

Friday 23rd January 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a wonderful week it has been at school. On Monday, we welcomed the SIAMS inspector, which gave us a great opportunity to showcase all that makes our school such a special place. The inspection was a chance to talk about what we value most; our children, our staff, our community and the way we live out our vision and values every day, and we felt the inspector really saw this in action. As always, our children were a credit to the school. Their behaviour and willingness to talk proudly about their school, their learning and their experiences shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of them. We now look forward to reading the report once it is published and sharing it with you. Alongside this, it's been another busy and joyful week of learning across the school, with classrooms full of enthusiasm and hard work, just as it should be.

We the Curious



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

Last Thursday, Year 5 travelled to Bristol for the much-loved visit to the 'We are Curious' centre. Children had an excellent time exploring the centre and extending their learning in science. We enjoyed a new workshop this year all about preparing to be an astronaut. In this workshop we participated in a carousel of activities including thinking about what exercise equipment would be beneficial when there is no gravity as well as testing the best materials for an astronaut's space nappies or 'Maximum Absorbency Garments' to use the correct terms! All of a sudden, going into outer space didn't look so glamorous!

Following this, we enjoyed an incredible, immersive 3D Planetarium show where we learnt about our Solar System's planets and moons. We learnt of the 3 criteria for classifying planets and why Pluto is no longer considered one – you may want to ask Year 5 to explain! In addition to this, children had ample time to explore the centre's many interactive scientific exhibits across two large floors. These exhibits covered a wide range of topics, from animation featuring Aardman, creators of Wallace and Gromit, to thought-provoking questions like 'Do we have a soul?' and an exploration of the concepts of time, light and sound. This visit only scratched the surface of what 'We Are Curious' has to offer, and all (teachers included) left with our heads buzzing with new ideas and curious questions.

Salvador Dalí inspired Artwork in Year 6



Here are Year 6, enjoying creating their own pieces of oil-pastel artwork, inspired by Salvador Dalí's *The Persistence of Memory*. The children explored Dalí's distinctive surreal style, focusing on distorted forms, unusual perspectives and careful blending of colour. The finished pieces show real thought, creativity and growing confidence in using oil pastels to create atmosphere and detail.

Collective Worship this week



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Simon, from Trinity led our collective worship, focusing on the story of the Prodigal Son. The story tells of a father and his two sons, brought to life through some great acting from selected children. The younger son chose to take his inheritance early, leaving home and spending the money on fun and enjoyment. When the money ran out, his so-called friends disappeared and he was left with nothing. Desperate, he found work on a farm and became so hungry that he even considered eating the pigs' food. Eventually, he came to his senses and remembered that even the servants in his father's house were better cared for than he was. Hoping only to be accepted back as a servant, he returned home. Instead, his father ran to meet him, embraced him, and celebrated his return with a party. Simon reminded us of our value in God's sight, comparing it to a crumpled £5 note that is still worth £5. Like the father in the story, God sees us as valuable, even when we make mistakes.

Christingle '26 at Tewkesbury Abbey



January is not the traditional time for a Christingle service but last Friday, Years 3 and 5 made their way down to the Abbey for a special Christingle service in aid of the National Children's society. Hosted by Andrew Holt (a previous head at the school) and joined by Bishop Robert and members of the Children's Society, we learnt all about the meaning of Christingle as well as the important work of this charity. The service built up to the moment where all Christingles were lit, the lights were dimmed, and the Abbey was illuminated by singing and candle light.

Families and Parents partnership link

We'd also like to share a useful link to the latest **Families in Partnership** newsletter from Gloucestershire County Council, which offers support, information and updates for families, including guidance on services for children and young people with SEND. You can find the December edition here: [Families and Parents partnership link](#)

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2025/26 Calendar

Spring Term

28th January - Year 3 Music Composition Workshop
5th February - Year 2 RE trip
5th February - Cross Country (Race 4)
11th February SRE meetings for Parents - tbc
12th February - Cross Country (Race 5)
23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play
w/b 16th February - Half Term
5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)
12th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup
18th March - Year 4 In the Net (Internet safety performance)
20th March - PTFA Paint and Sip evening
25th March - English Touring Opera visit
26th March - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup
27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term
15th April - Class Photos
20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2
27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential
1st May - Inset Day
w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
w/b 25th May - Half Term
5th June - Fieldwork Friday - tbc
w/b 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition
w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
24th June - Meet your new teacher morning
24th & 25th June - Tewkesbury Academy Move up day
w/b 29th June - Arts Week
1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date
9th July - Tewkesbury School's Rounders competition
10th July - Medieval Festival
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 26th January 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon		Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Story Club 3.15 - 3.45pm Table Tennis Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Chicken Goujons & Diced Potatoes Veggie Wraps
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Netball Club 3.15 - 4.15pm First Lego League Club (Invite Only) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed	Year 3 Music Composition Workshop Funky Fingers Club 12.30 - 1.00pm Board Games Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	Dodgeball Club 3.15 - 4.00pm Tewkesbury Football Club (Girls' Football) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes
Thurs	Year 5 Swimming	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm French Club Year 3- 6 Finish at 4pm	Sausage, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding Veggie Sausage, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding
Fri			Jumbo Fishfingers & Smiley Faces Homemade Vegetable Pizza



The poster features a red background with illustrations of a slice of toast, a jar of jam, a butter knife, a stack of pancakes, a bowl of cereal, and a chocolate milk carton. The Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School logo is in the top left.

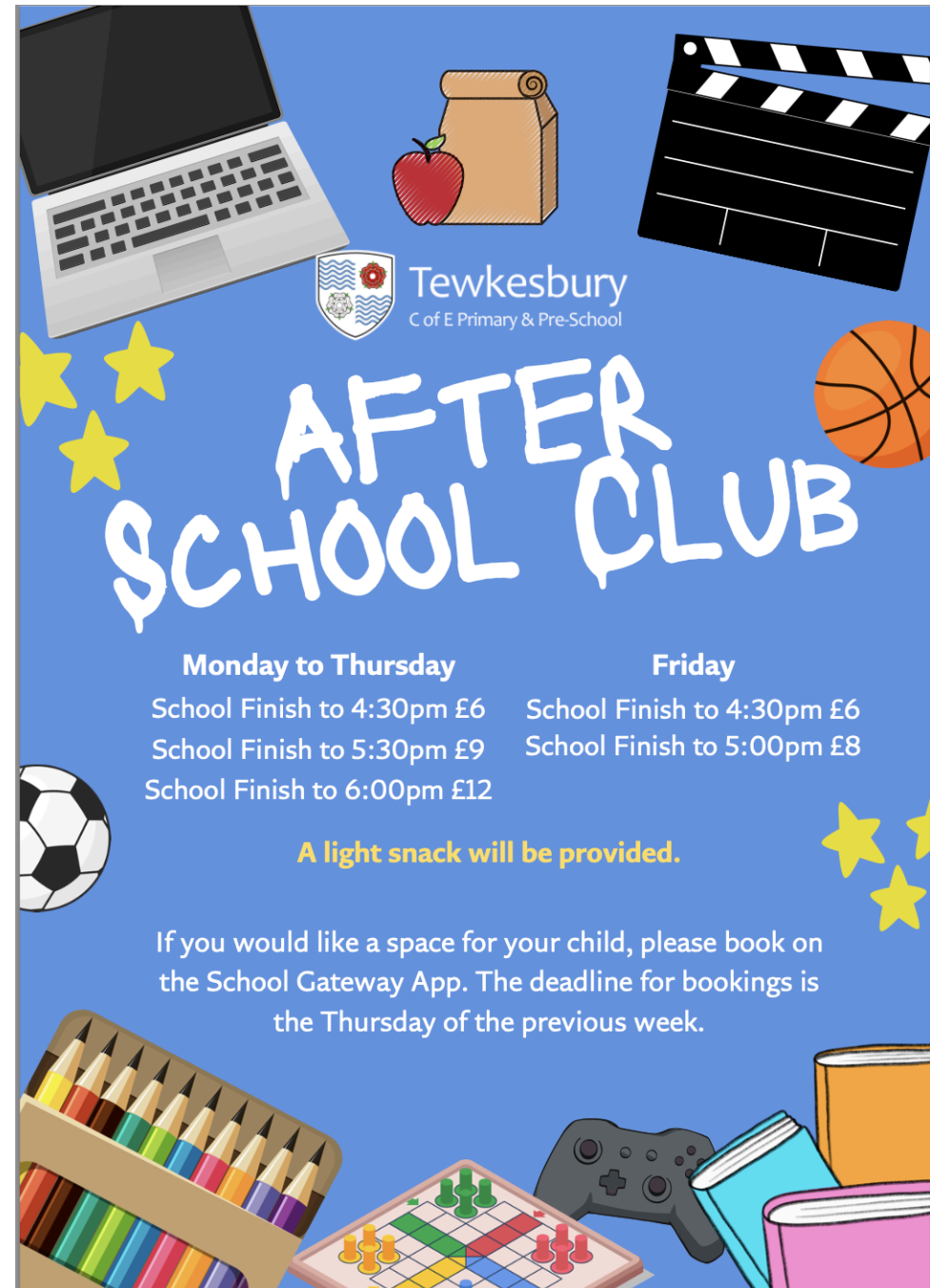
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BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
7:45am - School Start

£4.25 per child

A variety of breakfast options for your child to choose from.



The poster features a blue background with illustrations of a laptop, a bag of snacks, a clapperboard, a basketball, a soccer ball, a box of pencils, a chessboard, a game controller, and books. The Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School logo is in the top left.

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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.



Hello!

We're pleased to say that **Fun Science UK's** exciting after-school STEM sessions will return to **Tewkesbury Primary School** in February-March of 2026!

Would your child like to join us for some **MORE** exciting experiments? If so, there are just 20 places, so don't delay!

- **Eligibility:** Year 3–Year 6
- **Time:** 3.15–4.15pm, Wednesdays
- **Dates:** 25 February–25 March
- **Cost:** Just £40 for five sessions!
- **Book:** tinyurl.com/tewk26
- **Capacity:** 20 places



Fun Science Cheltenham has been hosting [five-star](#), STEM-themed holiday clubs, after-school clubs, workshops and parties in Gloucestershire since 2020. See www.fun-science.org.uk for info.

Hope your child can join us,

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 billed for.**
- T&Cs: tinyurl.com/funsciterms. Booking acknowledges reading and understanding.

Please note: If your child has **any** additional support in class, 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.

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£16
per day

FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES



Ages
5-12

**9AM
3PM**

All genders welcome
FOR ALL ABILITIES

Run by FA qualified, first aid trained and DBS enhanced checked coaches.

**GIRLS ONLY
COURSES
AVAILABLE**

Courses held at:

**BISHOPS CLEEVE FC
CLEEVE SPORTS CENTRE
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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