

Friday 22nd November



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

This week brought a flurry of excitement - both literally and figuratively! The first snowfall of the year brought frosty fun (and a snowman or two), while our girls' football team impressed in their competition. Year 2 travelled back in time with a Victorian school day and Open the book's story of David and Goliath came to life through imaginative puppetry, much to the delight of the children. It's been wonderful to be a part of it all!

Victorian school day



One Wednesday, Year 2 experienced what a typical Victorian school day would have been like. They began the morning with a cleanliness check, making sure they had clean hands and faces (and particularly behind their nails). They then spent the morning (with their strict Victorian teachers) taking part in some Victorian lessons, such as handwriting, reading and arithmetic through lots of chanting. During the afternoon they then had a go at washing some clothes 'the Victorian way' and played games that Victorian children would have played. Finally, they made their own optical illusion 'Thaumatropes'. Something that was invented, in Victorian times, for entertainment. It was a great day which the children really enjoyed, even with the cane coming out once or twice!

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

ESFA Girls football competition



This week, C of E has taken part in the annual ESFA Girls Football tournament at Tewkesbury Academy. The girls battled against not only the other teams but also against the adverse weather conditions! The first match resembled a game of ice-hockey more than a football match but the girls powered through and demonstrated some great skill and teamwork.

Over the course of the evening the girls improved their technique and communication skills and secured some lovely goals. The competition was tough and by the end of the tournament the girls had won 1, drawn 2 and lost 2 which meant we finished in 4th place.

The girls continued to demonstrate great camaraderie throughout the tournament, encouraging each other and other teams! A great demonstration of true sportsmanship and how C of E shines!

Snow fun!



We were greeted with a delightful surprise on Tuesday morning - snow!

The children's excitement was contagious as they arrived to find our school transformed into a winter wonderland.

Throughout the day, they explored the snow and ice, built snowmen and maybe even launched a snowball or two (some aimed at the teachers!).

It was wonderful to see the children engaging with the environment, learning and discovering through play.



Pre-School



Last week, Pre-school embraced the magic of Nursery Rhyme Week, enjoying a different classic rhyme each day. From *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* to *Old MacDonald*, and from *Incy Wincy Spider* to *Five Currant Buns*, the children had an absolutely delightful time bringing these rhymes to life!

PTFA Shopping night

The PTFA are excited to announce the return of our annual Christmas Shopping Night on Friday 6th December.

The event will be held in the school hall and we have over 15 stalls offering a fantastic range of Christmas presents and stocking fillers. We also have a well-stocked bar (mulled wine, anyone?) We hope to see as many of you as possible! The event is free entry.

On Friday 29th November, the PTFA will be running a non-uniform day. We kindly ask that, in return, Reception-Year 2 bring in chocolate and KS2 (Years 3-6) bring in a bottle. The PTFA will then hold a tombola stall on the night.



School diary week beginning 25th November 2024

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon		Parents' Evening	Battered Chicken & Diced Potatoes Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues		Year 3+4 Football Competition Year 3 - 4 3:40 - 5:00pm	Spaghetti Bolognese
		Parents' Evening	Quorn Bolognese
Wed	Chill Out Zone Year 1 - 2 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Parents' Evening	Chicken Fillet with Roasties Cauliflower Cheese with Roasties
Thur	Year 4 Music Concert 2:00 - 3:00pm	Parents' Evening	Homemade Chilli Con Carne & Rice
		French Club Year 1 - 6 3:10 - 4pm	Homemade Vegetable Fajitas & Rice
Fri	Owl Visit for Ruby Class Non-School Uniform day - for PTFA Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Parents' Evening Archery Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm	Fish Cake with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



2024/25 Calendar

Autumn Term

3rd December - Open Morning - New Reception (2025/26) - 10am
 5th December - Christmas Abbey Service - 2pm
 6th December - Christmas Shopping Night - PTFA
 11th December - Christmas Dinner + Jumper Day
 13th December - Reception Nativity and Stay and Play - 9:30am
 16th December - Year 3 & 4 trip to the Panto
 17th December - PTFA Christmas film night
 18th December - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly - 2pm
 19th December - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

Spring Term

6th January - Inset Day
 16th January - Year 5 trip to We the Curious
 14th January - Young Voices
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
 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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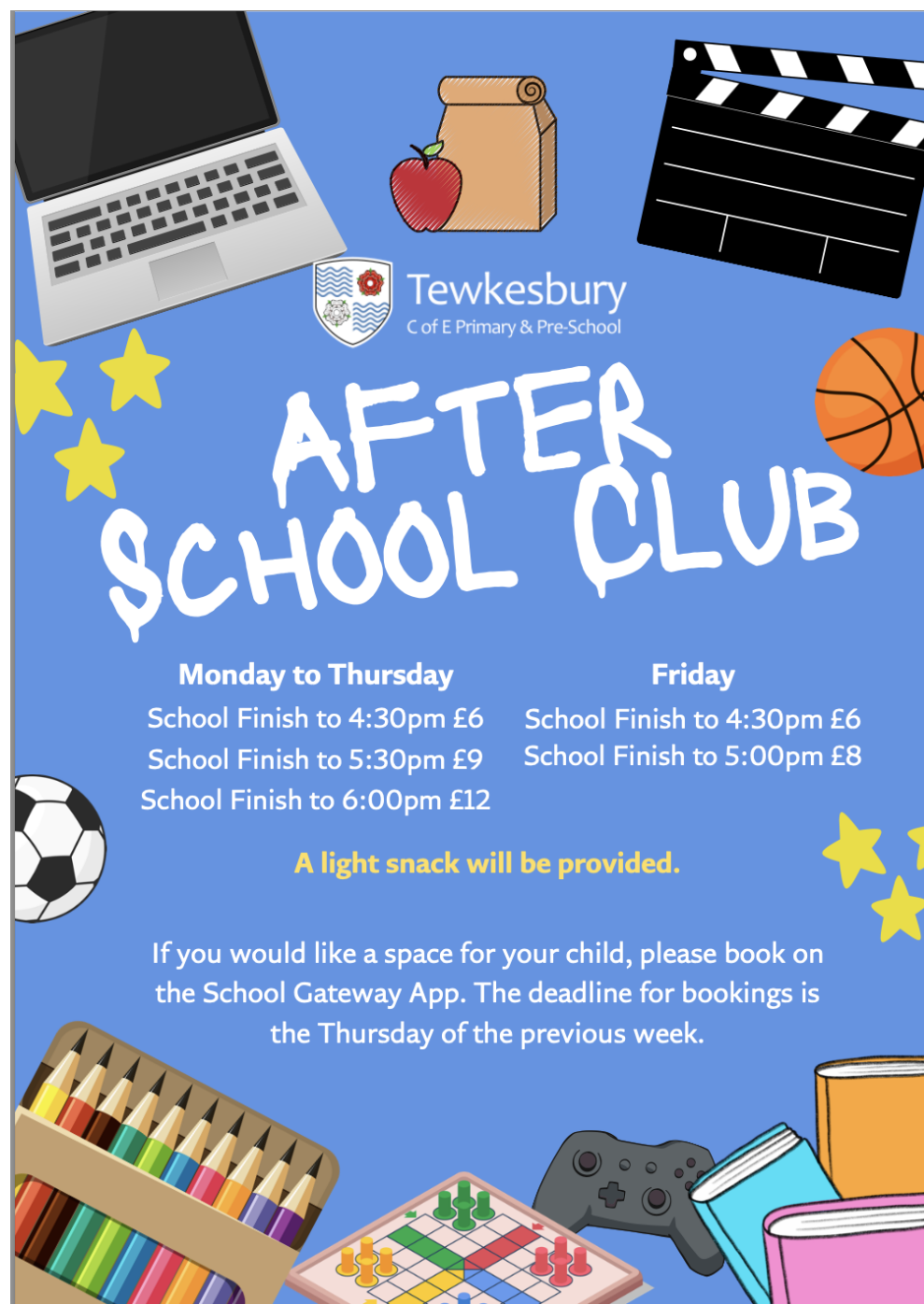
BREAKFAST CLUB

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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FREE ENTRY!

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

Christmas

SHOPPING NIGHT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 06 6:30PM-8:30PM
2024

TEWKESBURY C OF E SCHOOL HALL

WE HAVE OVER 15 AMAZING STALLS AND A WELL-STOCKED BAR OFFERING A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE. PLEASE COME ALONG AND GET SOME GORGEOUS PRESENTS AND STOCKING FILLERS WHILST SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL TOO!





TADS Community Classrooms

Bringing arts and culture to our community



Free!




Free workshops and events for families and adults starting September 2024

Once a month, from 7.30pm, at Tewkesbury C of E Primary School

Wednesday 18th September	Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes & Pigeon Story Recited by Geoff Guy. For all the family. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.
Wednesday 23rd October	Adult Drama Workshop: Melodrama Run by William Tombs. For over 16s only.
Wednesday 13th November	Troll Hunting Poetry Workshop Run by Brenda Read-Brown. For over 8s and adults. Ages 8-16 must be accompanied by an adult.
Friday 17th January	Adult Drama Workshop: Improvisation Run by Emily Hastings (of Acting Up). For over 16s only.
Friday 14th February	Adult Valentine Ukulele Workshop Run by Oonagh Hughes. For over 8s and adults. Ages 8-16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own ukulele or contact TADS on Facebook to borrow one.
Wednesday 12th March	Sign-Along-A -Song Workshop Run by Debbie Wiggins. All welcome but recommended for age 10+ to get the most of out it. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for **TADS Community Classrooms**, a collaboration between Tewkesbury Arts & Drama Society and C of E Primary School. Enjoy a variety of free workshops and events designed to enrich our community. Discover new skills, meet new people, and celebrate the arts together! Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. 7.30pm start. No booking required. Just come along!





Presents

SHINING STARS!

Innovative Drama Classes for 3-7 year olds.

Churchdown – 9.15 -9.45.

Twynning – 3.20-3.50pm.

Term Term Saturdays - First lesson **free**.

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MUSIC LESSONS AT TEWKESBURY CofE!

We're looking for students who would like to learn singing or woodwind!

We have a 100% pass rate with many gaining merits and distinctions and we're a multi award winning local company.

We provide one to one lessons from experienced teachers/musicians and can offer students opportunities to perform live on stage in front of a crowd - we want to make sure you get the tools you need to be the next big thing!

We also provide termly progress reports and a newsletter to keep you up to date with all the Music Guru news.

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LEARNING A LIFELONG SKILL

Weekly after-school classes

Thursdays 15:15 -16:00

From Year 1 to Year 3



Songs, games, role-plays, rhymes, stories and lots of FUN!

Each child can have their own Activity Book & access to our Media App, so they can continue learning at home & you can see how well they're progressing

**Valuable, Educational
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