**Friday 6th November 2026**

Tewkesbury C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

# Weekly Newsletter

## A message from Mr Rylatt...

As we begin a new term, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our children and families. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable half-term break and were able to spend some quality time together.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn. Classrooms have quickly been filled with purposeful learning, and it has been a delight to see the children settling straight back into routines and getting stuck into their work. We are looking forward to another fantastic term filled with exciting opportunities and lots of memorable experiences for all of our children.

**Year 3 enjoy Stone Age Day**









On Monday, year 3 travelled back in time to experience life in the Stone Age! They had an amazing day taking part in a range of exciting activities, including learning how to make fires, building their own Stone Age homes, creating Stone Age jewellery, spear throwing for hunting and cave paintings and lots more. The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in what life would have been like thousands of years ago. A fantastic day was had by all.

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**Gearing up for Fireworks in Pre-School**






Our Pre-School children have been busy learning about Bonfire Night through a range of exciting, hands-on activities. The children explored the colours, shapes and patterns of fireworks using creative art techniques and enjoyed a variety of sensory experiences inspired by the sights and sounds of Firework Night. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm as they explored this special celebration.

**Collective Worship Update**







Did you know that the Bayeux Tapestry has come to Tewkesbury? Well, a copy of it has, and you can see it on display at the Abbey! Father Nick told us that the tapestry is so long that it would stretch the length of the Abbey twice.

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We looked at one section of the tapestry, which depicted a scene from a battle, before discussing war and the impact it has on the world. We reflected on how war is not something we want to see happening and considered the sad reality that there are currently over 55 conflicts taking place around the world.

We then turned to the Bible and heard a passage describing a time when nations would no longer go to war, when people would 'hammer their swords into ploughs' and their spears into pruning tools. What a wonderful picture of peace!

This provided an excellent talking point about how we can be peacemakers ourselves, both at school and at home. We thought about the small things we can do to resolve disagreements, show understanding and help others. We finished with prayers, asking God to guide us in becoming peacemakers and to help us put these ideas into practice in our everyday lives.

**Making Teeth in Year 4**




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**Remembrance Day Assembly**

On Wednesday, we will be holding our own Remembrance Assembly for the children, led by our Year 6 pupils. This will be a special opportunity for us to come together as a school community to reflect, remember and give thanks for those who have served and sacrificed for others. If your child is a member of a uniformed organisation, such as Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs or similar groups, they are welcome to wear their uniform to school on Wednesday as a mark of respect and remembrance.

**Odd Socks day**




On Monday 16th November, as part of Anti-Bullying week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves and free from bullying. It helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school. These can be as bright and colourful as they wish!

In honour of Anti-Bullying Week, Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks recorded a brilliant song Who's in the Odd Socks?!. Go check it out! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=136-WWYjbzI&list=RD136-WWYjbzI

**Non-Uniform Day: BBC Children in Need**




**When:** Thursday, 12th November 2026

**What to wear:** Bright, bold, and spotty clothes! Channel Pudsey Bear's famous polka-dots-the louder, brighter, and spottier, the better!

**Donation:** A £1.00 contribution will help support BBC Children in Need.

**Raffle**: We will be holding a raffle on the day. If your child would like be in for a chance to win our (kindly donated) Pudsey bear, please send them in with an extra 50p. The raffle will be drawn in assembly.

**Parents Evening Sign up - KS2**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will be running our KS1 and KS2 Parents' Evenings at different times this term. Parents and carers of children in KS1 should have already signed up over the past couple of weeks. For parents and carers of children in KS2, booking will open at 7.00pm on Monday 9th November. To book your 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher, please visit https://tewkesburyprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/ and enter your details. We look forward to seeing you very soon. Extra curricular clubs will still be running next week, as usual.

**Supporting a Safer School Run**

We've noticed an increasing number of cars driving down Rope Walk during the morning drop-off period. This is making the area much busier and creating potential safety concerns for the many children and families who walk to school each day. To help keep everyone safe, please avoid driving down Rope Walk where possible and remember that free parking is available at Spring Gardens Car Park for both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all our children.

**PTFA Event**

For just £35, you can create your very own beautiful wreath to take home, enjoying a lovely evening of festive fun and cheer! Drinks and nibbles will also be available to purchase on the night. Tickets can be purchased via the School Gateway app. Spaces are limited so be sure to book yours before they're gone!







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# *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

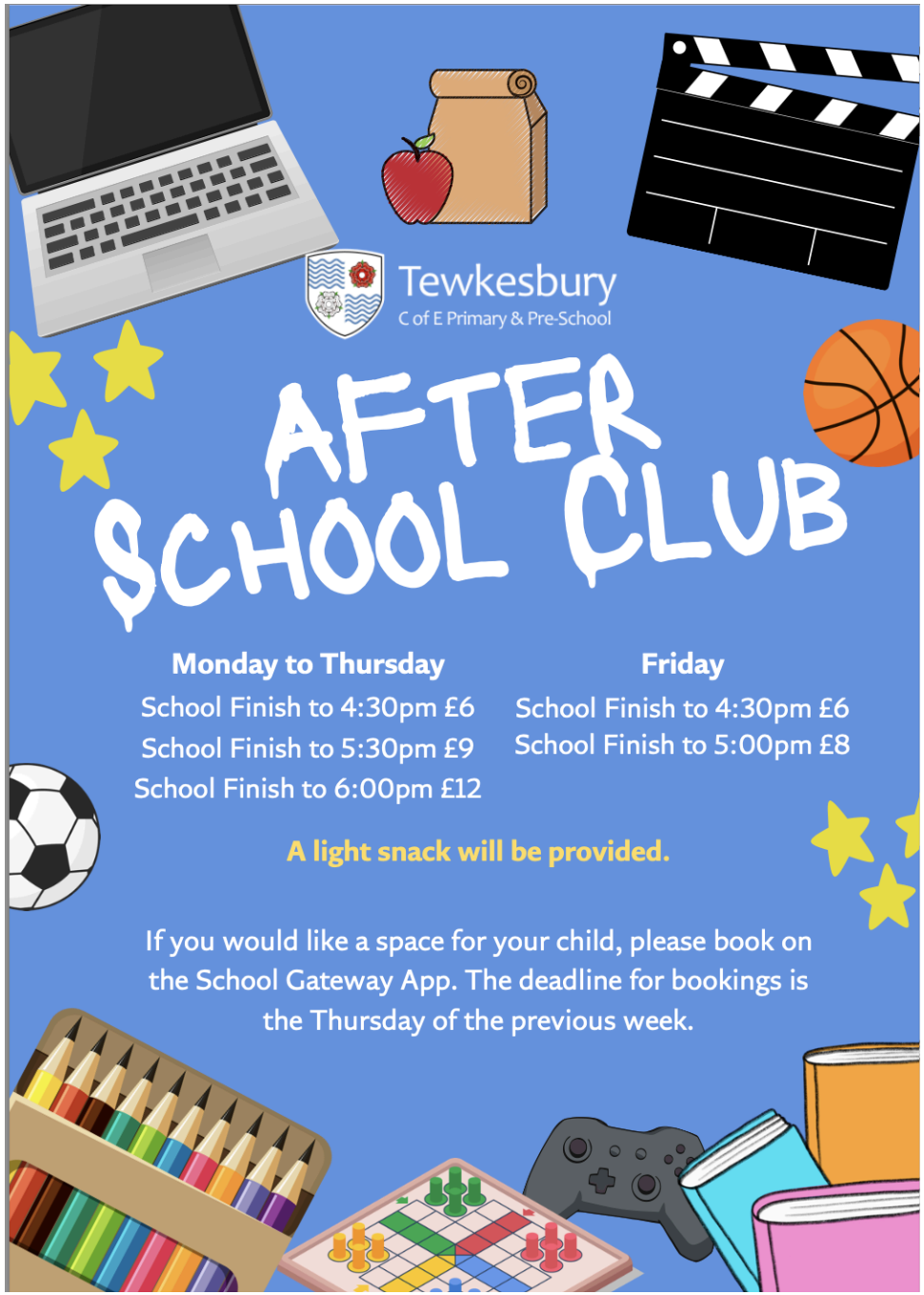
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| **w/b 9th November** - Parents evening for EYFS and KS1<br>**10th November** - Year 1 trip to the library<br>**10th November -** YMM visiting Y4 (getting to know anxiety)<br>**13th November -** Year 2 Victorian Day<br>**13th November -** Year 6 GCHQ codebreaking workshop<br>**19th November -** Open Morning (New Reception children)<br>**20th November -** PTFA Crazy hair day<br>**w/b 23rd November** - Parents evening for KS2<br>**2nd December -** Open Morning (New Reception children)<br>**3rd December -** Christmas Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 2pm<br>**4th December -** Reception Owl Experience<br>**8th December -** KS2 Trip to Pantomime at Roses Theatre<br>**9th December -** Christmas dinner & Jumper day<br>**15th December -** Reception Nativity and Christmas stay and play - 9:30am start<br>**16th December -** KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start<br>**17th December -** KS2 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start<br>**20th December - 1st January Christmas Holidays** | **4th January -** Inset Day<br>**11th January -** YMM visiting Y3 (friendships)<br>**13th January -** Young Voices Concert<br>**4th February -** Number Day<br>**w/b 22nd March -** Easter Experience<br>**25th March -** Reception Spring Stay and Play - 9:30am start<br>**26th March - 9th April Easter Holidays**<br>**30th April - Inset Day** | **3rd May -** Bank holi<br>**Week commencing**<br>**31st May - 4th June**<br>**Week commencing**<br>Oaker Wood<br>**7th July -** Sports Da<br>**14th July -** Sports D<br>date)<br>**19th July -** KS2 Cele<br>**20th July -** KS1 Cele<br>2pm<br>**21st July -** Year 6 Le<br>**22nd July - Summe** |

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**School diary week beginning 9th November 2026**

| Day | The School Day | After school | Autumn Lunch Menu Week 1 |
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| **Mon** | Y4 YMM Workshop | | Homemade Mac & Cheese<br><br>Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings |
| **Tues** | Year 1 Trip Tewkesbury Library<br><br>Drawing Club<br>12.30 - 1.00pm<br><br>Y4 YMM Workshop | First Lego League Club<br>Selected Children<br>3:10 - 4:30pm<br><br>Football Club<br>3.15 - 4.15pm<br><br>Choir<br>3.15 - 4.00pm | Chicken New York & Rice<br><br>Quorn New York & Rice |
| **Wed** | Morning Run Club<br>8 - 8.30am | Dodgeball<br>3.15 - 4.00pm | Homemade Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding<br><br>Veggie Cottage Pie & Yorkshire Pudding |
| **Thurs** | **Children in Need - Non Uniform**<br><br>Reading & Ready<br>12.30 - 1.00pm<br><br>Tag Rugby Club<br>12.20 - 12.50pm | Drama Club<br>3.15 - 4.15pm | Chicken Korma & Rice<br><br>Quorn Korma & Rice |
| **Fri** | Year 2 Victorian Day<br><br>Year 6 GCHQ Visitor | | Fish Fingers & Chips<br><br>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
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.





Daisy Bee
Flower farmer

# CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

LET'S CRAFT MAGICAL MEMORIES TOGETHER!

**£35 PER PERSON**

***Join us for a hands-on festive workshop filled with creativity, laughter and Christmas cheer.***

**FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026 @ 7:30PM**

**Tickets can be purchased on School Gateway.**

**DRINKS AND NIBBLES CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT TOO!**

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