

Friday 6th September



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

Welcome back, everyone. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and a well-deserved break! It's been such a joy to see the school buzzing with excitement once again, and we've been thrilled to welcome the children back. They've been absolutely amazing over the past few days - full of energy, enthusiasm, and a readiness to learn!



A huge shout-out must go to our incredible staff who have worked so hard to make the school, classrooms and grounds so warm and inviting. Everything looks fantastic, and it's clear the children feel right at home already. Their dedication has set the stage for what promises to be a fantastic year ahead.

We're all looking forward to the wonderful learning experiences and adventures in store. There's no doubt—this year is going to be “one for the books!”

Let's make it a great year together!

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

Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity



Each year, we have decided to select a charity to raise money for. This year, we have chosen the Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity. Raising money for much-needed equipment, facilities and research, they support patients who are receiving cancer treatment.

We know how much cancer can affect families and we want to do our part in supporting those in our local community. Therefore, throughout the year we will be holding various fundraising events.

As part of our collaboration with this wonderful charity, we will also be taking part in a VERY exciting project...

Tewkesbury C of E has joined the pride!

Lions at Large, Gloucestershire's first ever Wild in Art sculpture trail, will be 'roaring' onto the streets of Cheltenham and Gloucester next Summer. With over 30 lions to spot, this free trail will keep the children entertained for hours! And the best part? Tewkesbury C of E has signed up to decorate one of the 'little lions' (see above picture). All children will have the opportunity to help design and decorate our little cub!

You can find out more about The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail at lionsatlarge.co.uk.

C of E gets its own art studio



We're thrilled to announce that Tewkesbury C of E is debuting its very own art studio this year! The new space is truly amazing, offering our children a dedicated area to unleash their creativity and explore their artistic talents.



A huge thank you goes to Miss Davis for her incredible effort and dedication in bringing this project to life. Her hard work has transformed her vision into a vibrant, inspiring environment where our children can truly shine.

Roald Dahl Story Day

Here at Tewkesbury C of E we love celebrating special events and days. Next Friday (13th September) is Roald Dahl Story Day. It is an annual celebration of Dahl's marvellous stories and the characters he created. We will be celebrating this in 2 different ways:

1) Books for Bugs Book Fair

Our wonderful friends at Books for Bugs will be running a book fair at our school next Friday where your child can purchase a brand-new book for £3! Books for Bugs is a local children's book company that offers amazing, high-quality, brand-new books for very low prices! You can visit their website to see what they have to offer: www.booksforbugs.co.uk

The Book Fair will open from 10am on Friday for children to visit with their classes (this also includes our pre-school children). They will have the opportunity to browse through the books and if they wish, to purchase. All books will be priced at £3 each and are available to take away on the day. Parents and carers are also invited to visit the fair after school (this will be held in our school hall).

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase a book during the afternoon, please send in £3 on the day in a named, sealed envelope.

2) Golden Ticket Hunt

Some of the characters from Dahl's stories have come to life and hidden 5 Golden Tickets around our school! Any child who locates a Golden Ticket will be given a Roald Dahl book free of charge!

Year 6 become historians



This week, Year 6 started learning about their new topic, World War II. To launch their learning, the children were presented with a wartime breakfast table; they were tasked with working out who was at the table, their ages and their genders.

On Thursday, the children explored an assortment of 1930s and 1940s household objects and had to tell Mr Gunter what they thought each one was; we had some great (and humorous!) guesses. The children also enjoyed trying on clothing from this period of time. I think you can agree they look like they had a great deal of fun!

OPAL Play

It looks like summer is well and truly behind us, with the change in the weather. Please can the children make sure they have a coat and wellies (all named please) for our OPAL play, as they'll be out come rain or shine.

School diary week beginning 9th September 2024

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon			Sausage & Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues			Chicken & Bacon Pasta in a cheese sauce Quorn Cheesy Pasta
Wed			Homemade Cottage Pie Homemade Quorn Cottage Pie
Thur		Pioneer Parent meeting Year 4 3:15 - 3:45 pm	Homemade Margherita Pizza Homemade Margherita Pizza
Fri	PTFA Books for Bugs visit	PTFA Books for Bugs visit School Hall Club list sign up open	Fish Fingers with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



2024/25 Calendar

Autumn Term

16th September – **Year 6** Meet the teacher - 3:30pm
 16th September **EYFS** Phonics workshop - 3:30pm
 17th September – **Year 5** Meet the teacher at 3:30pm
 17th September – **Year 3** Meet the teacher at 4pm
 18th September – **Year 1** Meet the teacher at 3:30pm
 18th September - **Year 2** Meet the teacher at 4pm
 18th September - **Year 3** Meet the teacher at 4:30pm
 18th September - Flu Nasal Immunisation
 26th September - African Drumming Workshop
 3rd October - Year 6 trip to Winchcombe Steam
 14th October - Music Share Concert (Year 3)
 16th October - Harvest festival at Holy Trinity (Year 1 - 6) - 2pm
 23rd October - Year 2 trip to Black Country Living Museum
w/b 28th October - Half term
 6th November - Open Morning - New Reception (2025/26) - 10am
 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
 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