

Friday 28th February 2025



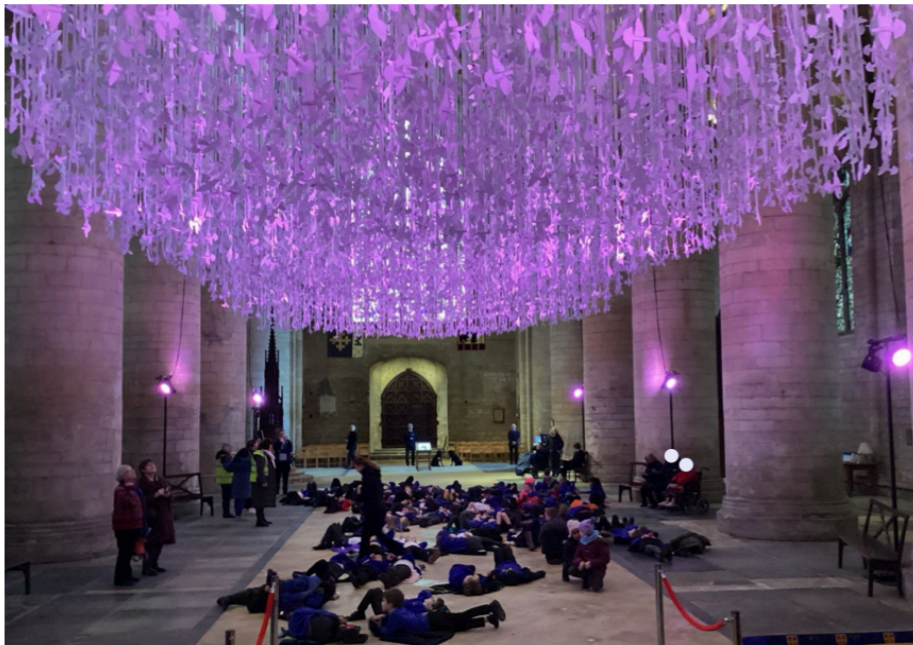
Tewkesbury
C of E Primary & Pre-School

'Learn Together, Shine Forever'

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Rylatt...

We hope everyone had a wonderful break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the new half term! The sun is shining, the days are getting brighter and there's a real sense of positivity in the air. It's been lovely to see the children returning with big smiles, eager to learn and embrace all the exciting opportunities this term has to offer. Let's make the most of the sunshine and keep the positive energy going!



On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school headed to the Abbey to see the Peace Dove Exhibition. The children were mesmerised by the amount of doves there were and the different lights that shone off the doves! They also enjoyed trying to find their own dove- some children were sure they'd found theirs!

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

Preschool make the most of the sunshine



The children in preschool made the most of the sunny weather this week by visiting the school and having a fantastic time on the trim trail. They climbed, balanced and explored with big smiles on their faces, building their confidence and physical skills while having lots of fun! It was wonderful to see them enjoying the outdoor space.

Fantastic Effort from the Year 5/6 football team!



On Tuesday night, some of our Year 5 and 6 boys team took part in a thrilling football tournament, playing some fantastic football and representing C of E incredibly well.

They showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

They made it though to the semi final, however, in a closely fought match, they narrowly missed out on victory with a 1-0 loss, but we couldn't be prouder of their effort and attitude.

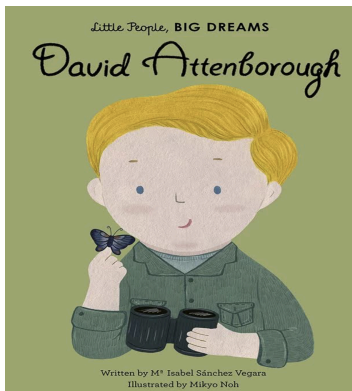
Well done to the whole team - you were brilliant!

Celebrating his Heritage



Rory in Year 2 has produced an amazing piece of work over half term, celebrating his family roots in Ireland. His fantastic effort showcased his heritage through thoughtful research and amazing creativity. It was so interesting to her about your family and to find out more about Irish culture. We're really proud of you, Rory!

PTFA event



As part of our World Book Day celebrations next Friday, the PTFA will be running a 'Little People, Big Dreams' -inspired sweet shop. For example, there will be chocolate stars for Mae Jemison and animal-related sweets for David Attenborough. We will have a range of sweets that cater to all dietary requirements (dairy-free, vegan/vegetarian etc).

Each bag of sweets will cost £1 and children are invited to purchase a bag in the afternoon. We ask that the children bring their money into school and keep it safely in their bags until it is time for their class to go to the sweet shop.

If we have any leftover bags, we will be selling them near the KS2 metal gates at the end of the school day.

New club alert!

Tewkesbury Football Club will be running a girls' football club on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15. The club is aimed at developing girls' football teams within the town and is open to girls in Years 1-3. The sessions are free and will run for 4 weeks, starting on the first Wednesday after the holidays. More information about how to sign up for the club outside of school will be provided shortly. Children will need to bring in a PE kit for the session. The club is now live on School Gateway for sign-up.

Sponsored OPAL Scootathon

We will be holding another sponsored scootathon the week beginning 7th April. Children will be invited to run or bring in a scooter from home on a specific day and complete laps of the school. Last time, we raised almost £3000. We are raising money towards an outdoor reading area, a digging zone, a music wall, more den building materials and more! Please help the children to collect sponsorships from family and friends to make our play space even better!

Request from Gloucester County Council's Migration Team

Since April 2022 many schools in Gloucestershire have welcomed children from Ukraine who have fled war with their families. The Homes for Ukraine scheme has allowed Gloucestershire households to share their homes while Ukrainians get settled in Gloucestershire.

The Migration Team at the county council are urgently seeking follow-on placements for guests who have already been in the UK for a period of time, and have not yet fully regained their independence.

Relocating to a new host can mean children need to change schools, leaving their friendships and disrupting their education. We can support Ukrainian children in our school community by helping them stay in the same area and attend the same school.

If you would like to be part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Gloucestershire please get in touch with the county council. You will find more information on the flyers attached to the newsletter.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like any further information on the scheme using the following email: [hfuteam@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hfutuream@gloucestershire.gov.uk) Alternatively, you can register your interest on the following page and we will contact you directly: <https://apply-to-offer-homes-for-ukraine.service.gov.uk/>

Please note that Gloucestershire County Council have locally increased all host payments to £600 per month, so lower figures published in the national guidance can be disregarded.

Young Artists Summer Show Competition

Our pupils, here at Tewkesbury C of E, are incredibly creative and artistic. For the second year running, we have signed up to the Young Artists' Summer Show competition which is run by the Royal Academy of Arts.

Key information:

The competition is for students aged 4-18. Submitting artwork is free and done online by Miss Davis. There is no 'theme' for the competition- this will allow your child to be truly creative! Pupils can use any media when creating their art (sculpting materials, paint, photography, textiles... the list goes on!) Pupils can submit individual artwork or work collaboratively. Each student can only submit one piece of artwork.

Artwork must be brought into Miss Davis before Monday 3rd March. You will need to give it a title and provide a little information about it (why the artwork was created and what it means to them). The art will then be judged by a panel. Selected pieces will be shown in an online exhibition that you can view. Some artwork will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts in London where you could go and visit your work in an actual art gallery!

Here are some examples of artwork exhibited in last year's competition:



School diary week beginning 3rd March 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 Chicken Goujons with Diced Potatoes Quorn Nuggets with Diced Potatoes
Tues	Science club launch assembly		Netball club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Oddstepperz Street Dance Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Meatballs & Pasta Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
			Year 3 + 4 Football League Tewkesbury Academy		
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 swimming		French club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Wild wonders club Year 2 - 4 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Homemade Vegetable Curry with Rice Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Fri	World Book Day				Star Fish with chips
	Lego Club Year 1 - 3 12:30 - 1:00 pm	Board games Club Year 3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 pm			Homemade Vegetable Pizza



2024/25 Calendar

Spring Term

w/b 10 March - Science Week

19th March - Year 6 Cycle Skills (more info to follow)

21st March - Red Nose Day (more info to follow)

w/b 24th March - Big Walk and Wheel (more info to follow)

w/b 31st March - Parents Evening (more info to follow)

3rd April - Reception Stay and Play - 9:30am

4th April - Year 4 Easter Celebration Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey (more info to follow)

w/b 7th April - School Scootathon

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

Tuesday 13th May - Cyber Safety Talk - 5:30pm (more info to follow)

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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Our theme for World Book Day this year is....



Please note we decided
on **Friday 7th March!**



This year for World Book Day we will be exploring the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series of books, written all about inspirational people, past and present who have made a significant impact on the world.

The staff are busy planning activities based on some very cool individual and we want to find out who inspires you!

On **Friday 7th March 2025** we would like you to come to school dressed as ***'someone who inspires you'***.

This could be someone famous like a sportsman, singer, artist, scientist or a world genius! It could be someone you have learnt about in school or someone you that inspires you in life. As its World Book Day, it could maybe even a book character or author that inspires you. The choice is yours and we can't wait to see who you come as!





Family Mass

Transfiguration: Jesus shines like the sun

All ages welcome for a creative service
followed by sausage butties!

Sunday 2nd March 2025

9.30am-10.30am



Could you be a Homes for Ukraine champion?

Join the many generous Gloucestershire people
who have opened their homes to those
fleeing the war in Ukraine.

We need people who have a spare room or two, an annexe, or even another property, to house a Ukrainian family and help them rebuild their lives.

Hundreds of Ukrainian guests have so far regained their independence and settled in Gloucestershire with the help of our champion hosts, and here's how you can help:

Sign up to express an interest in hosting. Find out more online or book an informal chat with the Gloucestershire Homes for Ukraine team.

The Homes for Ukraine team would then let you know about guests who match your household.

Meet the guests and get to know them before deciding whether to go ahead with hosting.

Hosting agreements are very flexible, and the Homes for Ukraine team are available to assist and advise you every step of the way.

All hosts receive payments of £600 per month to thank you for your help and to cover any additional household expenses. These payments are tax free, and hosting will not impact your council tax.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact us via HFUTeam@gloucestershire.gov.uk



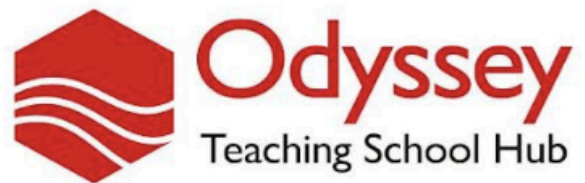
Register your interest today:

Visit <https://apply-to-offer-homes-for-ukraine.service.gov.uk>
or scan the QR code to express your interest in becoming a
Homes for Ukraine champion!

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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL



Want to Train to Teach

In Gloucestershire?



Join us for a Primary 'Train to Teach' Open Morning

Primary - Tuesday 4th March - 9am
Charlton Kings Infant School, GL53 8AY

During the morning, you'll have the opportunity to:

Talk to teachers about life in the classroom
Discover the teacher training options available in the county

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