



Tewkesbury

C of E Primary & Pre-School

Prospectus





Head Teacher's Welcome

Firstly, I just want to say thank you for taking an interest in Tewkesbury C of E Primary School. We know that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make; we also know that if you choose our school, it will be one of the best decisions that you ever make!

How do we know this? Well, let me tell you...

At Tewkesbury C of E, we understand that children learn best in an environment where they have positive relationships with caring adults, where they feel safe and where they feel free to explore and learn. We also know that children learn best when they are exposed to real-life experiences and opportunities and, through our REAL curriculum, we give the children those WOW moments every single day. But we don't just limit this to the classrooms. During lunchtimes, our children's experiences are further enriched through our 'Platinum Standard' OPAL play where they are: free to build dens in the woods, climb trees, play in our giant sand pit, scoot around the playground, dance to music, get lost in a book, use our mud kitchens or develop their imaginations in a million other ways.

Finally, our talented staff really do go the extra mile for both your child and for you. We have a real sense of community within our school and we will take any opportunity to invite you in to enjoy your child's education with them, so we can all 'learn together, shine forever.'

Once again, thank you for taking an interest in our wonderful school.

If you have any questions, I'd love to hear from you.

Mr Rylatt
Headteacher



Our Values

Our vision is to give every member of our school the opportunity to SHINE. Our school motto is, 'Learn Together, Shine Forever' and our school verse is 'We Shine Like Stars in the Sky' (Philippians 2:15).

Our strong set of school values and Christian ethos provide our children with a foundation on which they can have a successful school experience. We believe these values provide our children with a sense of what is right and what is wrong whilst helping to shape their behaviour and mindsets. Children are celebrated for demonstrating our values and ethos during our weekly 'Shine' assembly.

Each half term, we learn about a different value through collective worship, stories and classroom lessons.



Love is an overarching value; it is celebrated and acknowledged throughout the school year.

REAL Curriculum

Tewkesbury C of E's R.E.A.L Curriculum (Real Events for Active Learning) has been designed to inspire our pupils to live real, purposeful experiences that stimulate their minds and deepen their knowledge and understanding, enabling them to gain a clear idea of what makes each subject in our curriculum unique. Pupils have the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills needed to become geographers, scientists, historians, musicians, artists, linguists and designers in addition to using to their English, Maths and Computing skills as tools to further their understanding.

Learning opportunities will be provided through progressive units based on a knowledge and skills- based curriculum, allowing our pupils to develop their understanding, build upon fluency and master transferrable skills. We believe that, by immersing children in a block of learning, we are giving them the opportunity to: go beyond surface-level understanding, make decisions, explore and reflect upon their own learning and experience additional challenge.



"I love the afternoons in school because of all the fun things we get to do. My favourite role to take on is a 'chef' where we are able to design, bake and eat our creations."

Yr 6 Pupil



"I love how the school celebrates the arts, sports and the other subjects; I think it is great the school offers a broad curriculum to the pupils."

Parent Survey



"I really love that our REAL curriculum encourages our pupils to take on different roles and apply their knowledge within real-life situations."

Teacher

OPAL Play

We are proud to say that in July 2023 we achieved the Platinum Standard for OPAL Play – the highest accolade available; this puts us in the top 1% of all schools nationally with the quality of our play provision. Our OPAL journey began in Autumn 2021 and, since this time, we have quickly transformed our outdoor environment.

We truly believe that children should have the opportunity to be creative and imaginative both inside the classroom and outside! Our children love the outdoor opportunities that OPAL offers, from playing with tyres and digging in the sand pit, to enjoying imaginative play in the woodland area or cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen.

Through this approach to play, children are not only more active at lunch or break times but they are also given the opportunity to further develop life skills such as: cooperation, team work and problem solving. They are becoming motivated and enthusiastic builders, engineers, explorers and designers.



"It is amazing! We get to explore and do lots of things around our school grounds." YR3 child

"The OPAL play provision is exceptional, and the children are very lucky to have it. I love that they come home covered in mud and with sand in their socks- a sign they're still getting their childhood alongside learning in the classroom!"
Parent Survey

"Very good- I love it! We get time to speak to teachers and they play with us. Also, we can see all of the younger children and help them, and they can play with us."

Year 6 child

General Information

The School Day

Our school gates open from 8.40am with registration commencing at 8.50am. In Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) the day ends at 3.05pm; in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) the day ends at 3.10pm. Lunch at Tewkesbury C of E is 12.15-1.15pm.

Classes at Tewkesbury C of E

Our school has a pupil admission number of 60, meaning we can take up to 30 children in each class (we have two classes per year group). Being a larger school means we have the scale and resources to offer a great variety of opportunities for your child.

School Meals

Our schools meals are cooked onsite by our very own cooks. A daily menu consists of a main course (a vegetarian option is available) and a pudding. A salad bar and fresh fruit are available daily too! We are able to cater for any dietary needs.



Wrap-Around Care

We have our very own Breakfast Club which begins at 8am. Children are able to choose from a variety of cereals as well as toast. We also offer an After School Club which runs from the end of the school day until 6pm (5.30 finish on Fridays).

PTFA

We benefit from a hugely proactive PTFA at Tewkesbury C of E. Each year, this group of incredible volunteers raise money to further support our school and add an enormous value to the sense of community we are so proud of. Recent projects have included: the renovation of our school library and EYFS area. The PTFA would love to welcome any new members to the committee.

Extra Curricular

Being a larger school, we are able to offer a rich and varied extra-curricular timetable, including: a wide variety of sports creative arts and much more! These are run by our committed staff members or external

agencies.

Joining Tewkesbury C of E

Here at C of E, we understand the importance of choosing the right school for your child; we would love to help you! Please take some time to: explore our website, watch our school video, attend open mornings or book a tour with a member of our leadership team.

Joining in Reception

All applications for Reception places are managed by the local authority. The deadline for making an application is normally mid January every year. Please visit the relevant pages on the Gloucestershire County Council website to make your application. Our office manager, Mrs Mills, is always on hand to support you with this process.

Once allocated a place here at Tewkesbury C of E, our dedicated Reception team work hard to offer a thorough transition process which allows us to get to know your child and you before the adventures begin in September.

In-Year Applications

We know, for a whole range of different reasons, that children occasionally move mid-year. At Tewkesbury C of E, we offer a smooth transition to support you and your child.

If you are considering an in-year move, please contact our school office to arrange a time to meet a member of our leadership team. If we have a space in the desired year group we will be able to support you with the next steps and paperwork. Should the year group be full, we will be able to talk you through our waiting list process.





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