

Friday 18th October



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

What an incredible week it's been at Tewkesbury C of E! Year 3 kicked things off with a fantastic concert at the Abbey, where our talented children joined forces with two local schools to put on a lively medley of songs. The energy in the Abbey was electric and our kids truly brought the house down! The children then stepped back in time as they immersed themselves in Stone Age activities. From building shelters and creating cave paintings to 'hunting' for animals, it was a day that left everyone buzzing with excitement.

This week also brought a special visit from students at Kaetsu Ariake High School in Koto, Japan. Our children had a wonderful time sharing their experiences and learning about Japanese culture through presentations and even martial arts demonstrations!

To top it all off, we also celebrated our annual Harvest Festival, serving as a lovely reminder of the importance of community and gratitude. As usual, the children sang beautifully and delivered their lines eloquently. We are incredibly thankful for all the generous donations received from the C of E community, which made this celebration even more special.

Music Concert



It's been a busy but fun-packed week for Year 3 with our concert at the Abbey on Monday where all the year 3 children performed a medley of songs with two other local schools to a packed out Abbey! They made us proud after a long day with warm ups and practising and took the roof off with their energetic, tuneful and animated performances!

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

Year 3 head back in time...



On Tuesday, year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age where they made shelters, willow fences, started fires, made bone necklaces, drew cave paintings using ash and berries and even 'hunted' some animals!

It was an amazing day of teamwork and hands-on learning experiences led by Mr Oakey (OakeyBear Outdoor Learning).

Thank you to the local knitting group

Mrs Spry and the school would like to say a massive thank you to the local knitting group who have produced this wonderful nativity scene to use in school.

They were set the challenge when they attended our Christmas fair last year and they have more than exceeded all expectations!

What a talented group of ladies! Thank you so much for all of your hard work and sharing your wonderful talents with us.



C of E welcomes students from Japan



This week, Year 4 were visited by students from Kaetsu Ariake High School in Koto, Japan. Our pupils began by giving the visitors a guided tour of the school and telling them all about the learning that goes on here at C of E. After the tour, the Japanese students led a presentation to Year 4 about Japanese culture and shared their own experiences of Japanese schools, food and life, and how it differs from the UK. Some of the Japanese students then performed a range of Japanese Martial arts and songs on the piano. They ended their presentation with a highly animated group dance which they learned specifically for us! After this, the students supported Year 4 in a range of traditional Japanese games and activities, including Origami. Before the students left, they joined C of E in our OPAL play and experienced a traditionally British playtime! It's safe to say that Year 4 had an amazing morning meeting with, and speaking to all of the students. It was wonderful to see the children step up and behave so confidently to these much older pupils!

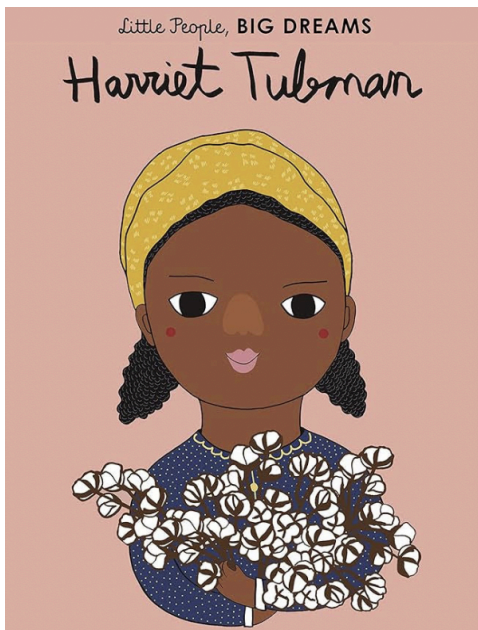
Harvest Festival



We celebrated the Harvest festival this week as Trinity church once again opened up their building to the school community. Year 2 children began by teaching us what Harvest is all about before the whole of Year 3 taught us how our food gets from the field to our plates. Year 5 led us in a meditation before year 6 told us what Foodbanks up and down the country do. After a message from Simon Phillips, the associated vicar at Trinity, Year 4 led us in some special Harvest prayers. As always, there was plenty of singing from all our children including 'Harvest Song' performed by our KS1 children. The children represented the school really well through articulate readings and enthusiastic singing.

A big thank-you to Simon, Stephen and Sarah at Holy Trinity for helping with the day and a big thank-you to everyone who bought in a food contribution. All food contributions will be donated to Tewkesbury Food Bank to be distributed to those in need in the local area. <https://tewkesbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

Black History Month



Last week, Miss Davis led our collective worship and introduced us to a lady called Harriet Tubman. Harriet Tubman was an African American who was born into slavery in the 19th century. She began working on the plantation aged 5. Determined, she fled her slave owner and headed north to join the Underground Railroad-a secret network of safe houses and people who were against slavery. These people helped enslaved people to reach safety in some of the northern 'free from slavery' states and Canada. Harriet travelled back to the South to rescue as many slaves as she could. She did this for 11 years and guided hundreds of people to freedom.

After years of problems between the Northern and Southern states, a civil war broke out. Harriet became a nurse and continued her mission to rescue many more slaves. Eventually, the war was over and slavery was abolished. However, due to unequal rules for African Americans, she began using her voice to demand equal rights.

Harriet is a symbol of strength, hope and bravery for many people around the world.

Even more music for the children to enjoy



Yesterday, we had Maya Hughes, a singer/songwriter and Richard Crane, a bass guitar player, in school. They played mostly folk music which the pupils found very relaxing to listen to, some of which was composed by Maya. She also had them completing some warm-up exercises which they found very funny!

School diary week beginning 21st October 2024

Day	The School Day	After school		Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon		Choir Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15pm	Art Club Year 4 - 6 3:10 - 4:00pm	Chicken Goujons
		Football Club Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues		Netball Club Year 5 - 6 3:10 - 4:15pm		Chicken & Bacon Pasta in a Cheese Sauce
		Drawing Club Year 1 - 3 3:10 - 4pm		Quorn Cheesy Pasta
Wed	Chill Out Zone Year 1 - 2 12:45 - 1:15pm Year 2 Trip to The Black Country Living Museum	Tag Rugby Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15pm		Homemade Cottage Pie Homemade Quorn Cottage Pie
Thur	PC Pete visiting Year 6 KS2 Music Workshop 1:45 - 3pm	Cross Country Race Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15pm		Sausages & Chips
		Table Tennis Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15pm	French Club Year 1 - 6 3:10 - 4pm	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Fri		Cricket Club Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15pm		Fish Fingers with Chips
		Archery Year 3 - 6 3:10 - 4:15pm		Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



2024/25 Calendar

Autumn Term

23rd October - Year 2 trip to Black Country Living Museum
w/b 28th October - Half term
 6th November - Open Morning - New Reception (2025/26) - 10am
 13th November - Individual and sibling photos
 20th November - Victorian Day (Year 2)
 21st November - Open Morning - New Reception (2025/26) - 10am
 3rd December - Open Morning - New Reception (2025/26) - 10am
 5th December - Christmas Abbey Service - 2pm
 6th December - Christmas Shopping Night - PTFA
 11th December - Christmas Dinner
 13th December - Reception Nativity and Stay and Play - 9:30am
 18th December - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly - 2pm
 19th December - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly - 2pm

Spring Term

6th January - Inset Day
 16th January - Year 5 trip to We the Curious
 14th January - Young Voices
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
 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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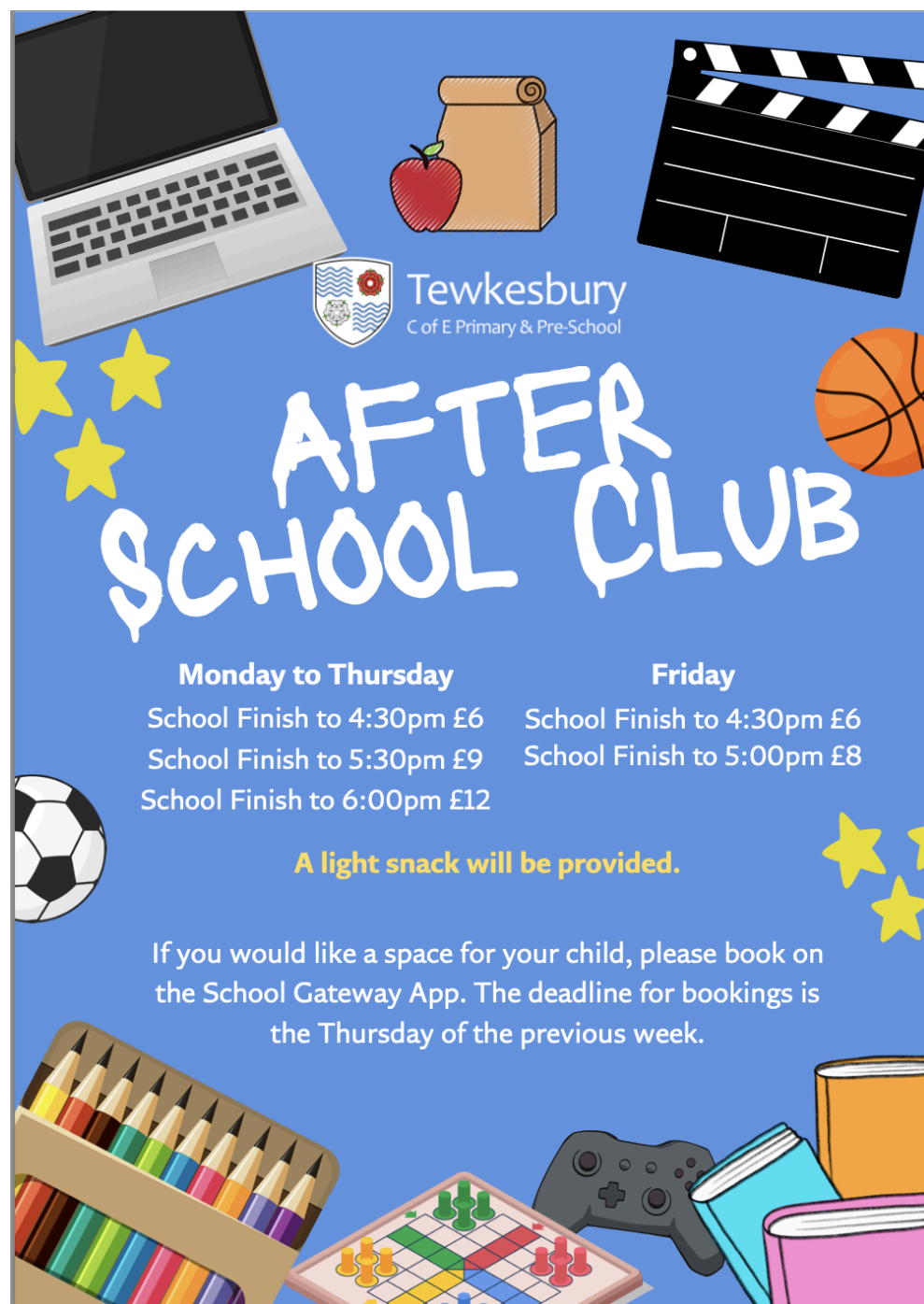
BREAKFAST CLUB

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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TADS Community Classrooms


Tewkesbury
Arts &
Drama
Society
www.tads.org.uk

Bringing arts and culture
to our community

Free!

Free workshops and events for families and adults starting September 2024

Once a month, from 7.30pm, at Tewkesbury C of E Primary School

Wednesday 18th September	Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes & Pigeon Story Recited by Geoff Guy. For all the family. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.
Wednesday 23rd October	Adult Drama Workshop: Melodrama Run by William Tombs. For over 16s only.
Wednesday 13th November	Troll Hunting Poetry Workshop Run by Brenda Read-Brown. For over 8s and adults. Ages 8-16 must be accompanied by an adult.
Friday 17th January	Adult Drama Workshop: Improvisation Run by Emily Hastings (of Acting Up). For over 16s only.
Friday 14th February	Adult Valentine Ukulele Workshop Run by Oonagh Hughes. For over 8s and adults. Ages 8-16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own ukulele or contact TADS on Facebook to borrow one.
Wednesday 12th March	Sign-Along-A -Song Workshop Run by Debbie Wiggins. All welcome but recommended for age 10+ to get the most of out it. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for **TADS Community Classrooms**, a collaboration between
Tewkesbury Arts & Drama Society and C of E Primary School.
Enjoy a variety of free workshops and events designed to enrich our community.
Discover new skills, meet new people, and celebrate the arts together!
Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. 7.30pm start.
No booking required. Just come along!





Presents

SHINING STARS!

Innovative Drama Classes for 3-7 year olds.

Churchdown – 9.15 -9.45.

Twynning – 3.20-3.50pm.

Term Term Saturdays - First lesson **free**.

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Family Fun with Bloodhound Education

Monday 28th October 2024

10am - 12.30pm

Learn about the jet engine and rocket technology in the Bloodhound 1,000mph Car. Design and build your own rocket car and race it to see the results.



St David's Centre,
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Moreton-in-Marsh

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For children of age 5+ years accompanied
by an adult and families.

Come along and try something new.

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