

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th June 2024

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a lovely and restful half-term break. As we dive into the final term before the summer holidays, we are filled with excitement for the many activities and celebrations that lie ahead.

This past week has been incredibly busy for our children. Our Year 1 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Weston-Super-Mare, soaking up the seaside sights and sounds. Year 2 have been buzzing with creativity, making beautiful bee baths as part of their environmental studies. Meanwhile, Year 3 had an exhilarating encounter with some fascinating jungle creatures, sparking their curiosity. Year 4 had a wonderful visit to the local library, discovering new books and enhancing their love for reading.

These activities showcase how our R.E.A.L curriculum is alive and thriving, providing our children with meaningful, real-life experiences that enrich their learning and personal development.

We look forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead, filled with more exciting events and learning adventures.

Year 1 visit a windswept Weston-Super-Mare



Year One enjoyed a visit to Weston -Super -Mare this week. Despite the wind and rain they had a wonderful time building sandcastles, going on a donkey ride and having an ice lolly on the beach.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were keen to point out the different human and physical features they recognised from learning about Weston in their Geography lessons.

Year 2 have been 'Busy Bees'



Year 2 have been busy bees.... Please keep an eye out in the school grounds for some bee-autiful, hand painted, bee baths that the children made. The baths are hidden away bee-cause we don't want the bees to be disturbed while they're making themselves smell as sweet as honey. The baths are not full of warm water and bubbles but are there to give the bees a place to wash, rest and have a drink. We hope you can spot them!

Year 3 - Jungle creatures



Year 3 got the chance to have a close encounter with some weird and wonderful animals from the Rainforest.

Our expert visitor from 'Eco Animal Encounters' helped us learn more about animals from the tropics and even let us hold many of the exotic creatures!

Some of Topaz class held a Bullfrog, stroked a python and a Blue-tongued Skink, as well as holding a tarantula the size of a hand! A fantastic experience for all.

Year 4 visit the Tewkesbury library



This week Year 4 visited Tewkesbury Library and learnt about the different services that the library offers our community. We learnt that it wasn't just a place to get great books but also a place to socialise with friends and meet new people through organised clubs and events. The children listened beautifully and explored some of what the library has to offer. Children explored the bookshelves and found themselves a comfy place to have a relaxing read, worked alongside Ms McGarvey, one of the fantastic library assistants, to know how books could be signed in and out and worked with Mr Staggs and Mrs Kucharski to organise a box of returned books, ready for the next reader. Our local library is a fantastic asset to have in town and we recommend everyone in our wider school community visit sometime soon and see what they have to offer.

Lots of fun at Pre-school this week



End of term celebrations

As we near the end of another very successful year at C of E, we have lots of celebration events happening, which we would love for you to join. We have recently had confirmation that the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Tewkesbury Abbey, will be on Monday 15th July, starting at 2pm. This event is open to all Year 6 parents and Family.

Then we have our KS1 and KS2 celebration assemblies to allow the children to showcase some of the wonderful things they have done throughout the year. The KS1 Celebration assembly will be at 2pm on Wednesday 17th July, where parents and family will be most welcome, with KS2 celebration being on Thursday 18th July, again at 2pm with parents and family welcome. Finally, the Year 6 School Leavers' Service will be held on Friday 19th July at 2pm, where we will get a chance to celebrate the children's journey throughout their primary school years and will also give us a chance to wish them all the best as they embark on their exciting new journeys.

Tewkesbury C of E to get its own Art Studio

We are so excited to announce that we will have our very own art studio at Tewkesbury C of E in September!

We know how much our pupils love art and the opportunity to be creative; our budding artists, designers and architects will now have a dedicated room which they access in their art lessons.

Any extra-curricular art clubs will also have the opportunity to enjoy this room too!

We are currently in the process of buying new items for the studio, however, there are some items that we need which can be found in the everyday home! If you are able to collect any of the following items from the poster below and bring them into school, we would be hugely grateful for any donations.



Arts Week 2024

As you may have already seen, from the letter sent home with your child earlier this week, we are relaunching our annual Arts Week.

To ensure we provide a well-rounded art curriculum that does not just focus on artists, our annual Arts Week will focus on designers or architects who have helped to shape the world we live in. This year's theme is: 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Each class will explore a fashion designer from around the world and learn about their unique style and influences before designing an Olympic outfit inspired by the class' designer.

In previous Arts Weeks, we have always invited parents and other family members into the school and this year is no different! It is a great opportunity to come in and get involved with all the creative activities alongside our children. They really love welcoming you into the school (as do we!) You do not need to be a budding fashion designer or excellent seamstress/tailor... you just need to be willing to get involved!

If you are interested in helping out Wednesday 3rd July- Friday 5th July, from 1.15-3.00, please fill out the form sent home with your child by Friday 21st June; Miss Davis will then contact you shortly to confirm your attendance.

School diary week beginning 10th June 2024

Day	The School Day		After school		Summer Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check				Cheese and Pasta bake Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Sewing Club Year 3 - 6 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Christian Union Year 6 3:15 - 4pm	Athletics Club (invite only) Year 6 3:15 - 4pm	Chicken New York with Chips
	Year 6 Library Visit				Quorn New York with Chips
Wed	Mindfulness Club Rec - Y2 12:30-1.00pm	Musical Theatre Club Year 3 - 6 12:15-12.45pm	Rounders Club Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4:15pm		Braised Beef with Roasties
	Year 6 Leavers' Service At Gloucester Cathedral				Quorn Mince with Roasties
Thur			French Club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4pm	Drama Club Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4:30pm	Homemade Cottage Pie
			Basketball Club Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Multi Skills Reception 3:15 - 4pm	Homemade Quorn Cottage Pie
			Drama Club Performance - 6pm		
Fri	Lego Club Y1 - Y2 12:30 - 1 pm Drama Club Performance to school		Athletics Competition Year 3 - 6 Prince of Wales Stadium (Cheltenham) 4:30 - 7:30pm No Cricket Club this week		Fish with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza

Important Dates

Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th - Phonics Screening check

Wednesday 12th June - Year 6 Leavers service at Gloucester cathedral (this is a children's only event)

Friday 14th June - KS2 Athletics competition at the Prince of Wales Stadium

Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood

Tuesday 18th June - Tewkesbury Athletics competition

Wednesday 26th June - Move up morning (meet your new teacher)

Wednesday 3rd July - Year 5 trip to We The Curios (@Bristol)

Wednesday 10th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play

Thursday 11th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play - RESERVE DATE

Friday 12th July - Year 5 trip to the Medieval Festival

Monday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm (Parents and Family welcome)

Wednesday 17th July - KS1 Celebration assembly - 2pm (Family and Friends welcome)

Thursday 18th July - KS2 Celebration assembly - 2pm (Family and Friends welcome)

Friday 19th July - Year 6 School Leavers' Service - 2pm (Family and friends welcome)



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You are welcome to this free, turn up and join in, family friendly event for all ages run by Tewkesbury Abbey and Tewkesbury Nature Reserve

Wildlife Identification

Be part of creating a new record of all the bugs, birds, bees, flowers and trees in the Abbey Grounds using bug boxes and identification charts provided, and for those who want to - the iNaturalist app!

Guided bird spotting

Learn about the birds in the Abbey grounds from experienced bird watchers. Please bring your own binoculars.

Bug Hotel making

Do-One-Thing for nature and make a mini bug hotel to take home or help make bug hotels for the Abbey grounds. All materials provided.

**10am - 12pm,
Saturday 8 June**

**Tewkesbury
Abbey Grounds**





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Saturday 8 June

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