

Friday 7th February 2025



**Tewkesbury**  
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

# Weekly Newsletter

## A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been another fantastic week at Tewkesbury C of E, filled with exciting opportunities for our children. From the energy of The Rock Project inspiring our budding musicians to the important messages shared by the NSPCC, there's been plenty to spark curiosity and conversation. Number Day was another highlight and it was wonderful to see our older children working so well with the younger ones - collaborating, problem-solving and sharing their enthusiasm for maths. We can't wait to share the pictures with you all next week!

Our interactive curriculum experiences have brought learning to life, while Mental Health Week has been a powerful reminder of the importance of connection - whether it's our OPAL play leads making loom bands with the younger children or Year 5 sharing their voices in the Abbey as part of the Peace Doves exhibition. Moments like these truly highlight the joy of learning together. Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant place to be!

### Children's Mental Health Week



As part of Children's mental health week the school council have been running mindful craft sessions during lunch time. This has been very popular and a great success! A massive thank you goes to all of those year six children who gave up all of their lunch times this week to run the activities.

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## Year 2 - Great Fire on London



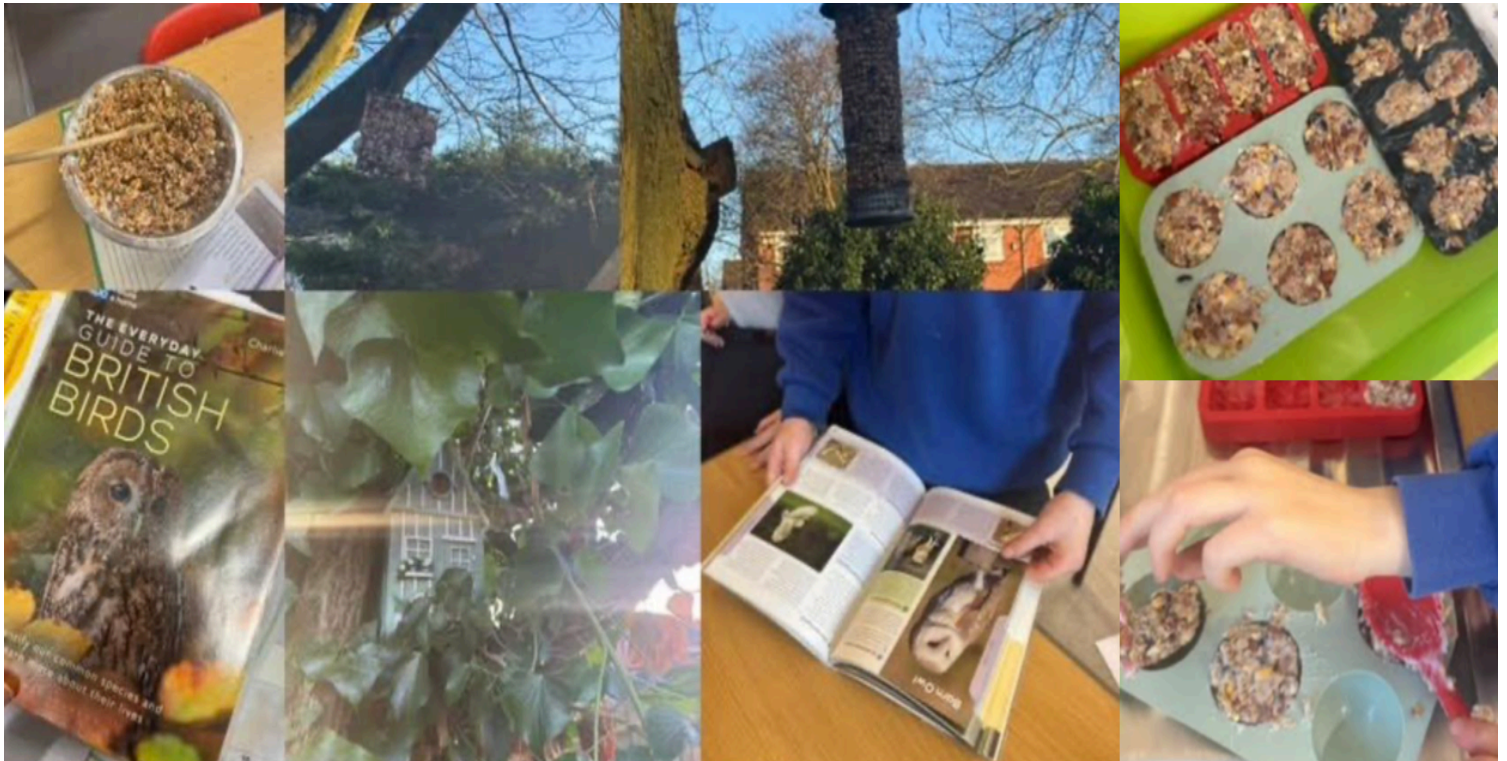
Last week, the children in Year 2 were working as scientists to identify the most suitable material to use to make a bucket that would have helped carry water to put out the Great Fire of London.



They were looking for a material that would be strong, reasonably lightweight, waterproof and non-flammable.

Finally, they carried out experiments to test a range of materials and see if they had these properties.

## Wild Wonder Club



This week in Wild Wonders Club we made bird feeders to tempt our feathered friends down from the trees for our big bird watch next week. For more information on how you can get involved at home visit

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>.

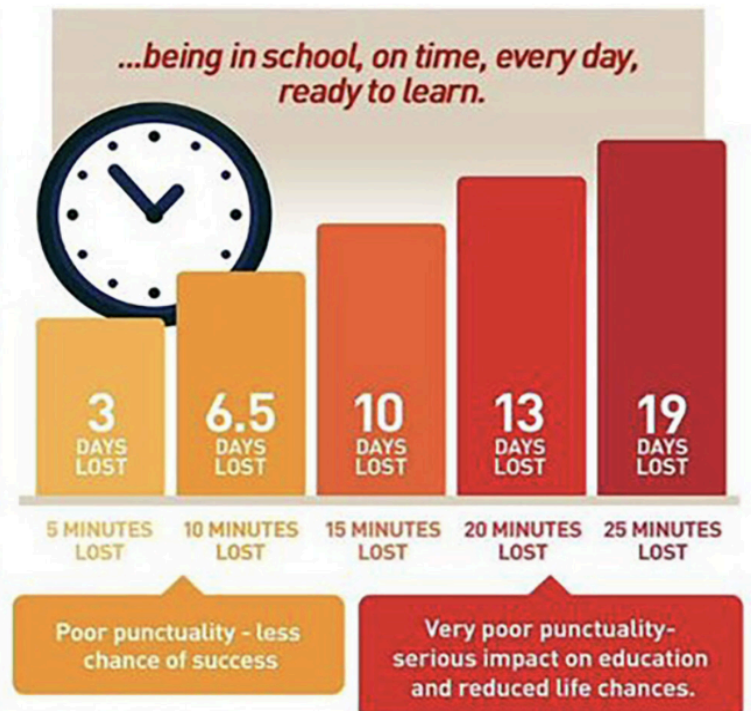
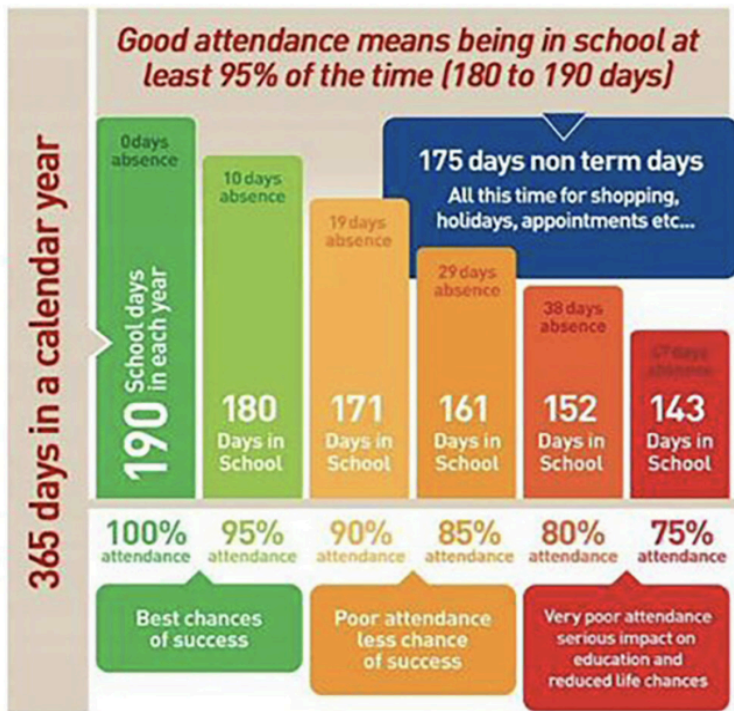


## Speak Out, Stay Safe



This week, we welcomed the NSPCC to school for their *Speak Out, Stay Safe* workshops. The sessions helped children understand how to stay safe, speak up if something doesn't feel right, and know who they can turn to for support. It was a valuable and empowering experience for all, reinforcing the importance of looking out for one another.

## The Importance of a Punctual Start to the Day



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

We've noticed an increase in the number of children arriving after 8:50am, with a significant number coming in at 9:00am or later. While we understand that mornings can sometimes be a challenge, arriving on time makes a real difference to your child's day.

Our morning tasks help children settle, get organised and prepare for the day ahead. More importantly, those arriving late are missing crucial learning time - particularly phonics and reading, which are essential building blocks for their progress. Being on time not only helps your child feel ready and confident for the day but also ensures they don't miss out on key learning right from the start. Thank you for your support in helping every child get the best start each morning.

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### **Cross Country Results**

The final few races of this year's Cross Country Series took place yesterday at the Vineyards. Though CofE were few in number, the children competing demonstrated fantastic resilience and determination in light of the poor running conditions and freezing temperatures. This was evident by their final positions with two of our girls finishing in the top 10! A great effort by all and good luck at next week's final race!

### **Young Artists Summer Show Competition**

Our pupils, here at Tewkesbury C of E, are incredibly creative and artistic. For the second year running, we have signed up to the Young Artists' Summer Show competition which is run by the Royal Academy of Arts.

#### **Key information:**

The competition is for students aged 4-18. Submitting artwork is free and done online by Miss Davis. There is no 'theme' for the competition- this will allow your child to be truly creative! Pupils can use any media when creating their art (sculpting materials, paint, photography, textiles... the list goes on!) Pupils can submit individual artwork or work collaboratively. Each student can only submit one piece of artwork.

**Artwork must be brought into Miss Davis before Monday 3rd March.** You will need to give it a title and provide a little information about it (why the artwork was created and what it means to them). The art will then be judged by a panel. Selected pieces will be shown in an online exhibition that you can view. Some artwork will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts in London where you could go and visit your work in an actual art gallery!

Here are some examples of artwork exhibited in last year's competition:



### **PTFA Events**

#### **Love What You Wear Day- Friday 14th February**

As part of our fundraising for our identified charity of the year, Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14th February, otherwise known as Love What You Wear Day! We are asking that the children bring in a £1 donation to help us raise money for this amazing charity; the donated money will be used to support cancer patients across the county.

#### **Valentines Disco- Friday 14th November**

The PTFA are excited to announce their next event for our wonderful pupils... A Valentine's Disco!  
On Friday 14th February, we will be hosting our disco in the school hall.

Timings for the disco:

Reception - Year 2: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Years 3 - 6: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

To reduce single-use plastic, we ask that the children bring their water bottles which we will refill with water or squash. We will send an email closer to the date with drop-off and pick up details.



School diary week beginning 10th February 2025

| Day  | The School Day                                     |                                                          | After school                                                                            |                                                                 | Spring Lunch Menu<br>Week 3                                      |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon  |                                                    |                                                          | <b>Drama club</b><br>Year 4 - 6<br>3:15 - 4:15 pm                                       | <b>Football club</b><br>Year 4 - 6<br>3:15 - 4:15 pm            | Chicken Fillet with Diced Potatoes<br><br>Veggie Burger          |
| Tues |                                                    |                                                          | <b>Netball club</b><br>Year 4 - 6<br>3:15 - 4:15 pm                                     | <b>Oddstepperz Street Dance</b><br>Year 4 - 6<br>3:15 - 4:15 pm | Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese<br><br>Homemade Quorn Bolognese     |
| Wed  | <b>Story Club</b><br>Year 1 - 3<br>12:30 - 1:00 pm | <b>Chill out zone</b><br>Year 1 - 3<br>12:30 - 1:00 pm   |                                                                                         |                                                                 | Sausages with mash potato<br><br>Quorn sausages with mash potato |
| Thur | Year 5 swimming                                    |                                                          | <b>Cross Country Race 5</b><br>Year 4- 6<br>3:15 - 4:30 pm                              |                                                                 | Homemade Tomato Pasta                                            |
|      |                                                    |                                                          | <b>French club</b><br>Year 1 - 3<br>3:15 - 4:15 pm                                      | <b>Wild wonders club</b><br>Year 2 - 4<br>3:15 - 4:15 pm        | Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings                          |
| Fri  | Love What You Wear Day                             |                                                          | <b>Valentines Disco</b><br>Reception + KS1 - 3:30 - 4:40 pm<br><br>KS2 - 4:45 - 5:45 pm |                                                                 | Battered Fish with chips                                         |
|      | <b>Lego Club</b><br>Year 1 - 3<br>12:30 - 1:00 pm  | <b>Board games Club</b><br>Year 3 - 6<br>12:30 - 1:00 pm |                                                                                         |                                                                 | Homemade Vegetable Pizza                                         |





## 2024/25 Calendar

### Spring Term

#### 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

11th July - Med Fest

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

| <b>Monday to Thursday</b>   | <b>Friday</b>              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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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# Love What You wear day!



£1 CHARITY  
DONATION

**COME TO  
SCHOOL  
WEARING THE  
CLOTHES YOU  
LOVE!**

# Disco

**£3 PER TICKET  
INCLUDING HOTDOG  
AND REFILLABLE DRINK**

**REC AND KS1  
3:30PM - 4:30PM**

**KS2  
4:45PM - 5:45PM**

**BOTH EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025**

# Peter Walker's **Peace Doves**

**at Tewkesbury Abbey**

**1-27 February, after sunset**

A mass participation artwork by Peter Walker, featuring  
a beautiful and reflective light and sound installation –  
**Imagine Peace** by Luxmuralis in part of the Abbey.

**Adults: £9, Children: £6.50, Family tickets: £20**



**Book tickets:**  
[www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk](http://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk)





## Peter Walker's **Peace Doves**

Experience peace and light at Tewkesbury Abbey with Peace Doves and Imagine Peace, two breathtaking installations that unite art, community, and hope. Peace Doves, created by artist Peter Walker, fills the Abbey's nave with thousands of paper doves, each decorated with messages of love and peace by local schools, community groups, and residents. This inspiring display reflects the shared aspirations of people across North Gloucestershire.

At sunset, Imagine Peace by Luxmuralis transforms the Abbey with a mesmerizing sound and light show, illuminating the architecture in powerful visuals that inspire reflection on unity and global harmony. Together, these installations offer a moving and unforgettable experience, inviting visitors to carry the ideals of peace forward.

### **About Luxmuralis**

'Luxmuralis' is the name given to the artistic collaboration Peter Walker Sculptor and David Harper Composer, who specialise in immersive fine art, light, and sound installations around the UK and abroad. Creating works across multiple media and presentation formats.

Entrance times are at 30-minute intervals throughout the evening:

**5pm, 5.30pm, 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm & 7.30pm**

Advance booking is essential.

Tickets will not be available on the door.

Tickets are available in person from the **Tewkesbury Abbey Shop**; or online at **[www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk](http://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk)**

For all ticketing enquiries please contact Tewkesbury Abbey 01684 850959.

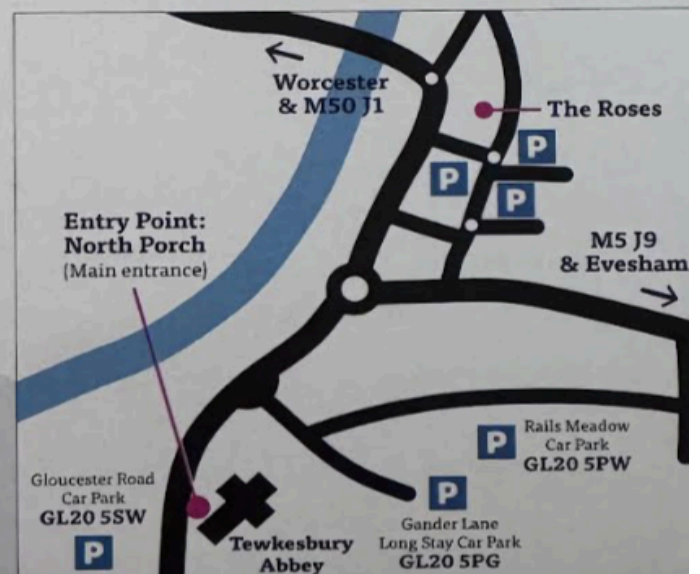
### **About Your Visit & Accessibility**

The Abbey, although heated, can still be cold during winter months. Please wrap up warmly. Toilets are located at the Touching Souls Tea Rooms. The Tea Rooms will be open and serving light refreshments. Tewkesbury Abbey is fully accessible, although due to the nature of the very old building, the floor may be uneven in places. Half price carer tickets are available from the Tewkesbury Abbey Shop; proof of eligibility may be requested.

### **Finding Tewkesbury Abbey**

Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ

There are several large car parks within a few minutes' walk of Tewkesbury Abbey, as indicated on the map (below).



# February Half-term Fun!

Want to have some fun during half-term? Come along and join in the fun!



## In Tewkesbury:

**Monday**- 4-5:30 - Multisport

**Wednesday**- 3:30-5- Crafts Session  
with Amy Jackson

**Thursday**- 10:30- 12:30- Art Shape  
screen printing

You will each receive a care package which contains some exciting activities for during your half term!



Tewkesbury Youth Centre: Link Rd, Tewkesbury GL20 5JQ





# PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

**February Half Term on  
The Vineyards, Tewkesbury,  
GL20 5PG  
Wednesday 19th February  
10am to 4pm**

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With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for funding this session



**Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come and go as they please.**

**Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.**

**We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.**

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# Spring Flower Cards

**Wed. 19th & Thu. 20th February.  
10am - 12pm, £1 per child.**

**Old Baptist Chapel, Tewkesbury**  
**[www.johnmooremuseum.org](http://www.johnmooremuseum.org)**

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