

Friday 27th February 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

We've been lucky to begin the new term with a hint of sunshine and it's certainly matched the mood in school. The children have come back full of smiles and enthusiasm, and it's been a real joy to see classrooms buzzing with learning once again.

We do hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break. With brighter mornings and plenty ahead in the diary, there's a real sense of excitement about the weeks to come. It's shaping up to be another busy and happy term for our whole school community.

World Book Day – Snuggle Up With a Good Book!



We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. This year's theme is "Snuggle up with a good book!" and we're inviting children to come to school wearing their favourite pyjamas or snuggly clothes.

Children are very welcome to bring along a favourite book from home so we can spend time sharing and enjoying stories together. As always, the day is all about celebrating reading in all its forms, from picture books and comics to novels and everything in between.

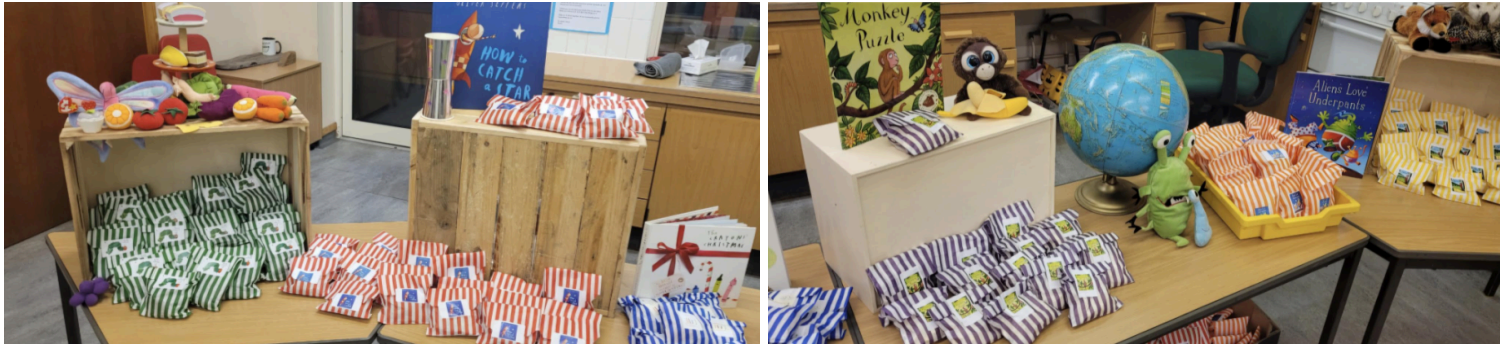
Author Emma Swan to visit Tewkesbury C of E

We are super excited to announce that the award-winning author Emma Swan will be visiting our school on Thursday in partnership with Books for Bugs. This event also perfectly launches our World Book Day in school on Friday 6th March and is sure to engage our Year 2 - Year 6 children! If you would like to purchase a book (which will be signed on the day) for £5, please send in the money in a named envelope by Monday.

Emma will also be officially opening our outdoor library at the end of the day so please head round to the KS1 playground to see the grand unveil!

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

The World Book Day sweet shops is open for business



As part of our World Book Day celebrations next Friday, the PTFA will be running a book-inspired sweet shop. We will have a range of sweets that cater to all dietary requirements (dairy-free, vegan/vegetarian etc). Each bag of sweets will cost £1 and children are invited to purchase a bag throughout the day. We ask that the children bring their money into school and keep it safely in their bags until it is time for their class to go to the sweet shop. Please see pictures below for previous years' sweet sale (please note: the books/sweets may not be the same this year)

We're Going on a Bear Hunt



Acorns have launched their new story, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, and have truly brought it to life in the garden. The children have created obstacle courses, retold the story using 'mini me' photos of themselves in small world play (complete with mud, water and even frozen 'snow') and were very excited to discover paw prints leading to bears having a tea party in the cave den, using our milk and fruit!

There has been lots of rich learning along the way, from exploring how to clean muddy footprints to developing positional language, talking about feelings, mark making and strengthening both gross and fine motor skills. Best of all, the children have been so engaged they've asked to act it out again and again outdoors.

Celebrating Chinese New Year at Pre-school



Our Pre-School children have loved celebrating Chinese New Year this week! They've been busy trying noodles with chopsticks (with varying degrees of success!), practising their Chinese writing and even dressing up as a magnificent dragon. Lots of fun, plenty of smiles and some brilliant learning along the way.

Collective Worship this week



Learn together, shine forever

This week your focus is:

- Pause before you react
- Taking a breath
- Staying Calm or asking for help calmly
- Using calm words instead of angry words
- Choosing not to make an issue even bigger
- Knowing how we react to a situation, changes the situation

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We began on Monday with Miss Bussey, who led worship and introduced our weekly focus, encouraging pupils to reflect on how forgiveness can shape our relationships and responses. On Tuesday, we were pleased to welcome Simon from Holy Trinity, who shared a powerful and memorable message. He explained how arguments between friends can create barriers between us, symbolised by a towel in his demonstration and how holding on to a lack of forgiveness can feel like carrying a heavy bag around with us each day.

Simon reminded us that forgiveness has the power to remove these barriers and lighten our emotional load, helping friendships to heal and grow. He linked this to how Jesus forgives us and removes our sin, sharing the Bible verse Psalm 103:12: "He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west."

Throughout the week, our focus has also been on 'pausing before we react'. Taking a deep breath and using calm, thoughtful words is advice we can all benefit from, please see the slide for more helpful hints and tips to support this at home and in school.

PTFA Updates - Paint and Sip Evening (Adult event) Friday 20th March



After the success of our Paint & Sip Night in the autumn term, we are so excited to announce Paint Pot Parties' return on Friday 20th March!

We will be joined by the brilliant Brydie who will guide us step-by-step through creating our own masterpiece (see image below). Everyone ends up creating a wonderful piece regardless of whether they have experience or not so please do not worry about having any skills!

Tickets cost £21 per person (including the booking fee) and can be purchased through the School Gateway App. The cost also includes a delicious sweet treat from our wonderful parents who own Tewkesbury Treats! Tickets are sure to sell out like last time so be quick if you want to join us for a night of fun! Doors will open at 6.45 ready for the event to begin at 7pm.

So just grab some family or friends (they do not need to attend the school), some drinks (these can be alcoholic), relax and enjoy the evening!

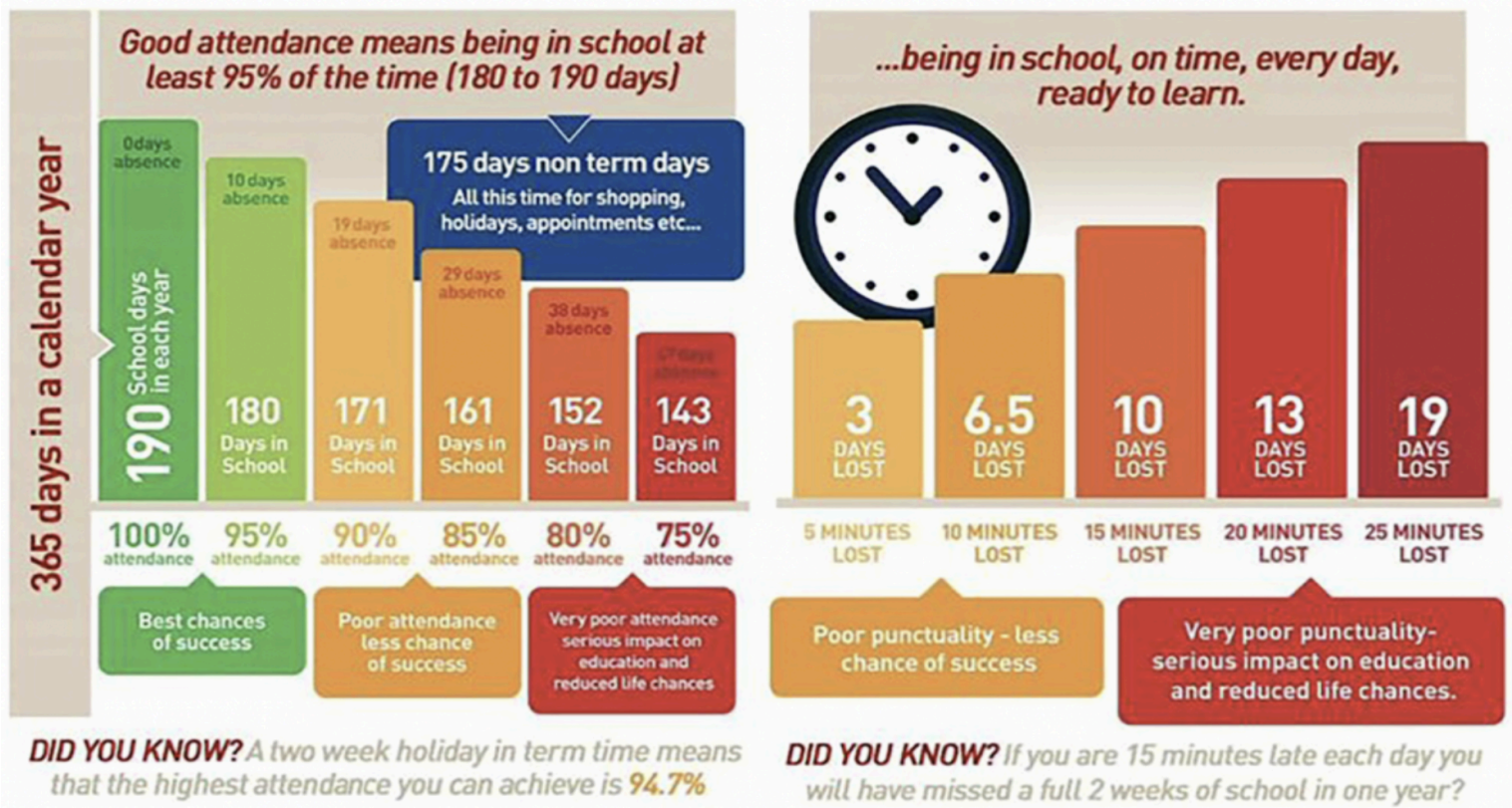
Cheltenham Town Women FC – March Fixtures & Half-Price Family Tickets



Cheltenham Town Women FC have shared details of their March home fixtures at Kayte Lane Stadium (GL52 3PD), including a **special half-price ticket offer** for our school community for the match on Sunday 15 March, when they take on Bristol City Women Academy (2:00 pm kick-off, gates open 12:30 pm).

Families can access the discount automatically via the dedicated booking link [HERE](#). Other home fixtures this month include AFC Bournemouth Women on Sunday 8 March and AFC Wimbledon Women on Sunday 22 March, both also kicking off at 2:00 pm. The club looks forward to welcoming Tewkesbury families to support women's football locally.

Importance of school attendance





2025/26 Calendar

Spring Term

w/b 16th February - Half Term

5th March - Author visiting Y2 - Y6 - Emma Swan
5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)
6th March - World Book Day - more info to be shared soon
6th March - PTFA event - World book day sweet shop
12 March - Music performances from Tewkesbury Academy
12th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup
18th March - Year 4 In the Net (Internet safety performance)
20th March - Year 5 concert at Tewkesbury Abbey - more info to follow
20th March - PTFA Paint and Sip evening
25th March - English Touring Opera visit
26th March - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup (Postponed due to an event at Tewkesbury Academy). A new date to be arranged asap

27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term

15th April - Class Photos
16th April - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup (new date)
20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2
24th April - EYFS Spring Stay & Play (change of date)
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 2nd March 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Spring Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon		Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Story Club 3.15 - 3.45pm Table Tennis Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Smoked Bacon Mac Cheese Veggie Mac Cheese
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Netball Club 3.15 - 4.15pm First Lego League Club (Invite Only) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken Korma, Rice & Naan Bread Veggie Korma, Rice & Naan
Wed	Morning Run Club 8.00am Funky Fingers Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	Fun Science Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Dodgeball Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Roast Pork, Mash Potato & Gravy Roasted Quorn Fillet, Mash Potato & Gravy
Thurs	Author Visit Y2 - Y6 Year 5 Swimming	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm French Club Year 3- 6 3.10 - 4pm Cross Country Fun Run 3:10 - 4:30pm	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Homemade Vegetable Spaghetti Bolognese
Fri	World Book Day (Come to school wearing your favourite pyjamas or snuggly clothes)		Cod & Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



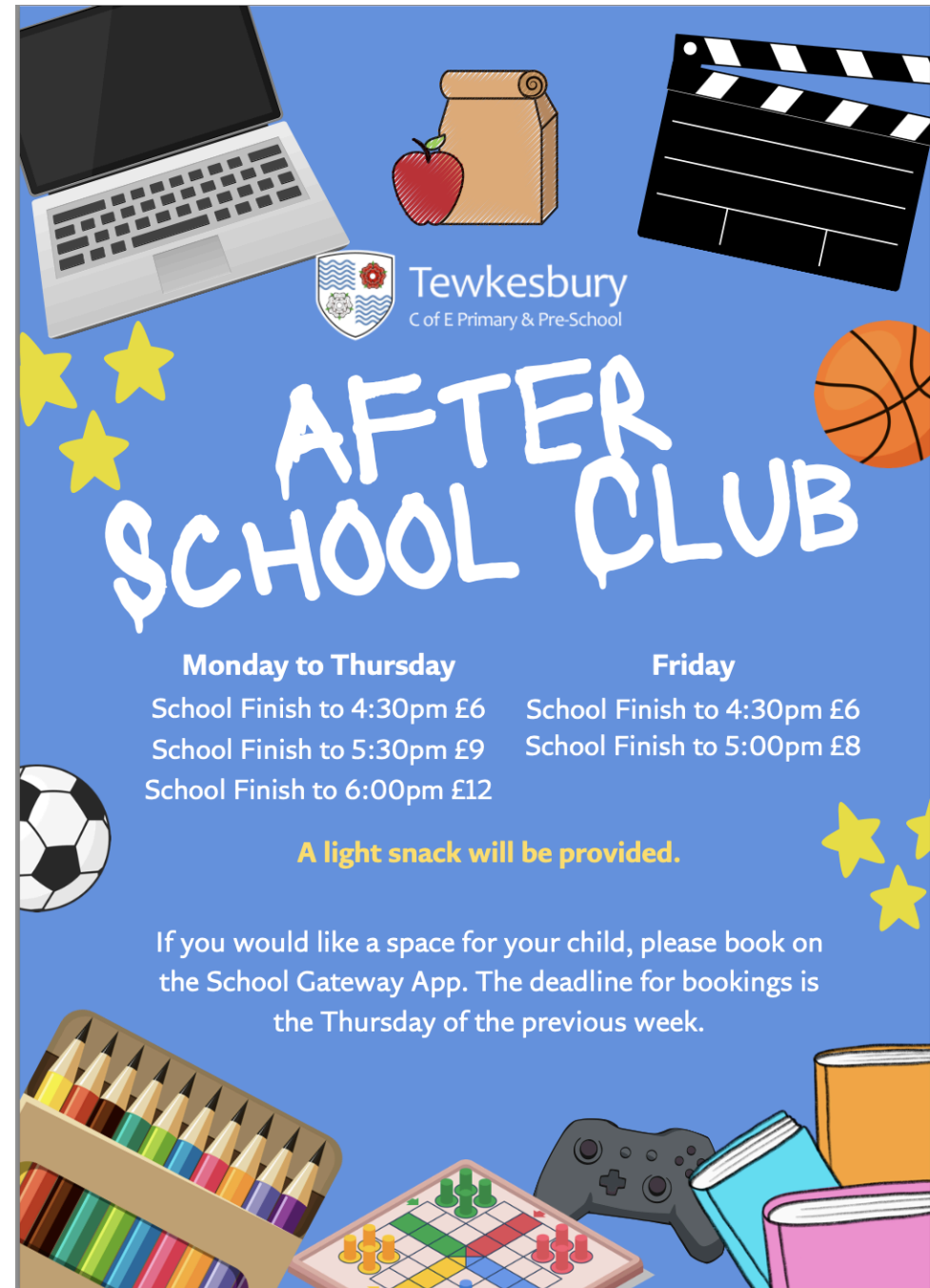
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

MISS BUSSEY'S Busy Bees

THE HOLIDAY CLUB WITH
NATURE AT ITS HEART
FOR AGES 5 - 12

HOLIDAY CLUB AGES 5 - 12

8:15AM- 3:30PM

£45 PER DAY, PER CHILD

8:15AM- 5:30PM

£55 PER DAY, PER CHILD

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OF APRIL

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OF APRIL

AT NORTON VILLAGE HALL

OLD TEWKESBURY ROAD, NORTON, GL2 9LJ

PLEASE NOTE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP OF YOUR CHILD ANYTIME FROM 8:15 UNTIL 9:15AM



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**Wild Worship on
St David's Day
'Do the little things'**

**3-4pm
Sunday 1st March in the
Abbey grounds**

We'll think about the little actions that make a big difference. We'll be planting seeds, decorating pots, and eating warm Welsh cakes by the campfire.

This is a short, relaxed service outside the Abbey.
All are welcome!

**Free and suitable
for all ages.**

