

Friday 17th January 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been another fantastic week at school, filled with memorable experiences for our children. From the excitement of performing at Young Voices to the fascinating trip to We the Curious, our students have had opportunities to explore, learn and discover beyond the classroom. This week in collective worship, we focused on the importance of self-respect - how it influences the way we treat ourselves and others and the positive impact it can have on our lives. As our children continue to embrace new experiences and challenges, they are learning how self-respect not only shapes their actions but also helps them build confidence and contribute to a positive school community.

Young Voices



On Tuesday this week, the choir and other children made their way to the BP Pulse Live Arena in Birmingham to take part in this year's Young Voices Concert. And what a day it was! Upon arrival, we were shown to our seats and then took part in a 3 hour rehearsal to ensure that our performance was spot on (which it was!). We had learnt some original numbers and some well known songs such as a compilation of songs from the Musical Hairspray, Lean on Me by Bill Withers and Try Everything by Sharika to name but a few. After a brief pause to eat we were on to the concert itself! The children truly raised the roof and performed fantastically in both song and dance! Even the teachers showed their moves! All in all, it was a fantastic atmosphere to be surrounded by hundreds of singers and to sing with one voice and purpose! A great experience for everyone!

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

We The Curious



On Thursday, Year 5 travelled to Bristol for the much-loved visit to the 'We are Curious' centre. Children had an excellent time exploring the centre and extending their learning in science. We enjoyed a 'Fantastic Forces' workshop involving practical experiments proving a range of forces as well as an incredible, immersive 3D Planetarium show where we learnt about our Solar System's planets and moons. We learnt of the 3 criteria for classifying planets and why Pluto is no longer considered one – you may want to ask Year 5 to explain! In addition to this, children had ample time to explore the centre's many interactive scientific exhibits across two large floors. These exhibits covered a wide range of topics, from animation—featuring the creators of Wallace and Gromit—to thought-provoking questions like 'Do we have a soul?', and an exploration of the concepts of time, light, and sound. This visit only scratched the surface of what 'We Are Curious' has to offer, and all (teachers included) left with our heads buzzing with new ideas and curious questions.

Ofsted Report

We are incredibly proud of the positive feedback in our recent Ofsted report, which highlights many of the strengths of our school. The report commended the welcoming, inclusive and nurturing environment we have created, with a strong focus on pupil well-being. It recognised the efforts of staff in building caring, trusting relationships, ensuring every child feels safe, valued and supported. At the same time, it praised our ambition for every child's success, with a well-designed, broad and engaging curriculum tailored to meet individual needs and encourage all pupils to reach their full potential.

The report also acknowledged our positive school culture, where pupils demonstrate respectful attitudes and take on leadership roles, contributing to a vibrant and respectful community. Our early years provision was highlighted as being a real strength, with children making an excellent start in reading and communication. Additionally, the wide range of extracurricular activities offered to pupils helps them explore and develop their talents outside the classroom.

The report also noted the strong support of parents, who consistently expressed their appreciation for the school's commitment to helping their children thrive. Finally, staff morale was highlighted as high, with teachers feeling valued and supported as part of a close-knit community.

Parent Governor Election – We Need You!

Earlier today, you would have received an email regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school's governing board. Parent governors play a vital role in shaping the direction of our school and bringing valuable perspectives to the table. If you are interested in applying for this important role, please refer to the email for further details on how to nominate yourself.

The deadline for nominations is **12:00 noon on Tuesday 28 January 2025**. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to hearing from you!

School diary week beginning 20th January 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Spring Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon			Drama club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Football club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Chicken Fillet & Diced Potatoes Veggie Burger
Tues			Netball club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Oddstepperz Street Dance Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Quorn Bolognese
Wed	Story Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chill out zone Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Sausages with Mash Potato Quorn Sausages with Mash Potato
Thur	Year 5 swimming		French club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Ukulele club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Homemade Tomato Pasta
			Wild wonders club Year 2 - 4 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Fri	Year 1 Walk around Tewkesbury		Archery Club Year 5 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Battered Fish with Chips
	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Board games Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Homemade Vegetable Pizza



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

6th January - Inset Day

16th January - Year 5 trip to We the Curious

14th January - Young Voices

Friday 7th February - Year 4 + 5 Peace Doves Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey - TBC

w/b 17th February - Half term

3rd April - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am

9th April - Easter service at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm

Summer Term

28th April - Inset Day

29th April - 1st May - Year 4 Residential - Pioneer Centre

w/b 12th May - Year 6 SAT

w/b 26th May - Half term

2nd June - Start of MTC Window (2 weeks)

w/b 16th June- Year 6 Residential Oaker Wood

2nd July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play

9th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date

11th July - Med Fest

14th July - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am

16th July - Rec - Year 2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

17th July - Year 3 - 5 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

18th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 1:45pm

21st July - Inset Day



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BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
8:00am - 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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Number Day 2025

This year, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on **Friday 7th February**.

As part of this day, each year group will be working with another to complete fun curriculum-based activities which take inspiration from famous game shows, current trends, exciting tasks, and teamwork. We will also be inviting children to take part in the Maths hat competition to design and make a hat inspired by a Maths topic they have been learning about or numbers in general (see examples below). The hats will be judged by Mr Gunter and Miss Cheal and a prize will be given to each winner.



At breaktime and lunchtime, our wonderful school council will also be holding a cake sale to raise money for NSPCC child line and a mental health charity. More details to follow.

