



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

There's been a real sense of Christmas settling into school this week. The children were full of excitement as they decorated the Christmas tree, and their creativity was on full display, as they prepared for the Christmas fayre. We rounded off the week with our Abbey Carol Service, which gave us all a chance to come together, sing and begin the Christmas season as a school community.

Girls' ESFA Football County Cup



Our Girls' Football Team represented the school brilliantly this week in the ESFA County Cup, following their earlier win in the Tewkesbury competition. They faced the champions of Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud, the Forest of Dean, South Gloucestershire and more, making it an incredibly tough tournament, especially in the torrential conditions!

The girls showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout and finished 5th overall, which is a superb achievement given how many primary schools compete across Gloucestershire.

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

Drawing Club



The Draw with Rob lunchtime club finished with a festive flourish this week by each drawing a very jolly Father Christmas (some fine examples of these are shown above). During the Autumn term, we have all tried our hands at drawing: a capybara, a red panda, a turtle, Pikachu, Ringo the Dog, a turtle, a Christmas pudding and Sonic the Hedgehog. We have all picked up tips and tricks for more easily drawing facial features, graduated shading and shadows cast by our creations which I'm sure we'll all remember when drawing in future. So, if you find yourself at a loose end in the week between Christmas Day and New Year, there are many Draw with Rob videos available on Youtube to help keep you and your family entertained.

Pre School



Elfaba the elf has been keeping everyone on their toes in preschool this week. She's been popping up in all sorts of unexpected places and giving the children plenty to giggle about!

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Christmas Fayre



Thank you for joining us for our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday afternoon. We hope you had a wonderful time! The PTFA could not run these excellent events without your continued support so thank you! We will be shortly sharing information on how much we have fundraised this term, and how we are enhancing the children's learning and experiences here at C of E.

Christmas Art Competition



We were delighted to welcome so many entries for this year's Christmas Art Competition. Children were invited to create a piece of art that could be used in the programmes for our Christmas Abbey Service, Holy Trinity's Carols by Candlelight, or the Christingle Service.

They were encouraged to be as creative as possible, using any medium they wished, while linking their artwork to either the Nativity Story or Christingle. The quality of artwork was fantastic this year, as you can see from a selection of the entries in the image above.

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A busy week in Year 2



This week, Year 2 have been busy developing their gymnastic skills in PE, showing great focus and control in their routines. They have also been getting into the festive spirit by preparing reindeer food for the Christmas Fayre and hanging up their baubles on the school's Christmas tree.

Last Week of clubs next week

Next week is the final week for extra curricular clubs, before the Christmas break. However, dodgeball and Draw with Rob club, have now ended for the term.

Calling all parents who would like support with their child.

We understand you may be struggling with supporting your child at home and or at school. Over the next academic year we are planning on holding regular coffee mornings with videos and advice from Move More covering a variety of subjects. The first morning will be focussed on 'Supporting an overwhelmed and worried child'. Mrs Hortop and Mrs Wiggins will share the videos followed by a short time to discuss thoughts following what we have watched. This will give you an opportunity to meet other parents having similar issues.

Our first coffee morning will be on Wednesday 10th December from 9am until 10.30 in the community room at Pre-School. Please can you let us know if you are interested in coming, so we have enough biscuits! Follow this link to let us know before 8th December. <https://forms.gle/uJBRzxp9nM5imGzm7>

Coffee morning for parents!

Do you need help to support your child? Are you concerned they are anxious?

Come to our coffee morning for Parents

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This will give you an opportunity to meet other parents having similar issues.



When: Wednesday 10th December
from 9am until 10.30

Where: Community room at Pre-School.

Please let us know if you are interested in coming, so we have enough biscuits!

A big well done and thank you to Ruby



We want to share a lovely moment from our Christmas Fayre. Ruby chose to donate a selection of her own plushies and set up her very own stall.

She raised an impressive £76.50 for the school. Not only was this incredibly generous, but she also took full responsibility for organising her stall, handling the money, and setting everything up and down.

Ruby's family have shared how proud they are of her, and we are too. It was wonderful to see her confidence grow through the experience.

A big thank you as well to Miss Cheal and Mrs Davies for the kindness and support they offered throughout.



2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (2)

8th December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
 8th December - Year 4 violin concert (2:15 - 3pm)
 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 3
 22nd January - Tewkesbury Swimming gala
 28th January - Music Workshop - tbc
 5th February - Year 2 RE trip
 5th February - Cross Country (Race 4)
 12th February - Cross Country (Race 5)
 23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play
w/b 16th February - Half Term
 5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)
 11th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup
 25th March - English Touring Opera visit
27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term
 20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2
 27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential
1st May - Inset Day
 w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
w/b 25th May - Half Term
 12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition
 w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
 24th June - Meet your new teacher morning
 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 8th December 2025

Day	The School Day	After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	New Reception Parents 2026 Open Morning 10am Year 4 violin concert 2:15pm Parents & family welcome		Football Club Year 3 - 6 Finish at 4:15pm	Sausage, Chips & Beans Veggie Sausage, Chips & Beans
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Book Club Year 3- 4 Finish at 4:15pm		Cheesy Pasta
		First Lego League Year 4- 5 Finish at 4:15pm	Netball Club Year 5- 6 Finish at 4:15pm	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed	Roses Panto Year 3 & 6 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	(No dodgeball club)		Roast Chicken, roast potatoes & gravy Roasted Quorn Fillet, roast potatoes & gravy
Thurs		French Club Year 3- 6 Finish at 4pm	Drama Club Year 4- 6 Finish at 4pm	Chicken Jambalaya with rice Vegetable Jambalaya with rice
Fri	Board Games Club Year 3-6 12:30 - 1:00pm			Fishcake & Mini Waffle Homemade Margherita Pizza



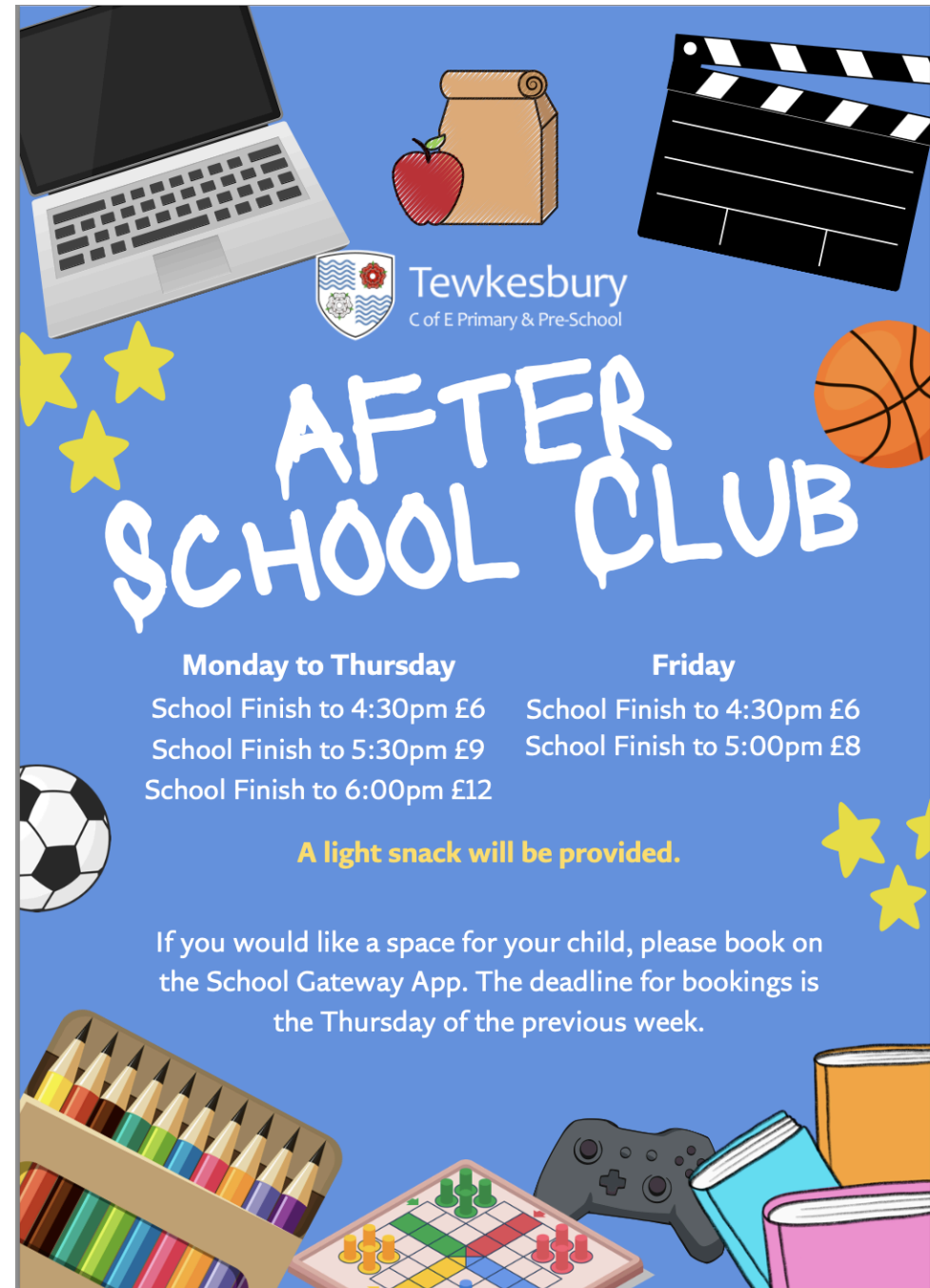
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



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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.



**The
Children's
Society**

COOKING, SPORTS, ART



FUEL WEDNESDAY YOUTH CLUB

4-6PM

10-18 YEARS

Tewkesbury Youth Support Centre, Link road,
Tewkesbury, GL20 5JQ

ctyh@childrenssociety.org.uk 07521429300





Wild Worship Sunday 7th December 2025, 3-4pm

Join us for an informal, family-friendly outdoor service
with the theme of 'Getting Ready'.



All ages are welcome!



Make Advent wreaths with candles to light at home



Set off on a nativity themed Scavenger hunt



Create a Wild Worship nativity scene



Toast panettone on a campfire and enjoy a hot
chocolate

**Come to wonder and worship with us -
and wrap up warm!**



The
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Tewkesbury Youth Hub

What's On

Come and
join us!

Our Youth Clubs

EPIC

Tuesdays

6:30- 8:30pm

A safe space for young people with additional needs or are neurodiverse, to cook, play sports and make friends!

Fuel

Wednesdays

4:00- 6:00pm

Come and hang out, play videogames, cook and eat together! As well as getting involved with sports and arts activities.

Home Ed

Youth Club

Contact us for more details and timings

An inclusive space to make friends while enjoying, sports, cooking, crafts and games.

Where: Tewkesbury Youth Centre Link Rd, Tewkesbury GL20 5JQ

Who: 10- 18 year olds (up to 25 for Epic)

Contact us: ctyh@childrenssociety.org.uk

07521429300

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EPIC

What is happening?

Every Monday 6:30-8:30 we provide a safe space for young people aged 10-25 with SEN and neurodiversity.

There plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy for example:

- Cooking/baking
- Arts and crafts
- Football with will from CTFC
- Pool tables
- Table football



CONTACT US:

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Tewkesbury Youth Centre,
Link road, Tewkesbury, GL20
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Invitation to Tewkesbury Abbey Christmas Fair, Saturday 29th November 2025
"Come-And-Sing" Nativity!

I am writing on behalf of Tewkesbury Abbey, to invite the families and friends of local primary school pupils to the Tewkesbury Abbey Christmas Fair "Come-and-Sing" Nativity.

We are excited to offer an opportunity for children and grown-ups alike to come together as a wider community at the Abbey Christmas Fair for a nativity play like no other, Christmas carols, and to decorate the Christmas tree!

On the day: Tewkesbury Abbey Christmas Fair, Saturday 29th November 2025

14:00 Arrive and join in Christmas crafts, decorating paper ornaments for the tree, and creating costumes (children and adults are invited to play angels, shepherds, or animals. If you would like to wear your own costume from home you are most welcome!).

14:30 Nativity begins, led by adult narrators and characters, supported by everyone! Christmas carols throughout.

15:00 Decorate the Christmas tree!

These activities are for children to participate in with their families/guardians. Families are invited to arrive early or remain afterwards to continue enjoying the fair – there will be more performances, as well as stalls, refreshments, and other festive activities!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Abbey!

Yours sincerely
Isobel Chesman

Choral Development Leader, Tewkesbury Abbey



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TEWKESBURY TOWN BAND



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025

7:30pm

THE ROSES THEATRE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE ROSES
THEATRE BOX OFFICE**