

Friday 10th January 2025



Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

Happy New Year and welcome back! It's been fantastic to see the children return with so much energy and enthusiasm after the Christmas break. They've settled straight into their work and play, filling the school with a lively sense of curiosity and creativity. It's a real joy to see their love of learning in action and we're excited for all the opportunities this new term will bring.

Year 2 have a Fiery Start to the Term

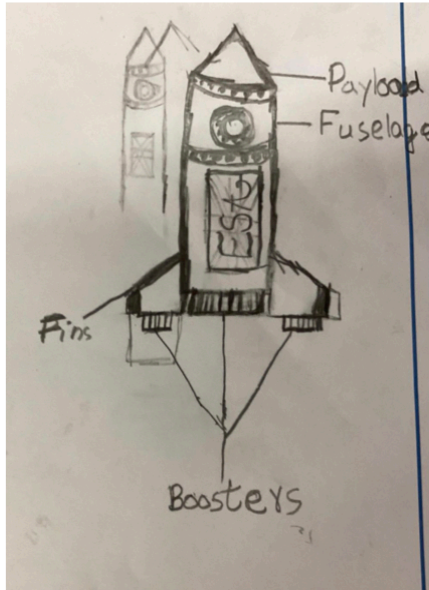
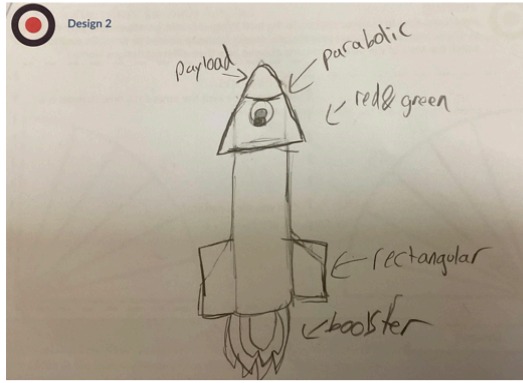


On Tuesday, the children in Year 2 carried out several activities across the morning which gave them clues about what their new topic is going to be this term. They had to: follow instructions on how to make a bread roll; use a template to build a Tudor house out of card; read a diary entry from Samuel Pepys and have a go at writing their own diary entry from Christmas Day; study a range of items including a burnt block of wood, burnt bread, a quill and ink, an old map of London, a candle and a diary entry written by 'Samuel' from 1666; talk about what we think each item is and what it has to do with our new topic.

After a fun filled morning, their day took a turn for the worst and the children were completely shocked as Mr James came running in to tell us our Tudor houses had gone up in flames on the playground! Can you work out what Year 2 will be learning about this term?

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

Year 5 Road to RIAT Space Challenge



On Thursday, Year 5 took part in the Road to RIAT RAF space challenge. The day began by joining other schools on a Live feed where children were challenged to design, create and test space rockets. Children developed their understanding of the forces acting on rockets such as thrust and drag and learnt new vocabulary such as payload and fuselage (ask them!). The playground became the testing ground where children launched their rockets in the air at a 45 degree angle.

In the afternoon, children began designing a sustainable aircraft for the future as part of a competition with other schools. Teams had to suggest environmentally friendly materials and sustainable ways in which to power their aircraft. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day where children began to appreciate the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) activities.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Over the past few years, John Holmes, our outgoing Chair of Governors, has been a pivotal figure in driving many of the school's key developments. As his term now comes to an end, we have an exciting opportunity for a new parent to join the governing board and help shape the future of our school.

Parent governors are an essential part of our team. They represent the voice of parents, contribute to key decisions and support the school's mission to provide the best possible education for every child. You don't need any special qualifications—just enthusiasm, a willingness to learn and a little time to attend meetings and participate in discussions.

We'll share more details on how to apply next week, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

Winter Wonders in Pre-School



Our pre-school children have been embracing the frosty weather this week, taking inspiration from *Jack Frost* by Kazuno Kohara. The book has sparked their imaginations, leading to creative play filled with frosty footprints, icy art, and snowy storytelling. It's wonderful to see them explore the magic of winter through their learning!

School uniform reminders

A quick reminder that children should attend school in full school uniform, including proper school shoes. Wearing the correct uniform helps foster a sense of belonging and pride in our school community, as well as maintaining high standards. Recently, we've noticed an increase in children wearing trainers, so we'd appreciate your support in ensuring everyone follows our uniform policy.

Extra curricular club list - Spring Term

We're pleased to be offering a large range of extracurricular clubs for the children to enjoy this term. To sign up for clubs, please check your school gateway app. Sign up will open at 7pm on Friday 10th January. Some clubs do have limited spaces, so be quick to avoid disappointment.

Please note that some of the clubs will run on selected dates only. After school clubs will finish at either 4pm or 4:15pm. Finally, please note that Clubs will begin w/b 13th January 2025 (unless stated otherwise).

Extra curricular club list - Spring Term

Member(s) of staff	Activity (year groups)	Year groups	Day	Time	Location	Max Number
Mrs Sweeting Miss Cheal	Drama	Year 4 - 6	Monday	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Hall	30
Mr Rylatt Mr Stanton	Football Club	Year 3 - 6	Monday	3:15 - 4:15 pm	Field	30
Mr Gunter	Netball	Year 5 - 6	Tuesday	3.15-4.15 pm	Outdoors	20
External Club	Oddstepperz - Street Dance £25 per child Paid via school gateway app	Year 4 - 6	Tuesday January 21st, 28th Feb 4th, 11th & 25th March 4th	3:15 - 4:15 pm	Hall	30
Mrs Ainsworth Miss Withers	Story club	Year 1 - 2	Wednesday	12.30-1pm	Amethyst class	15
Mrs Arnold Mrs Halsey	Chill out zone	Year 1 - 2	Wednesday	12.45-1.15pm	Crystal class	12
Mrs Stagg, Mrs Yeomans Mrs Ainsworth	Cross country	Year 4 - 6	Thursday	3:15 - 4:30pm	6/2/24 - Race 4 13/02/24 - Race 5 27/02/24 - Fun Run	50
External Club	French Club	Year 1 - 3	Thursday	3:10 – 4 pm	Art studio	n/a
External Club	Ukulele Sign up via email vickiwagstaffe@gmail.com £3 per session	Year	Thursday	3:10 – 4 pm	Topaz class	n/a
Miss Bussey	Wild Wonders club	Year 2 - 4	Thursday	3:15-4 pm	Emerald class	10
Mr Rylatt	Lego club	Year 1 - 3	Friday	12:30 - 1:00 pm	After school club room	20
Mrs Yeomans	Board games club	Year 3 - 6	Friday lunchtime (spring 1 only)	12:30 - 1:00 pm	Diamond class	15
Black and Gold Archers Mrs Kucharski	Archery club	Year 5 - 6	Friday 17th, 24th, 21st Jan 7th, 28th Feb 7th, 14th, 21st Mar	3:15 - 4:15 pm	Hall	10 *See below

****Additional info for archery needed to be shared with parents on sign up.**

In order to take part in the club, Black and Gold Archers require your child to be registered through Archery GB. Archery GB is a national organisation who keep records of all clubs in the country. Black and Gold Archers require your child to be registered purely for insurance purposes. Black and Gold Archers will register your child for you but will require the following information to do so. Your Child's Name, Sex, Date of Birth, Address and a telephone number and email. By signing your child up to this club you are indicating you are happy for the school to provide this information to Black and Gold Archers, in order to register your child with Archery GB. There is a charge of £1 per child, per week for this club.

School diary week beginning 13th January 2025

Day	The School Day		After school		Spring Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon			Drama club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Football club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Southern Fried Goujons & Diced Potatoes Quorn Nuggets with Diced Potatoes
Tues	Young Voices		Netball club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Oddstepperz Street Dance Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Meatballs with Pasta Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wed	Story Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Chill out zone Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Braised Beef with Roasties Quorn Mince with Roasties
Thur	Year 5 trip We the Curious trip		French club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Ukulele club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Homemade Vegetable Curry with Rice
			Wild wonders club Year 2 - 4 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Fri	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Board games Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Archery Club Year 5 - 6 3:10 - 4:15 pm		Star Fish with Chips Homemade Vegetable Pizza



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

6th January - Inset Day

16th January - Year 5 trip to We the Curious

14th January - Young Voices

Friday 7th February - Year 4 + 5 Peace Doves Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey - TBC

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

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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