



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been another wonderfully busy week in school. Pre-school have been getting stuck into the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Reception had an unforgettable visit from the owls, Year 4 have been getting creative learning about the digestive system, Year 6 have shown great concentration with their sewing projects and we've enjoyed catching up with so many families during Parents' Evening for Years 2-6. Thank you, as always, for your support and for being part of school life.

Pre-School



Pre-School have had an amazing time retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have loved stepping into the characters, acting out the scenes, and exploring the story in lots of creative ways.

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

Year 4



Year 4 have been busy learning about the digestive system this week; starting with some beginners dentistry and recreating a model of the mouth. They learnt about the different types of teeth and their function before diving into the digestive system and recreating the process. It was a lot of fun, if not pretty yucky!

The children have then created some amazingly creative diaries following a piece of food on its journey through the digestive system.

Make Do and Mend in Year 6



For the last two weeks, Y6 have been practicing different stitches in preparation for sewing their own WW2 evacuee bears. They have used old recycled materials to make their bears and sewn on old buttons for its features. Here are some photos of the children in the process of making their bears.

Coffee morning for parents!

**Do you need help to support your child?
Are you concerned they are anxious?**

Come to our coffee morning for Parents

Mrs Hortop and Mrs Wiggins will share a video followed by a short time to discuss thoughts following what we have watched.

This will give you an opportunity to meet other parents having similar issues.



When: Wednesday 10th December
from 9am until 10.30

Where: Community room at Pre-School.

Please let us know if you are interested in coming, so we have enough biscuits!

Calling all parents who would like support with their child.

We understand you may be struggling with supporting your child at home and or at school. Over the next academic year we are planning on holding regular coffee mornings with videos and advice from Move More covering a variety of subjects. The first morning will be focussed on 'Supporting an overwhelmed and worried child'. Mrs Hortop and Mrs Wiggins will share the videos followed by a short time to discuss thoughts following what we have watched. This will give you an opportunity to meet other parents having similar issues.

Our first coffee morning will be on Wednesday 10th December from 9am until 10.30 in the community room at Pre-School. Please can you let us know if you are interested in coming, so we have enough biscuits! Follow this link to let us know before 8th December. <https://forms.gle/uJBRzxp9nM5imGzm7>

Collective Worship



This Wednesday, we welcomed *Open the Book* into school to lead our Collective Worship. They shared the Bible story known as “The Great Escape,” which tells how God’s people were kept in slavery in Egypt for many years under the rule of Pharaoh. The children learned how God chose Moses and his brother Aaron to ask Pharaoh to let the people go. When he refused, several plagues struck Egypt, including rivers turning to blood, frogs covering the land, and days of darkness. Each time Pharaoh changed his mind, keeping the people in slavery.

Finally, after the last plague, Pharaoh allowed them to leave, but then chased after them. The children were excited to hear how God parted the Red Sea, creating a dry path for the people to escape safely.

The story reminded us that God protects and saves His people, even in the most difficult moments.

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 3years to 13 years up until Friday 28th November.

Christmas Art Competition

Carols by Candlelight



Picture designed by Sofia Gradinaru, Year 4 pupil at Tewkesbury C of E School

Christingle Service



Picture designed by Ivy Coles, Year 2 pupil at Tewkesbury C of E School

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.

Abbey Carol Service



The Abbey carol service will take place on Friday 5th December and will begin at 2pm.

We will be walking the children to the Abbey from school and will look forward to seeing many of you there.

At the end of the performance, you will be able to collect your child from the Abbey.

Those children who are not collected, will be walked back to school to be picked up. We will aim to arrive back to school at about 3:20pm.

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/>



Christmas Fayre- Wednesday 3rd December 3.30 - 5.30

This year's Christmas Fayre looks a little different! Our pupils have been working hard to make some wonderful crafts that can be purchased in the school hall next Wednesday after school. We have an assortment of goodies from Playdough Snowmen packs to Christmas baked goods and much more! We also have some fun, festive games for our children to play including: Knock the Elf off the Shelf and Antler Toss.

The kitchen (which will be serving hot chocolate and Christmas biscuits that you can decorate) and 'Elfridges (our PTFA's very own toy store) will be accepting card payments, however, the majority of the stalls will be cash only. We look forward to welcoming you all into the hall next week!

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.



2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (2)

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 1st December 2025

Day	The School Day	After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon		Girls ESFA County Finals Plock Court, Gloucester Finish at 5pm	Football Club Year 3 - 6 Finish at 4:15pm	Meatballs & Pasta with Tomato Sauce Quorn Meatballs with Pasta
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Book Club Year 3- 4 Finish at 4:15pm		BBQ Chicken with Rice Vegetable Wrap with Rice
		First Lego League Year 4- 5 Finish at 4:15pm	Netball Club Year 5- 6 Finish at 4:15pm	
Wed	Year 3 Visit to Holy Trinity	Christmas Fayre 3:30 - 5:30pm All welcome (no dodgeball club)		Homemade Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding Homemade Vegetable Pie & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs		French Club Year 3- 6 Finish at 4pm	Drama Club Year 4- 6 Finish at 4pm	Chicken Fajita Pasta Bake Topped with Cheese Quorn Fajita Pasta Bake
Fri	Board games Club Year 3-6 12:30 - 1:00pm	Christmas Carol Service Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm Start time All welcome		Cod Goujons & Smiley Faces Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



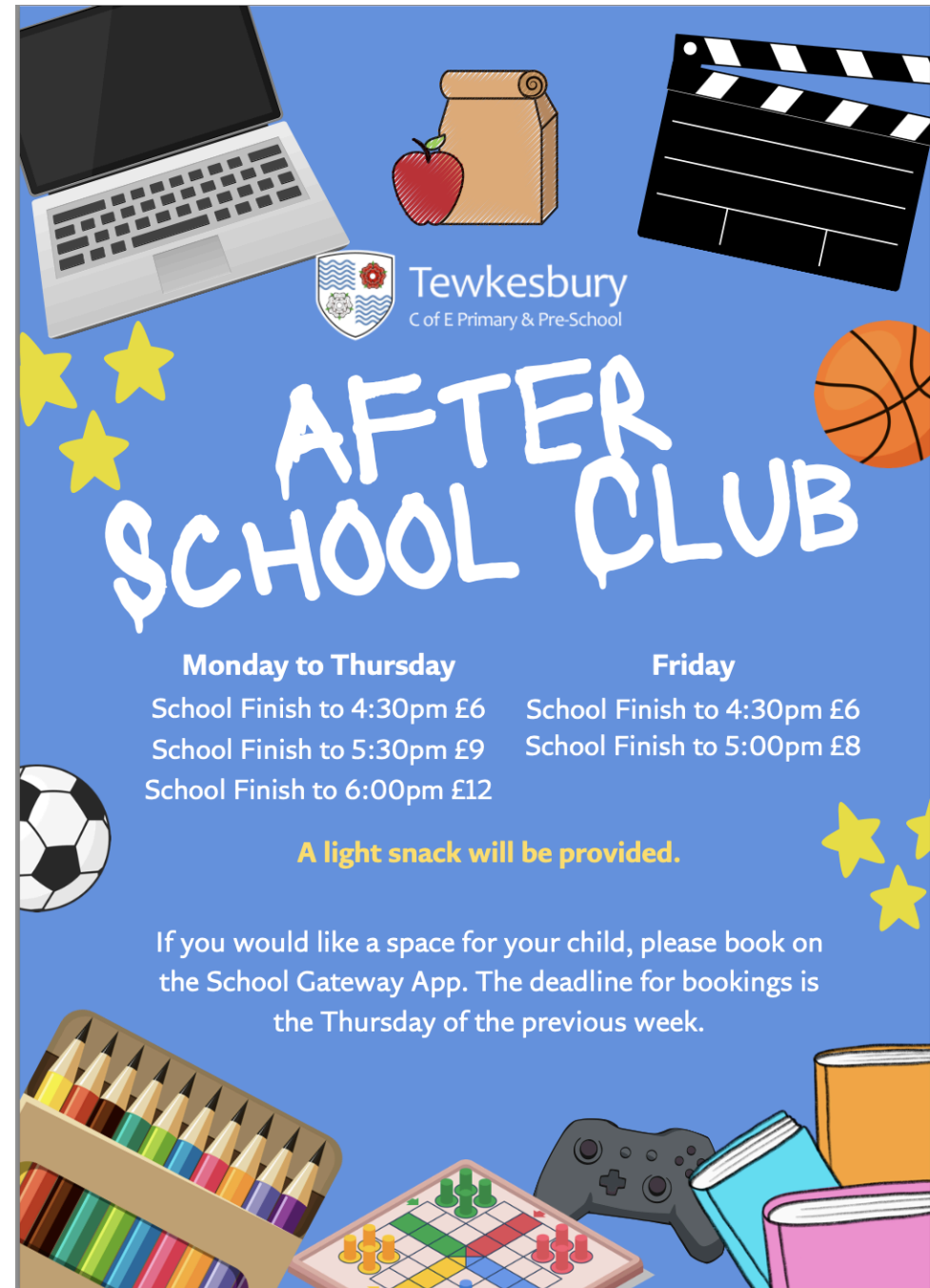
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



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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

ctyh@childrenssociety.org.uk 07521429300



The
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Society

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



CONTACT US:

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Link road, Tewkesbury, GL20
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Invitation to Tewkesbury Abbey Christmas Fair, Saturday 29th November 2025
"Come-And-Sing" Nativity!

I am writing on behalf of Tewkesbury Abbey, to invite the families and friends of local primary school pupils to the Tewkesbury Abbey Christmas Fair "Come-and-Sing" Nativity.

We are excited to offer an opportunity for children and grown-ups alike to come together as a wider community at the Abbey Christmas Fair for a nativity play like no other, Christmas carols, and to decorate the Christmas tree!

On the day: Tewkesbury Abbey Christmas Fair, Saturday 29th November 2025

14:00 Arrive and join in Christmas crafts, decorating paper ornaments for the tree, and creating costumes (children and adults are invited to play angels, shepherds, or animals. If you would like to wear your own costume from home you are most welcome!).

14:30 Nativity begins, led by adult narrators and characters, supported by everyone! Christmas carols throughout.

15:00 Decorate the Christmas tree!

These activities are for children to participate in with their families/guardians. Families are invited to arrive early or remain afterwards to continue enjoying the fair – there will be more performances, as well as stalls, refreshments, and other festive activities!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Abbey!

Yours sincerely
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