



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been another great week at Tewkesbury C of E! The children have been so enthusiastic about their learning and it's been amazing to see the REAL curriculum in full swing. Whether it's getting creative or diving into hands-on activities, the excitement around school is contagious. It's always a joy to watch the children's curiosity grow as they explore new ideas and develop their skills.

Year 6 have been having 'sew' much fun!



During the last few weeks, Year 6 have been finishing their autumn term topic by learning about Make Do and Mend during World War II. They learnt how toys for children were not made in factories as these were being used to create weapons and vital resources; they also learnt that often parents and children made the toys instead!

So, our Year 6's were set the challenge of designing and making their own teddy bears. They learnt various stitches and how to sew buttons (a great life skill!)



They designed their own paper pattern for their bears before selecting material from old clothing! They then sewed their bears together with some children making extra accessories such as bow ties and jackets!

Miss Davis, Mr Gunter and Mrs Tonkin were very impressed by the children's perseverance and resilience! Well done Year 6!

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

Year 3 enjoying spending time with their reading buddies



In Emerald Class, we have been loving reading with our buddies. We get to share our favourite books, and discover new ones!

Ruby Class make some mittens



This week, the talented Ruby Class took a wonderful journey into the world of design, inspired by the traditional Ukrainian folk tale, "The Mitten." After reading the story, the children became budding designers, creating their very own mittens. First, they drew out their ideas and carefully considered which shapes, colours and materials they would like to use. Once their designs were ready, they put their fine motor skills to the test by sewing their mittens together. Their mittens look absolutely amazing and the children can't wait to take their creations home to show their families. Well done, Ruby Class!

Parent Governor Election – We Need You!

Last Friday, we shared an email and included information in the newsletter about a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school's governing board. This is a wonderful opportunity to help shape the future of our school and bring valuable perspectives as a parent.

If you're considering applying for this role, please refer to last week's email for details on how to nominate yourself.

Just a reminder: the deadline for nominations is **12:00 noon on Tuesday, 28 January 2025**. If you have any questions or need further information, don't hesitate to contact the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!

School diary week beginning 27th January 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Spring Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon	Year 1 phonics workshop for parents 9am		Drama club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Football club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Beef Burger & Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues	Year 1 phonics workshop for parents 9am		Netball club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Oddstepperz Street Dance Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	BBQ Chicken & Rice BBQ Quorn & Rice
Wed	Story Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chill out zone Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Pork & Apple with gravy & roasties Quorn & Apple with gravy & roasties
Thur	Year 1 phonics workshop for parents 9am Year 5 swimming		French club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Wild wonders club Year 2 - 4 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Homemade Cheesy Pasta Homemade Vegetable Pizza
Fri			Archery Club Year 5 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Fishcake with Chips
	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Board games Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



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 4 + 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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Read With Me started 5 years ago with the objective of delivering one-to-one, volunteer-led sessions which would allow children to not only improve their literacy but also develop communication and social skills and above all confidence.

Our volunteers are checked, trained and come with enthusiasm and commitment built in to ensure they provide a useful resource to help expand capacity in the classroom and ensure that every child receives the support they need to fulfil their potential.

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We also have an extensive stock of high quality pre-loved books which are available to you for children who may not have their own collections, book corners and reading reward schemes.

Many of our volunteers are also happy to help on school trips.

If you have any questions at all, or ideas about how we might help you further / expand our offer we'd love to hear from you.



Linda

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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.

