

**Friday 3rd October 2025**



## ‘Learn Together, Shine Forever’

# Weekly Newsletter

## A message from Mr Rylatt...

What a busy and exciting couple of weeks we've had at school! Last week, we celebrated French Day and enjoyed a magical evening at our PTFA's outdoor cinema evening. This week has been just as lively, with our Harvest Festival, a fun "Wear Something Bright" day, and our pre-school children having their very first adventure in the OPAL play area. It's wonderful to see our children enjoying so many memorable experiences together!

## French Day



Our day began with a Collective Worship detailing the purpose of the European Day of Languages where we celebrated our children who speak other languages and learnt that the word 'pasta' means toothpaste in Polish!

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



*Learn together, shine forever*

Every class then went off timetable to fully embrace the day and the entire day was dedicated to French-themed activities, Throughout the day, pupils took part in a number of activities, such as visiting a French café, recreating the Eiffel tower, translating menus, creating art linked to a French artist and French related maths. It was a real delight to hear some French phrases from KS1 and we all had a French-tastic day!

## Harvest Festival



This week our school gathered at Trinity Church to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival, a much-loved event in our school calendar.

All year groups played their part, with Year 2 kicking us off by explaining the meaning of Harvest. Year 3 showed us how food makes its way from the fields to our tables, while Year 5 entertained us with a comical poem carrying a message, followed by a more thoughtful piece. Year 6 spoke about the work of Foodbanks across the country, before Simon Phillips, Associate Vicar at Trinity, reminded us that it is God who ultimately provides for us. Year 4 then led us in Harvest prayers.

There was plenty of singing throughout the service, including *Harvest Song* performed by KS1. The children spoke clearly and sang with confidence, making the event a real success and a wonderful time of coming together as a community.

We would like to thank Simon and Sarah at Holy Trinity for their support and for welcoming us into the church. Thank you also to everyone who brought in food donations, which will be given to Tewkesbury Foodbank to support people in the local area. More information about their work can be found at <https://tewkesbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

## Pre-School's First Adventure in the OPAL Area



This week, our pre-school children had their very first visit to the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) area. Excitement was high as they explored all the new spaces, discovering logs to balance on, tunnels to crawl through, and plenty of natural materials to investigate.

It was wonderful to see their curiosity and confidence grow as they climbed, dug, and imagined together. We can't wait to see how their creativity continues to flourish in this outdoor learning space!

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## From Tomato to Tomb: Exploring Mummification



Year 4 has been learning about the process of mummification in Ancient Egypt. They have managed to mummify a tomato, taking out its innards and placing these insides into a 'canopic jar' then treating the 'carcass' of the tomato with preservatives such as salt and bicarbonate of soda. We're all very intrigued to see the results in a few weeks before half term!

## PTFA Outdoor Cinema Event



Our PTFA kicked off the academic year with a fantastic first event, an outdoor cinema! On Friday 26th September, families gathered on the school field to enjoy *Matilda the Musical* under the night sky. Children and adults alike snuggled into blankets, brought along chairs, and enjoyed the magical atmosphere of an evening under the stars.

The event was a wonderful way for our school community to come together, share some laughs, and make memories. A big thank you to our PTFA for organising such a brilliant evening, and to everyone who joined in the fun!

### **iSingPop Is Coming**

Another reminder that we're delighted to be welcoming *iSingPop* to school this term for a joyful celebration of music. From Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th October, pupils will take part in exciting workshops where they'll learn songs, actions, and values through music. The experience will culminate in two concerts on Wednesday 15th October - one during the school day and another at 6pm. We'd love to see as many children as possible joining us for the evening performance, which is open to all parents, carers and family members. Come along and enjoy the uplifting atmosphere as our pupils take to the stage and sing their hearts out!

### **Reception 2026 Open Mornings**

Come and see our happy, vibrant school in action, meet our staff and children and discover how we help every child learn, grow and shine. If you have a child starting Reception in September 2026, these open mornings are a perfect opportunity to explore what Tewkesbury C of E Primary School has to offer. Pre-booking is helpful but not essential, just turn up if it suits you. If you'd like to reserve a spot, click here: <https://forms.gle/jDC6RATwgugeNd1H8>

### **Open Morning Dates:**

- Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 10am
- Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 10am
- Monday 8th December 2025 at 10am

Can't make the listed dates? No problem. Give us a call and we'll arrange a personal tour at a time that works for you.

### **PTFA Meeting - Monday 6th October**

If you would like to join our PTFA, and would be willing to help us organise and run events (no experience necessary), we will be meeting Monday 6th October at 5.30pm (meet at the school office).

### **PTFA Paint and Sip Evening (Adult event) Friday 17th October**



We are so excited to announce our next event - a fun, adults-only Paint and Sip night in the school hall on Friday 17th October.

We will be joined by the brilliant Brydie from Paint Pot Parties who will guide us step-by-step through creating our own masterpiece of 'Bright New Day' (see image below).

No art experience needed- just bring your own drinks (these can be alcoholic), relax and enjoy the evening.

Tickets cost £21 per person (including the booking fee) and include a sweet treat from the fabulous Tewkesbury Treats.

Tickets must be pre-booked in advance via the School Gateway app. We only have a limited amount of tickets so be quick if you want to join us for a night of fun! The event will begin at 7pm (Doors open at 6.30pm).





## 2025/26 Calendar

### Autumn Term (1)

6th October - PTFA meeting (5:30pm)  
 7th - 9th October - iSingPop teaching experience  
 7th October - Year 1 visit to Tewkesbury Library  
 9th October - Year 6 WW2 trip to Winchcombe Steam  
**10th October - Inset Day**  
 15th October - iSingPop concert at 2pm & 6pm (families welcome)  
 17th October - KS1 'Under the Moon' concert at Tewkesbury Abbey 2:15pm start (more info to follow)  
 17th October - PTFA Paint and Sip event parent event  
 w/b 20th October - EYFS parent meetings - tbc  
 24th October - PTFA - Event Glow in the Dark Disco  
**w/b 27th October - Half Term**

### Autumn Term (2)

4th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)  
 6th November - ESFA Football tournament  
 7th November - Year 6 Codebreaking experience  
 12th November - Individual & sibling photos  
 13th November - ESFA Girls Football tournament  
 14th November - PTFA Event - Break the Rules Day  
 18th November - Year 6 WW2 Workshop  
 19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)  
 3rd December - Christmas Fayre  
 5th December - Abbey Carol Service at 2pm (families welcome)  
 8th December - Open Morning (New Reception children)  
 10th December - Year 3 & Year 6 Panto at the Roses theatre  
 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**  
**w/b 16th February - Half Term**  
 23rd February - EYFS Spring Stay & Play  
**27th March - Last day of Spring Term**

### Summer Term

**Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term**  
 27th - 29th April - Year 4 Residential  
**1st May - Inset Day**  
 w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week  
**w/b 25th May - Half Term**  
 w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood  
 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 6th October 2025

| Day   | The School Day                                                              |                                                     | After school                                                        |                                                      | Autumn Lunch Menu<br>Week 3                                                        |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon   |                                                                             |                                                     | <b>Football Club</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>Finish at 4:15pm              |                                                      | Battered Chicken & Diced Potatoes<br><br>Homemade Vegetable Pizza & Diced Potatoes |
| Tues  | <b>iSingPop Teaching Days</b><br><br><b>Year 1 trip to the library</b>      |                                                     | <b>First Lego League</b><br>Year 4- 5<br>Finish at 4:15pm           | <b>Netball Club</b><br>Year 5- 6<br>Finish at 4:15pm | Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread<br><br>Vegetable Sausage Bolognese & Garlic Bread |
| Wed   | <b>Morning Run Club</b><br>Rec - Y6<br>Finish at 8:00 - 8:30am              | <b>Draw with Rob</b><br>Year 3- 5<br>12:45 - 1:15pm | <b>Dodgeball</b><br>Year 5- 6<br>Finish at 4pm                      |                                                      | Braised Beef with roast potatoes<br><br>Vegetable Mince with roast potatoes        |
|       | <b>iSingPop Teaching Days</b>                                               |                                                     |                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                    |
| Thurs | <b>Year 6 Trip to Winchcombe Steam</b><br><br><b>iSingPop Teaching Days</b> |                                                     | <b>Cross Country</b><br>Year 4- 6<br>Finish at 5pm at the Vineyards | <b>French Club</b><br>Year 3- 6<br>Finish at 4pm     | Chicken Burger with rice<br><br>Veggie Burger with rice                            |
| Fri   | <b>INSET DAY</b>                                                            |                                                     |                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                    |



The poster for Breakfast Club features a red background with illustrations of a slice of toast, a jar of jam, a butter knife, a stack of pancakes, a bowl of cereal, and a chocolate milk carton. The Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School logo is in the top left.

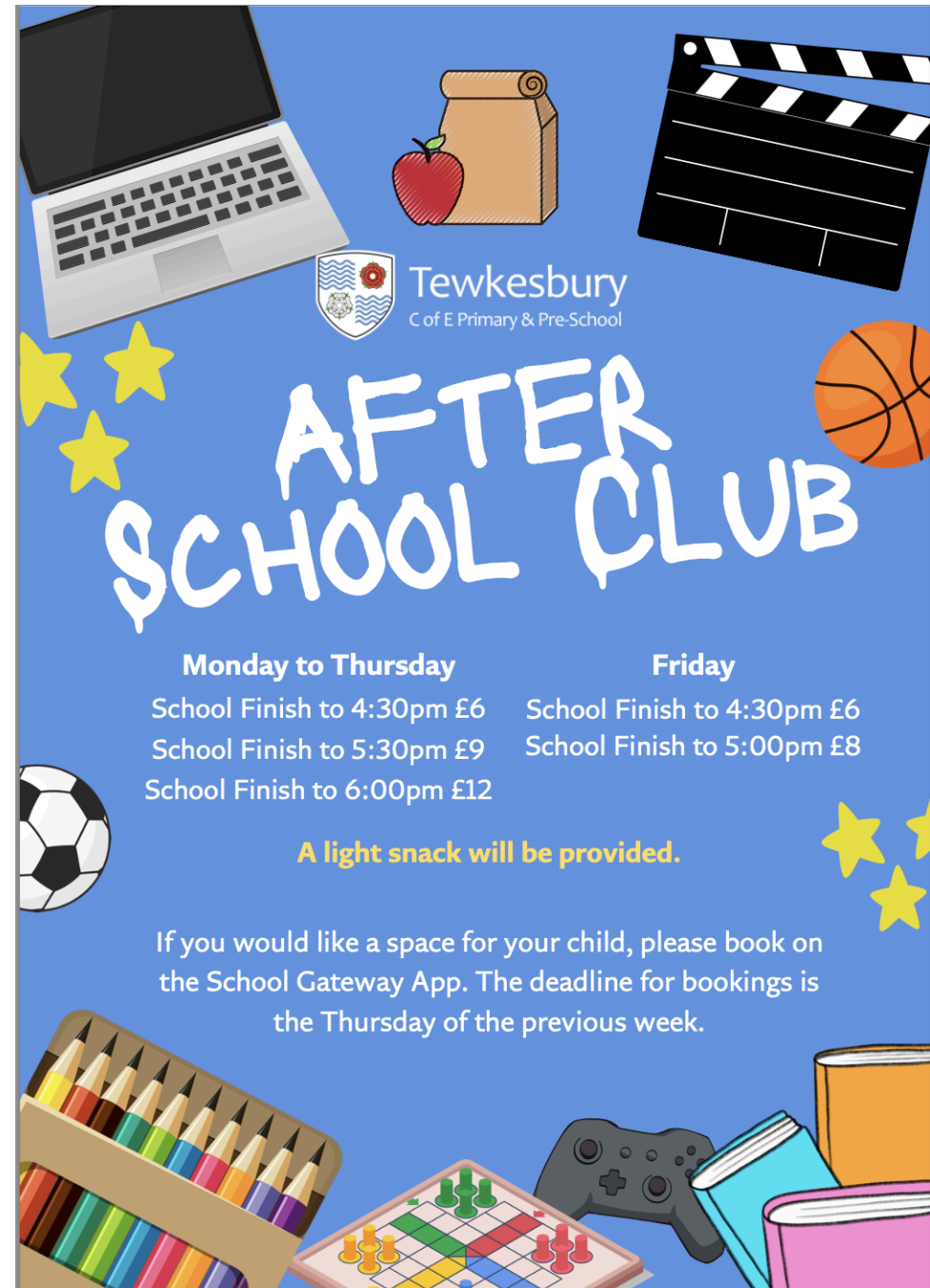
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# BREAKFAST CLUB

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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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| Chickenpox                                        | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over                                                          |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                            | 48 hours after their last episode                                                                                                            |
| Cold and Flu-like illness<br>(including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo                                          | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics                                                              |
| Measles                                           | 4 days after the rash first appeared                                                                                                         |
| Mumps                                             | 5 days after the swelling started                                                                                                            |
| Scabies                                           | they've had their first treatment                                                                                                            |
| Scarlet Fever                                     | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                               |
| Whooping Cough                                    | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                               |

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |



### Advice and guidance

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At Tewkesbury C of E Primary School, we'd love to welcome you for a visit! Join us for a personal tour of our vibrant and nurturing environment, where you'll discover why our school is the perfect place for your child to flourish and shine.

### ***Dates and Times***

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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

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