

Friday 8th November



Tewkesbury  
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

# Weekly Newsletter

## A message from Mr Rylatt...

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a fantastic half-term break and returned feeling refreshed. This first week back has been nothing short of spectacular! We've had a bit of everything—from Greek heroes wandering our halls to secret agents honing their spy skills, ancient adventures being uncovered and celebrations lighting up the sky for both Diwali and Bonfire Night. It's safe to say, this week's been a blast!

### Year 5 Greek Day



On Wednesday, Year 5 children came to school dressed as Ancient Greeks and took part in a day led by a theatre company. It was a fun-filled and informative day where the children learn about this culture's Gods, took part in Athenian games, learnt how to write their own Greek Myth and rounded off the day with a quiz. One of the highlights of the day was seeing the children use a range of props and humour to act out various Greek myths that they then performed to one another. The children (and adults) looked fantastic in their costumes and had learnt plenty over the course of the day.

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



## **Year 6 Crack the Code with GCHQ**



Yesterday, Year 6 welcomed Dave from GCHQ. He taught the classes about codes and ciphers and how these have been used throughout history. The children impressed us with how quickly they caught onto Caesar's ciphers and writing codes using transpositioning.

Dave also showed our pupils how codes and ciphers were created and broken during the war- you can imagine the children's surprise in learning the first programmable, electronic computer was created back then! It was an excellent morning for our pupils as you can tell from the photos!

## **Pre-School - Fireworks**



Our Pre-School celebrated fireworks this week by creating some beautiful, firework-inspired artwork!



### Year 3 - Skara Brae



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### Author Visit

We are very excited to announce that a local, bestselling children's author will be visiting our school next week! B. Ware will be hosting a whole school assembly; running workshops for our children in Years 4-6 and selling & signing her books after school.

B. Ware's debut book 'Magic Can Be Dangerous' is a funny story centred around a character named Tyler who causes mischief with his magical powers! Having read it during the half-term, I think many of our KS2 pupils will enjoy the chaos and humour that feature throughout the book.

B. Ware will be handing out free stickers and bookmarks to all pupils (no purchase necessary) after school; she will also be selling signed copies of her book. She can accept cash or card payments at her stall in the hall at the end of the school day. Books can also be purchased by bringing in cash (£8.99) on the day. However, if you are interested in purchasing beforehand, it's currently on offer at £7.85 on Amazon.

If you have any questions, please ask me on the school gates after school,

Miss Davis

A promotional poster for B. Ware's book 'Warning: Magic Can Be Dangerous!'. The poster has a dark purple background with a starry sky. At the top, it says 'CRANTHORPE MILLNER PUBLISHERS'. Below that, it says 'B. WARE - AUTHOR VISIT' and 'WARNING: MAGIC CAN BE DANGEROUS!' in large, stylized letters. In the center, there is a photo of B. Ware, a woman with long brown hair, sitting at a desk and writing in a book. To the right of the photo is a large image of the book cover, which features a yellow and black striped banner with the word 'WARNING' and the title 'MAGIC CAN BE DANGEROUS!'. At the bottom left, there is a QR code. At the bottom right, the website 'wordsofwarning.com' is listed.



### **Year 1 get a visit from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust**

This week Year 1 kick started their Science unit on Trees with a visit from Vanessa from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. We had lots of fun exploring the school grounds looking for signs of autumn.

We completed an autumnal scavenger hunt and then created our own firework display using different colours we could find with the leaves. We also learnt about the changes that happen to plants and animals during autumn and discussed hibernation.



### **Year 1 visit the library**



This week Year 1 celebrated the end of their History unit on Mary Anning by visiting Tewkesbury Library. They have been busy creating a non-fiction book all about Mary Anning as the library did not have any books on this significant individual. Rachel at the library talked to the children and explained all about fiction and non-fiction books. Year 1 decided that their book was a nonfiction book and placed in that section of the library. The book is on display for the next few weeks so please do go and check out the childrens' hard work.

### **Children in Need**

A quick reminder that the school council are running a 'spotacular' dress your teddy competition for Children in Need next week. We would like people to either design an outfit for a teddy from scrap or draw/paint a portrait of a favourite teddy.

Please make sure all entries are labelled with the child's name and year group. They should be brought in on Wednesday and Thursday next week and placed on the benches in the hall. A small donation for children in need would be much appreciated with each entry. **Friday will also be a non-uniform day to support 'Children in need'.**

### **OPAL - Power of Play Webinar - Wednesday 13th November**

If any of our parents are interested in learning more about the power of play and want to get top tips for play at home, Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) CIC is running a short webinar next week that you might be interested in. OPAL Director Michael Follett will be exploring some of the key benefits of play and sharing his top tips for play at home.

Find out more and book your free place here: <https://bit.ly/4fgpQKK>



## School diary week beginning 11th November 2024

| Day  | The School Day                                                                                                   | After school                                         |                                                         | Autumn Lunch Menu<br>Week 1                                                    |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon  | Remembrance Assembly                                                                                             | <b>Choir</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:15pm          | <b>Art Club</b><br>Year 4 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:00pm          | Cheesy Pasta                                                                   |
|      |                                                                                                                  | <b>Football Club</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:15 pm |                                                         | Jacket Potato with a<br>choice of fillings                                     |
| Tues |                                                                                                                  | <b>Netball Club</b><br>Year 5 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:15pm   |                                                         | BBQ Chicken & Rice                                                             |
|      |                                                                                                                  | <b>Drawing Club</b><br>Year 1 - 3<br>3:10 - 4pm      | <b>ESFA Football Cup</b><br>Year 5 - 6<br>3:45 - 5:30pm | Homemade Vegetable<br>Fajitas & Rice                                           |
| Wed  | <b>Individual School Photos</b><br><br><b>Chill Out Zone</b><br>Year 1 - 2<br>12:45 - 1:15pm                     | <b>Tag Rugby</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:15pm      |                                                         | Pork Meatballs with<br>Mash & Gravy<br><br>Quorn Sausages with<br>Mash & Gravy |
| Thur |                                                                                                                  | <b>Table Tennis</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:15pm   |                                                         | Popcorn Chicken & Rice                                                         |
|      |                                                                                                                  | <b>French Club</b><br>Year 1 - 6<br>3:10 - 4pm       |                                                         | Jacket Potato with a<br>choice of fillings                                     |
| Fri  | <b>Children in Need</b><br><b>Non-school uniform day</b><br><br><b>Lego Club</b><br>Year 1 - 3<br>12:45 - 1:15pm | <b>Cricket Club</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:15pm   |                                                         | Star Fish with Chips                                                           |
|      |                                                                                                                  | <b>Archery</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>3:10 - 4:15pm        |                                                         | Homemade Vegetable<br>Pizza                                                    |





# 2024/25 Calendar

## Autumn Term

**11th November - Remembrance Day assembly (for children only)**  
 13<sup>th</sup> November - Individual and sibling photos  
**15th November - Children in Need (non school uniform day)**  
 20th November - Victorian Day (Year 2)  
 21st November - Open Morning - New Reception (2025/26) - 10am  
 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  
 13th December - Reception Nativity and Stay and Play - 9:30am  
 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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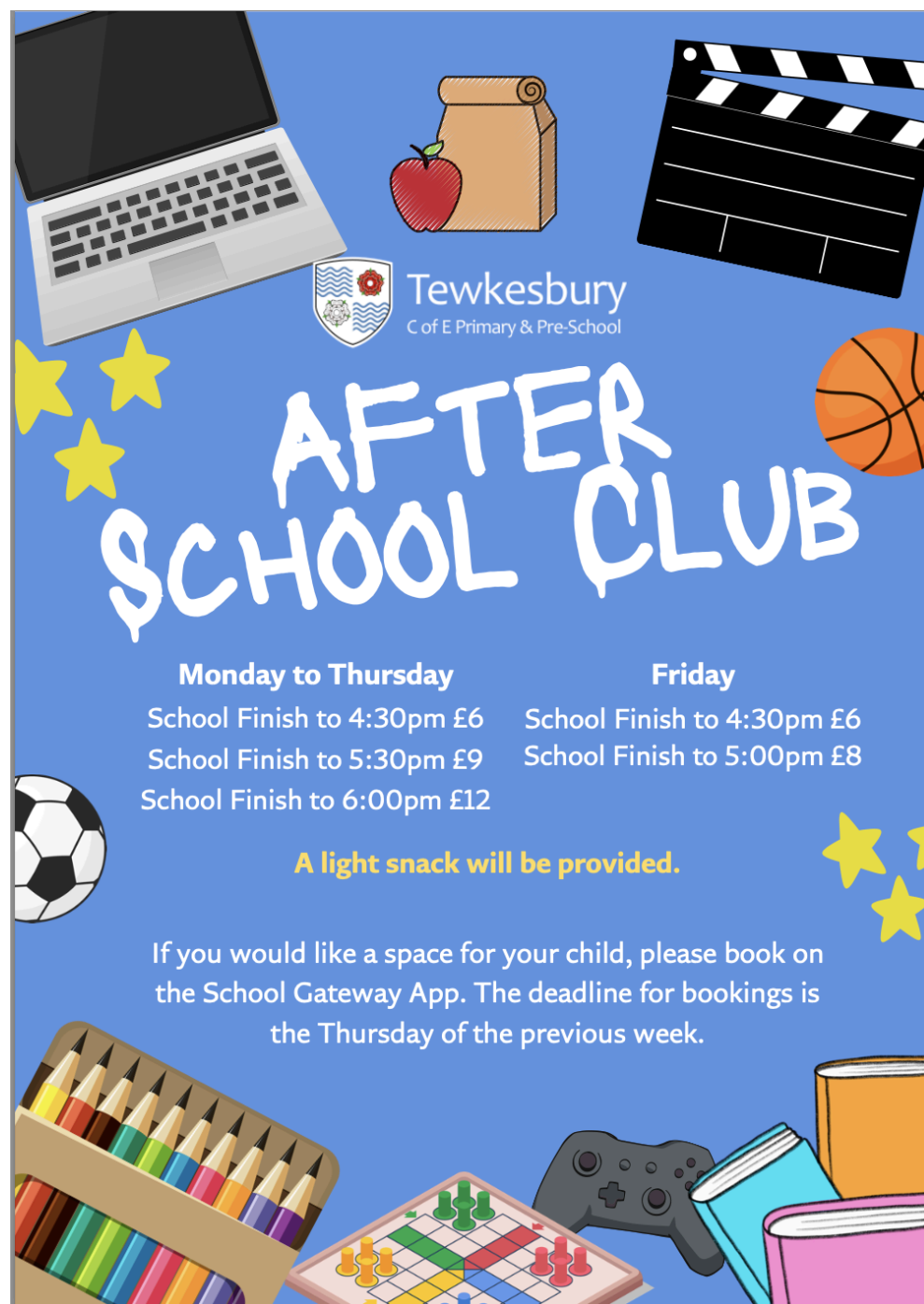
# BREAKFAST CLUB

**Monday to Friday**  
8:00am - School Start

**£4.25 per child**

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

*Learn together, shine forever*



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# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

| <b>Monday to Thursday</b>   | <b>Friday</b>              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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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**BACK BY  
POPULAR DEMAND!**



# **SCHOOL COUNCIL COMPETITION**

**CAN YOU MAKE A SPOTACULAR  
OUTFIT FOR YOUR TEDDY BEAR OR DRAW A  
PORTRAIT OF YOUR BEAR?**

**YOUR BEAR'S OUTFIT CAN BE MADE OUT OF ANY TYPE OF PAPER OR CARD.**

BRING YOUR ENTRY (PLUS DONATION) TO BE  
JUDGED BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ON  
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER TO BE JUDGED  
BY SCHOOL COUNCIL ON FRIDAY 14TH  
NOVEMBER.

WINNERS AND PRIZES WILL BE REVEALED  
ON CHILDREN IN NEED (17TH NOVEMBER)

**PLEASE MAKE  
A DONATION  
TO ENTER!**

# TADS Community Classrooms

Bringing arts and culture  
to our community

**Tewkesbury  
Arts &  
Drama  
Society**  
[www.tads.org.uk](http://www.tads.org.uk)

**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

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

To obtain a FREE bespoke session for your school; please quote:  
**SSTARS24.**



- Imaginative thinking/play Acting out Stories /dress up
  - Drama Games/Show and Tell
  - Exciting, themed sessions
  - Performance Opportunities
- Communication, social & literacy skills



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[www.musicguru.me](http://www.musicguru.me)

## **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.

For fun, inspiring lessons, please email [Pete@musicguru.me](mailto:Pete@musicguru.me) to get your lessons sorted for September and we'll see you there!

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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  
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