

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st July 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

Tewkesbury C of E is a very special place to be.

I have been Executive Headteacher at Tewkesbury C of E for a whole academic year and I have loved every minute! It has been an honour to work alongside Mr Rylatt and the wonderful Tewkesbury C of E team. We have seen such exceptional, positive change in just one year! There are so many things to celebrate and too many to list in full, but here are just a few:

- The school's test results have improved greatly across the school (from early years and phonics to the formal tests in year 6).
- Much of the teaching we have observed is now outstanding.
- Children's attendance is now in the top 40-50% of schools nationally (quite a change from being in the bottom 10-20% last academic year).
- Your children have had a wealth of exciting experiences both in and outside of the classroom.
- We have been awarded the highest OPAL award - Platinum!
- The new website and newsletters enable us to communicate more effectively with the whole school community.

Tewkesbury C of E is a wonderful place to be.

It has been an honour to get to know your children; to watch them learn and grow. They should be proud of their many achievements this year. The strong staff team puts great skill and effort into each day; they really care about your children. Mr Rylatt's passion for the school is contagious; his exceptional leadership and determination to make Tewkesbury C of E the very best school is clear and I know he will continue to do this next academic year.

Tewkesbury C of E is an incredible place to be.

Year 6 Leavers Service



On Wednesday, our Year 6 children took part in the Tewkesbury Schools Leavers' Service at the Abbey. We were joined by all of the local primary schools, who each performed a song. We must say, we were blown away by the C of E children - they were absolutely fantastic and really stole the show! To watch the performance, please click on the link. [Year 6 Abbey Performance](#)

The Year 6 children also entertained us all in their brilliant leavers assembly. The assembly really had it all, there were WOW moments, laugh out loud moments and ugly crying moments too. We are going to thoroughly miss this Year 6 group, they have been a credit to the school and to their parents/carers - but we know that they will continue to shine as they move onto the next chapter of their lives.

Reception Concert



On Thursday, Reception took part in their own concert, performing some fantastic songs to their parents and friends. They performed the songs with such confidence, not only remembering all of the words but the actions too. It was a joy to behold. After the performance, we then enjoyed a photo collage showing their year in Reception, and oh my, it looks like they've had a wonderful year. A big thank you must go out to the Reception team for putting this all together and especially to Mrs Burrows, who was the brains behind the idea!

Topaz cook up a storm



Year 3 have been chocolatiers this week, designing, advertising and making Rainforest Friendly chocolate bars! Everyone has pulled together on the busy production line, at the TOPAZ CHOCOLATE COMPANY Ltd!

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

Year 2 Dinosaur explorers



This week, Amethyst class asked Miss Cheal if they could learn about dinosaurs so that's what they did. They've made fact files, created their very own fossils and investigated dinosaur poo to see if they could figure out which dinosaur made 'the mess'. It's safe to say that they've had lots of fun and can't get over the size of the fascinating creatures that once roamed the earth!

Library Challenge



Tess from Gloucestershire libraries visited the school for an assembly on Thursday to promote the Summer Reading Challenge. There's prizes to be won, bookmarks to collect, even silent discos to join and plenty of books waiting to be read (all for free!) So why not visit Tewkesbury Library and pick up a summer reading challenge pack. Will you manage to collect all 10 bookmarks? You could be in with a chance to win a prize to the Escape rooms in Cheltenham! To find out more, please click on the link: [Reading challenge](#)

Next week's diary

Day	The School Day	Summer Lunch Menu Week 2
Monday	KS1 celebration assembly 2pm start	Chicken Nuggets with Diced Potatoes Quorn Nuggets with Diced Potatoes
Tuesday	KS2 celebration assembly 2pm start	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza with Crispy Potato Wedges Homemade Margherita Pizza with Crispy Potato Wedges

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th September - First day back to school for Year 1 - 6

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 24 July 2023
- Monday 7 August 2023
- Monday 21 August 2023
- Monday 4 September 2023
- Monday 18 September 2023
- Monday 2 October 2023
- Monday 16 October 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea and coffee, activities for children
4:45 warm freshly cooked meal
6:30 end



Summer Activities

Old Baptist Chapel

Cash and Card accepted.

10am to 12pm

**Pre-booking
essential**



Bug Hunts

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th July.

(Meet at John Moore Museum at 10am or 11am). Donation appreciated.

Paracord craft making workshop

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August. Two sessions of 1 hr, 10am and 11am. 6 spaces per session. Make bracelets or keychains.

Cost - £2 per child. Accompanying adult free.



Leaf and flower printing

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th August.

(Meet at John Moore Museum at 10am or 11am). Hunt for a leaf or flower then make a print of it to keep. Donation appreciated.

Animal Artwork

**Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August.
Donation appreciated.**



Treasure hunt and fan making

**Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August.
Donation appreciated. Hunt for objects then draw your favourites. Donation appreciated.**

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**THURSDAY 10TH & 17TH
AUGUST
10-2**

**FOR THOSE GOING INTO
YEARS 1-6 IN SEPTEMBER
LUNCH INCLUDED
NO COST**

**FUN, GAMES, CRAFT AND
A WHOLE LOT OF
CRAZINESS**

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