

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

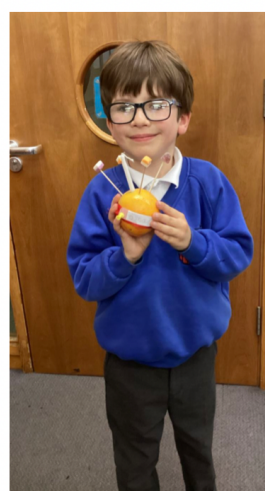
1st December 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

As we embrace the wintry chill that has settled in this week, I'm pleased to say that everything within our school walls has still been aglow with warmth. It has been great to welcome you in for our parents' evening, a great occasion to come together and celebrate the achievements of all of our wonderful children.

With Christmas approaching, the festive spirit is beginning to take hold of our school. Year 2 have been learning about Christingle, whilst all of the children have been in fine voice, as they rehearse for the Abbey Carol Service next week. We are also thrilled to announce the arrival of our lovely (and slightly wonky) Christmas tree! Its unique charm perfectly captures the joy and individuality that make our school community so special. I'm sure the children will be looking forward to decorating it together, when they return to school next week.

Year 2 Christingle



In Year 2's RE lesson this week, we took part in a traditional Christian tradition by making a Christingle orange. We learnt about the significance of each part and what each part represents. Ask us all about it!

Year 3 - Skara Brae



Year 3s building the World Heritage site of Skara Brae: a Neolithic settlement on the Orkney Islands. They're hoping they will be ready for display in the John Moore museum on Tuesday 5th December! We'd love you to go and take a look when they're all done!

EYFS make their own snacks



This week in Reception, the children have taken a real interest in snack time and have asked if they could start making their own. We have used this opportunity for the children to write shopping lists on what we need to buy as well as using our mathematical vocabulary whilst making them. This week's menu has been; jelly, biscuits and breadsticks. Next week, we will be baking fruity flapjacks. Yum yum!

Abbey Carol service

The Abbey carol service will take place on Friday 8th December and will begin at 2pm. We will be walking the children to the Abbey from school and will look forward to seeing many of you there. At the end of the performance, you will be able to collect your child from the Abbey. Those children who are not collected, will be walked back to school to be picked up. We will aim to arrive back to school at about 3:20pm.

PTFA Christmas Shopping Night (8th December)

Next Friday, the PTFA are welcoming over 25 stalls into our hall for our annual Christmas Shopping Night from 6.30-8.30pm. Entry is free and we would love to see as many of you as possible! Many stalls will be accepting card payments, however, some smaller stalls may only take cash. There will be a bar selling mulled wine & cider alongside non-alcoholic beverages.

Christmas Film Night (18th December)

On Monday 18th December, each year group will be hosting a Christmas film night straight after school. The PTFA will be selling tickets after school every day next week (in the school hall).

EYFS (pre-school & Reception- hosted in the hall) 3.15- 4.15

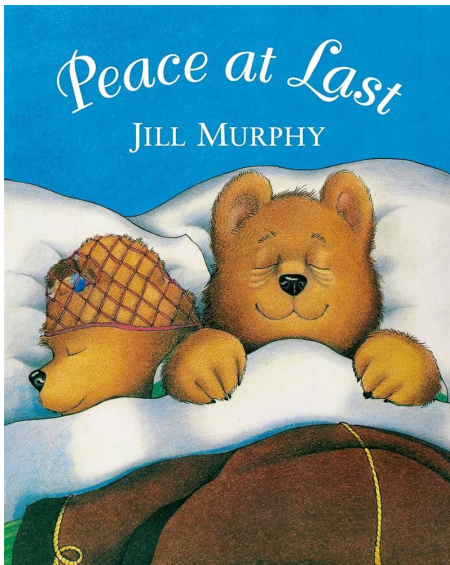
Price £2 to include small sweet cone, drink, a short Christmas film & Christmas colouring

KS1 & KS2 3.15- 5.15

Price £3 to include sweet cone, drink and a longer Christmas film.

The films, which the teachers are currently deciding, will be announced on Monday in the school hall.

This week's focus



Learn together, shine forever

This week your focus is:

To make C of E a place where we all feel safe, happy and at peace with each other.

Respecting Others: Peace starts with treating everyone with kindness and respect. When we respect each other, we create a peaceful environment.

Listening: We all need someone to listen to us. By listening to each other, we can understand different perspectives and find solutions peacefully.

Being Kind: Small acts of kindness go a long way. Whether it's helping a friend, sharing, or saying something nice, these actions contribute to a peaceful atmosphere.

Working Together: Peace is a team effort. When we work together, we can achieve more and create a harmonious community.

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

In assembly this week, we looked at the book "Peace at Last" by Jill Murphy. It's a delightful story about Mr. Bear who is desperately trying to find a quiet place to sleep. He encounters various noises that keep him awake, but in the end, he finally finds peace at last.

We talked about how, just like Mr. Bear, we all want to find peace in our lives. Peace means feeling calm, safe and happy. It's about living in a world where people get along, where there is no fighting or hurting each other.

In the story, Mr. Bear faced many challenges and noises that made it hard for him to find peace. In our lives, we also face challenges, disagreements and sometimes conflicts. But just like Mr. Bear, we can work towards finding peace in our hearts and in our communities.

iSingPop

Don't forget that we will be putting on a short **iSingPop performance on Wednesday 13th December at 2:30pm** (in the school hall), to showcase the fantastic singing of our KS2 children, led by the team at iSingPop.

School diary week beginning 4th December 2023

Day	The School Day		After school		Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon	Lego club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm				Hotdog in a roll with chips Quorn Hotdog in a roll with chips
Tues	Chess club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm		Choir (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Art club (Rec - Y1) 3:15 - 4pm	Chicken Goujons with Rice Veggie Burger in a Bun
Wed	Mindfulness club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm		Recorder club (Rec - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Tag rugby club (Y5 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm	Homemade Cottage Pie Homemade Quorn Cottage Pie
			Fencing club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.10pm		
Thur			Drama club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm		Homemade Lemon Chicken Pasta Bake Homemade Lemon Quorn Pasta Bake
Fri	Book club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Music club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Football club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm		Cod Fillet with Chips Vegetable Fajitas

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey (2 pm start)

Friday 8th December 2023 - PTFA Christmas Shopping Night

Monday 11th December 2023 - Year 2 Christmas Pantivity at Tewkesbury Baptist Church (more info to follow)

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 1 trip to the Panto (Beauty and the Beast)

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - iSingPop Celebration Assembly - 2:30pm start (for KS2 parents and friends)

Friday 15th December 2023 - Year 6 VE Day Party

Monday 18th December 2023 - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Tuesday 19th December 2023 - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Thursday 21st December Reception Nativity and Stay and Play - 9:30am start (Receptions family and friends)

Friday 22nd December 2023 - Last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024 - School Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - First day of Spring term (children return to school)



Christmas Movie Night

Monday 18th December 2023

PRE-SCHOOL & RECEPTION

3:15PM - 4:15PM

£2 TICKET INCLUDES A
SWEET BAG, SHORT FILM
AND CHRISTMAS
COLOURING.

YEARS 1 - 6

3:15PM - 5:15PM

£3 TICKET INCLUDES A
SWEET CONE AND FILM.

*Purchase your ticket from the
School hall week commencing
4th December 2023*





Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

Christmas

SHOPPING NIGHT

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
6:30PM - 8:30PM

TEWKESBURY C OF E SCHOOL HALL

WE HAVE OVER 20 AMAZING STALLS OFFERING A
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE.
COME AND GET SOME STOCKING FILLERS AND
SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL TOO!

Free Entry



We learn together - shine forever



Tewkesbury C of E Primary School would like to invite you to visit our amazing school, where everyone is encouraged to shine!



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024? The team at Tewkesbury C of E would be delighted to show you around our fantastic school, so you can see for yourselves why this is the right place for your child to shine.

Dates

Wednesday 8th November at 10am

Wednesday 22nd November at 10am

Wednesday 6th December at 10am

Pre-booking is advisable but not essential. If you would like to make a booking, then please speak to reception who will be more than happy to help. If you are not available for any of the dates listed, please contact the school and we'd be happy to find an alternative date for you.

In the mean time, please check out our website: <https://www.tewkesbury-primary.co.uk>

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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 2 October
- Monday 16 October
- Monday 30 October
- Monday 13 November
- Monday 27 November
- Monday 11 December
- CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday 22 January 2024
- ...continues every other Monday

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea
and coffee, activities for children
4:45 freshly cooked meal
6:00 end



Holy Trinity
Church Hall
Tewkesbury
GL20 5NA

The Welcome
Table

Find us on
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