

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLYNEWSLETTER

8th December 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

As we navigate through the drizzles and downpours of the season, it's evident that, although the weather may be wet, our spirits remain wonderfully un-dampened! Slowly, our school is transforming into a festive wonderland with glittering lights and cheerful decorations popping up in every corner. However, it seems that some mischievous elves have taken residence, causing a bit of playful havoc around the school... I wonder what they'll get up to next week!

A message from John Holmes, our Chair of Governors

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Tim Rylatt as the Permanent Headteacher of our school. He will take up this post at the start of the next academic year, on September 1st 2024: the point at which our two year, executive headteacher partnership, comes to an end.

Tim has been our Operational Headteacher throughout that partnership and a part of our school for much longer than that, so of course we all know him well. That is why we know so many people in our community will be just as pleased as we are to be able to appoint such a talented leader, and one who has already done so much for our school.

In the meantime, we'll continue our Executive Headteacher partnership until its scheduled end. Jane Farren's work as our Executive Headteacher has been a great success and we're excited to see what the next two terms bring.

Following on from John Holmes' message about the permanent appointment of Tim Rylatt as Headteacher of Tewkesbury C of E, I would like to add my congratulations. I have had the privilege of working alongside Tim for over a year now and I have seen first hand his skill, dedication, and drive for continuous improvement. The school and school community are incredibly fortunate to have such a devoted, approachable and caring Headteacher. I am incredibly excited for the future of the school.
Jane Farren (Executive Headteacher)

Bringing history to life!



Year 3s have enjoyed visiting the John Moore Museum in town to set up their Skara Brae model village display for all of Tewkesbury to enjoy! The museum will be open on Saturday to the public for you to view the handy work of Year 3 in bringing a Neolithic World UNESCO Heritage site to life!

Please feel free to pop in but if you can't make it, then don't worry, as it will be on display in the museum into January (probably towards the end of Jan '24).

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

Year 1 gets a special visitor



Year 1 had a very special visitor to their classrooms this week! A tiger! He was caught playing with the toys, jumping on the tables, painting a picture, eating fruit and reading a book! It caused great excitement and curiosity!

Year 3's Christmas Experience



This week, Year 3 spent time at Holy Trinity Church for their Christmas Experience. They had a wonderful time learning about the Christmas story at 5 different stations around the church. Thank you to Lucy and the whole Holy Trinity team for putting this on once again for the Y3 children!

PTFA Christmas Shopping Night (8th December)

Don't forget that tonight, the PTFA are welcoming over 25 stalls into our hall for our annual Christmas Shopping Night from 6.30-8.30pm. Entry is free and we would love to see as many of you as possible! Many stalls will be accepting card payments, however, some smaller stalls may only take cash. There will be a bar selling mulled wine & cider alongside non-alcoholic beverages.

PTFA Reminders

Christmas Film Night (18th December)

On Monday 18th December, each year group will be hosting a Christmas film night straight after school. The PTFA will be selling tickets after school every day next week (in the school hall).

EYFS (pre-school & Reception- hosted in the hall) 3.15- 4.15

Price £2 to include small sweet cone, drink, a short Christmas film & Christmas colouring

KS1 & KS2 3.15- 5.15

Price £3 to include sweet cone, drink and a longer Christmas film.

Preschool get into the Christmas spirit



Preschool got into the Christmas spirit this week as they were visited by a very special elf. As you can see from the pictures, they've had a lovely time decorating the tree and trying to work out what cheeky things the elf has been up to.

Year 6's become tailors and seamstresses



This week, Year 6 have become tailors and seamstresses as part of their REAL Curriculum lessons. Earlier in the week, we learnt several stitches and how to sew buttons onto fabric securely. Then we created our own teddy bear paper patterns before learning how to pin this to fabric.

Towards the end of this week, we designed our bears in more detail and began adding facial features to our teddies. Miss Davis was very impressed with Pearl Class' resilience and confidence. A big thank you to parents who helped in the Y6 classrooms this week. We look forward to finishing our bears (and showing you some final pictures) next week.

Poppy Appeal

We're pleased to tell you that we raised £161.71 for the Poppy appeal this year. Thank you to everyone who donated money to such a worthy cause. A big thank you to our Year 6 children, who helped to set up and sell the poppies each day. In total, the Tewkesbury area has raised a whopping £37,500 since 1st October 2023 - a remarkable achievement!

School diary week beginning 11th December 2023

Day	The School Day		After school		Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Lego club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm				Pork Meatballs & Pasta Quorn Nuggets & Pasta
Tues	Chess club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm		Choir (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Art club (Rec - Y1) 3:15 - 4pm	Chicken & Vegetable Fajitas Quorn & Vegetable Fajitas
Wed	Mindfulness club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm		Recorder club (Rec - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Fencing club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.10pm	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thur			Drama club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm		Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread Quorn Wraps
Fri	Book club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Music club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Football club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm		Starfish with Chips Jacket Potato with Choice of Fillings

Important Dates

Monday 11th December 2023 - Friday 15th December 2023 - Last Week of Clubs

Monday 11th December 2023 - Year 2 Christmas Pantivity at Tewkesbury Baptist Church (more info to follow)

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 1 trip to the Panto (Beauty and the Beast)

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - iSingPop Celebration Assembly - 2:30pm start (for KS2 parents and friends)

Friday 15th December 2023 - Year 6 VE Day Party

Monday 18th December 2023 - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Tuesday 19th December 2023 - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Thursday 21st December Reception Nativity and Stay and Play - 9:30am start (Receptions family and friends)

Friday 22nd December 2023 - Last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024 - School Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - First day of Spring term (children return to school)



 **Tewkesbury**
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Christmas

SHOPPING NIGHT

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
6:30PM - 8:30PM

TEWKESBURY C OF E SCHOOL HALL

**WE HAVE OVER 20 AMAZING STALLS OFFERING A
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE.
COME AND GET SOME STOCKING FILLERS AND
SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL TOO!**

Free Entry



Christmas Movie Night

Monday 18th December 2023

PRE-SCHOOL & RECEPTION

3:15PM - 4:15PM

£2 TICKET INCLUDES A
SWEET BAG, SHORT FILM
AND CHRISTMAS
COLOURING.

YEARS 1 - 6

3:15PM - 5:15PM

£3 TICKET INCLUDES A
SWEET CONE AND FILM.

*Purchase your ticket from the
School hall week commencing
4th December 2023*



You're invited

The Welcome Table

A space to come together with others in the local community. Come in just for a tea or coffee, or enjoy a freshly cooked meal too. Bring your whole family, your friends, a neighbour, or just yourself! Everyone is welcome, it's free of charge and no booking is required.

every other Monday
doors open 3:15
food served 4:45

next dates

- Monday 2 October
- Monday 16 October
- Monday 30 October
- Monday 13 November
- Monday 27 November
- Monday 11 December
- CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday 22 January 2024
- ...continues every other Monday

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea
and coffee, activities for children
4:45 freshly cooked meal
6:00 end



Holy Trinity
Church Hall
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The Welcome
Table

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