



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

The Christmas spirit has definitely arrived at school! Our classrooms are glowing with twinkly lights and festive displays, and Christmas Dinner paired with Christmas Jumper Day brought a brilliant splash of colour to the corridors. Year 2 have been hard at work, sewing some beautiful seasonal decorations to brighten up their Christmas trees, and last week's Abbey Carol Service was a lovely chance for us all to come together as a community and celebrate this special time of year.

Abbey Carol Service



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

Last Friday, our whole school community, children, parents, carers, wider family and friends, packed into the wonderfully festive Abbey for our annual Christmas Carol Concert. In the beauty of this historic building, the Christmas Story was told as our nativity scene was gradually built up, piece by piece, in time with the narrative. Readings from the Bible, shared by members of the SLT and our Year 6 prefects, guided us through the well-loved story, while Worship Committee members read poems that drew out deeper meanings at key moments.

As always, our children's singing was a highlight of the afternoon. Their carefully prepared songs filled the Abbey with warmth, and the whole congregation joined together to lift the roof with traditional carols, some accompanied by the magnificent organ. A particularly special moment was the opening of *Once in Royal David's City*, led so confidently and beautifully by our brave child soloists. They were outstanding, as were the Prefects and Worship Committee, who read with clarity and eloquence throughout.

By the time Father Nick delivered his final address, the nativity scene stood complete, and we were all reminded of the story, and the person, at the heart of this season. Christmas in Tewkesbury truly begins with our Carol Concert, and this year was no exception!

Year 2 Sewing



This week, year 2 have taken on a new challenge in DT and we have made our own baubles. We have taken inspiration from the Victorian era and most of us have learnt a new skill - sewing! It's been amazing to see the children tackle the task with so much confidence and we've got some very impressive results, which will look fantastic on a Christmas tree!

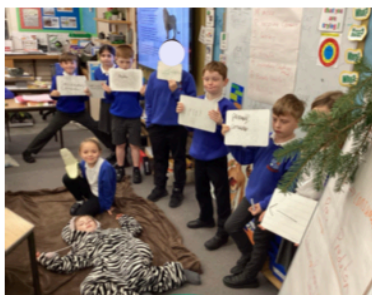
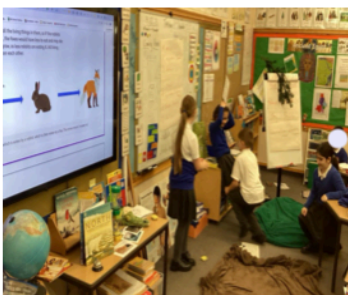
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day were real highlights this week. With Christmas music playing and the hall full of colour, chatter and the wonderful smell of Roast Turkey, with all of the trimmings. The whole school had a truly festive atmosphere.

A huge thank you to Debs and Nat in the kitchen for working so hard to cook such a delicious Christmas feast for us all.

A busy week in Year 4



Our Year 4s have been busy this week exploring food chains in science, first by recreating them together, then by using computing programs to design their own electronic versions. You'll also spot their brilliant Christmas jumper photos, along with the beautiful Christmas card designs they created in art, inspired by Michael Morpurgo's *Coming Home*, the story of a determined little robin finding his way back on a daring migratory journey. They also wowed us earlier in the week, with their violin concert, performed to their parents.

Year 3 and 6 take a trip to the Panto



This week, our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting festive trip to the Rose Theatre to see *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

The performance was a wonderful experience that brought plenty of laughter and seasonal cheer to the children.

We are incredibly grateful to all the parents and staff who supported the outing, with special thanks to Miss Davis for organising the event for the children.

Pick up arrangements

A reminder to say that if your child is going home with another parent or carer, please contact the school office to let us know in advance. We have had a few occasions recently where adults have arrived to collect children without prior consent, and we are unable to release them in these circumstances. This is to keep all children safe. Please respect our staff, who are simply following these safeguarding protocols to ensure the well-being of every child in our care.

Electronics - not in children's school bags

Please ensure that children do not bring any electronic devices into school in their bags. These items can easily become lost, damaged, or cause unnecessary distractions, so we ask that all electronics remain at home.



2025/26 Calendar

Autumn Term (2)

16th December - EYFS Nativity & stay and play at 9:30am
 17th December - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly at 2pm
 (family welcome)
 18th December - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly at 2pm
 (family welcome)
19th December - Last Day of Autumn Term

Spring Term

5th January - Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January - First Day of Spring Term
 13th January - Dodgeball competition
 15th January - Year 5 Swimming to begin
 20th January - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 3
 22nd January - Tewkesbury Swimming gala
 28th January - Music Workshop - tbc
 5th February - Year 2 RE trip
 5th February - Cross Country (Race 4)
 12th February - Cross Country (Race 5)
 23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play
w/b 16th February - Half Term
 5th March - Cross Country (Fun run)
 11th March - Year 5 - 6 Football Cup
 25th March - English Touring Opera visit
27th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term
 20th April - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 2
 27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential
1st May - Inset Day
 w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
w/b 25th May - Half Term
 12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition
 w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
 24th June - Meet your new teacher morning
 1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
 8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date
 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 15th December 2025

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon			Battered Chicken & Diced Potatoes Homemade Vegetable Pizza & Diced Potatoes
Tues	Reception Nativity and Stay and Play 9:30am start		Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread Vegetable Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread
Wed	Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly 2pm start		Braised Beef & Roast Potatoes Vegetable Mince & Roast Potatoes
Thurs	Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly 2pm start		Chicken Burger with rice Veggie Burger with rice
Fri	Last Day of Term		Cod Fillet with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



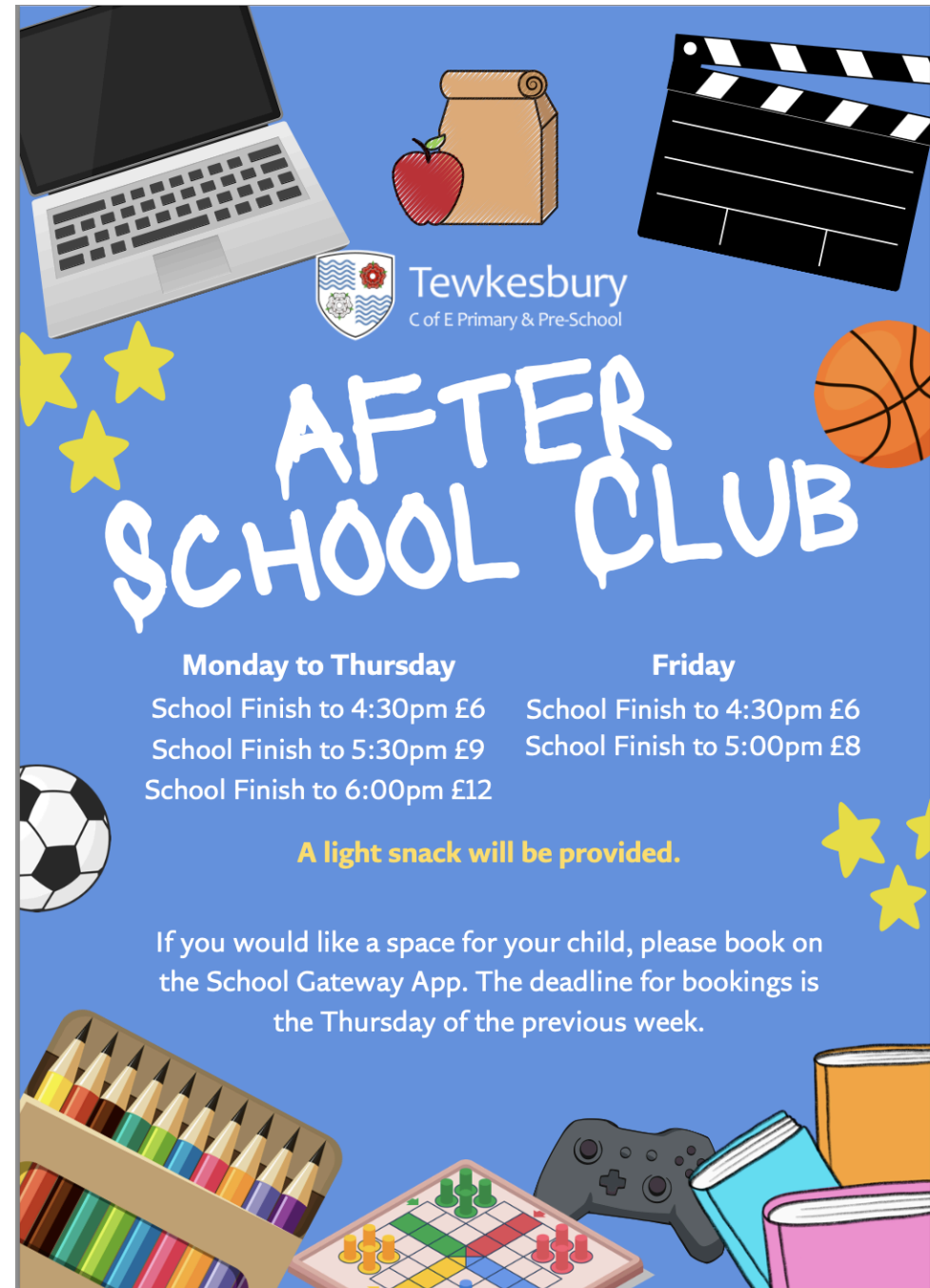
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

The
Children's
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Tewkesbury Youth Hub

What's On

Come and
join us!

Our Youth Clubs

EPIC

Tuesdays

6:30- 8:30pm

A safe space for young people with additional needs or are neurodiverse, to cook, play sports and make friends!

Fuel

Wednesdays

4:00- 6:00pm

Come and hang out, play videogames, cook and eat together! As well as getting involved with sports and arts activities.

Home Ed

Youth Club

Contact us for more details and timings

An inclusive space to make friends while enjoying, sports, cooking, crafts and games.

Where: Tewkesbury Youth Centre Link Rd, Tewkesbury GL20 5JQ

Who: 10- 18 year olds (up to 25 for Epic)

Contact us: ctyh@childrenssociety.org.uk

07521429300

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EPIC

What is happening?

Every Monday 6:30-8:30 we provide a safe space for young people aged 10-25 with SEN and neurodiversity.

There plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy for example:

- Cooking/baking
- Arts and crafts
- Football with will from CTFC
- Pool tables
- Table football



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TEWKESBURY TOWN BAND



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025

7:30pm

THE ROSES THEATRE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE ROSES
THEATRE BOX OFFICE**