



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break! The new term has already started on such a positive note and we're all excited about what's ahead. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and there are lots of exciting activities, events and learning opportunities to look forward to in the coming weeks. We can't wait to see all the amazing things the term will bring!

ESFA Football Competition



Our Year 5 & 6 boys did us proud in the ESFA football competition this week! From the first whistle, they showed fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship in what was a very closely contested tournament. The team finished unbeaten, with two wins and a draw (and even hit the post in the final minute, which could have sealed another victory)! Unfortunately, the final standings came down to goal difference, with Tewkesbury C of E missing out by just one goal. Nevertheless, I couldn't be prouder of the boys' effort, attitude and the way they represented our school throughout the competition, taking home the runners up medal! Well done boys!

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

Year 1



This week, Year 1 have launched their Science learning on Trees by walking around the school grounds to spot signs that autumn is here! The children found lots of coloured leaves on the ground and noticed many trees that were already losing their leaves. During their walk they spotted Mr James who was using the leaf blower to collect the leaves. He talked to the children about what he was doing and asked for their help with a question he wanted answered. He wanted to know why leaves fall off some trees but not all trees? We said we would find the answer out and get back to him. The children are excited to become scientists and have already wowed us with learning the words 'deciduous' and 'evergreen'.

Parents Evening Sign up (Year 2 - 6)

We will be holding our parents' evening during the week beginning 24th November, where your child's class teacher will be offering at least two dates for you to sign up. To book your 10 minute slot to meet your child's class teacher you will need to click on the link and complete your details: <http://tewkesburyprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk>. The booking form will open at 7pm on Monday 17th November and will close on Friday 21st November at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Children in Need

Next Friday, we'll be supporting Children in Need! Children are invited to come to school dressed in spots to help raise money for this brilliant cause. Please bring a small donation if you can, as every little bit helps to make a big difference to children across the UK. We're looking forward to seeing lots of colourful, spotty outfits around school! Unfortunately, due to the clash of dates with Children in Need next Friday, **we will be rescheduling our Break the Rules day for after the Christmas break**. However, we look forward to the events being held within school to support this worthy charity next week.

Autumn Adventures in Acorns



This week, Acorns have been sharing their holiday experiences and channelling their excitement through play. They've been busy making pumpkin mud pies, creating glittery chalk fireworks, and mark making with sticks in sparkly sand. The children also explored light in different ways, especially enjoying the swirling torch patterns they made on the ceiling! There's still plenty of firefighter role play happening too, with lots of imaginative 'bonfires' being built along the way.

Parent Governor Nominations

We are still accepting nominations for the Parent Governor role. If you are interested in supporting the school in this important position, please submit your nomination by **Tuesday 18th November 2025**. We would love to hear from you!

Community Opportunity: SEND Saturday Sports & Social Sessions





MOVE MORE
EVERY CHILD THRIVES

SEND SPORTS & SOCIAL

TEWKESBURY YOUTH SUPPORT CENTRE, LINK RD, TEWKESBURY GL20 5JQ

We've been asked to share details of a new initiative from *Move More*, a registered charity based in Tewkesbury. They've recently launched SEND Saturday Sports & Social sessions, running every Saturday during term time. These sessions are designed to support children and young people with SEND through inclusive physical activity and social opportunities.

Session Times:

- Ages 5–11: 10:00am – 11:30am
- Ages 11–16: 12:30pm – 2:00pm
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For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://yourewelcomeglos.org/regular-activities/move-more-send-sports-social/>

Collective Worship – Led by Simon from Holy Trinity



This week, Stephen from Holy Trinity led our Collective Worship and helped us reflect on the importance of *Remembrance*. He began by talking about symbols and how they can tell powerful stories. This led us to think about the poppy, a symbol we see everywhere at this time of year. Stephen brought in a large poppy he had made himself to help us explore its meaning.

We talked about Remembrance Sunday and how it helps us remember those who lost their lives in the World Wars and other conflicts. Stephen showed us an image of the land after the war — empty, muddy, and lifeless — and then another showing how poppies began to grow, bringing colour and hope to the devastation.

On his large poppy, Stephen added three words:

- Praise – reminding us that each poppy is like a declaration of life and hope.
- Peace – helping us remember the sacrifice of those who fought for peace.
- You – reminding us that each of us can “shine like stars in the sky,” just as a bright red poppy stands out in a muddy field, linking beautifully with our school vision.

It was a thoughtful and inspiring time together, helping us prepare our hearts and minds for Remembrance Sunday.

Odd socks day - for Anti bullying week

Don't forget that on Monday 10th November, we're celebrating Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week! It's a day to celebrate what makes us all unique and to show that being different is something to be proud of.

It's really simple, just wear odd socks to school! The fun, colourful socks are a great way to start conversations about kindness, respect and inclusion.

Odd Socks Day is about celebrating individuality and raising awareness that bullying is never acceptable. So, get creative with your socks, show off your style, and remember: our differences make us special!





2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (2)

w/b 10th November - Anti bullying week
 10th November - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 4
 12th November - Individual & sibling photos
 13th November - ESFA Girls Football tournament
~~14th November - PTFA Event - Break the Rules Day~~
 14th November - Wear Spots for Children in Need
 18th November - Year 6 WW2 Workshop
 19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
 20th November - Year 3-4 Football League
 27th November - Year 5 - 6 Netball Festival
 28th November - EYFS Owl Experience
 3rd December - Year 3 & 4 Holy Trinity Christmas Experience
 3rd December - Christmas Fayre
 5th December - Abbey Carol Service at 2pm (families welcome)
 8th December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
 10th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
 10th December - Year 3 & Year 6 Panto at the Roses theatre
 16th December - EYFS Nativity & stay and play at 9:30am
 17th December - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly at 2pm (family welcome)
 18th December - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly at 2pm (family welcome)
19th December - Last Day of Autumn Term

Spring Term

5th January - Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January - First Day of Spring Term
 13th January - Dodgeball competition
 15th January - Year 5 Swimming to begin
 20th January - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 4
 22nd January - Tewkesbury Swimming gala
 28th January - Music Workshop - tbc
 5th February - Year 2 RE trip
w/b 16th February - Half Term
 23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play
 24th March - English Touring Opera visit
27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term
 27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential
1st May - Inset Day
 w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
w/b 25th May - Half Term
 w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
 1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
 8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date
 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 10th November 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon	Odd Socks Day Young Minds Matter visiting Year 4		Football Club Year 3 - 6 Finish at 4:15pm		Meatballs & Pasta with Tomato Sauce Quorn Meatballs & Pasta
Tues	Remembrance Day		First Lego League Year 4- 5 Finish at 4:15pm	Netball Club Year 5- 6 Finish at 4:15pm	BBQ Chicken & Rice Vegetable Wrap with Rice
			Book Club Year 3- 4 Finish at 4:15pm		
Wed	Morning Run Club Rec - Y6 Finish at 8:00 - 8:30am	Draw with Rob Year 3- 5 12:45 - 1:15pm	Dodgeball Year 5- 6 Finish at 4pm		Homemade Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding Homemade Vegetable Pie & Yorkshire Pudding
	Individual and sibling photos				
Thurs			French Club Year 3- 6 Finish at 4pm	Drama Club Year 4- 6 Finish at 4pm	Chicken Fajita Pasta Bake topped with Cheese
			EFSA Girls Football Cup Tewkesbury Academy Year 4- 6 3:30 - 5:30pm		Quorn Fajita Pasta Bake
Fri	Wear something Spotty for Children in Need	Lego Club Year 1-3 12:45 - 1:15pm			Cod Goujons & Smiley Faces
		Board games Club Year 3-6 12:30 - 1:00pm			Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



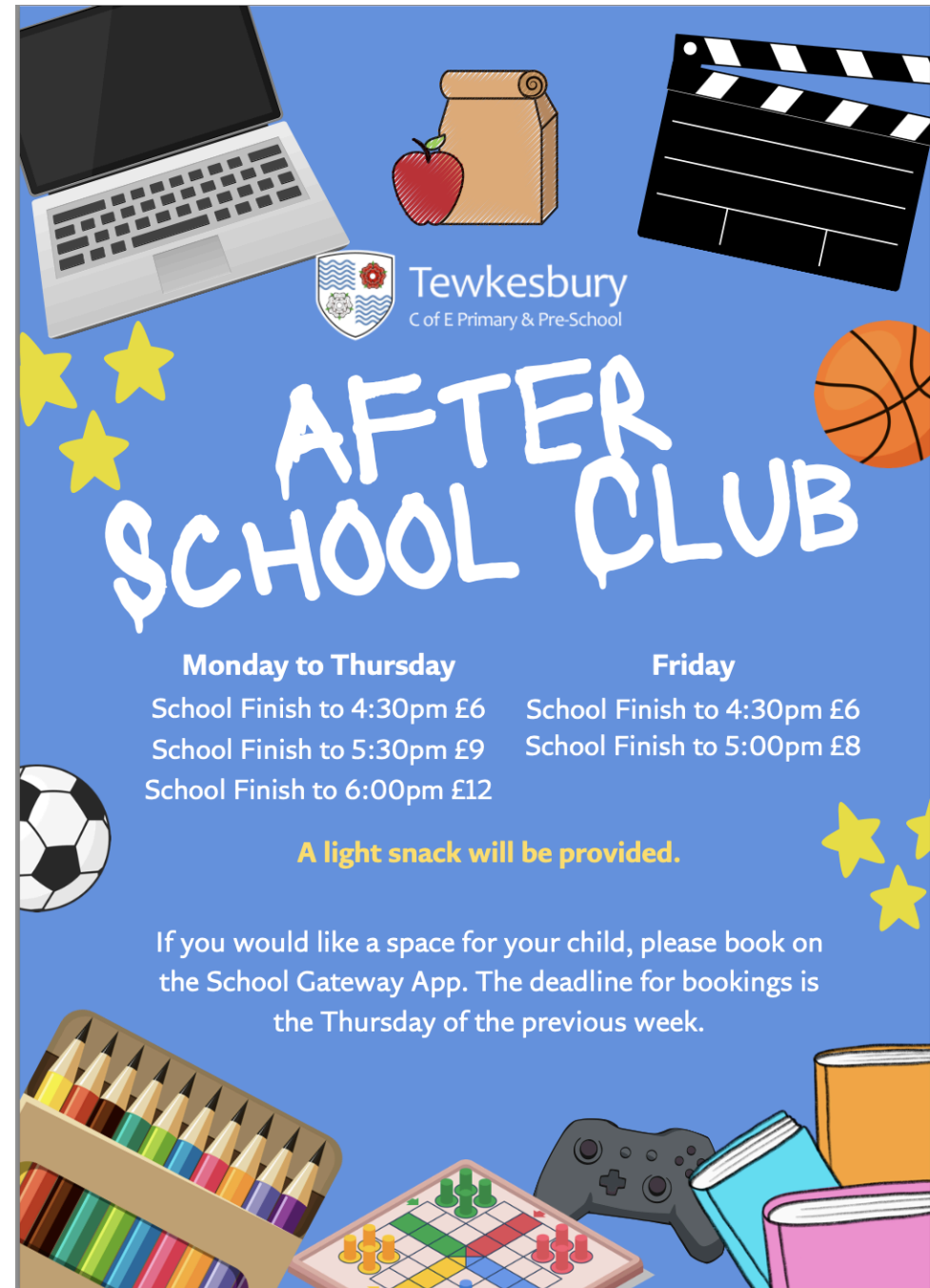
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

School Council Competition!

This year's theme is...



To enter, we would like you to draw, paint or collage a picture of your favourite Teddy dressed ready for a 'Children in need' party! Your design must have exactly 25 spots included in the design.



Entries need to be at school by Thursday 13th November.

Delivered to school council (Mrs Spry). Make sure you put your name and year group on the back of your creation!

The competition will be judged by the school council and certificates and a small prize will be given out to winners.



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At Tewkesbury C of E Primary School, we'd love to welcome you for a visit! Join us for a personal tour of our vibrant and nurturing environment, where you'll discover why our school is the perfect place for your child to flourish and shine.

Dates and Times

Tuesday 4th November
Wednesday 19th November
Monday 8th December

All start at 10am.

