VE Day speech read superbly by Jacob before Fr Nick led us in a minute's silence to remember the brave people who fought and gave their lives so that we can enjoy freedom and peace.

OPAL Scootathon

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in our sponsored scootathon and to all the sponsors for being so generous. This truly is a wonderful community to be a part of. After all monies have been counted, I am amazed to say we raised £2,731.62! This is a tremendous achievement and one which will greatly help to promote OPAL and make good use of our outdoor space. Orders are already in and work is already underway to develop our play space even further!

We are also on the lookout for more resources for our mud kitchen. If you've recently had a spring clean and have any old pans, pots, chopping boards, mixing bowls (no glass), mixing spoons, utensils, measuring jugs etc., then please donate these and bring them in!

PC Williams Talk (Cyber safety)

We are pleased to invite you to a Cyber Safety Talk with PC Williams on Tuesday 13th May at 5:30pm, hosted at the school. Having attended this talk myself, I can honestly say it was eye-opening. In today's digital world, it's more important than ever that we understand the apps, platforms, and technology our children are exposed to and how to help keep them safe.

This session covers:

- Safe and responsible phone use
- Popular apps and hidden risks
- Online behaviour and peer pressure
- What parents *really* need to know to guide their children safely through the digital world

Whether your child is already online or you're preparing for that step, this talk is hugely relevant and packed with real-world advice.

We strongly encourage all parents to attend. Please use the link below to sign up, so we can get an idea of how many will be attending. Please note that attendance on the day will be permitted, even if you haven't signed up.

[Cyber Safety Sign Up Link](#)

Uniform reminders

As we move into the summer term, we'd like to take a moment to gently remind everyone about our school uniform policy. We really appreciate your support in helping the children come to school looking smart and ready to learn.

We've noticed recently that some children are wearing cycling shorts on their own as part of their daily uniform. While it's absolutely fine, and often practical, for children to wear cycling shorts *under* their skirts or dresses, they shouldn't be worn on their own as a replacement for uniform bottoms. This is simply to keep our uniform consistent and in line with our agreed policy.

We'd also like to remind families that jewellery should not be worn in school, other than small stud earrings or a simple small hoop earring. Items such as bracelets, necklaces or fashion accessories can easily get lost or damaged, and more importantly, they can pose a risk during play and PE or OPAL activities. We want to keep all our children safe and free from distractions.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Calling all artistic parents!

Would you like to be involved in helping us create our lion for the Lions at Large sculpture trail? If you have a spare hour or two, please speak to Miss Davis as we'd really appreciate any support in sketching our design onto the lion.

School diary week beginning 12th May 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Summer Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Year 6 SATs GPS + Spelling paper Year 5 afternoon walk to Tewkesbury Abbey		Drama Club Year 3 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm		Meatballs & Pasta Veggie Sausages & Pasta
Tues	Year 6 SATs Reading paper		Creativity Club Rec - 1 3.15 - 4.15	Cricket Club Year 3 - 6 3.15 - 4.15	Chicken Korma with Naan Bread & Rice
			Cyber Safety Parent Talk 5:30pm		Vegetable Wraps & Rice
Wed	Morning run club Year 1 – 6 8:00 - 8.30am	Pre-school open morning 9:30 - 10:15am	Science Club Year 1 - 2 3.15 - 4.15		Homemade Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding
	Year 6 SATs Arithmetic + reasoning paper				Homemade Vegetable Pie & Yorkshire Pudding
Thur	Year 6 SATs Reasoning paper Bead Craft Club Year 3 - 4 12.45 - 1.15		French Club Year 1 - 3 3.15pm - 4pm	Athletics Club Year 3 - 6 3.15pm - 4:20pm	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza & Wedges
			Tennis Club Year 3 - 6 3.15pm - 4:15pm		Homemade Margherita Pizza Homemade Dairy Free Margherita Pizza
Fri	Year 6 SATs picnic Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12.45 - 1.15		Creativity Club Year 2 - 3 3.15 - 4.15pm		Cod Fillet with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



2024/25 Calendar

Summer Term

w/b 12th May - Year 6 SAT

Tuesday 13th May - Cyber Safety Talk - 5:30pm

19th May - Year 6 visit to skillzone (more info to follow)

21st May - Jenny Pearson Author visit (more info to follow)

22nd May - Drama Club Performance (more info to follow)

w/b 26th May - Half term

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

2nd June - Whole School & Pre School Photo

3rd June - Year 1 trip to Weston Super Mare (more info to follow)

4th June - Young Minds Matter Workshop - Year 6

4th June - Year 2 trip to Nature in Art (more info to follow)

5th June - B.Ware Author visit

5th June - Year 5 trip to Overbury (more info to follow)

6th June - Music Share concert at Tewkesbury Abbey (more info to follow)

w/b 9th June - Arts Week (more info to follow)

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

23rd June - Year 6 Bikeability (more info to follow)

25th June - Grandparents Afternoon Tea (more info to follow)

2nd July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play

3rd July - Year 2 - 6 Bizarre Bible performance at Tewkesbury Baptist Church (more info to follow)

4th July - Field Work Day (more info to follow)

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

16th July - Tewkesbury School Leavers Service - Tewkesbury Abbey - 1:30pm

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

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

21st July - Inset Day



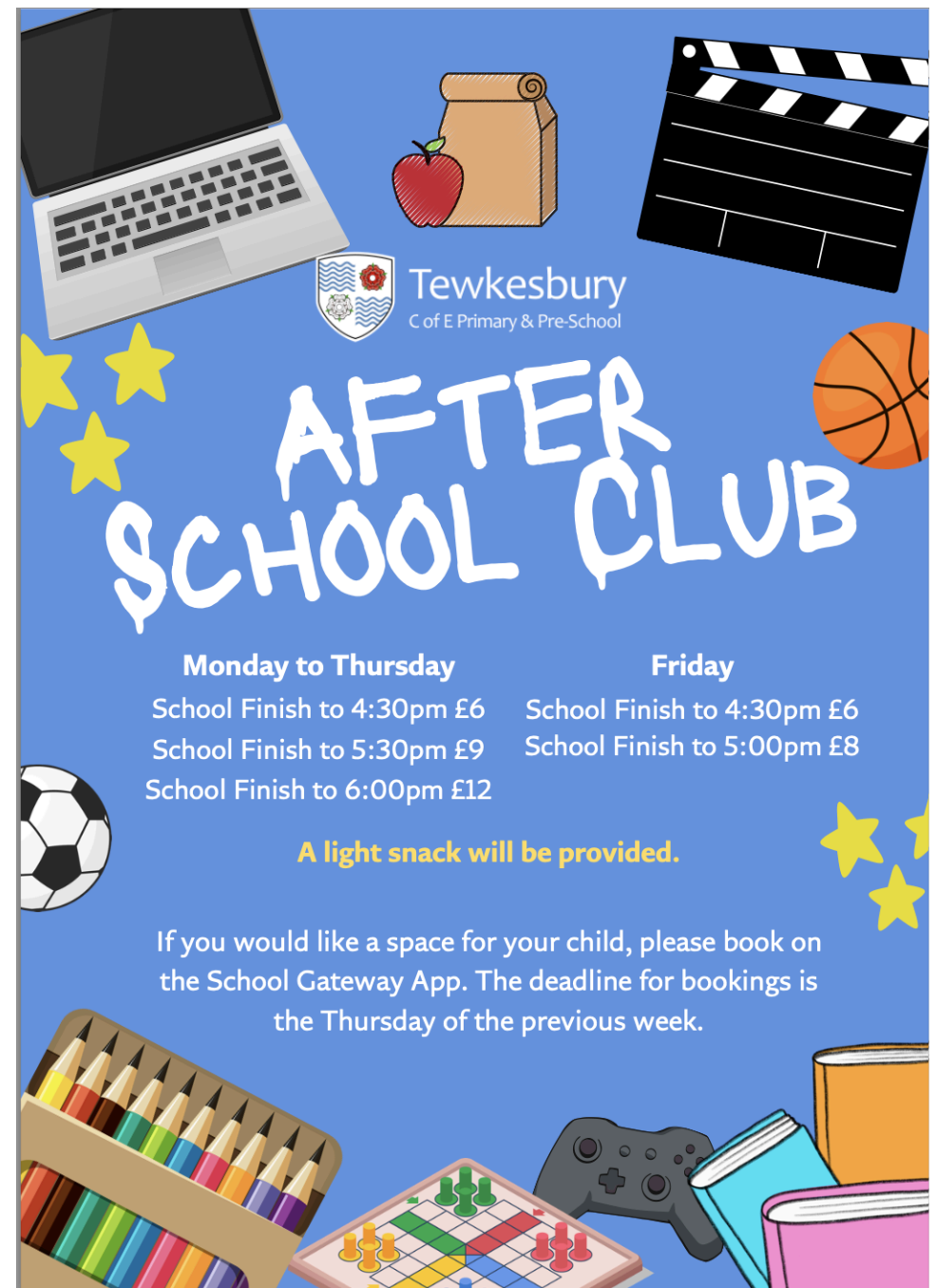
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

**Our Mud kitchen
needs your help!**

We Need:



**Mixing
spoons**

Pots

Bowls
(Large and
small)

Kettles

IT'S
**ALL
ABOUT
YOU**



Kettles



Trays

Utensils



Pans

Measuring jugs



Looking for something to do May half-term? Come and meet a real author!



For ages 6+

Date: Wednesday 28th May 2025

Time: 10.30am and 1.30am

Venue: Books for Bugs, Vantage Point Business Village, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, GL17 0DD

Session Time: Each session will last for approx 1 hour with book signing opportunity after.

Price: £10 per child which includes a goody bag and a copy of her brand new book Puppy Problem.

Book your tickets via the QR code or at
<https://booksforbugs.co.uk/author-visit-serena-patel/>





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● **IGNITE CURIOSITY WITH INTERACTIVE
EXPERIMENTS**

● **UNIQUE CRAFT ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGE
IMAGINATION & ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**

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MOTOR SKILLS THROUGH BUILDING & CRAFTING**

● **HANDS ON ACTIVITIES & KIDS WILL TAKE
HOME THEIR CREATIVITY**

**START DATE:
29TH APRIL 2025**

**SIGN UP AND
REGISTER ONLINE:**

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**for more information call:
07776811695**



Hello!

We're excited to announce a brand new after-school service for parents at **Tewkesbury C of E Primary School**: an award-winning STEM club, to run during April and May of 2025! **(Plus a chance for some school holiday science fun!)**

Catering to **children in Y1-Y2**, each award-winning session will last for one hour from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and will be filled with exciting experiments and activities supporting the National Curriculum.

The cost for this award-winning, four-week programme is just £30 per child, which includes something to make and/or take home with them most weeks!

To book your child on this ***KS1 club, which runs on Wednesdays from 30 April –21 May 2025***, visit <https://tinyurl.com/tewkesks1>.

Places are limited to 20 per club. Places not paid for within 5 days of booking may be reallocated, and short-notice cancellations will still be chargeable.

(Children aged 4-11 are also welcome at our Easter STEM club, which will run at Cleeve School on 14–15 April. See <https://tinyurl.com/cheltegg25> for info!)

Yours in science,

Diatom Dave

Chief Fun Scientist



- Missed out? Email cheltenham@fun-science.org.uk to be put on the waiting list.
- Book only when you know your child can attend: ***cancelled places may be invoiced for.***
- T&Cs: tinyurl.com/funsciterms. Booking acknowledges reading and understanding.

Please note: If your child has any special educational needs, you **must** make us aware for safeguarding reasons. Failure to do so may mean your child is excluded at a later date, in which case no refund will be offered. **Please help us keep all children safe and well.**