Friday 23rd October 2026

Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

As we reach the end of another fantastic term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many wonderful experiences and achievements that have taken place across the school. Our children have embraced every opportunity, creating memories and developing skills that will stay with them for years to come.

We are incredibly proud of all that the children have accomplished and grateful for the continued support of our families and wider school community. As we break for half term, I hope you all have the chance to relax, recharge and enjoy some quality time together, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

Year 2 enjoy a trip to the Black Country Living Museum









On Wednesday, Year 2 headed back in time on their trip to the Black Country Living Museum. The day was full of opportunities for the children to ask any questions they had about our Victorian topic. We visited a slanted cottage that had been built and decorated with help from a lady called Rose who had lived in the house until 1984. We also visited a general store, hardware store and a chemist. The highlight of the trip was definitely the old cinema, where the children watched one of the first motion pictures to be made. The cinema was full of giggles at the Charlie Chaplin classic!

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

Year 5 Abbey Singing programme




Last Friday, our wonderful Year 5 children walked to the historic Tewkesbury Abbey to participate in a spectacular singing concert alongside other local schools, as part of the Tewkesbury Schools' singing programme The children have been working incredibly hard over the last four weeks, learning and practicing a variety of complex songs all based around the theme of Animals.

The performance got off to a fantastic start with a fun, lively song all about the cats of Tewkesbury. The repertoire also included a clever version of *"An Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly"* which kept everyone on their toes by weaving in familiar lines from several other traditional nursery rhymes - as well as a historic piece about *"Cells"* written a few hundred years ago! The concert concluded beautifully with a crowd favourite, *"If I Were a Butterfly."* Our Year 5 pupils performed well, recalling lyrics with fantastic accuracy. They represented our school with fantastic behaviour and engagement throughout with teachers and visitors being equally impressed!

Year 3 become cave artists








This week Year 3 finished our art unit all about Cave Art. We finished by creating "caves" and pretending we were in the Stone Age, leaving the stories of our families for future archaeologists to find!

Year 5's Road to RIAT










Year 5 enjoyed an exciting 'Road to RIAT' STEM day, learning about space and the Royal Air Force, and putting their engineering skills to the test! The children designed and built three different straw-powered rockets, comparing how aerodynamic they were and which travelled the furthest. In the afternoon, they explored what makes an aircraft sustainable before working in pairs or small groups to design their own sustainable aircraft for a competition. It was a fantastic day of creativity, teamwork and discovery!

Parents Evening Sign up

This year, we will be running our parents evening slightly differently as we will be holding the EYFS and KS1 parents evening during the week beginning 9th November 2026 and the KS2 parents evening during the week beginning 23rd November 2026.

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 on Monday 26th October at 7pm for EYFS and KS1, and on Monday 9th November at 7pm for KS2. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

A polite reminder

Please remember that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds, including the playground and car park areas. This helps us to keep our environment healthy and safe for all children, families, and staff. Thank you for your understanding and for supporting us in setting a positive example for our pupils.

Big Tidy Friday!



We want to work together to ensure that our school is a safe and clean place for all of our children to learn and play. To jumpstart this effort, on Friday 13th November, we will be tackling our beloved den building area.

Our goal is to completely clear the area and remove all plastic debris, ensuring the space is left as natural and safe as possible. We cannot do this without your help!

If you can spare some time to roll up your sleeves and make a direct impact on our school environment, please sign up using the link below:

https://forms.gle/PVTWt6gWCrJdEJxp7

Make a Splash This Half-Term at Malvern Splash!

Looking for a fun and active way to keep the children entertained this half-term? Malvern Splash is offering families from our school community an exclusive discount on their popular Waves & Slides sessions. These family sessions are a fantastic opportunity for children to continue building confidence in the water, practise their swimming skills, and enjoy some active fun with family and friends during the school break. Special Offer Use the discount code Halloween26 when booking to receive 20% off your Waves & Slides session. Whether you're a parent, carer, member of staff, or simply looking for a great family activity, everyone is welcome to take advantage of this special offer. Book your tickets here: Malvern Splash Tickets and Bookings

New Clubs Alert

Next half term, we have some exciting new extracurricular clubs beginning. On Mondays, Prof will be back running his science club from 3.15-4.15. This club is open for Years 2-6. To book, please follow this link: tinyurl.com/tewkes26 Calm Club, which focuses on mindfulness and yoga for children, will also be running for Years 1-3. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for the booking QR code.

Scooterthon

A little reminder that our Scootathon will be taking place in the first week back after half term! Your child should have come home with a sponsor form, which needs to be returned on the day of the event so we can record the number of laps they complete. Children can bring their own scooter or choose to run (no bikes!) and we will have spare scooters available at school for anyone who needs to borrow one. All money raised will go towards enhancing our OPAL provision, helping to make playtimes even more exciting for the children!

Reception Open Mornings

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2027, we'd love you to come along to one of our Open Mornings. It's a great chance to see our school in action, meet the team and get a feel for the warm, rounded REAL curriculum we're so proud of. If you would like to book a slot, please click on the following link: https://forms.gle/Ta1D9kupZdpcaDiP

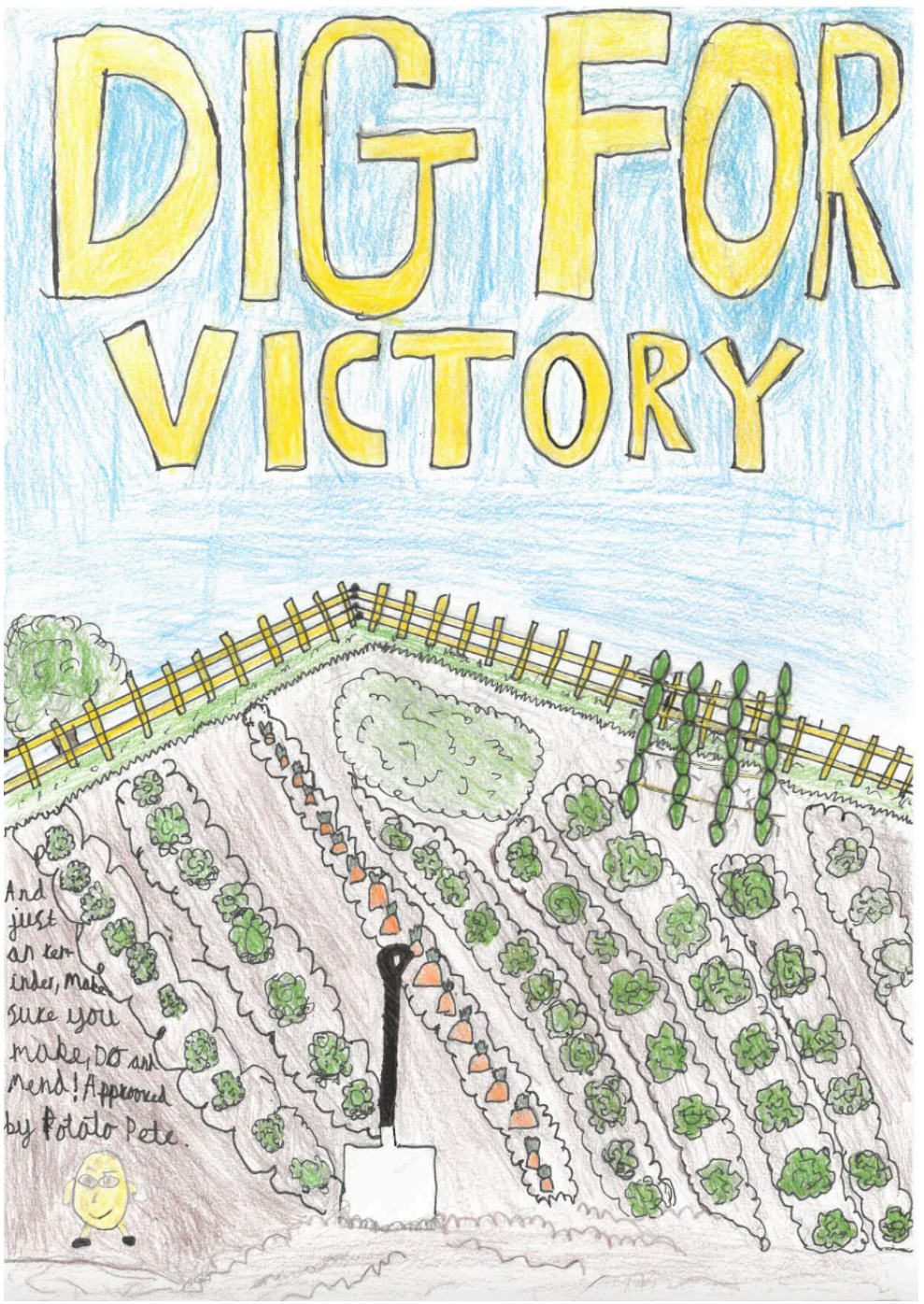
Year 6 Dig for Victory

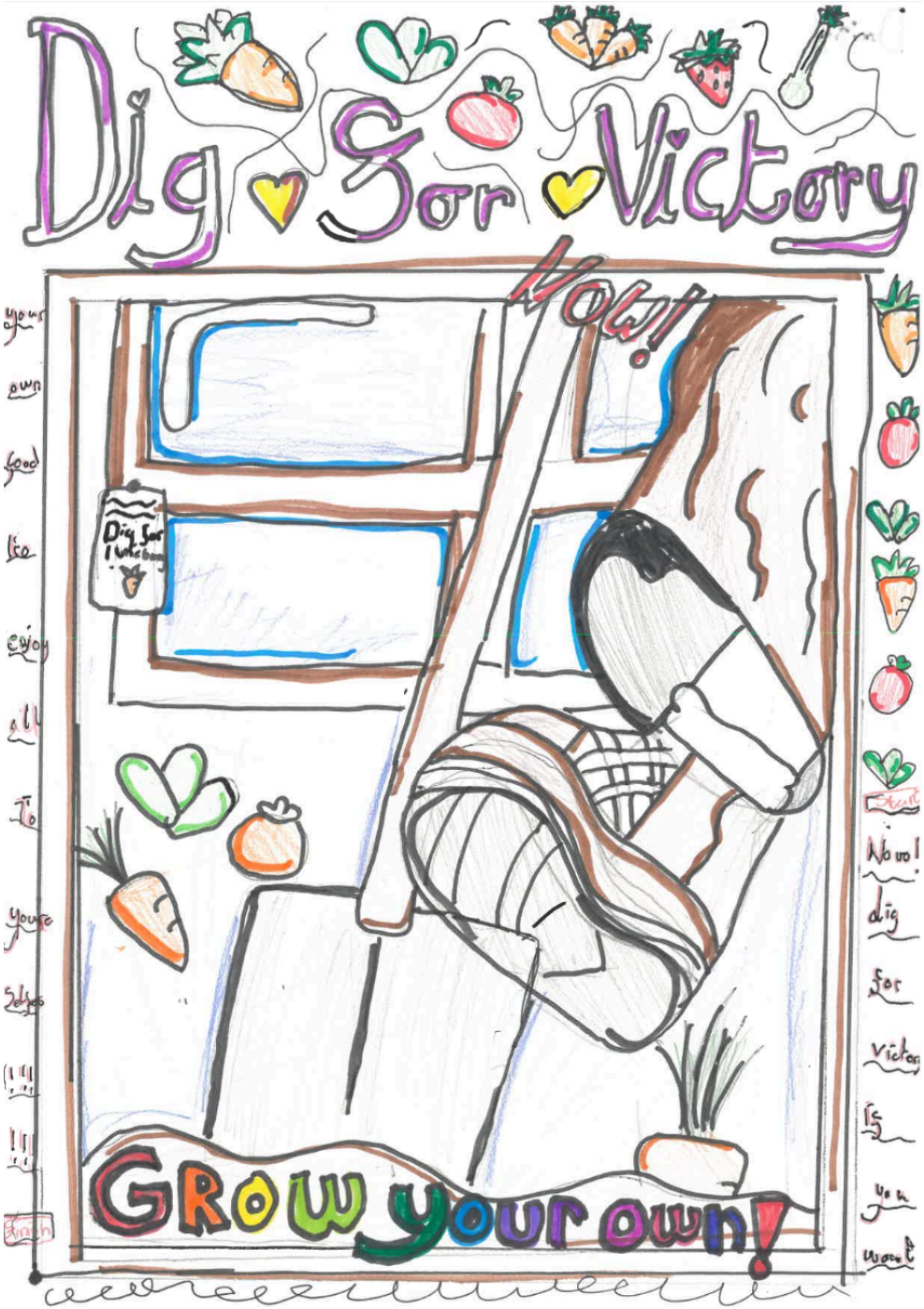
Year 6 have created some Dig for Victory posters as part of their WW2 topic work this term. They researched the initiative that was run during the war as a way of ensuring that citizens did not go hungry due to rationing and imported goods not being available. They have created the posters, using original examples as ideas for their art work.

PTFA Event

For just £35, you can create your very own beautiful wreath to take home, enjoying a lovely evening of festive fun and cheer! Drinks and nibbles will also be available to purchase on the night. Tickets can be purchased via the School Gateway app. Spaces are limited so be sure to book yours before they're gone!


DIG FOR VICTORY
Grow your own
AT home
made 1951


DIG FOR VICTORY
And just as reminder, make sure you make, DO and mend! Approved by Potato Pete.





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Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

We learn together, shine forever

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 3rd November at 10am.
Thursday 19th November at 10am.

Wednesday 2nd December at 4pm







Please sign up or confirm your attendance by calling school on

01684 292309

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Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

2026/27 Calendar

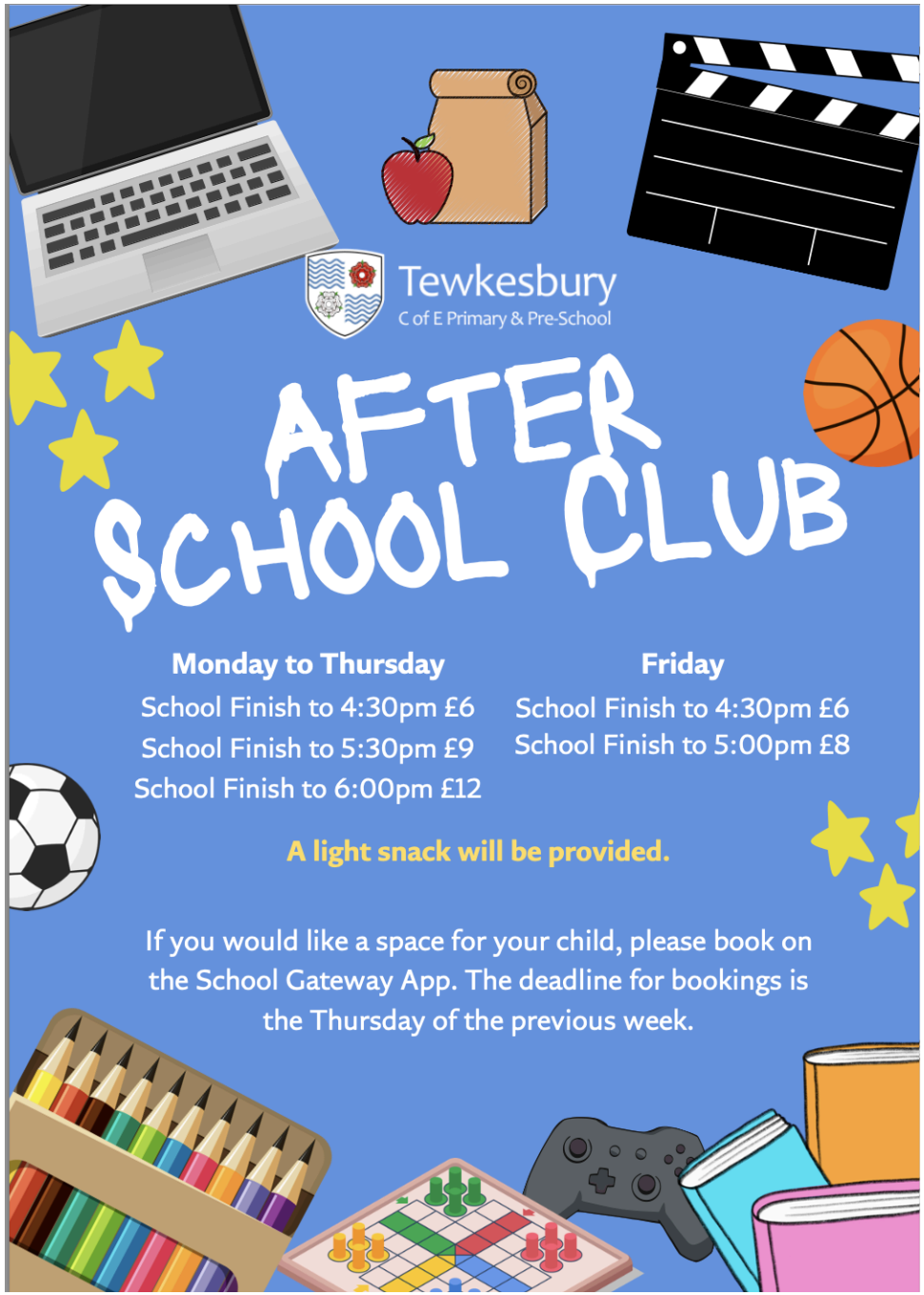
Autumn Term (2)	Spring Term	Summer Term
2nd November - Year 3 Stone Age Day **3rd November -** Open Morning (New Reception children) **4th November -** Individual School Photos **6th November -** 500 words deadline **w/b 9th November** - Parents evening for EYFS and KS1 **10th November** - Year 1 trip to the library **10th November -** YMM visiting Y4 (getting to know anxiety) **13th November -** Year 2 Victorian Day **13th November -** Year 6 GCHQ codebreaking workshop **19th November -** Open Morning (New Reception children) **20th November -** PTFA Crazy hair day **w/b 23rd November** - Parents evening for KS2 **2nd December -** Open Morning (New Reception children) **3rd December -** Christmas Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm **4th December -** Reception Owl Experience **8th December -** KS2 Trip to Pantomime at Roses Theatre **9th December -** Christmas dinner & Jumper day **15th December -** Reception Nativity and Christmas stay and play - 9:30am start **16th December -** KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start **17th December -** KS2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start **20th December - 1st January Christmas Holidays**	**4th January -** Inset Day **11th January -** YMM visiting Y3 (friendships) **13th January -** Young Voices Concert **4th February -** Number Day **w/b 22nd March -** Easter Experience **25th March -** Reception Spring Stay and Play - 9:30am start **26th March - 9th April Easter Holidays** **30th April - Inset Day**	**3rd May -** Bank holiday **Week commencing 10th May -** Year 6 SATs **31st May - 4th June Half-Term** **Week commencing 14th June** - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood **7th July -** Sports Day and OPAL stay and play **14th July -** Sports Day and OPAL stay and play (reserve date) **19th July -** KS2 Celebration Assembly (Years 3-5) 2pm **20th July -** KS1 Celebration Assembly (Years Rec-1) 2pm **21st July -** Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm **22nd July - Summer Holidays begin**

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School diary week beginning 2nd November 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	**Scootathon Week** Year 3 Stoneage Day		Meatballs & Tomato Pasta Broccoli & Cheese Pasta
Tues	Reception 2027 Parent Open Day Drawing Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	First Lego League Club Selected Children 3:10 - 4:30pm Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Choir 3.15 - 4.00pm	Homemade Chorizo Pork Casserole Quorn Sweet & Sour with Rice
Wed	Individual Photos Morning Run Club 8 - 8.30am	Dodgeball 3.15 - 4.00pm	Roast Beef, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding Quorn Stew, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	Reading & Ready 12.30 - 1.00pm Tag Rugby Club 12.20 - 12.50pm	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Homemade Quorn Bolognese
Fri		The Calm Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Cod Fillet with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza


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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
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:30pm £9
School Finish to 6:00pm £12
Friday
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:00pm £8
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.





Daisy Bee
Flower farmer

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

LET'S CRAFT MAGICAL MEMORIES TOGETHER!

£35 PER PERSON

Join us for a hands-on festive workshop filled with creativity, laughter and Christmas cheer.

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026 @ 7:30PM

Tickets can be purchased on School Gateway.

DRINKS AND NIBBLES CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT TOO!

wild worship
at Tewkesbury Abbey

Wild Worship
God's Great Big Story

3pm on Sunday 1 November

Join us in stories and songs, as we reflect on God's Great Big Story through the ages.

We will look at nature in the Bayeux Tapestry, making our own nature story panels and eating Norman snacks round the campfire.

Meet at the South Porch (on the Vineyards side of the Abbey).

Free and suitable for all ages



Tewkesbury Abbey

A Rocha Bronze Award Winner 2024 Eco Church

THE CALM CLUB'S

KS1 After School Yoga Club T2

A fun weekly session to move your body in yoga poses, discover breathing, and try out relaxation.

at Tewkesbury Primary School



The Details

- Taught by kids yoga teacher + TA **Lucie**
- **Mindful** yoga, games, realaxation and craft
- **Small groups**
- **Trauma**-informed, First Aid-certified + trained in **SEN**

Term 2 Dates:

starts 6 Nov 26
KS1 Fridays
3.15pm - 4.15pm
TERM BOOKING ONLY

6 weeks of yoga for
£39
*pupil premium discount
spaces available

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info@thecalm-club.co.uk @thecalm-club

Play GLOUCESTERSHIRE

PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

October Half Term
The Vineyards, Tewkesbury
GL20 5PG
Tuesday 27th October 2026
10am to 4pm

what3words ///swordfish.adopting.orbit

With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for funding this day



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL



Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come and go as they please.

Our activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers. We welcome disabled children & their families.

Play Gloucestershire

Transforming lives through the power of play

www.playgloucestershire.org.uk

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Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

For further information:
Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk
Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk
Phone 01452 505548
Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)

Sign onto our mailing list this Autumn for a chance to win a micro:bit worth £15!

AUTUMN 2 TERM

2ND NOV - 18TH DEC

Invent It!

BIOMIMICRY





MONDAY & TUESDAY

15:45PM UNTIL 17:00PM

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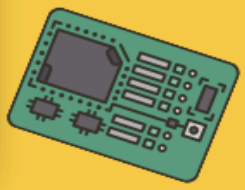
In this hands-on STEM challenge, we'll take a closer look at the amazing world of the woodlouse.

Using biomimicry, we'll take inspiration from the woodlouse to design and build our very own fully functioning robotic insect.

Ever wondered how the humble woodlouse moves and senses its environment?

OUR PROGRAMME





- Creative & hands-on activities
- STEM Learning
- Microbit coding
- Engineering challenges
- Teamwork
- Small groups
- Safe, supervised environment



REGISTER TODAY!

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WWW.INVENT-IT.COM/INVENT-IT-ACADEMY

MUSIC GURU

Music tuition @ Tewkesbury C of E

Dear Parents/ Guardians

We are a local, multi award winning tuition company and we provide tuition at Tewkesbury C of E primary school.

We are recruiting new talent in the school and offering tuition in Piano, Guitar, Woodwind and Vocals. Our goal is to get our students through their classical and rock and pop graded exams. Starting early means more of a chance to gain UCAS points.

We also have our very own student based music festival, Party in the Park for our students to perform at. If your child is interested in learning music with us, please contact me at pete@musicguru.me and I'll get the information out to you.

Best wishes Pete Sen Director: The Music Guru