

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1st March 2024

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

From sporting triumphs to mesmerising performances that raised the roof, this week has been an absolute whirlwind of excitement! We've been utterly blown away by the remarkable representation of our children from C of E – they've truly made us burst with pride.

Not only have they showcased their talents on the field and stage, but they've also embodied our school motto, 'learn together, shine forever,' in every endeavour. The enthusiasm and dedication they have displayed in the classroom has been wonderful. It's weeks like these that remind us why we're so passionate about education and fostering a supportive learning environment for all of our children.

Young voices



Last Friday, our school Choir had an exciting outing to Birmingham Arena for the Young Voices event, joining Primary schools from across the country. The day started with a rehearsal in the afternoon, where the kids sang with MC Grammar, Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell. They also learned dance moves from Urban Strides and were inspired by our Lead Conductor.

In the evening, the children and artists performed for a huge audience of friends and family. It was a long day, especially for the younger ones, but it was an amazing experience for everyone. Our staff felt incredibly proud of how well the children represented our school and the feedback from the children is that they absolutely loved it!

Year 6's Football Cup Competition

In an exciting display of teamwork and determination, C of E's Year 6 football team shone during the recent Tewkesbury Cup Competition. Dominating the group stage, they advanced to the semi-finals with confidence. The next match was a nail-biting affair, but they emerged victorious on penalties, after scoring some crackers and making some great saves too. This secured their spot in the final.

Despite a valiant effort, they narrowly missed out on the title, falling 1-0 to a rather spectacular solo goal. Nevertheless, they were well deserved runners-up and received their silver medals with pride.



County Cross-Country



A huge congratulation goes to Michalina for representing Tewkesbury at last weekend's County Cross Country Finals in Newent. Michalina was one of a handful of Year 4s across the county to run alongside her Year 5 counterparts. It was a brisk morning with good weather, though slippery underfoot due to the recent rainfall. Nonetheless, Michalina persevered and demonstrated resilience and determination throughout her run.

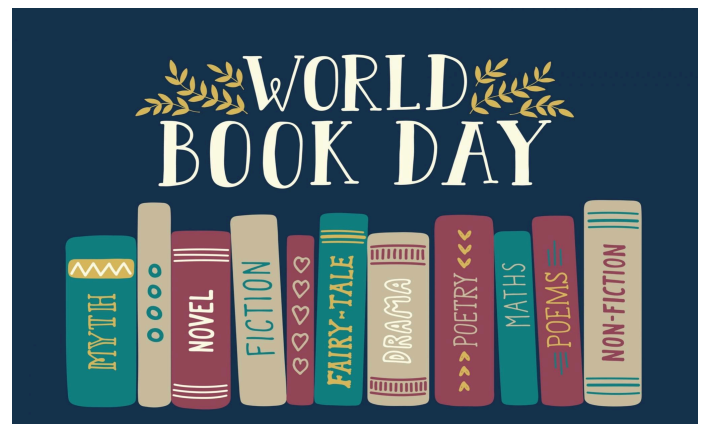
She began at the back of the pack of 60+ girls and weaved her way through the crowd of runners, finishing in 19th place! This is a tremendous accomplishment for anyone but to achieve this against older and more experienced runners is truly impressive!

Well done Michalina, you've made C of E proud!

World Book Day Reminder - Thursday 7th March

We hope that you're all getting ready to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, March 7th! Remember, this year's theme is "When Fiction Meets Non-Fiction," featuring the whimsical tale "You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus."

Join us by dressing up as your favourite animal and bringing the story to life! From roaring lions to fluttering butterflies, we're hoping our school will be transformed into a colourful jungle of literary creatures, sparking creativity and curiosity in our children. So, dust off your animal costumes, grab your favourite book, and let's embark on an unforgettable adventure where fiction and reality intertwine!



Exciting news to share from Mrs Lamendola

We are thrilled to share with you the news that Mrs Lamendola welcomed her first child into the world last weekend. Ezra was born on Saturday, weighing 6lb 4oz. Mrs Lamendola is doing very well and is no doubt enjoying some lovely cuddles.

With this news, we're really pleased to share that Miss Walters has now joined the school and is teaching Emerald class. I know you will all join me in welcoming her to our wonderful school and community. She has already fitted in really well and is really enjoying getting to know all of the children.

The Young Artists' Summer Show competition

Here, at C of E, we know how creative and artistic our pupils are. So we have signed up to the Young Artists' Summer Show competition which is run by the Royal Academy of Arts.

Key information:

- The competition is for students aged 4-19.
- Submitting artwork is free and done online by Miss Davis.
- There is no 'theme' for the competition - this will allow your child to be truly creative!
- Pupils can use any media when creating their art (sculpting materials, paint, photography, textiles... the list goes on!)
- Pupils can submit individual artwork or work collaboratively. Each student can submit one piece of artwork.
- Artwork must be brought into Miss Davis before the end of the term (22nd March). You will need to give it a title and provide a little information about it (why the artwork was created and what it means to them).
- The art will then be judged by a panel. Selected pieces will be shown in an online exhibition that you can view. Some artwork will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts in London where you could go and visit your work in an actual art gallery!

Here are some examples of artwork exhibited in last year's competition:



Sunny Day in the Savanna
Ted, Age 6



1 Dalmatian
Flora, Age 7



Sri Lankan Festival Parade
Danuj, Age 8



You Either Like It Or You Don't
Joseph, Age 11

Further information or speak to Miss Davis.

Further past exhibition work can also be found online at: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk>

Parents evening - Week beginning 11th March

The week beginning Monday 11th March, will be our parents evening for most of our classes. However, parents' evenings for children in Emerald Class (Reception) and Sapphire Class (Year 4) will be at a later date, due to Miss Lamendola going off on maternity (Emerald class) and Mrs Kucharski only just returning (Sapphire class). Please follow the link, to sign up for your child's parents evening. This will go live from 6pm tonight.

<https://tewkesburyprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Parents evening for children in Sapphire class will be the week beginning 8th April (first week back after half term). You can still sign up for this now, by following the link above, but please double check the date you have booked.

School diary week beginning 4th March 2024

Day	The School Day		After school		Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Inset Day				
Tues	Year 3+4 Football Cup Y6 3:45 - 5:30 pm @ Tewks Academy		Parents evening (Amethyst class only)	Art club Rec, Y1, Y2 3:15 - 4 pm	New York Chicken with rice New York Quorn pieces with rice
Wed			Parents evening (Amethyst class only) Fencing Rec - Y6 3:15 - 4:10 pm	Tag Rugby Y5 - Y6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Toad in the hole with mash potato Quorn sausages with mash potato
Thur	Clarinet recital Year 4 parents only 2:30pm in the school hall		Drama Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4.15 pm	Cross country Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 5 pm	Tomato and cheese pasta bake
French club Year 1 - 2 3:15 - 4 pm			Vegetable fajitas		
Fri	Lego club Y1 - Y2 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chess club Y1 - Y2 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Archery Y5 - Y6 (invite only) 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Football club Y5 - Y6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Cod and chips Vegetable pizza

Important Dates

w/b 11th March - Parents' Evening Year 1 - 6 (please click link in newsletter to shine up)

Tuesday 12th March -Year 5 + 6 Netball cup

Thursday 14th March - Shrek the Musical (for selected children)

Monday 18th March - Y3 Easter Experience at Holy Trinity

Thursday 21st March - Year 6 theatre trip (The boy at the back of the class)

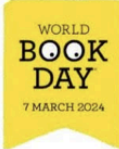
Wednesday 20th March - Easter Celebration at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm start (Parents and friends welcome)

Friday 22nd March - Last day of Spring term**Monday 8th April - First day of Summer term**

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- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap