

Friday 16th January 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

Walking around the school this week has been a real joy, especially as we prepare for our upcoming SIAMS inspection. Every corridor and classroom is filled with thoughtful, vibrant displays that celebrate the children's learning and the depth of their understanding of our school vision and values. It's inspiring to see how confidently they express our vision and our values in their work and daily interactions, allowing every member of our community to shine like stars in the sky.

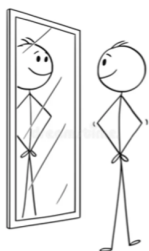
SIAMs Visit - Monday 19th January

At Tewkesbury Church of England Primary School,
our vision is for every child and adult in our
community to

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

We are looking forward to our SIAMS inspection on Monday, which gives us a valuable opportunity to share the many ways our school supports children, adults and the wider community. Our vision, "*Shine like stars in the sky*," sits at the heart of everything we do, guiding the way we learn, grow and care for one another. It reminds us that every individual has unique gifts and potential, and that our role as a school is to nurture these qualities so each person can flourish. As we prepare for the inspection, we feel proud to showcase how this vision is lived out daily - in the children's work, in the relationships across our school and in the values that shape our community.

Myself



Others



The World



Beyond



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

Extra-curricular club - Spring Term

Member(s) of staff	Activity	Year group	Day/ Time	Location	Max Number
Miss Withers	Story Club	1 - 2	Monday 3:15 - 3:45pm	Jade Class	15
Mr Rylatt & Mr Stanton	Football	3 - 6	Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Field	30
Mr Shaw	Table Tennis	4 - 6	Monday 3:15 - 4pm	Hall	16
Mr Gunter	Netball	5 - 6	Tuesday 3:15 - 4:15pm	KS2 Playground	20
Mrs Lamendola and & Miss Bussey	First Lego League	4 - 5	Tuesday until 3:15 - 4:15pm	Year 3	Invite only
Miss Ainsworth	Morning Run Club	R - 6	Wednesday morning Spring 2 8 - 8.30am	Back playground / field	
Mrs Halsey & Mrs Arnold	Funky fingers (activities to support fine motor skills)	1 - 2	Wednesday lunchtime Spring 1 12:30 - 1pm	Crystal Class	12
Mrs Yeomans	Board games club	3 - 6	Wednesday lunchtime Spring 1 12:30 - 1pm	Emerald class	15
Mr Williams	Dodgeball	5 - 6	Wednesday 3.15pm - 4pm	Hall	24
Tewkesbury Football	Girls' Football	3 - 6	Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm 4 weeks only (until end of Spring 1)	Field	35
External-Fun Science Cheltenham	Science Club	3 - 6	Wednesdays 3.15-4.15 25 February-25 March	Art studio	20
Mrs Sweeting & Miss Cheal	Drama Club	4 - 6	Thursday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Hall	40
Mr Williams, Mrs Yeomans & Miss Ainsworth	Cross Country	4 - 6 Participants will be invited by MW	4pm Start @ The Vineyards Thursday 5th February 2026 Thursday 12th February 2026	Vineyards	Participants will be invited by MW

Sign-ups for our extra-curricular clubs will open today at 7pm. Please refer to the list of available clubs above. Most clubs will begin during the week commencing 19th January, unless stated otherwise. Due to our SIAMS inspection taking place earlier on Monday, **Football Club will now begin on Monday 26th January**. As Drama Club is currently preparing for an upcoming performance, there will be no new sign-up for this club and the existing group of children will continue. Further information about joining the Science Club will be shared in the coming weeks.

Our new Worship Team



We were delighted to introduce our new Worship Team during today's Shine Celebration. This group of enthusiastic pupils will be helping to shape our collective worship by sharing ideas, supporting the delivery of worship, and contributing to displays that reflect our school values and vision. We'd also like to say a big thank you to the previous team who supported the school so well, over the previous year.

Number Day



Friday, February 6, 2026 will be a joyful celebration of numbers and maths as our school comes together to support the NSPCC. Children are invited to dress as a digit or a TTRS rock star, wear anything number-themed, and take part in lively TTRS battles and fun maths games throughout the day. Alongside the excitement, the heart of the event is a meaningful one: raising vital funds to help the NSPCC continue its essential services, including Speak Out. Stay Safe and Childline, which make a real difference to children and families.

Collective Worship this week



Bringing the Blessing Home A Special Epiphany Tradition

On Thursday in our Collective Worship, we explored the wonderful story of the Wise Men (the Magi). We followed their journey as they tracked a rising star to find the infant Jesus, bringing him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

To celebrate their arrival and the start of a new year, the children have been given a piece of blessed chalk. We invite you to use this at home to perform a "Chalking the Door" a centuries-old tradition to dedicate your home to God and welcome guests with love.

How to Bless Your Home

This is a short, meaningful activity to do as a family. Use the chalk to write the following symbols above your front door (on the lintel or the frame):

20 + C + M + B + 26

What do the symbols mean?

- 20 and 26: The current year.
- The Crosses (+): Representing Christ.
- C, M, B: These stand for the traditional names of the three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- The Latin Meaning: They also abbreviate the prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house."

A Family Prayer

Once the chalking is finished, you may wish to say this prayer together:

"Lord God, bless this home and all who live here. Fill us with the light of your love, just as the star guided the Wise Men to you. May our doors be open to friends, neighbours, and strangers, and may we walk in peace throughout the coming year. Amen."

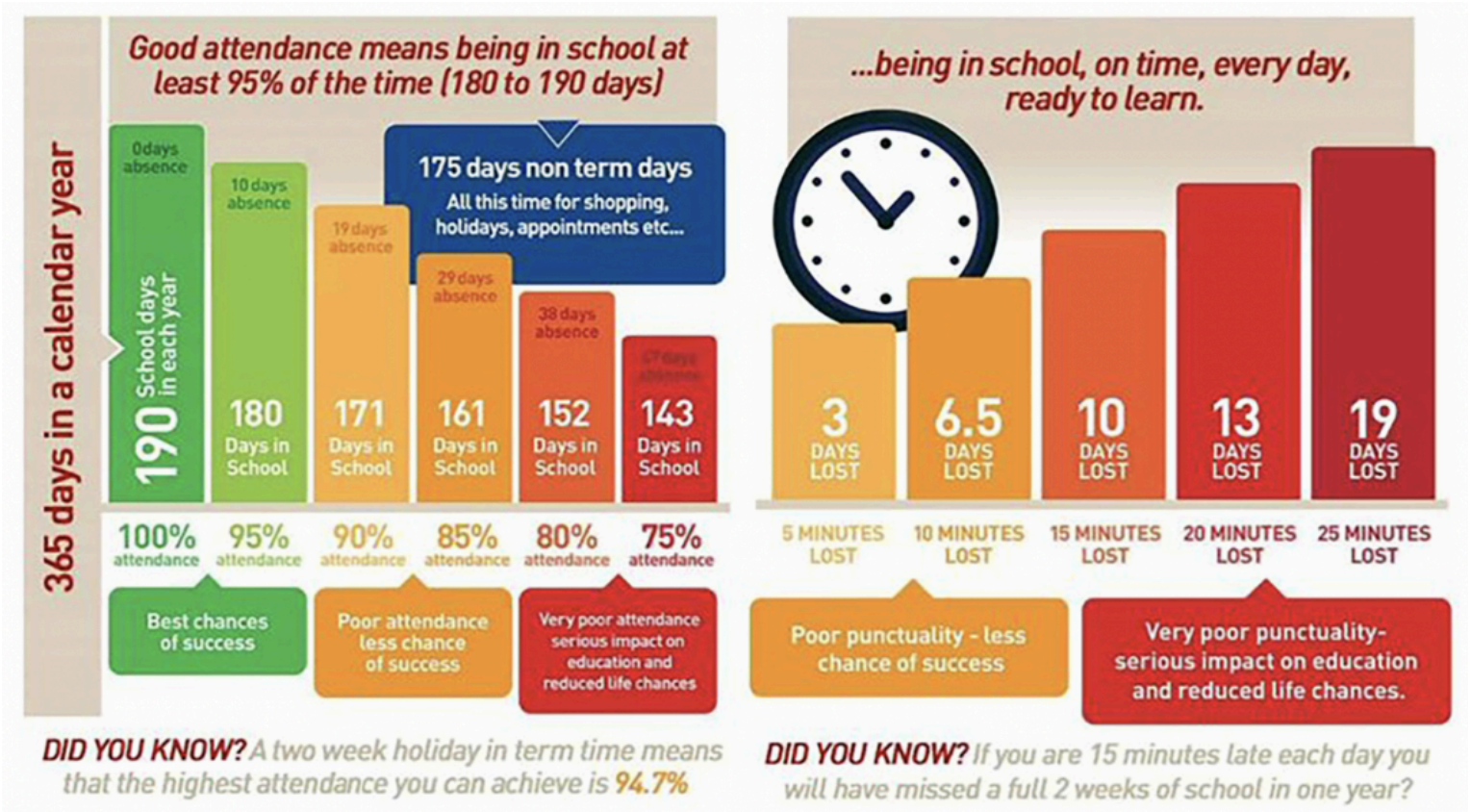
A Note for Parents

Don't worry if the chalk fades over time! The tradition is that the symbols stay above the door until they are washed away by the rain or worn by the wind, leaving the blessing behind for the rest of the year.

Year 3 Shine a Light on Science

Year 3 have started a new science topic of Light. Last week they discussed sources of light and where light comes from. We then moved on to discuss darkness and how this is the absence of dark. If your child has not told you yet, please ask them about the classroom cupboard and how dark it really is!

Importance of school attendance



Good school attendance is closely linked to higher achievement and greater enjoyment of learning. Regular attendance not only gives children the best possible start in life, but also helps them develop important habits such as independence, responsibility, and essential life skills.

When pupils miss school frequently, they can struggle to keep up with their learning, which affects their progress and can make them feel less confident about being in school.

Families and Parents partnership link

We'd also like to share a useful link to the latest **Families in Partnership** newsletter from Gloucestershire County Council, which offers support, information and updates for families, including guidance on services for children and young people with SEND. You can find the December edition here: [Families and Parents partnership link](#)

2025/26 Calendar

Spring Term

22nd January - Year 5 Swimming to begin
20th January - Young Minds Matter visiting Year 3
22nd January - Heights and weights measure (Reception & Year 6)
28th January - Year 3 Music Composition Workshop
5th February - Year 2 RE trip
5th February - Cross Country (Race 4)
11th February SRE meetings for Parents - tbc
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
18th March - Year 4 In the Net (Internet safety performance)
20th March - PTFA Paint and Sip evening
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 19th January 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	SIAMS Inspection Outdoor learning session For selected children	Story Club 3.15 - 3.45pm Table Tennis Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
Tues	Young Minds Matter Visiting Y3	Netball Club 3.15 - 4.15pm First Lego League Club (Invite Only) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken New York with Rice Veggie New York with Rice
Wed	Funky Fingers Club 12.30 - 1.00pm Board Games Club 12.30 - 1.00pm	Dodgeball Club 3.15 - 4.00pm Tewkesbury Football Club (Girls' Football) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Homemade Cottage Pie Homemade Vegetarian Pie
Thurs	Reception & Year 6 School Nurse Height & Weight Year 5 Swimming	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm French Club Year 3- 6 Finish at 4pm	Sweet Chilli Chicken with Rice Sweet Chilli Quorn with Rice
Fri			Fishcake with Mini Waffles Homemade BBQ Pizza



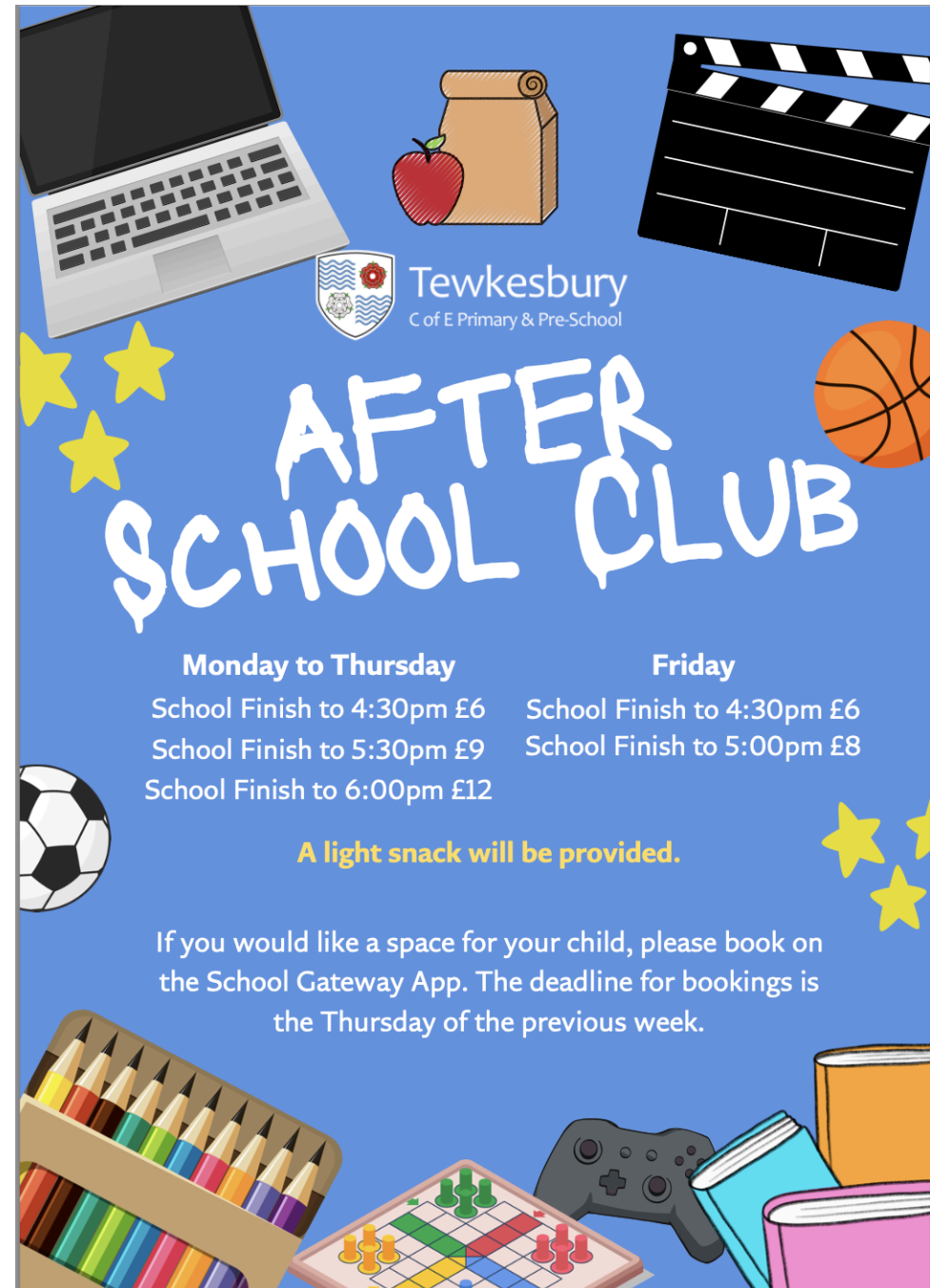
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

The
Children's
Society

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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