

Friday 13th February 2026



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C of E Primary & Pre-School

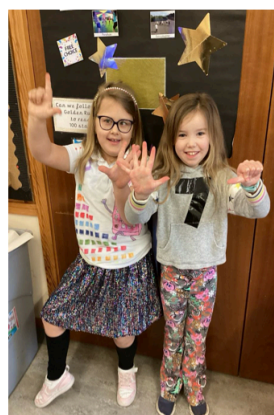
'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

Well, what a fantastic term it's been! The children have taken part in so many real, hands-on experiences that have brought their learning to life. From exploring We the Curious and composing music with the London Sinfonietta, to celebrating Number Day and enjoying special events like Love What You Wear Day, there has been so much to inspire awe and wonder. And while it sometimes felt like it rained every single day, it didn't stop the children from diving in and making the most of everything this term had to offer. We hope you all have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for the new term.

Number Day



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

Year 4 – Clay Dragons



Year 4 have been busy bringing their clay dragons to life, carefully painting the eyes of their models this week. The children showed great creativity and attention to detail, and it has been lovely to see their designs develop as their dragons start to take on real character.

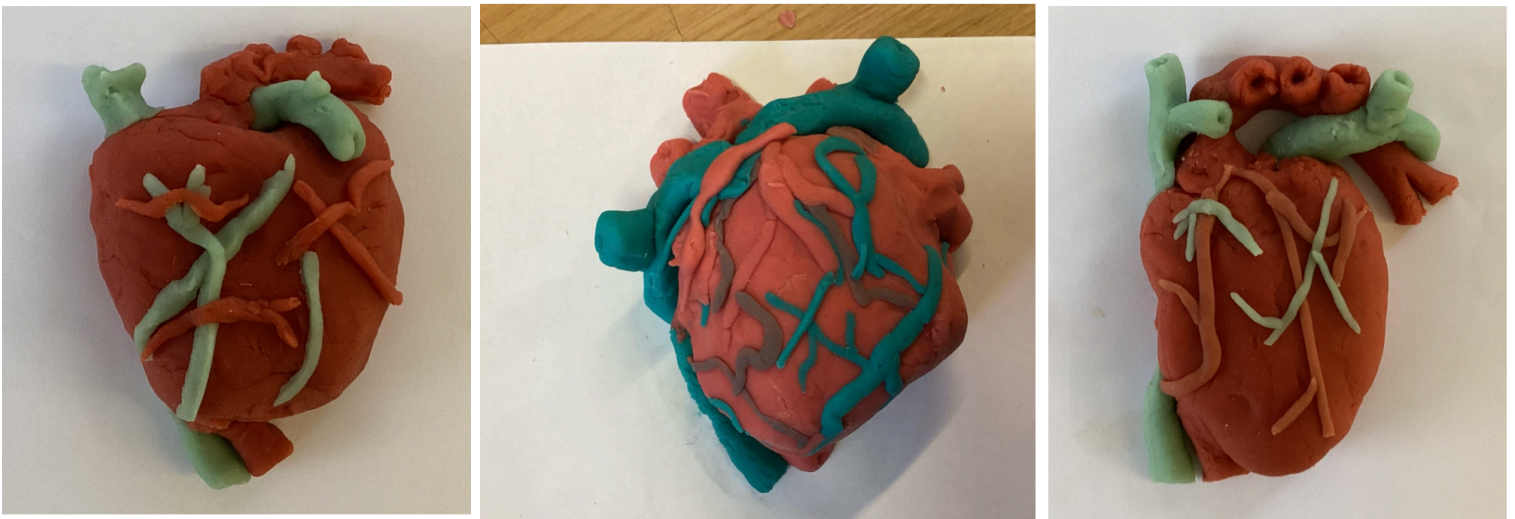
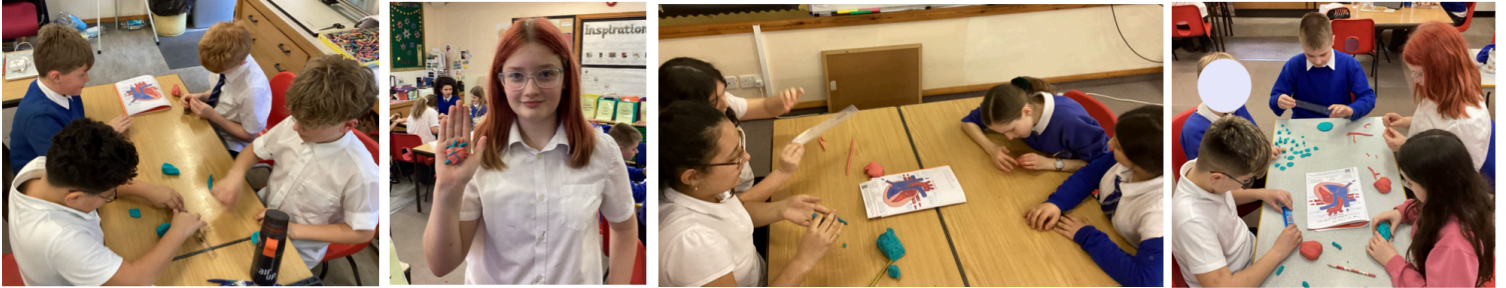
Oaks - Welly Boot Fun



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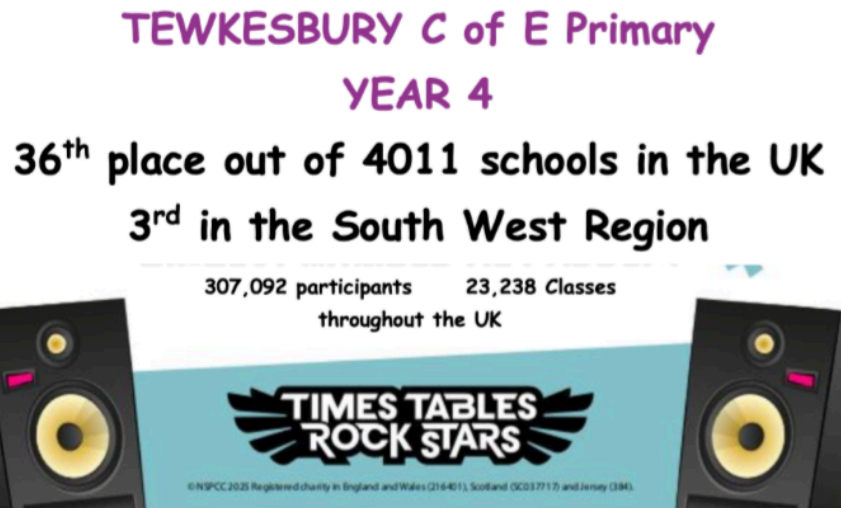
The Oaks children have been making the most of the outdoors, enjoying plenty of welly boot fun this week. From splashing in puddles to exploring and playing together outside, the children have loved embracing the fresh air and all the adventures it brings.

Year 6 - Getting to the Heart of It



This week, Year 6 have been learning about the human circulatory system and how blood moves around the body during our Real Curriculum lessons. As part of our studies, we used salt dough to create models of human hearts. During the sculpting process, we learnt about the different parts of the heart and the role they play in pumping blood around our bodies. We think you'll agree that the results of our salt dough surgery are anatomically awesome!

Times Tables Rock Stars Success



Well done to Year 4 for their fantastic achievement in the TTRS Number Day competition. Out of more than 4,000 schools, they finished an incredible 36th nationally and an impressive 3rd in the South West region. A brilliant effort and something to be very proud of!

World Book Day – Snuggle Up With a Good Book!



We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. This year's theme is "Snuggle up with a good book!" and we're inviting children to come to school wearing their favourite pyjamas or snuggly clothes.

Children are very welcome to bring along a favourite book from home so we can spend time sharing and enjoying stories together. As always, the day is all about celebrating reading in all its forms, from picture books and comics to novels and everything in between.

Ahead of the day, pupils in Years 2 to 6 will also enjoy a visit from author Emma Swan, which we're sure will be a fantastic experience for the children.

Safer Internet Day



As part of Safer Internet Day, Year 4 took part in a live lesson where they explored how to stay safe online. The children were particularly engaged in designing their own AI chatbox, thinking carefully about how technology can be used responsibly, safely, and positively.

Science Assembly



The children thoroughly enjoyed our recent Science assembly, which wowed them with a fantastic range of fun and engaging experiences. There was plenty of excitement, curiosity, and wide-eyed amazement throughout! Fun Science will be running an after-school club next term – please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for further details.

School Council Cake Sale



The School Council would like to thank all the parents and children who kindly sent in cakes for our cake sale. The selection was quite magnificent, and the sale was a great success.

The money raised will be split between a donation to Place2Be, supporting Children's Mental Health Week, and our school food bank, which helps families within our own community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

PTFA Updates - Paint and Sip Evening (Adult event) Friday 20th March



After the success of our Paint & Sip Night in the autumn term, we are so excited to announce Paint Pot Parties' return on Friday 20th March!

We will be joined by the brilliant Brydie who will guide us step-by-step through creating our own masterpiece (see image below). Everyone ends up creating a wonderful piece regardless of whether they have experience or not so please do not worry about having any skills!

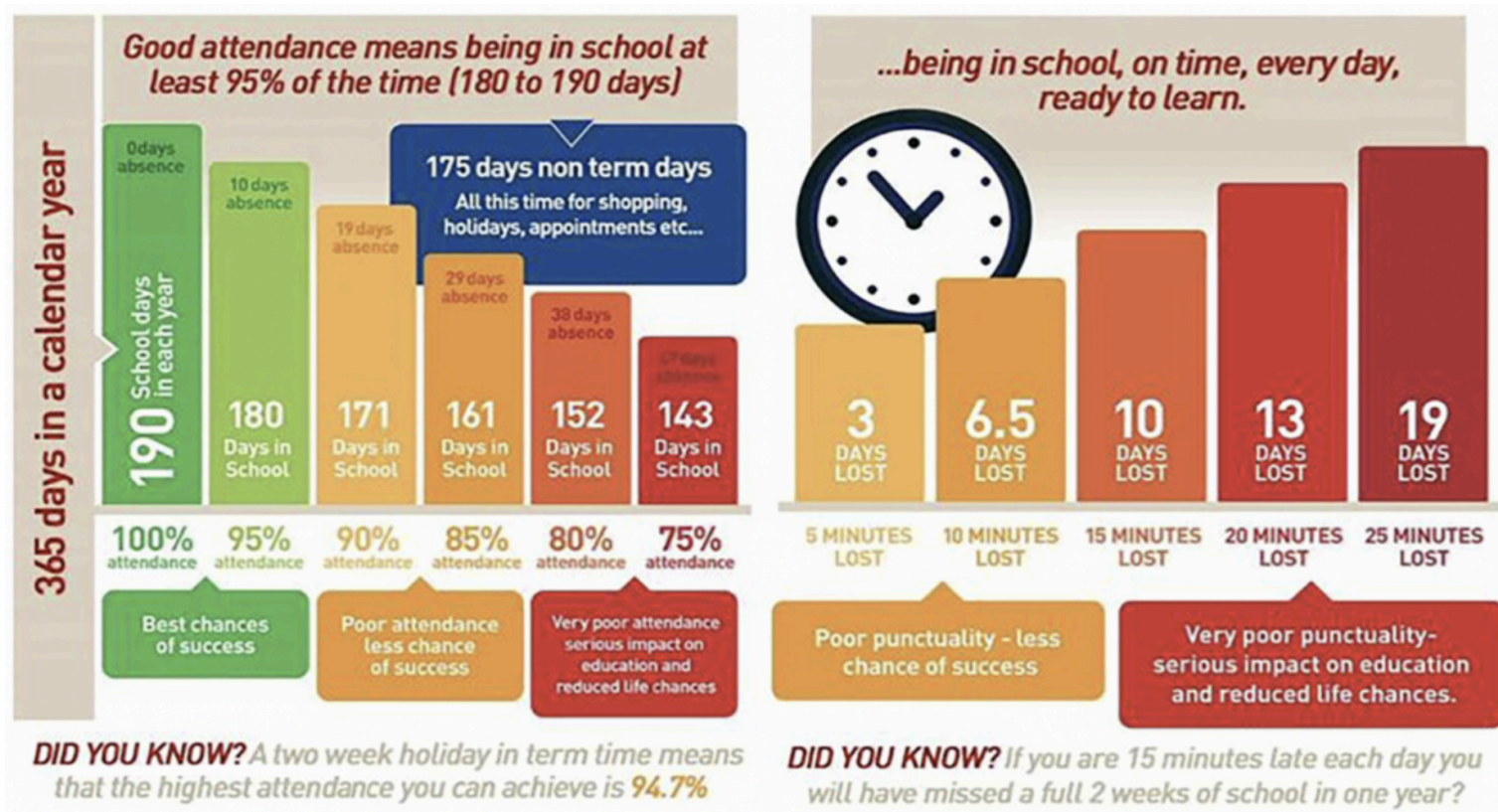
Tickets cost £21 per person (including the booking fee) and can be purchased through the School Gateway App. The cost also includes a delicious sweet treat from our wonderful parents who own Tewkesbury Treats! Tickets are sure to sell out like last time so be quick if you want to join us for a night of fun! Doors will open at 6.45 ready for the event to begin at 7pm.

So just grab some family or friends (they do not need to attend the school), some drinks (these can be alcoholic), relax and enjoy the evening!

Families and Parents partnership link

We'd also like to continue to share this useful link to the latest Families in Partnership newsletter from Gloucestershire County Council, which offers support, information and updates for families, including guidance on services for children and young people with SEND. You can find the December edition here: [Families and Parents partnership link](#)

Importance of school attendance



Good school attendance is closely linked to higher achievement and greater enjoyment of learning. Regular attendance not only gives children the best possible start in life, but also helps them develop important habits such as independence, responsibility, and essential life skills. When pupils miss school frequently, they can struggle to keep up with their learning, which affects their progress and can make them feel less confident about being in school.



2025/26 Calendar

Spring Term

w/b 16th February - Half Term

5th March - Author visiting Y2 - Y6

5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)

6th March - World Book Day - more info to be shared soon

6th March - PTFA event - World book day sweet shop

12 March - Music performances from Tewkesbury Academy

12th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup

18th March - Year 4 In the Net (Internet safety performance)

20th March - Year 5 concert at Tewkesbury Abbey - more info to follow

20th March - PTFA Paint and Sip evening

25th March - English Touring Opera visit

26th March - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup (Postponed due to an event at Tewkesbury Academy). A new date to be arranged asap

27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term

15th April - Class Photos

16th April - Year 5 - 6 Tewkesbury Schools' Netball cup (new date)

20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2

24th April - EYFS Spring Stay & Play (change of date)

27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential

1st May - Inset Day

w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week

w/b 25th May - Half Term

5th June - Fieldwork Friday - tbc

w/b 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening checks

12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition

w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood

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 23rd February 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon		Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Story Club 3.15 - 3.45pm Table Tennis Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Chicken Goujons & Diced Potatoes Veggie Wraps
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Netball Club 3.15 - 4.15pm First Lego League Club (Invite Only) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed	Morning Run Club 8.00am Funky Fingers Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	Fun Science Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Dodgeball Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes
Thurs	Year 5 Swimming	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm French Club - starts again 5/3/26 Year 3- 6 3.10 - 4pm	Sausage, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding Veggie Sausage, Mash Potato & Yorkshire Pudding
Fri			Jumbo Fishfingers & Smiley Faces Homemade Vegetable Pizza



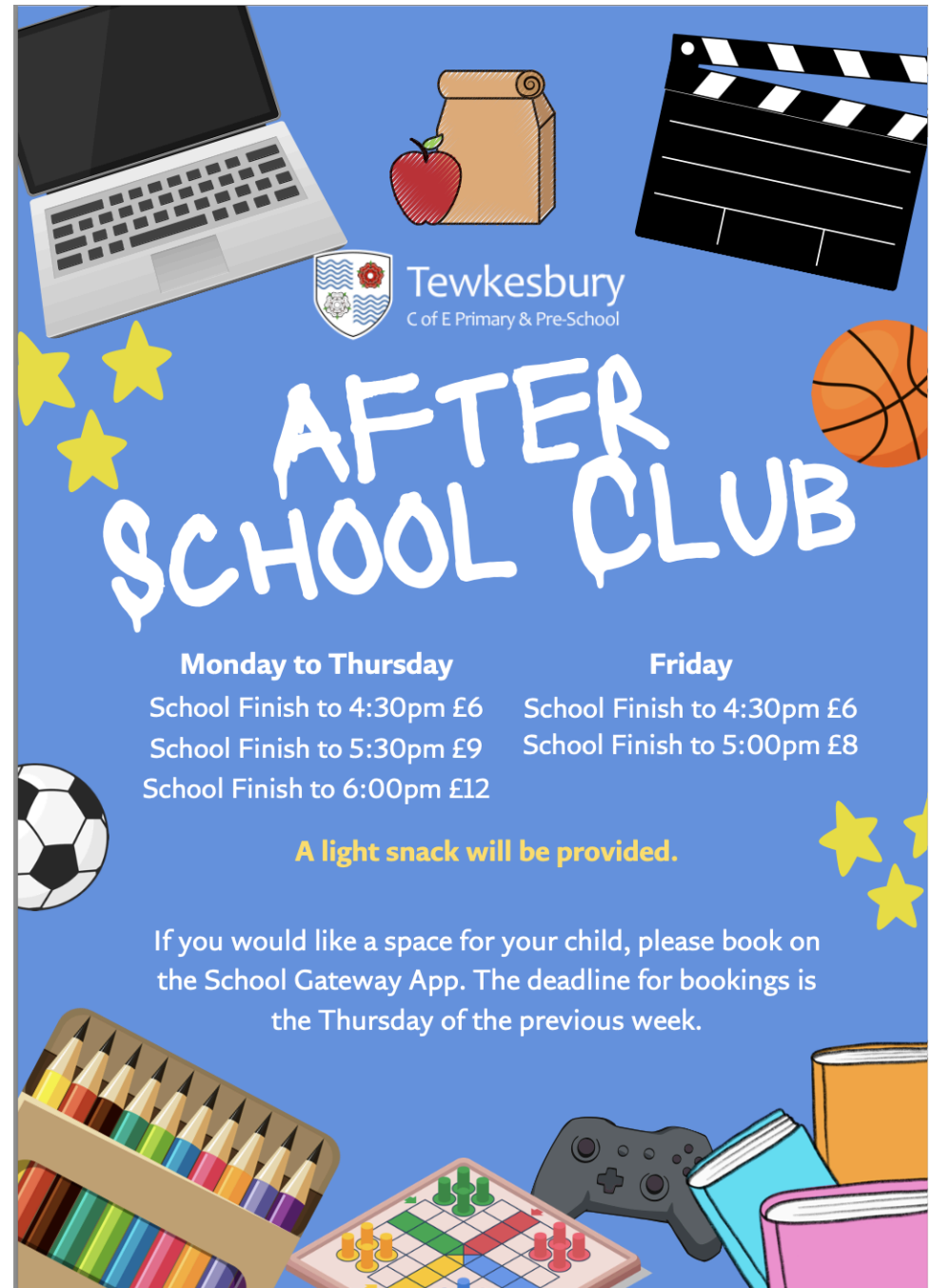
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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	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.



Hello!

We're pleased to say that **Fun Science UK's** exciting after-school STEM sessions will return to **Tewkesbury Primary School** in February-March of 2026!

Would your child like to join us for some **MORE** exciting experiments? If so, there are just 20 places, so don't delay!

- **Eligibility:** Year 3–Year 6
- **Time:** 3.15–4.15pm, Wednesdays
- **Dates:** 25 February–25 March
- **Cost:** Just £40 for five sessions!
- **Book:** tinyurl.com/tewk26
- **Capacity:** 20 places



Fun Science Cheltenham has been hosting [five-star](#), STEM-themed holiday clubs, after-school clubs, workshops and parties in Gloucestershire since 2020. See www.fun-science.org.uk for info.

Hope your child can join us,

Diatom Dave

Chief Fun Scientist



- Missed out? Email cheltenham@fun-science.org.uk to be put on the waiting list.
- Book only when you know your child can attend: **cancelled places may be billed for.**
- T&Cs: tinyurl.com/funsciterms. Booking acknowledges reading and understanding.

Please note: If your child has **any** additional support in class, you **must** make us aware for safeguarding reasons. Failure to do so may mean your child is excluded at a later date, in which case no refund will be offered. Please help us keep all children safe and well.

Learn together, shine forever



£16
per day

FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

Ages
5-12

**9AM
3PM**

All genders welcome

FOR ALL ABILITIES



Run by FA qualified, first aid trained and DBS enhanced checked coaches.

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CLEEVE SPORTS CENTRE
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Half-term Crafts February flowers

Wed 18th Feb,
10-11.30am
Old Baptist Chapel
£1 per child



Bookings: 01684 297174 or email
admin@johnmooremuseum.org

World Wildlife Day Bath Salts & Bath Bombs



Sat 28th Feb ,
10.30am - 12.pm
John Moore Museum
This is a free event-
donations welcome



THE JOHN MOORE MUSEUM
NATURAL HISTORY HERITAGE LIVING VOICES



Children Activities with CCP



Tewkesbury Community Hub (formerly PPNP) at York road Tewkesbury GL20 5HU

Origami Day

Date: 20/2/2026 (Friday)

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Participants: 5 families

Free of charge

Squash and cookies will be served



Please contact Tim Wong to book on the activities
Tel: 07593 565 423 or Email: tim.wong@ccp.org.uk.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

[MOVE-MORE.ORG/CAMPS](https://move-more.org/camps)

CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS SCHOOL 4-7YRS

BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE 6-12YRS

CLEEVE SCHOOL 5-12YRS

ST MARKS JUNIOR SCHOOL 5-12YRS

JOHN MOORE PRIMARY 5-12YRS



**MOVE
MORE**
EVERY CHILD THRIVES

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

- Huge Range Of Activities
- No Screens Policy
- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted
- Early Drop-Off & Late Collection Options
- Income Reinvested Into The Charity



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**MOVE MORE'S
CHARITY GOLF DAY**
Friday 3rd July 2026



**RUN CHELTENHAM
CHARITY SPOTS**
September 2026





PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

**February Half Term at
The Vineyards, Tewkesbury,
GL20 5PG
Tuesday 17th February
10am to 4pm**

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With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council
for funding this session



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 mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

Play Gloucestershire
Transforming lives through the power of play
www.playgloucestershire.org.uk
  [playgloucestershire](https://www.instagram.com/playgloucestershire)



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.

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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)