

Friday 8th May 2026



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It's been one of those weeks where walking the corridors reminds you what a wonderful place our school is. Everywhere you turn, there's exciting learning happening, children completely absorbed in their work, staff bringing topics to life, and that lovely buzz that makes C of E feel so special. It really is a joy to walk the corridors.

We had a visit from a local authority advisor this week, and she was genuinely impressed by what she saw, the quality of learning, the atmosphere in classrooms, and the calm, purposeful feel across the school. It's always lovely when visitors see what we see every day. It was equally great to showcase OPAL to a local headteacher. She was blown away by the atmosphere outside, how brilliantly the children were playing, and the range of activities on offer. I do love showing off the school to others, it makes me incredibly proud to be the headteacher of this amazing place.

Growing Great Scientists (in Year 2)



Year two has been busy investigating how bulbs and seeds grow into mature plants. They have planted their own seeds and are logging how they change over time. They have investigated lots of different plants at various stages of their life cycle and have identified which stage each one was at. We have worked scientifically making predictions and using equipment like magnifying glasses. We were amazed when we saw a time lapse video of a dandelion plant filmed over a year. We watched the flower transform into thousands of seeds ready to blow away in the wind to start the cycle all over

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

Year 3's journey through the jungle



Year 3 has been learning all about the rainforest in geography! This week they finished their diagram of the layers of the rainforest. Each group had a layer of the rainforest to complete. They had to use their design and communication skills to work together to show what they've learned!

Year 4 – Extreme Earth



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Year 4 have been diving into their *Extreme Earth* topic this week and took on the challenge of recreating the dramatic impact of a tsunami. Using water, sand and model landscapes, they explored how powerful waves move, how they reshape coastlines, and why these natural events can be so devastating. The children were completely absorbed in the investigation and showed great curiosity (and teamwork!) as they tested out their ideas.

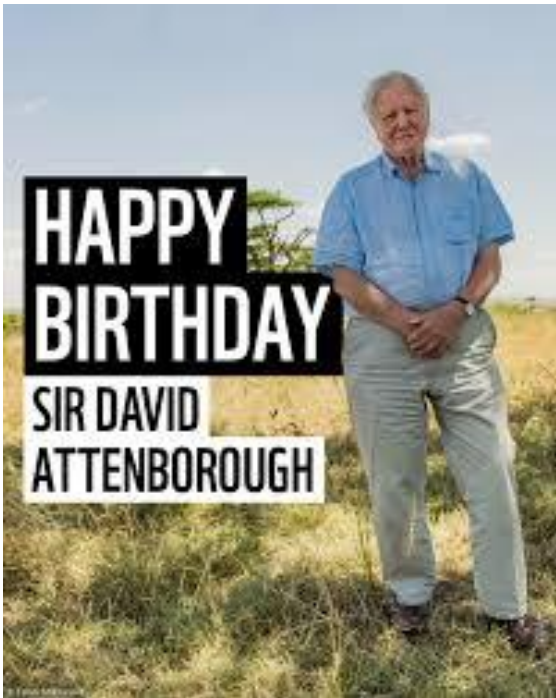
Year 4 Residential to the Pioneer centre

We couldn't resist sharing a few more highlights from Year 4's Pioneer residential - they had such an unforgettable time.



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Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday



Today we marked Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a special Shine Award, celebrating his incredible contribution to our understanding of the natural world. Inspired by his lifelong passion for wildlife, children across the school spent time learning outdoors, from mini-beast hunting in the sunshine to exploring our beautiful grounds and noticing the small wonders we often walk past.

It was lovely to see classes embracing the love of the environment that Sir David embodies. Whether they were observing habitats, sketching plants, or simply taking time to appreciate nature, the children showed real enthusiasm and respect for the world around them. A fitting tribute to someone who has inspired generations.

Design Sir David Attenborough a Birthday Card!

We are celebrating the incredible life of Sir David Attenborough, and we need your creativity! Your challenge is to design a birthday card to be sent to him. It can be themed around nature, planet earth, wildlife or David Attenborough himself. It is up to you! Your design must be on A4 paper and handed into Miss Cheal by Thursday 31st May. Happy 100th Birthday, David!

Bikeability Holiday Course – May Half Term



We're pleased to share details of the upcoming Bikeability Holiday Course taking place during the May half term. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to take part and develop an important life skill. Learning to ride confidently and safely helps children build independence, stay active, and develop essential road-sense.

The course supports pupils in understanding how to navigate the road environment, make safer choices, and enjoy cycling as part of a healthy lifestyle. Families can find full information and booking details here:

<https://www.thinktravel.info/upcoming-events/bikeability-holiday-courses>

There will also be two further holiday courses running during the summer holidays and October half term, offering even more chances for pupils to get involved later in the year.



2025/26 Calendar

Summer Term 1

w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
22nd May - EYFS Hat Party
22nd May - PTFA Break the rules, summer edition
w/b 25th May - Half Term

Summer Term 2

1st June - Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World
5th June - Fieldwork Friday - tbc
w/b 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening checks
9th June - Year 5 computer programming workshop
10th June - Year 2 trip to Nature in Art
11th June - Drama club performance
12th June - Cheltenham & District athletics competition
w/b 15th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
17th June - Year 1 trip to Weston Supermare
23rd June - Year 6 it's your move workshop
24th June - Meet your new teacher morning
24th & 25th June - Tewkesbury Academy Move up day
w/b 29th June - Arts Week
1st July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play
8th July - Sports Day + OPAL Stay and Play Reserve Date
9th July - Tewkesbury School's Rounders competition
10th July - Medieval Festival
15th July - Rec - Year 2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm
15th July - Tewkesbury School Y6 Leavers Service at Tewkesbury Abbey (info to follow)
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 11th May 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Summer Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Year 6 SATS	Althletics Club 3.10 - 4.15pm Table Tennis Club 3.10 - 4.15pm	Southern Fried Popcorn Chicken & Rice Veggie Burger & Rice
Tues	Year 6 SATS Outdoor learning session For selected children	Trinkets & Treasures Club 3.10-4.15pm	Homemade Mac & Cheese Veggie Cheese Wrap
Wed	Morning Run Club 8.00-8.30am Year 6 SATS		Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Roasted Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	Year 6 SATS Bead Craft Club 12.45-1.15pm Reading & Ready Club 12.30-1.00pm	Drama Club 3.10-4.15pm French Club 3.10-4.00pm	Battered Chicken & Potato Wedges Homemade BBQ Pizza
Fri	Year 6 End of SATs Picnic Cake Sale		Fishcake & Waffles Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings



The poster 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 jar. The Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School logo is in the top left.

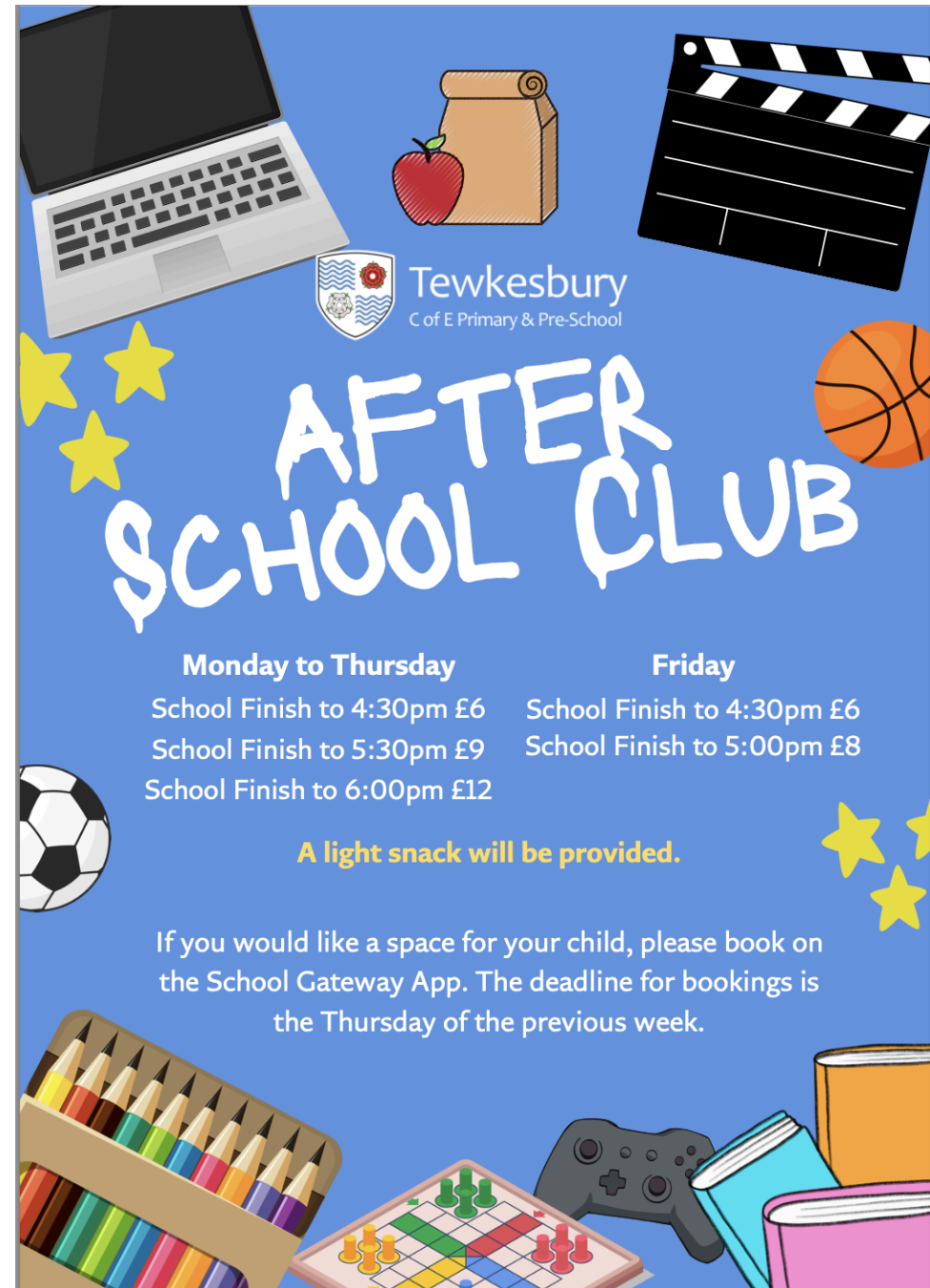
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BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday
7:45am - School Start

£4.25 per child

A variety of breakfast options for your child to choose from.



The poster features a blue background with illustrations of a laptop, a bag of snacks, a clapperboard, a basketball, a soccer ball, a box of pencils, a chessboard, a game controller, and books. The Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School logo is in the top left.

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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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THE HOLIDAY CLUB WITH
NATURE AT ITS HEART
FOR AGES 5 - 12

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8:30AM- 3:30PM

£45 PER DAY, PER CHILD

8:30AM- 5:30PM

£55 PER DAY, PER CHILD

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OF MAY

AT NORTON VILLAGE HALL

OLD TEWKESBURY ROAD, NORTON, GL2 9LJ

PLEASE NOTE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP OF YOUR CHILD ANYTIME FROM 8.15 UNTIL 9.15AM



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Programme Front Cover Competition

Ages 4-11

**Design the front cover for this year's
This is Tewkesbury event programme.**

**Email your design to thisistewkesbury@gmail.com
with the subject 'Programme Front Cover Competition' and the
designer's full name and age by 15th May.
Designs should be portrait A4.**

**This is Tewkesbury is a new annual event celebrating
everything our local community has to offer,
such as singing, dancing, art and sports.
So, show us what makes Tewkesbury special.**

**The winning design will feature on the front cover of this year's
event programme on Saturday 13th June 2026 at the Abbey and
its grounds, and the winner will receive an arty prize.**



ACTING UP!

SUMMER DRAMA ACADEMY

28th - 30th July, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Tewkesbury Baptist Church

Acting! Singing! Dancing! Games!

Musical Theatre! Arts & Crafts!

**Showcase performance
on the final afternoon!**

Suitable for children and young people aged 6 - 18 years!

£10 off all bookings taken before May 1st 2026.

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