

Friday 24th April 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

There's been a really lovely feel around school this week, helped along by the beautiful sunshine that has finally decided to stay with us. The warm weather made the perfect backdrop for our EYFS stay-and-play session, and it was wonderful to see parents and children enjoying time together outdoors, lots of smiles, lots of chatter and a really positive atmosphere.

The sunshine has also transformed OPAL this week. The field has been full of cartwheels, football, imaginative games and plenty of sand-pit creations; it's had a real holiday feel to it, and the children have absolutely thrived being outside for so much of the day. Meanwhile, our Year 4 children are busy getting themselves ready for their residential to Pioneer next week. Spirits are high, bags are being mentally packed, and judging by the forecast, we couldn't have chosen a better week for their adventure.

Year 2 had a visit from Young Minds Matter



On Tuesday the children in Year 2 had a visit from Louise at Young Minds Matter. Louise talked to us all about feelings and emotions and how we can recognise these in ourselves and others. We came up with a list of emotions and played a game called 'Guess the Emotion' where we used actions and facial expressions to act out an emotion, whilst our partner guessed how we were feeling.

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We then watched a short clip from the film 'Inside Out' and completed some partner activities linked to the feeling of 'joy'.

Extra-curricular club sign up

Sign-ups for extra-curricular clubs will open today, please see the list of available clubs below. Please also check the start date of the clubs, as some will begin after half term. Parents can sign up for clubs through the school gateway app. **Sign ups will go live at 6pm tonight.**

Member(s) of staff	Activity	Year group	Day/ Time	Location	Max Number	Start dates
Mr Shaw	Table Tennis	3 - 6	Monday 3:10 - 4:15pm	Hall	16	w/b 11/05/2026
Mr Stanton	Basketball	4 - 6	Monday 3.10 - 4.15pm	Playground	15	w/b 27/04/2026
Mr Williams, Mrs Ainsworth & Mr Rylatt	Athletics	3 - 6	Monday 3:10 - 4:15pm	Field	No Max	w/b 11/05/2026
Miss Walters & Miss Mills	Trinkets & Treasures	2 - 6	Tuesday 3:10 - 4:15pm	Art studio	12	w/b 27/04/2026
Mr Gunter & Mr Rylatt	Cricket club	3 - 6	Tuesday 3.10 - 4.15pm	Field	20	w/b 01/06/2026
Mrs Ainsworth	Morning run club	R - 6	Wednesday 8 - 8.30am	Field / back playground	No Max	w/b 27/04/2026
Mr Williams	Rounders	4 - 6	Wednesday 3:10 - 4:15pm	Field	25	w/b 01/06/2026
Mrs Yeomans & Mrs Brown	Reading & Ready Club	2 - 6	Thursday 12:30 - 1:00pm	Library	20	w/b 27/04/2026
Mrs Tonkin	Bead Craft Club	3 - 6	Thursday 12.45 - 1.15pm	Art Studio	10	w/b 27/04/2026
Mrs Sweeting & Miss Cheal	Drama Club	4 - 6	Thursday 3:10 - 4:15pm	Hall	No new sign ups	

Bikeability Holiday Course – May Half Term



We're pleased to share details of the upcoming Bikeability Holiday Course taking place during the May half term. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to take part and develop an important life skill. Learning to ride confidently and safely helps children build independence, stay active, and develop essential road-sense.

The course supports pupils in understanding how to navigate the road environment, make safer choices, and enjoy cycling as part of a healthy lifestyle. Families can find full information and booking details here: <https://www.thinktravel.info/upcoming-events/bikeability-holiday-courses>

There will also be two further holiday courses running during the summer holidays and October half term, offering even more chances for pupils to get involved later in the year.

Pre School



This week, pre-school were so excited to welcome Puddle the duck and Chloe from gloucestershire@puddleducks.com. They learnt all about staying safe around water, the children answered all of the questions politely, some children even knew the meaning of the flags. I am sure the children told you all about our special visitor at home and the importance of staying safe around water.

Design Sir David Attenborough a Birthday Card!

We are celebrating the incredible life of Sir David Attenborough, and we need your creativity! Your challenge is to design a birthday card to be sent to him. It can be themed around nature, planet earth, wildlife or David Attenborough himself. It is up to you! Your design must be on A4 paper and handed into Miss Cheal by Thursday 31st May. Happy 100th Birthday, David!

Free Parent Webinar: Sensory Needs & Behaviours

Monday 6th May 2024
1:00pm – 2:00pm
Online



Move More are offering a free webinar for parents and carers on understanding children's sensory needs and how these can influence behaviour, emotions and learning.

The session will cover:

- What sensory needs are and how they affect children
- Signs of sensory overload
- Practical strategies families can use at home straight away

How to join

To register, please use the link below:

<https://www.move-more.org/events/parent-webinar-sensory-needs-and-behaviours/>

Once registered, you will receive the access details directly from Move More. This session is suitable for all families and may be especially helpful if your child sometimes struggles with busy environments, changes, or certain sensory experiences.

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2025/26 Calendar

Summer Term 1

27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential
30th April - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby competition
29th April - Year 5 Road to RIAT - Meet the superstars
1st May - Inset Day
4th May - Bank Holiday
8th May - David Attenborough's 100th birthday celebration - more to follow
w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
22nd May - EYFS Hat Party
w/b 25th May - Half Term

Summer Term 2

1st June - Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World
5th June - Fieldwork Friday - tbc
w/b 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
10th June - Year 2 trip to Nature in Art
12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition
w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
17th June - Year 1 trip to Weston Supermare
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 27th April 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Summer Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Y4 Pioneer Trip		Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake
Tues	Y4 Pioneer Trip Outdoor learning session For selected children	Trinkets & Treasures Club 3.10-4.15pm	Sweet & Sour Pork with Rice Quorn Sweet & Sour with Rice
Wed	Y4 Pioneer Trip Morning Run Club 8.00-8.30am		Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Roasted Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	Bead Craft Club 12.45-1.15pm Reading & Ready Club 12.30-1.00pm	Drama Club 3.10-4.15pm French Club 3.10-4.15pm	BBQ Chicken Baguette BBQ Quorn Baguette
Fri	Inset Day		



The poster for Breakfast Club features a red background with illustrations of a slice of toast, a butter knife with jam, a jar of strawberry jam, 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.

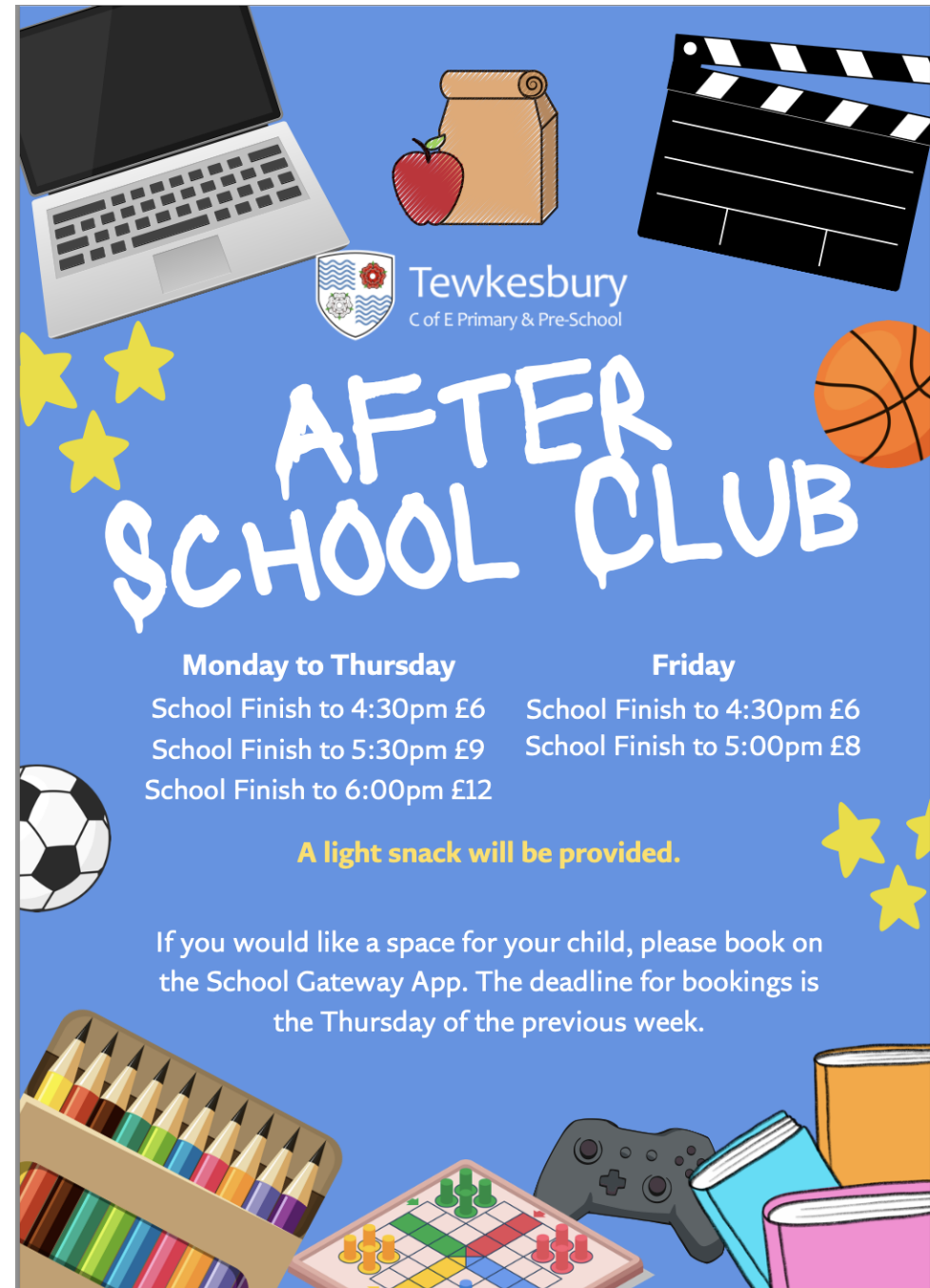
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BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
7:45am - School Start

£4.25 per child

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



The poster for After School Club features a blue background with illustrations of a laptop, a bag of snacks, a clapperboard, a basketball, a soccer ball, a box of colored 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.

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YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION 2026

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DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME

RRA Architects and Fresh: Art Fair are inviting entries to the second edition of the Fresh: Young Artist Competition.

If you're 16 and under, you can enter, simply create your design on A4 paper. It can be a drawing, painting, collage or any paper-based medium. Then drop it into the RRA stand in the foyer at Fresh: Art Fair, Cheltenham Racecourse between 24th and 26th April.

Age Categories: under 8; 9 –12; 13-16
Prizes for first, second and third place in each category.
Winners announced after the fair

Please ensure all entries are labelled on the reverse with entrants name and age as well as contact email & telephone number for parent/guardian.



For more details and T&Cs visit: www.freshartfair.net



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