

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd March 2024

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

It's been another delightful week at C of E, filled with joy and excitement as we embraced numerous Easter festivities. A standout moment was our visit to Tewkesbury Abbey for a truly memorable Easter service. Bringing together children from all year groups, it was a heartwarming experience that truly captured the spirit of the season. Additionally, our Year 3 children embarked on their own Easter Experience at Holy Trinity Church, delving deep into the traditions and significance of Easter. Their reflections and insights from this outing were truly touching. Let's not forget the charming visit from the Easter bunny to our Reception class late last night, spreading joy and laughter throughout the classrooms.

As we bid adieu to this marvellous week, we extend warm wishes to all for a happy and rejuvenating Easter holiday. We eagerly anticipate everyone's return, refreshed and eager for new adventures.

Easter Service - Abbey



Wednesday afternoon saw our first Easter Abbey Service and it turned out to be another fantastic event! The service centred around an Easter play called 'The Three Trees', which told the story of how 3 particular trees played an important role in the life of Jesus. Interwoven in the narrative were songs from the infants, Lower Key stage 2 and Upper Key stage 2 before Father Nick, Vicar at the Abbey, gave a talk about the significance of eggs at Easter. The service featured hymns accompanied by an organ as well as songs the children know from ISing Pop. A very well done to all the children that featured in the play and a big thank-you to the Abbey for hosting us, all the parents who attended and all the adults who played their part making this event happen.

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

Year 3's Easter Experience



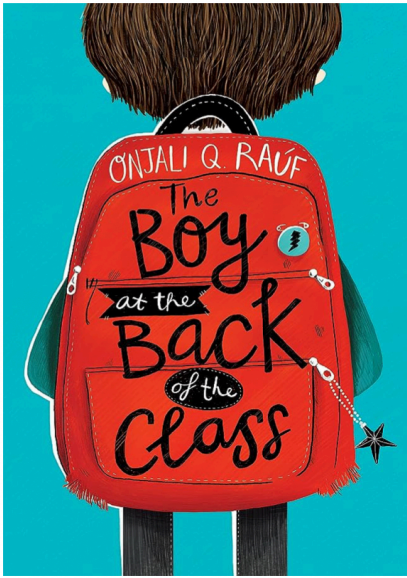
Year 3 were invited to Holy Trinity Church for a great Easter Experience on Monday. Topaz class visited six interactive stations depicting the story of Easter, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Thank you so much to all at Holy Trinity who made us so welcome and let us be involved in a wonderful afternoon.

Year 3s food tasting



Year 3 had a fruit tasting session in French this week as part of their topic of 'Les fruits'. As you can see, reactions were varied! After the Easter break they will learn how to say which fruits they like and do not like.

Year 6 Musical



Yesterday, the Year 6 staff (alongside Miss Walters) took our Pearl and Azurite children to Malvern Theatre to watch the play 'The Boy at the Back of the Class.' The play, which is based on the book written by Onjali Q Rauf, explores how a young boy called Ahmet joins a school in England. After learning he has fled his own war-torn country (Syria) without his family, his new friends dream up a magnificent plan to reunite him with them, however, an unexpected adventure follows!

And, wow, what a play it was! Staying true to the book, it told the story of being a refugee from a child's perspective and highlighting the power and importance of kindness and friendship. In fact, both the staff and children were incredibly moved by the production! The staff were extremely impressed by the children's behaviour at the theatre (for many, it was their first time!) and they made us very proud to be C of E! Well done to Pearl and Azurite Class on your exemplary behaviour!

Preschool

Preschool have had a fun build up to Easter, they visited the lambs in Reception class and went on their very own egg hunt, where they were learning about numbers and colours - what fun they had!



Easter Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who entered the Easter raffle, there was so much excitement during our Shine assembly today when we were picking out the names. There were four lucky winners (two for KS1 and two for KS2) who will no doubt be having a wonderful Easter, with all of their new goodies! (One of the lucky winners was absent today.)



School diary week beginning 8th April 2024

Day	The School Day	After school		Summer Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon		No clubs		Sausages with Diced Potatoes Veggie Burger with Diced Potatoes
Tues		No clubs		Chicken & Chickpea Tikka with Rice Quorn & Chickpea Tikka with Rice
Wed		No clubs		Pork Meatballs in gravy with mash potato Quorn Sausages with gravy and mash potato
Thur		No clubs		Homemade Chicken and Tomato Pasta Bake Vegetable Fajitas
Fri		No clubs		Star Fish with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings

Important Dates

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April - First day of Summer term

w/b Monday 8th April - Sapphire class parents evening

Monday 22nd April - Wednesday 24th April - Year 4 Trip to Pioneer

Tuesday 23rd April - Rec & Y6 School Nurse (screening)

Friday 26th April - English Touring Opera

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

w/b 13th May - Year 6 SATs week

w/b 27th May - Half Term

Learn together, shine forever



TEWKESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Easter Reading Challenge



Easter Reading

BINGO

Can you complete a row, column or even a full house of reading challenges this Easter?

Go outside and read next to some spring flowers 	Read a book on Easter morning 	Read at the park 	Read really slowly 
Read in bed 	Read something funny 	Tell a story using the pictures 	Read (and follow!) a recipe with a grown-up 
Find a sweet treat to snack on whilst reading a book 	Buy a packet of seeds, read the instructions, and get planting! 	Read with a friend 	Read a book with yellow on the cover 
Read a book with a character who would have hatched from an egg 	Read with a grown-up 	Draw something from a book 	Build a reading cave and read a book inside 

Bonus Bunny Reading Challenges

Read with a pet (bunnies are optional!) 	Read a book with animals in and see if you can spot one in the real world! 	Listen to an audiobook 	Read in the bath (be careful) 
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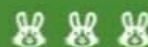
Completed challenges to be brought back to your teacher in exchange for a chocolate treat and the chance to win a £5 book voucher :)

**BCFC Easter holiday club
2024...Monday 25th, Tues
26th, Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd
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9am-4pm (6yrs +) £20 per
day**



**Plastic studs only!
shin pads needed..**

**Contact Dave or Natalie: 07772100352 or
email facilities@bishopsclleevefc.co.uk
Bring a packed lunch...snacks available
to purchase from the bar.**



Easter holidays 2024 at The Art Room
Creative Workshops
for kids age 7-13



'Painting Party'

Wed 27 Mar, 10-12.30pm

*Let loose your creativity with two
fab, eye-catching painting projects*

**BOOKING
NOW!**
Limited places!



'Yucatan Yarn'

Thur 28 Mar, 10-12.30pm

*Make a colourful and unique image
Inspired by Mexican folk yarn art*

Details, prices and bookings at
www.theartroomworkshops.co.uk
The Art Room is in Castlemorton, south Worcestershire



PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

**The Vineyards,
Tewkesbury
Wednesday 3rd April
10am to 4pm
GL20 5PG**

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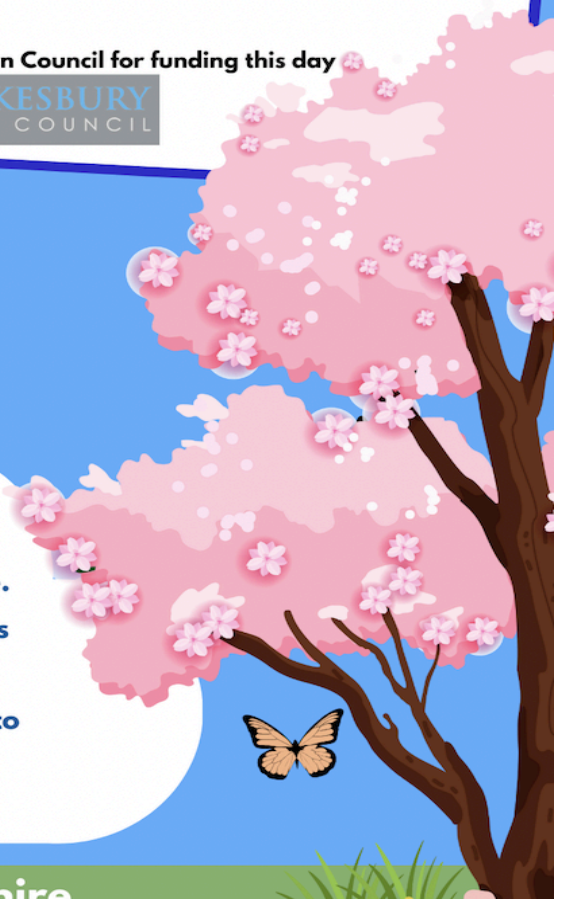
With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for funding this day



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 & 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.



Play Gloucestershire

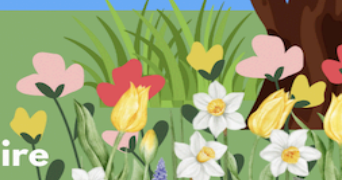
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Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

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For further information:
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