

Friday 6th February 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been a really wonderful week in school. The highlight has of course been receiving our SIAMS report, which celebrates the strength of our vision, the kindness in our community, and the way our children and staff shine each day. It's a report we can all feel proud of. Alongside that, the children have thrown themselves into some brilliant experiences, from REAL curriculum adventures to the fun and excitement of Number Day (where we can't wait to share the photos). Classrooms have been full of learning and plenty of smiles. A great week all round, and a lovely reminder of what makes our school so special.

Year 4 have had a very busy week



Creating our 3D dragons eyes using clay



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

Year 4 have been busy designing some fantastic dragon eyes as part of their *Beowulf* work. After designing their ideas, they've now begun shaping them in clay, and the detail and imagination they're showing is brilliant.

Photo collage



Scratch Coding

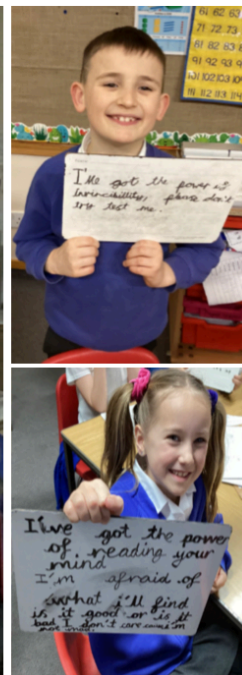
Year 4 have also been putting their coding skills to the test by creating their own games on Scratch. They showed great creativity and problem-solving, and the finished games were genuinely impressive.



Beowulf

As part of their work on *Beowulf*, Year 4 explored the eerie world of Grendel's swamp and used it as inspiration for some powerful descriptive writing. Their ideas really brought the setting to life.

Year 3 enjoy National Storytelling Week



This week, Year 3 celebrated National Storytelling Week by participating in a live Zoom workshop with storyteller and rapper Alim Kamara.

We joined schools from all over the country and explored the magic of storytelling through sound and rhythm.

The children loved it and then had a chance to write their own rap about a superpower of their choice!

Year 2 Mosque visit



Year two had a wonderful end to their RE unit, all about Islam, when they got the opportunity to visit the Masjid e Noor Mosque in Gloucester. It really brought their learning, this term, to life. They were shown all around the Mosque and the Iman demonstrated different rituals such as how a Muslim prays and how they perform wudu before prayer. The Iman was very impressed with the questions the children asked and also how much they already knew! Thank you, again, to the PTFA for funding this very valuable and informative trip for all of year two.

Acorns get baking



Acorns have had a brilliant time baking this week. After lots of pretend cooking with playdough, the children decided it was time to make some real scones. They listened carefully to instructions, used great hygiene, measured and mixed the ingredients and rolled the dough beautifully before choosing from a range of animal cutters.

As the scones baked, the children noticed the delicious smells drifting through the room and they tasted even better than they smelled. Everyone enjoyed eating them together, and they were proud to make enough to share with their Oak friends next door.

A lovely activity full of teamwork, new skills and very happy faces.

PTFA Updates

Wear What You Love Day- Friday 13th February

Next Friday, the children are invited to wear what they love (whether that be PJs, their favourite dress up outfit or just some non-uniform clothes!) for a £1 donation.

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!

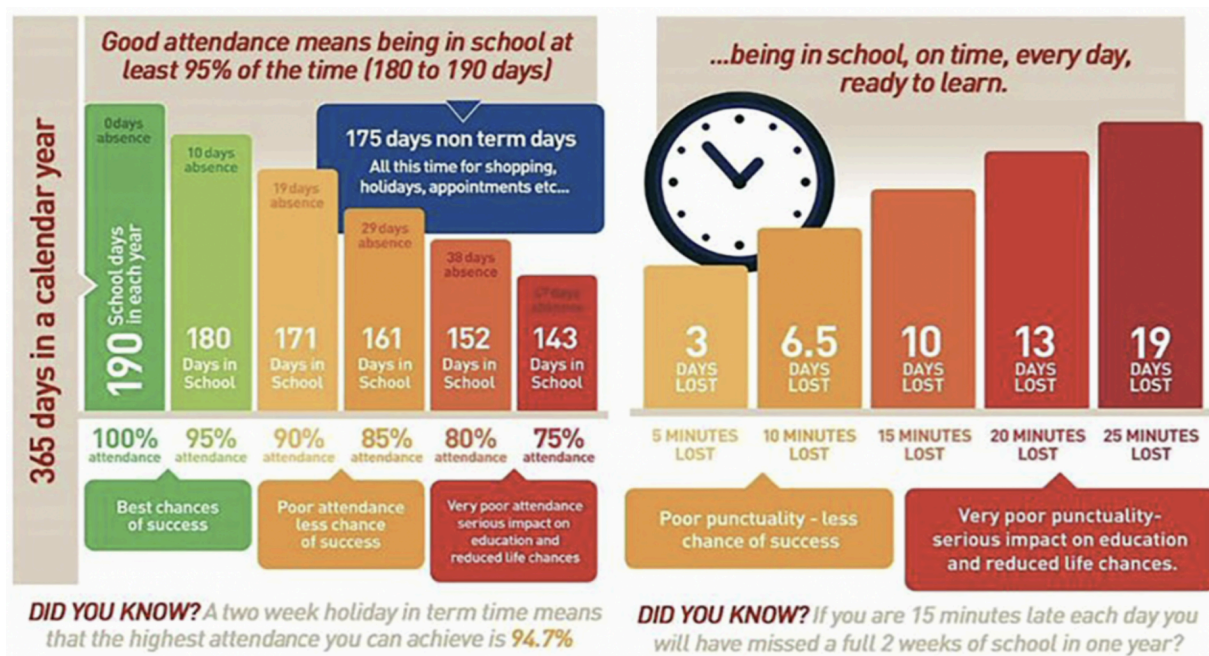
Tickets cost £21 per person (including the booking fee) and can be purchased through the School Gateway App. The cost also includes a delicious sweet treat from our wonderful parents who own Tewkesbury Treats! Tickets are sure to sell out like last time so be quick if you want to join us for a night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

11th February SRE meetings for Parents
13th February - PTFA Event - Love what you wear day
12th February - Cross Country (Race 5)
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 9nd February 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon		Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Story Club - Cancelled 3.15 - 3.45pm Table Tennis Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Vegetarian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
Tues	Outdoor learning session For selected children	Netball Club 3.15 - 4.15pm First Lego League Club (Invite Only) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken New York & Rice Veggie New York & Rice
Wed	Science Assembly 9:30 - 10am Funky Fingers Club 12.30 - 1.00pm Board Games Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	SRE Workshops 3.30 - 5.00pm Dodgeball Club 3.15 - 4.00pm Tewkesbury Football Club (Girls' Football) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Homemade Cottage Pie Homemade Vegetarian Cottage Pie
Thurs	Year 5 Swimming	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm French Club Year 3- 6 3.10 - 4pm Cross Country Race 5 Vineyards 3.30pm - 4.45pm	Sweet Chilli Chicken & Rice Sweet Chilli Quorn & Rice
Fri	Love What You Wear Day		Fishcake with Mini Waffles Homemade BBQ Pizza



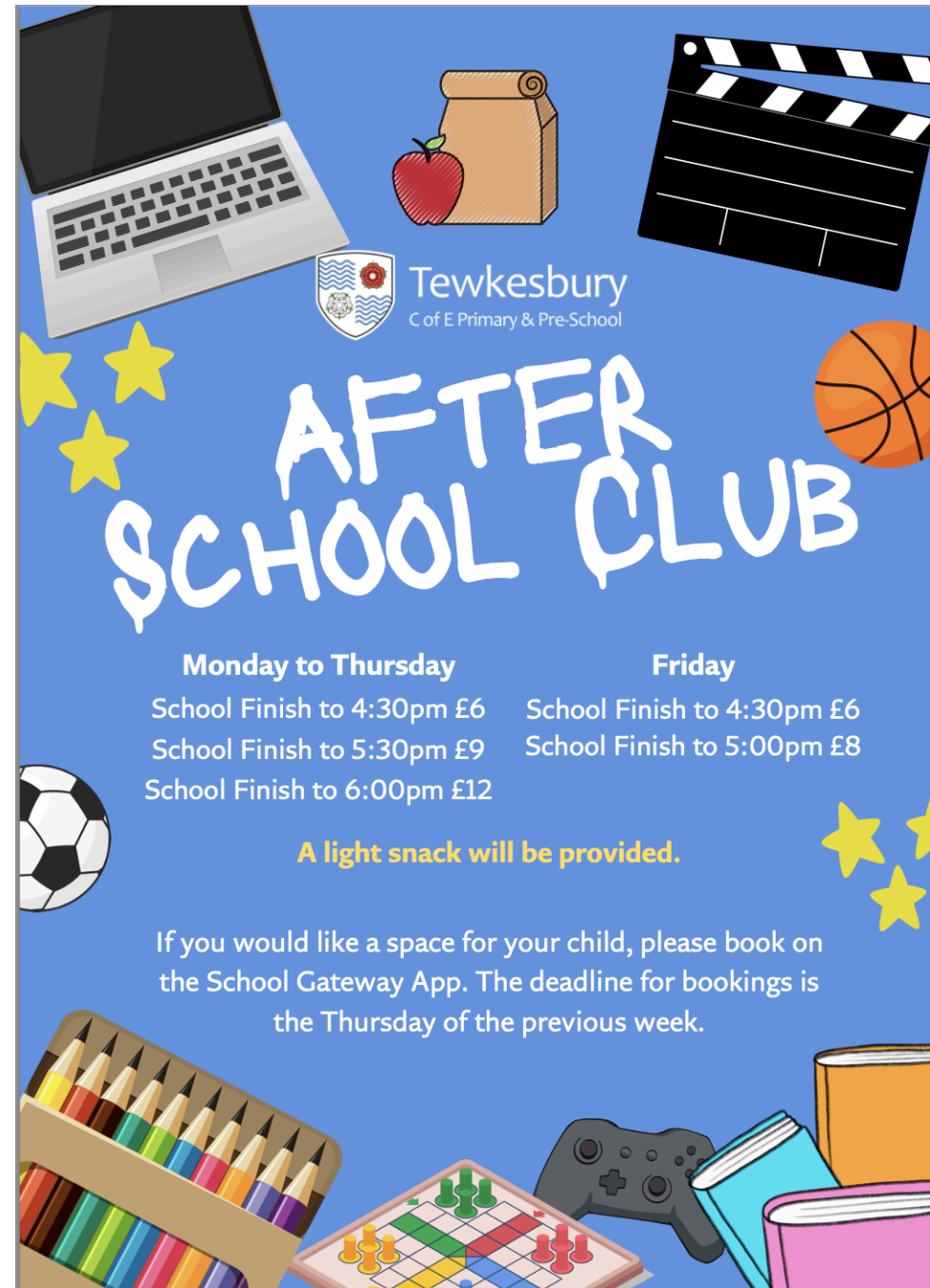
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

**Love What You
wear day!**



Friday 13th February

**Come to school
wearing what you
love!**

£1 Donation





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.

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£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
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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



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



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EVERY CHILD THRIVES

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

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- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
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- 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
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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.

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For further information:

Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk

Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk

Phone 01452 505548

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