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## TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 NO. 3

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed being 'Change Makers' and participating in the Great British Spring Clean at Kearnsy Abbey on Monday. They worked hard with Mrs Childs and her team at Dover District Council to pick up as much litter as they could during the morning. Well done children for making a difference to your local community.

Thank you for all your kind donations towards Comic Relief on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We raised £135.50 for the charity.

Our Easter Service is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 9.15am in the church. The service will be led by our Spiritual Team with contributions from each of the classes. All our families are welcome to join us.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March the Friends have organised an Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.30pm on the playground. If you would like your child to participate, please pay the Friends via their website. Children need to make their bonnets at home and bring them in on the day. Each class will 'parade' in their bonnets across the playground at 2.30pm with one winner receiving a prize per class. Children can be collected from their usual gate once the parade has finished.

We have a tag day tomorrow and children are invited to wear their own clothes and bring in an item for our Chocolate Tombola after the Easter Bonnet Parade on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

The friends have also organised an Easter Egg Hunt and class treat for the last day of term (in school time) and a Name the Bunny competition. More information can be found on their website [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsof templeewellschool/index.cfm](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsof templeewellschool/index.cfm)

Well done to Willows class who had the highest attendance this term with an amazing 99%! They will be enjoying a class treat this week.

Our Easter Break begins on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and we look forward to welcoming the children back for term 5 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. I hope you all have a restful Easter.

This **term's** class attendance:

Acorns: 97%, Willows: 99%, Elms: 92%, Sycamores: 96%, Oaks: 95%

Kind regards,

Angela Matthews Headteacher



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Forgiveness

Acceptance

Inspiration

Trust

Hope

Faith in God,  
ourselves and each other.

*Good Samaritan*

*Luke 10 v.25-27*

"Love your neighbour as yourself."  
Luke 10: 27

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*Please keep checking your fortnightly Newsletter for further important dates and events as they become available.*

**New dates are shown in bold type.**

**Easter Tombola (Chocolate Tag Day)**

Friends Easter Bonnet Parade and Chocolate Tombola

Easter Service in the church (all welcome)

Last Day Term 4

Easter Holidays

Term 5

**Friday 27th March 2026**

**Monday 30th March 2026 2.30pm**

**Wednesday 1st April 2026 9.15am**

**Thursday 2nd April 2026**

**Friday 3rd April 2026**

**Monday 20th April 2026**



# Academic Year 2026/2027

## Dates

<b>Term 4:</b>	Monday 23rd February - Thursday 2nd April 2026
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April 2026
<b>Term 5:</b>	Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2026
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
<b>Term 6 :</b>	Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2026
	Monday 20th July 2026 <b>INSET</b>
	Tuesday 21st July 2026 <b>INSET</b>
<b>Summer Holiday:</b>	Weds 22nd July 2026 - Monday 31st August 2026
	Tuesday 1st September 2026 <b>INSET</b>
	Wednesday 2nd September 2026 <b>INSET</b>
<b>Term 1 :</b>	Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October 2026
<b>Half Term :</b>	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026
<b>Term 2 :</b>	Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2026
<b>Christmas Holiday :</b>	Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027
<b>Term 3:</b>	Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February 2027

## Wilder Kent Award - Silver Success!

We are delighted to share that Temple Ewell CEP School has achieved a Silver Award in the Wilder Kent Awards, led by the Kent Wildlife Trust.

This is the first time we have entered, making this achievement even more special. We are incredibly proud of what our pupils and wider school community have accomplished-and we are already setting our sights on Gold next year!



### What did we achieve?

Our award submission recognised the wide range of environmental work taking place across the school, particularly the fantastic efforts of our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

This included:

- Work through the Global Action Project with Transform Our World
- Participation in Blue Influencers, in partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust
- Our current work towards becoming a Chough Champion School, tracking the progress of the red-billed chough
- Pupils creating a documentary project, exploring how choughs may have migrated along the Kent coastline



## Learning Through Nature

Our pupils are actively involved in protecting and learning about wildlife both in school and beyond:

- A pupil-led birdwatching club, growing from just 2 pupils to over 12 regular participants
- A thriving Nature Club, supporting our composting, planting and habitat care
- Installation of bird boxes and nesting homes across the school site
- Our "Hedgehog Travel Lodge", providing a safe habitat for wildlife
- Bug hotels and wildlife areas supporting insects and biodiversity



## Caring for Our Environment

The award also recognised our ongoing commitment to sustainability:

- Use of water butts to collect and reuse rainwater
- Composting systems managed through Nature Club
- Litter picks within school and the local community
- Creative projects using recycled materials, including plastic artwork to raise awareness about reducing single-use plastics



## Looking Ahead

This award reflects the passion, teamwork and responsibility shown by our pupils every day. They are not only learning about the environment-they are actively making a difference.

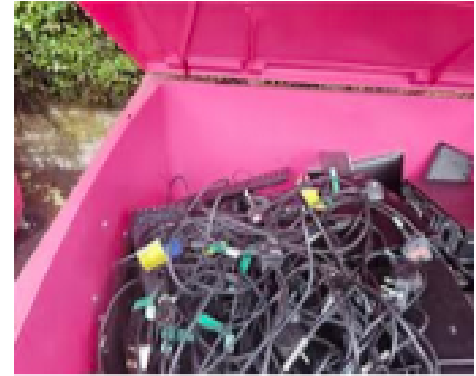
We are incredibly proud of their achievements and are excited to continue building on this success as we work towards Gold next year.

## Sustainability Success - e-Waste Warriors Project

We are delighted to share some other fantastic news about our involvement in the e-Waste Warriors project, led by Kent County Council's Sustainability Team.

### What was the project about?

The initiative aimed to raise awareness of electrical waste and encourage communities to recycle, repair and reuse unwanted items rather than sending them to landfill. Schools across Kent were provided with specialist collection bins and resources to support learning around sustainability.

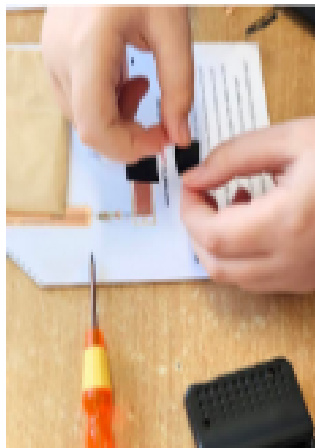


### What did the children do?

Our pupils played an active role throughout the project. They:

- Collected unwanted electrical items from home to be safely recycled
- Took part in assemblies to learn about the environmental impact of e-waste
- Engaged in hands-on activities using Team Repair kits, exploring how items can be fixed and reused
- Developed a greater understanding of sustainability and their role in protecting the environment

The enthusiasm and commitment shown by the children—and the support from our families—was exceptional.



### What was the impact?

Thanks to this collective effort, Temple Ewell CEP School achieved an impressive 1.27kg of e-waste collected per pupil, making us one of the highest individual collectors across all participating schools in Kent.

Across the project as a whole:

- 36 schools took part
- Over 21,000 pupils were reached
- More than 5 tonnes of electrical waste were collected

As a result of our success, we have been awarded a Holmfirth Recycled Plastic Junior Picnic Table for Schools, worth over £300. This high-quality, maintenance-free table—made entirely from recycled plastic—will be a fantastic addition to our school grounds and a lasting reminder of the positive difference our community has made.



A huge thank you to all of our families for your continued support. This has been a true whole-school effort and an excellent example of how we can work together to care for our environment.

FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

# CHOCOLATE TAG DAY!

BRING IN CHOCOLATE FOR THE

## EASTER TOMBOLA!



JOIN THE GREAT BRITISH

# SPRING CLEAN





BRANCHING OUT (T.E)

**Branching Out**  
invite you to our

**EASTER FAYRE**

Temple Ewell Village Hall

Friday March 27th

2pm-4pm

Admission Free

Teas      Raffle      Tombola

Cakes      Spring bulbs

# EASTER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



## HOW TO BOOK

[www.monkton-reserve.org/events/](http://www.monkton-reserve.org/events/)

*Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.*

## MORE INFO:

[education@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@monkton-reserve.org)

## PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

## WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve  
Canterbury Road  
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

[WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG](http://WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG)

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST  
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

**BUTTERFLY KITES (AND FLUTTERING SIGHTS)** Colour in a butterfly template, copying spring butterflies (or design your own). Add a stick and string. Try running with your kite to make it fly. Which butterflies can be seen in April? Spot them on the reserve.

**BOTANY BUTTON BOOKS** Mini, flower-filled, button books to make and keep. Fun filled notebooks for secrets and treasures. Spring flower hunt.

**FALLING BLOSSOM** Make a pretty, pale pink blossom, garland using egg box flowers. Hunt for blossom around the reserve.

**BIG BUG HUNT** Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified.

**NESTING BALLS FOR BIRDS** Give the birds a helping hand this spring with these garden nesting balls. Use twigs (or chicken wire) shaped into a ball or cone, and fill them with nest friendly materials for birds.

**PARSLEY AND POTS** Plant parsley in an ice-cream cone, ready to plant on outside. Make a hanging, beaded plant pot using egg box cones. Fill it with tiny plants grown on the reserve.

**STORY ZONE IN THE DOME (FREE):** Drop into the Dome on Tuesday afternoons during the Easter break, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Sink into comfy cushions and soft rugs. Three short children's stories will be read by our volunteers at 2.30pm, 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Get stuck into our children's books in the Dome. No need to book, but please be prompt for the timed story telling. In support of [The National Year of Reading 2026](#).

**WILD CLASSROOM:** Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty, fire-fuelled lunch; a spring vegetable risotto, cooked together, outdoors.

APRIL	11.00AM	11.30AM	1.00PM	2.30PM
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7th	Parsley & Pots		Botany Books	Story Zone
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9th:	Kites	Wild C'room	Nesting Balls	
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10th:	Falling Blossom		Big Bug Hunt	
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14th	Botany Books		Parsley & Pots	Story Zone
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16th:	Nesting Balls		Falling Blossom	
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17th:	Big Bug Hunt		Kites	
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Cygnets teaches traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, experienced teachers & professional quality materials.

We run two holiday workshops per day, so students can attend individual classes, or bring a packed lunch and stay for both!

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April



10.30 - 12PM Fox Cub with Pencil

12.30 - 2PM Murmuration with Gouache

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April



10.30 - 12PM Hare with Fineliner and Watercolours

12.30 - 2PM Bluebell Wood with Soft Pastels

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April



10.30 - 12PM Feather Still Life with Charcoal

12.30 - 2PM 'The Poppy Field' Study with Oil Pastels

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April



10.30 - 12PM Colourful Eggs with Mixed Pastels

12.30 - 2PM Chick with Clay



*Lots of different projects to choose from!*

Booking for our Summer Term coming soon!



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**BREAKFAST CLUB AT  
TEMPLE EWELL C OF E  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Monday-Friday 7:45am - 8:45am  
(Term Time Only)**

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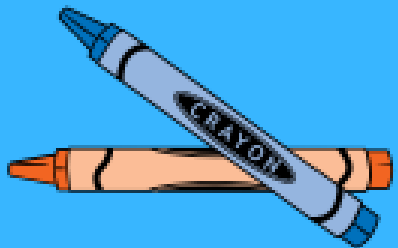
**Activities Include: Arts & Crafts,  
Sports, Yoga, Board Games & Reading  
Corner**

**Breakfast Provided!**

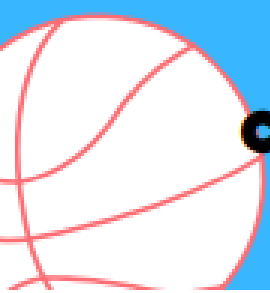
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**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB AT  
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PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**ONLY  
£7.00  
(3:15pm-  
4:30pm)!**

**Monday-Friday 3:15pm - 6pm  
(Term Time Only)**

**ONLY  
£10.50  
(3:15pm-  
6pm)!**



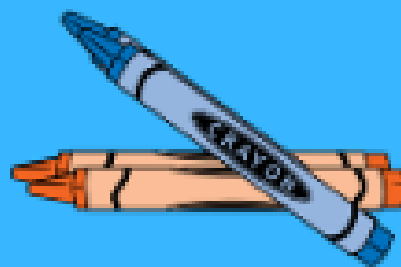
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**Healthy Snack Provided after  
4:30pm!**

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