Friday 9th October 2026

Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at school. We were delighted to celebrate Harvest together and would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and support. We have also welcomed a number of visitors into school, providing enriching experiences that have enhanced the children's learning.

The arrival of the Mop Fayre in town has certainly caught the children's attention this week! Many children mentioned that they enjoyed walking through the fairground for a sneaky peek at the rides and stalls this morning. Excitement is building, and we know the children are looking forward to visiting over the weekend. We hope everyone who attends has a wonderful time.

Harvest festival



On Wednesday we celebrated our annual Harvest Festival at Trinity Church, featuring contributions from every year group in a wonderful time of coming together as a community. The service began with Year 2 explaining the meaning of Harvest, followed by KS1 leading the singing with 'Thank You God for the Harvest'. Year 3 then showed how food travels from the fields to our tables, and Year 5 led a meditation that highlighted the uniqueness of each potato and the uniqueness of us as individuals, all known by God.

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

Year 6 spoke about the vital work of Foodbanks across the country, before Simon Phillips, Associate Vicar at Trinity, reminded everyone that it is God who ultimately provides, Year 4 then led us in prayers. We were all impressed with the children who volunteered to read lines so well and of the enthusiastic singing that is always a feature of our events. We ended the event by singing a high-energy iSingPop song called 'Take Care of the World', reminding us all how we can do our part to care for our community. We would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to our food donation. This has been gratefully received by Tewkesbury Foodbank.

Music Mark 2026-27



We are delighted to have been awarded the Music Mark Recognition Award for 2026-2027. This award recognises our commitment to providing high-quality music education and celebrates the work taking place across the school to inspire a love of music.

We look forward to continuing to develop exciting and inclusive musical opportunities for all our pupils.

Year 4 Ukulele Lessons







Here are Year 4, practicing their ukulele. A reminder that our Year 4 children are enjoying learning the ukulele as part of their Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) lessons this year. To help them practise at home, Gloucestershire Music offers a ukulele hire scheme for just £10.

If you would like to hire a ukulele for your child, please visit: Gloucestershire Music Instrument Hire. Regular practice at home can help children build confidence and make even more progress with their playing.

Year 4 enjoy some Mummification!



Year 4 have continued their learning about Ancient Egypt and recently took part in a fascinating mummification experiment. Using a tomato as their "patient", the children carefully followed the mummification process to learn how the Ancient Egyptians preserved bodies.

They thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on activity and are looking forward to observing the changes over the coming weeks as their tomato mummy takes shape

Year 6 Budding Chefs and Authors!

Last week, Year 6 put their cooking skills to the test by making delicious WW2 recipes. After carefully following a recipe and working together, the children then used their experience to support their writing, creating clear and detailed instructional texts explaining how to make their scones. This combined practical learning with writing skills, helping pupils to understand the importance of sequencing, precision and using effective instructional language. We were incredibly proud of both their tasty creations and their fantastic written work!

Wednesday 7th October 2025

I can write an instruction text.

How to make scrumptious, authentic wartime scones.

Are you in need of fluffy, white scones? Well look no more! These genuine scones will make your tastebuds sing with joy.

Ingredients needed:

- 450g flour
- 56g butter
- 56g sultanas
- a pinch of salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ¼ pint of milk
- 56g caster sugar.



Equipment needed:

- a mixing bowl
- a wooden spoon
- a sieve
- a rolling pin
- a cookie cutter
- a roll of greaseproof paper
- a tray
- some oven gloves.

Method:

1) Firstly, you must wash your hands thoroughly to avoid germs getting into your scones.
2) To ensure you are able to eat your scones quickly, you need to preheat the oven to 200°C
3) Next, line your tray with greaseproof paper to guarantee that your scones don't stick to the tray.
4) After you have done step three, systematically pour the flour, salt and baking powder into the bowl. Make sure you mix the contents.
5) Then, add the butter and using your fingers, rub the ingredients together until they resemble breadcrumbs.
6) After that, carefully pour in the sugar you prepared earlier; mix well with the spoon.
7) Now, pour the milk into the bowl - do this with caution - and mix it all together. Be careful not to get any mixture over the side of the bowl.
8) Put a scattering of plain flour on the work surface and place your dough onto that work surface. Using a rolling pin, flatten out the dough; folding it 2 or 3 times. When you have finished this step, you must make sure your dough is an inch thick, otherwise it won't cook properly.
9) Using your cookie cutter make approximately 12 scones. If you have any remaining dough go back to step 8 to make more scones.
10) Cautiously, place your scones onto the tray you made greaseproof then slide the tray into the oven. Make sure you wear the oven gloves otherwise you could scald yourself. Bake them for 10 - 15 minutes or until they are golden - brown.
11) Whilst being watchful, open the oven gloves (wear the oven gloves) and take the tray (with your scones on) out and leave them to cool for 30 minutes.
12) Enjoy eating your scrumptious scones with clotted cream and some.

Finished product:

Now you know the recipe, fly away into the world of cooking.

Wednesday 7th October 22.

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How to make WW2 SCONES:

Are you stuck with boring, stale bread because of the war?

Of course you're not, it's not WW2, but if you make these delicious scones you'll be dining happy in no time!

Things you need:

Ingredients:

- 450g flour
- 56g butter
- 56g sultanas
- A pinch of salt
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- ¼ pint of milk
- 56g caster sugar

Equipment:

- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoon
- Sieve
- Rolling pin
- Cutter
- Foil
- Tray

Method:

1. Before dealing with ingredients, wash your hands to prevent any dirt from entering.

2. Secondly, ~~preah~~ preheat your oven to approx 200 degrees celsius.

3. After that, prepare a tray with greaseproof paper or tinfoil. This is where we will place our scones to bake.

4. Measure out 450g flour, 2 teaspoons of baking powder and a pinch of salt then pour everything into a bowl.

5. Once done, add some butter (56g) and, using fingers, crumble into small, fine crumbs. Make sure there aren't any large chunks left.

6. With a scale, add 56g caster sugar to your bowl. Mix thoroughly.

7. In the middle of the bowl, create a well in the centre of the mixture and pour in ¼ pint milk into the well.

8. Onto your work surface, pour a sensible amount of flour ~~of~~ onto it. With your dough, place it onto to the flour and roll it out.

9. Once rolled out, use a cookie cutter to make 6 rounds of scones.

10. Gently place your scones onto your baking tray you prepared earlier (step 3)

11. Oven cook for 10-15 minutes until golden brown.

12. Take out your scones carefully and leave to cool for 30min.

13. Enjoy with clotted cream and jam (optional)

Pre-School enjoying OPAL play







Our Pre-School children have been enjoying regular visits to school to take part in OPAL play sessions. These visits provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore, play creatively and become familiar with the school environment. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow as they join in with the exciting outdoor activities alongside our pupils.

Calm Club Collective Worship & Club

On Monday, we welcomed Tash from The Calm Club who came into our collective worship to discuss mindfulness. She engaged the children with different breathing techniques, yoga poses and fun games to help them focus on relaxation. The Calm Club will be running an after school yoga club for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 beginning 6th November. It will run every Friday 3.15-4.15pm for six weeks (until Friday 11th December). Please see attached poster for further information and to book.

Reception Open Mornings

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2027, we'd love you to come along to one of our Open Mornings. It's a great chance to see our school in action, meet the team and get a feel for the warm, rounded REAL curriculum we're so proud of. If you would like to book a slot, please click on the following link: https://forms.gle/Ta1D9kupZdpcaDiP7







Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

We learn together, shine forever

At Tewkesbury C of E Primary School, we'd love to welcome you for a visit! Join us for a personal tour of our vibrant and nurturing environment, where you'll discover why our school is the perfect place for your child to flourish and shine.

Dates and Times

Tuesday 3rd November at 10am.
Thursday 19th November at 10am.

Wednesday 2nd December at 4pm







Please sign up or confirm your attendance by calling school on

01684 292309

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2026/27 Calendar

Autumn Term (1)

7th October - Harvest Festival 2pm at Holy Trinity Church
8th October - B. Ware Author Visit Years 4 & 5
9th October - Reception MOP Fayre visit
16th October - Year 5 Sing concert at Tewkesbury Abbey
21st October - Year 2 trip to Black Country Living Museum
22nd October - Year 5 Road to RIAT
23rd October - Inset Day
25-30th October - Half Term

Autumn Term (2)

2nd November - Year 3 Stone Age Day
3rd November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
4th November - Individual School Photos
13th November - Year 2 Victorian Day
13th November - Year 6 GCHQ codebreaking workshop
19th November - Open Morning (New Reception children)
2nd December - Open Morning (New Reception children)
3rd December - Christmas Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm
4th December - Reception Owl Experience
8th December - KS2 Trip to Pantomime at Roses Theatre
9th December - Christmas dinner & Jumper day
15th December - Reception Nativity and Christmas stay and play - 9:30am start
16th December - KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
17th December - KS2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start
20th December - 1st January Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

4th January - Inset Day
13th January - Young Voices Concert
25th March - Reception Spring Stay and Play - 9:30am start
26th March - 9th April Easter Holidays
30th April - Inset Day

Summer Term

3rd May - Bank holiday
Week commencing 10th May - Year 6 SATs

31st May - 4th June Half-Term
Week commencing 14th June - Year 6 Residential to Oaker Wood
7th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play
14th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play (reserve date)
19th July - KS2 Celebration Assembly (Years 3-5) 2pm
20th July - KS1 Celebration Assembly (Years Rec-1) 2pm
21st July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
22nd July - Summer Holidays begin

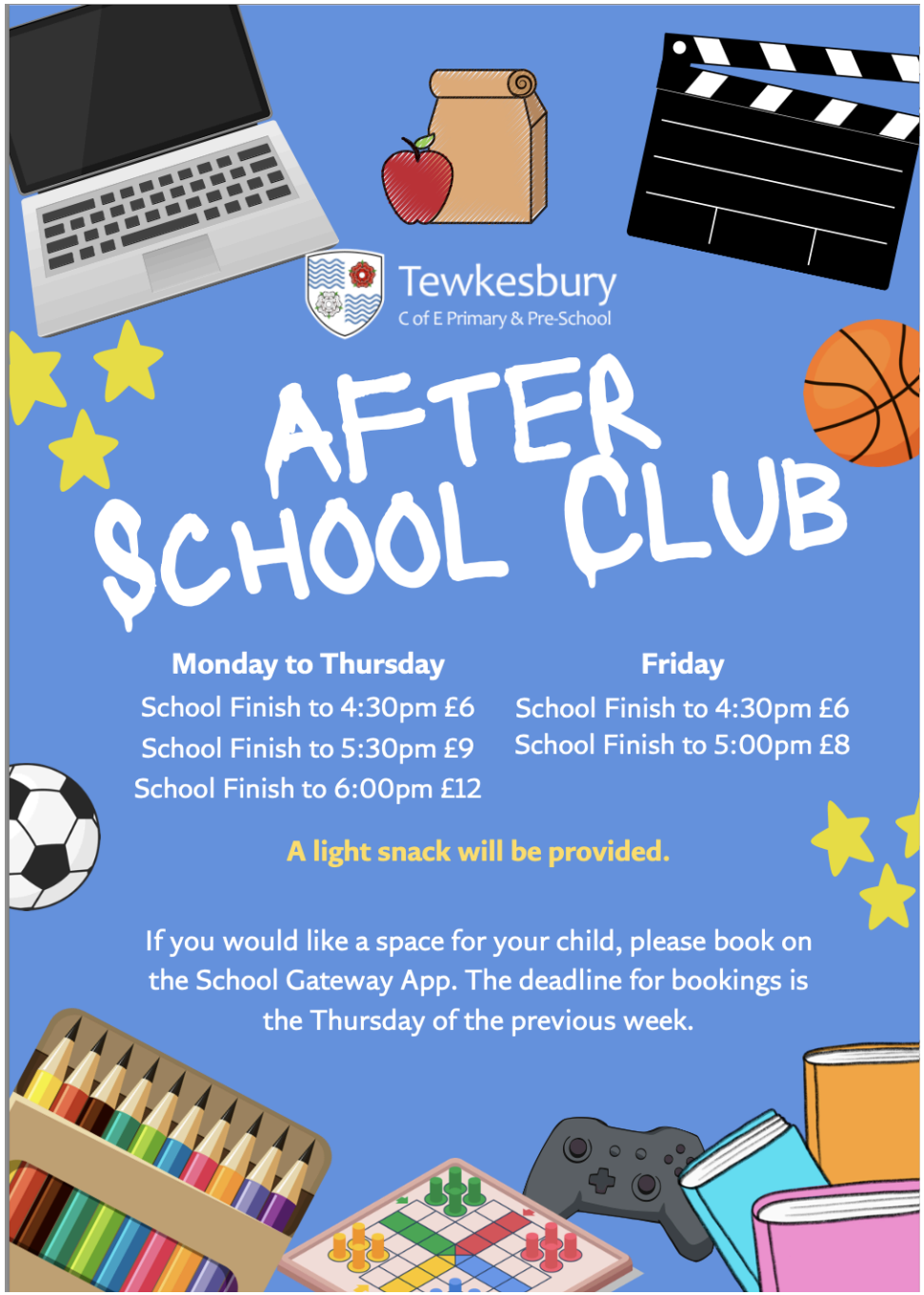
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School diary week beginning 12th October 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon			Homemade Mac & Cheese Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Tues		First Lego League Club Selected Children 3:10 - 4:30pm Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Choir 3.15 - 4.00pm	Chicken New York & Rice Quorn New York & Rice
Wed	Morning Run Club 8 - 8.30am	Dodgeball 3.15 - 4.00pm	Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding Veggie Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	Tag Rugby Club 12.20 - 12.50pm	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Chicken Korma & Rice Quorn Korma & Rice
Fri	Year 5 Singing workshop	Superstar Gymnastics 3.15 - 4.15pm Digital Creative Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Natajacks Craft Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Fish Fingers & Chips 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.


Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday to Thursday
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:30pm £9
School Finish to 6:00pm £12
Friday
School Finish to 4:30pm £6
School Finish to 5:00pm £8
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.

THE CALM CLUB'S

KS1 After School Yoga Club T2

A fun weekly session to move your body in yoga poses, discover breathing, and try out relaxation.

at Tewkesbury Primary School



The Details

- Taught by kids yoga teacher + TA **Lucie**
- **Mindful** yoga, games, realaxation and craft
- **Small groups**
- **Trauma**-informed, First Aid-certified + trained in **SEN**

Term 2 Dates:

starts 6 Nov 26
KS1 Fridays
3.15pm - 4.15pm
TERM BOOKING ONLY

6 weeks of yoga for
£39
*pupil premium discount
spaces available

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Holy Trinity
TEWKESBURY
MEET GOD • FIND LIFE • MAKE FRIENDS

You're invited!

Try Church Sunday

A warm welcome. A chance to explore.
Everyone's invited!

Sunday 11th October
10:00am – 11:15/30am
Holy Trinity Church Tewkesbury,
Oldbury Road, GL20 5NA

Free parking
in Spring Gardens car park until 12.30pm.

Stay afterwards for free refreshments in the hall.

Children's and youth groups running too!
6 age groups in total:

0–2 | 2–4 | 5–7
8–11 | 12–14 | 15–18

Come and see what it's all about.

This service is especially geared towards people who may not usually attend church

We'd love to see you there!



MUSIC GURU

Music tuition @ Tewkesbury C of E

Dear Parents/ Guardians

We are a local, multi award winning tuition company and we provide tuition at Tewkesbury C of E primary school.

We are recruiting new talent in the school and offering tuition in Piano, Guitar, Woodwind and Vocals. Our goal is to get our students through their classical and rock and pop graded exams. Starting early means more of a chance to gain UCAS points.

We also have our very own student based music festival, Party in the Park for our students to perform at. If your child is interested in learning music with us, please contact me at pete@musicguru.me and I'll get the information out to you.

Best wishes Pete Sen Director: The Music Guru

COMETS

Disability + Football

Your place to play

Fun, Welcoming and Inclusive sessions for children aged 5-11 with disabilities and additional needs to discover football



Time and Date: Every Other Wednesday Starting September 9th 2026
1730-18:30

Location: Wheatpieces Community Centre - Columbine Road - Walton Cardiff - Tewkesbury - GL20 7SP

Contact: Stefan, Laura or Marina

Email: comets@ttcfc.co.uk

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Scan now to book your first session

TEWKESBURY TOWN COLTS

SUPER STAR GYMNASTICS

BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH MOVEMENT



Gymnastics Club at Tewkesbury C Of E

Fridays afterschool to 4.15pm

- Learn new skills
- Keep fit and healthy
- Have fun



£95 for the term, including 10 sessions, insurance, badge and certificate



RYC Minis

When: Mondays (term time)
Time: 4.00 - 4.45pm
Where: The Roses Theatre, Upstairs Bar
Cost: £5 per week (payable termly)
Age: 3–5 years (Pre-school or reception)

A FUN INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVITY FOR AGES 3–5

Looking for a **fun, creative** activity where your child can make **friends**, build **confidence** and feel part of a community?

RYC Minis is more than just a youth theatre. It's a **welcoming** space where every child can explore their **creativity**, have **fun** and feel like they **belong**.

Through **games, play** and **theatre-making**, children develop skills that extend beyond the stage, including **confidence, communication** and **collaboration**.

Have fun building confidence & creativity!



BOOK YOUR CHILDS SPACE

Call us on 01684 295074 or email boxo@rosestheatre.org to book your space!