Friday 16th October 2026

Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

As autumn settles in, it has been wonderful to watch the school grounds turn into a tapestry of reds, golds and browns. The children have certainly been *falling* for the season, making the most of the crisp weather and enjoying endless fun playing amongst the leaves. It's been another busy and exciting week, with Year 1 delighted to welcome a very special visitor when *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* came to life in school. We have also launched our new Black History Monday, where children will learn about and celebrate the achievements, contributions and stories of Black individuals throughout history and in the present day. We hope these opportunities will help broaden children's understanding of the diverse world around them while inspiring the next generation of leaders, innovators and changemakers.

Autumn Fun for Acorns and Oaks!










Our preschool children have had a wonderful time exploring all things autumn! They began the week by exploring the Mop fayre a little further- they enjoyed playing some fairground games and creating their very own funfairs! The preschool children also investigated autumnal objects.

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

Year 1's Tiger Who Came to (Afternoon) Tea Party!

Year 1 have been reading and learning all about the book, The Tiger Who Came to Tea. In the story, a tiger visits a little girl named Sophie and has tea at her house. The only problem is, he eats and drinks everything! Chicken, sandwiches, milk, vegetables, all the water from the tap.. He is one very hungry and thirsty animal!

As part of our English lessons, the children have been learning about adjectives. On Thursday, the children entered the classroom to discover they were going to have a tea party and try many of the foods and drinks from the story. They had a wonderful time and thought of some excellent adjectives for their writing.








Big Tidy Friday!



We want to work together to ensure that our school is a safe and clean place for all of our children to learn and play. To jumpstart this effort, on Friday 13th November, we will be tackling our beloved den building area.

Our goal is to completely clear the area and remove all plastic debris, ensuring the space is left as natural and safe as possible. We cannot do this without your help!

If you can spare some time to roll up your sleeves and make a direct impact on our school environment, please sign up using the link below:

https://forms.gle/PVTWt6gWCrJdEJxp7

The Great Pumpkin Glow Up!



Tewkesbury C of E's PTFA are excited to be back! To launch the start of our fundraising efforts for this year, and to bring wonderful, fun events to our pupils, we are inviting children to decorate a pumpkin.

Children will need to bring their decorated pumpkin to school next Monday and it costs £1 to enter (please bring money in a named envelope). The winners will receive a family pass (up to 6 people) to Pumpkin Pete's (a very popular pumpkin patch) during half-term week. Please see the poster for further information.

All pumpkin entries will be displayed in the school hall Tuesday after school- please pop in and take a look! Winners will be announced at 3.30pm

Collective Worship- Open the Book

On Wednesday, our pupils took part in an Open the Book collective worship, which connected our current season of Harvest with a famous story from the Bible. We explored the ancient practice of 'gleaning', where landowners left a portion of their fields unharvested so that those in need could gather food. The children followed the story of Ruth, who demonstrated great faith and loyalty by leaving her homeland of Moab to accompany her mother-in-law to Bethlehem.

Ruth trusted that God would provide for her family in this unfamiliar country. Her faith was rewarded when she met Boaz, the compassionate owner of the field where she was gleaning, who provided her with safety and later became her husband. This story served as a meaningful Harvest reminder to our school community about the importance of kindness, loyalty, and putting our trust in God.







*** New Clubs Alert ***

Next half term, we have some exciting new extracurricular clubs beginning. On Mondays, Prof will be back running his science club from 3.15-4.15. This club is open for Years 2-6. To book, please follow this link: tinyurl.com/tewkes26

Calm Club, which focuses on mindfulness and yoga for children, will also be running for Years 1-3. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for the booking QR code.

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

SCAN ME



Book now: www.thecalm-club.co.uk/yoga-classes

info@thecalm-club.co.uk @thecalm-club

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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/Ta1D9kupZdpcaDiP



Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

2026/27 Calendar

Autumn Term (1)

21st October - Year 2 trip to Black Country Living Museum
21st October - Preschool (Oaks Class) & Year 1 trip to Dear Zoo at Cheltenham Town Hall
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

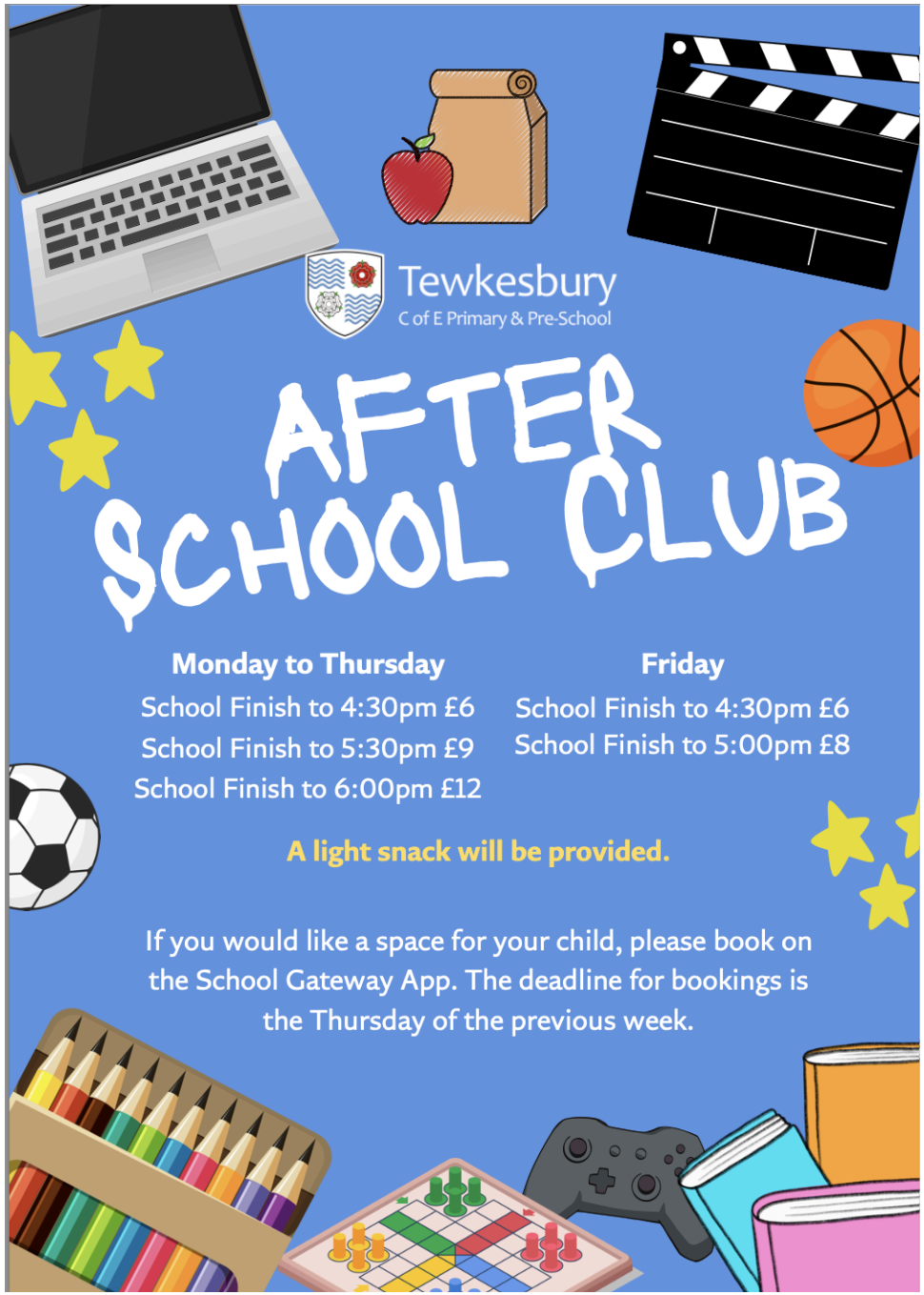
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School diary week beginning 19th October 2026

Day	The School Day	After school	Autumn Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon			Sausages & Diced Potatoes Margherita Pizza
Tues		First Lego League Club Selected Children 3:10 - 4:30pm Football Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Choir 3.15 - 4.00pm	Sweet Tomato Chicken with Rice Quorn Casserole
Wed	Morning Run Club 8 - 8.30am Year 2 Trip to Black Country Museum Pre School & Year 1 Trip to Everyman Theatre Dear Zoo	Dodgeball 3.15 - 4.00pm	Roast Chicken, Roasties & Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese, Roasties & Yorkshire Pudding
Thurs	Year 5 Road to RIAT Tag Rugby Club 12.20 - 12.50pm	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Beef Burger in a Bun with Chips Quorn Burger in a Bun with Chips
Fri	Inset Day		

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Tewkesbury
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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
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 GREAT PUMPKIN GLOW UP!

FOR JUST £1 TO ENTER, YOU CAN TRANSFORM YOUR PUMPKIN INTO ANYTHING YOU LIKE! YOU COULD:

- 🎨 PAINT IT
- ✨ COVER IT IN STICKERS
- 🍂 DECORATE IT
- 🌻 CREATE A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN DESIGN
- 🎃 CARVE IT
- 💡 OR GET CREATIVE AND COME UP WITH YOUR OWN IDEA!

THERE ARE NO RULES ABOUT HOW YOUR PUMPKIN SHOULD LOOK — WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION AND WONDERFUL IDEAS!

PUMPKIN PETE'S

LEDBURY

WINNIERS WILL RECEIVE A PASS TO PUMPKIN PETES TO USE IN THE OCTOBER HALF TERM (UP TO 6 PEOPLE PER PASS).

ENTRIES MUST BE IN ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER!



Play GLOUCESTERSHIRE

PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

October Half Term
The Vineyards, Tewkesbury
GL20 5PG
Tuesday 27th October 2026
10am to 4pm

what3words ///swordfish.adopting.orbit

With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for funding this day



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL



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 and 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 support to enjoy Play Rangers. We welcome disabled children & their families.

Play Gloucestershire

Transforming lives through the power of play

www.playgloucestershire.org.uk

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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.

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.

For further information:
Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk
Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk
Phone 01452 505548
Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)

Sign onto our mailing list this Autumn for a chance to win a micro:bit worth £15!

AUTUMN 2 TERM

2ND NOV - 18TH DEC

Invent It!

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MONDAY & TUESDAY

15:45PM UNTIL 17:00PM

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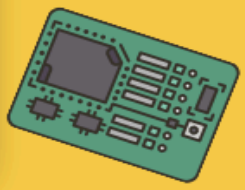
In this hands-on STEM challenge, we'll take a closer look at the amazing world of the woodlouse.

Using biomimicry, we'll take inspiration from the woodlouse to design and build our very own fully functioning robotic insect.

Ever wondered how the humble woodlouse moves and senses its environment?

OUR PROGRAMME





- Creative & hands-on activities
- STEM Learning
- Microbit coding
- Engineering challenges
- Teamwork
- Small groups
- Safe, supervised environment



REGISTER TODAY!

EMAIL: BRAINS@INVENT-IT.CO.UK

WWW.INVENT-IT.COM/INVENT-IT-ACADEMY

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!