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## TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 5 NO. 1

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and had an opportunity to enjoy some of the brighter weather. It has been wonderful seeing all of the children returning to school excited and eager to learn. For more details about what each class have in store, please take a look at the 'class learning' section of this newsletter.

Thank you for your donations for our Easter celebration activities at the end of last term. We raised over £1000 for our PTFA. Congratulations to Edana in Oaks class who won the 'Name The Bunny' competition. The bunny's name is

Peanut Butter and I am sure he had a wonderful Easter break in his new home! Congratulations also to our Easter Bonnet winners: Thomas, Hugo C, Helena, Mia and Emilia; who all received a £10 voucher from the Friends. Well done to all the children who took part in the parade this year; you all looked amazing!

This term is a busy one with our Year 6 children taking their end of Key Stage assessments during the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> May. It is vital that your children are in school for these National tests, if there are any problems then please contact the school office.

This week's class attendance:

Acorns 95.5% Willows 96.4% Elms 93% Sycamores 95.2% Oaks 92.6%

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

Headteacher: Mrs. A Matthews

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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.**

Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 4th May 2026
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 11th May - Thurs 14th May 2026
Tag day for St Peter's and St Paul's	Friday 15th May 2026
Colour Run (More information to follow)	Friday 22nd May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Term 6	Monday 1st June 2026
Class Photos	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
KIC Theatre	Tuesday 9th June 2026
Bottle Tag Day	Friday 19th June 2026
Summer Fete	Wednesday 24th June 2026 2pm
Sports Day (More information to follow)	Tuesday 30th June 2026
Sports Day back up	Wednesday 8th July 2026
Friends Inflatable fun day (more information to follow)	Thursday 9th July 2026
Reports to parents	Monday 13th July 2026
Leavers' Service	Tuesday 14th July 2pm in the church
Optional parents' evening	Wednesday 15th July 2.30pm
Year 6 Leavers' Party	Thursday 16th July 3.15 - 5pm
Last Day	Friday 17th July 2026
INSET Day	Monday 20th July 2026
INSET Day	Tuesday 21st July 2026
Sumer Holidays	Wed 22nd July - Mon 31st August
INSET Day	Tuesday 1st September 2026
INSET Day	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Term 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026

# Academic Year 2026/2027

## Dates

<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



## Willows - Term 5 2026

### Heroes and Villains

Watch out! Calling all heroes and villains. Are you ready for a new adventure?

This term the children will be reading, a narrative -The Lost Homework BY Richard O'Niell and instructions on How to Wash A Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley

Our focus for history this term will be Wonder Women which includes reading and finding out about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, linking the importance of a nurses' roles and hygiene in war. We will also be writing letters home from the soldiers and non fiction fact files about these superhero women.

We will be starting our science topic learning about the parts of plants and evergreen and deciduous trees in and around the school and church making bark and leaf rubbings and we will be reading various non fiction information books about plants. **We also have a few plant pots so if you have any spare seeds or plants that you would be able to donate we would very much enjoy seeing them grow and develop.**

In design and technology the class will be practising joining fabrics and making a sample piece. They will be designing their own hero or villain logo and cape and then using their sewing skills and fabric pens to add to their design.

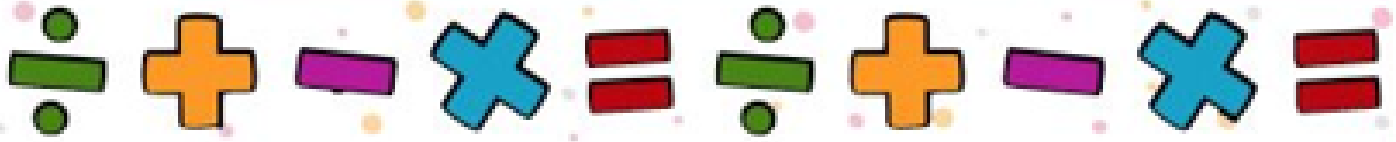
**If possible, if you or anybody you know has any binca that they would like to donate this would help greatly with the children's sewing skills.**

We will also be using Beebots as heroes and villains to navigate around obstacles to write algorithm instructions.

RE this term will be exploring Judaism and what artefacts and celebrations are special and why to the Jewish community and comparing the similarities and differences between Jewish and Christian artefacts and celebrations.

In maths children will be developing their skills and knowledge of multiplication, division, measurement and fractions. Any maths games played at home will help the children to consolidate these skills.





## Term 5 Elms

We have another very busy and exciting term planned for Elms.

In Mathematics our particular focus for this term is knowing our times tables instantly in order to

ensure the Year 4 are ready for the times table check. We will also be learning about fractions, using our times tables to support this work. Later on in the term we will be focusing on shape.

Our English is currently working towards the children creating a persuasive leaflet about visiting the coast of Kent. Our lessons will continue to develop the fluency and use of descriptive language appropriately in their writing. We will embed the use of punctuation to structure writing.

In History we are to thinking about our big question 'What was the impact of Henry VIII?'. In these lessons we will continue to learn about what life was like at this time, how Henry's quest for a son altered England forever and the impact his choices had on the country as a whole.

Our Art lessons will work towards us answering the big question of 'How do Artists record the world?'. We will learn about landscape art, develop our drawing skills and think about both abstract a realistic ways to record the world we live in..

Geography lessons focus on children knowing 'what is a coast'. We will learn about the different human and physical features of coasts of the UK, examine how coasts are used and think about extreme weather and its impact on coastlines.

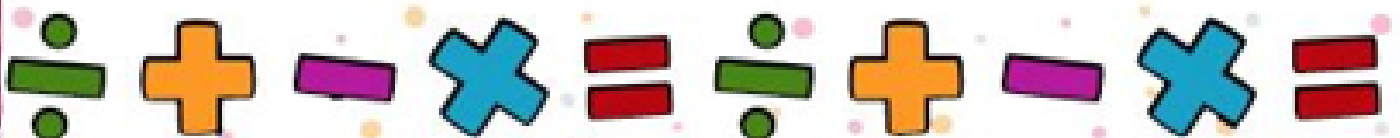
In PSHE we focus on changes, thinking about how our bodies change over time and the changes we experience in our lives.

Our Music lessons are focused on the children preparing and learning songs for the Dover Schools Festival of Song that will happen in term 6.. They are very much enjoying these and we are impressed with the number of children who have been learning these at home!

Plants is the theme of our Science lessons - we will be learning about the different parts of a plant and why they are important for healthy plants to survive We will be honing our independent investigative skills as the term progresses.

Our focus in RE is learning about what pentecost is to answer the question: 'When Jesus left what was the impact of pentecost?'

French lessons are focused on learning fruit names and practising the vocabulary we have already learnt this year.



The page is framed by a decorative border of various book icons, including stacks of books, open books, and individual pages, arranged in a circular pattern around the central text.

## Sycamores' Term 5 Overview

In English, we will be exploring narrative writing inspired by *Boy in the Tower*. The children will focus on creating suspense and tension, using rich description, and developing

characters through dialogue. We will practice "show not tell" techniques, helping pupils to build atmosphere and keep the reader engaged from beginning to end.

In Maths, we are moving on to fractions and decimals. The children will explore how fractions can be written as decimals, including tenths, hundredths and thousandths. They will also learn to compare and order decimals, round numbers, and make links to percentages, building confidence in how numbers relate to each other.

Our History learning will focus on local history, exploring how Temple Ewell got its name and its links to the Christian Crusades. We will investigate who the Knights Templar were and examine local evidence to decide whether the legends are true, encouraging curiosity and critical thinking.

In Religious Education, we will learn about what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain today. Pupils will explore key beliefs, practices and the meaning of *Sanatana Dharma* (eternal truth), while recognising the diversity within British Hindu communities. We also learn about different religions to help children understand and respect others' beliefs, develop empathy, and explore important questions about life, identity and belonging.

**Forest School** will also restart this term (except during SATs week), offering valuable outdoor learning experiences. It's a busy but rewarding five weeks ahead!

# Oaks

Over the course of the next two terms, Oaks class will be exploring an exciting new topic built around the key question:

' What was the impact of the British Empire culture in the early 20th century?'

In History, the children will journey through time, beginning with the Romans, moving through the Tudor period and the emergence of the transatlantic slave trade, and continuing to the Windrush generation. They will learn how, between 1948 and 1970, nearly half a million people migrated from the Caribbean to Britain, shaping the culture and society we know today.

In English, pupils will develop their writing through emotive poetry and detailed biographies of inspirational figures, including Benjamin Zephaniah. They will also explore engaging texts co-written by Floella Benjamin, deepening their understanding of personal stories and cultural identity.

In Mathematics, the focus will be on decimal numbers and their fraction equivalents. Children will also apply their understanding through historical timelines, alongside revisiting key skills such as using protractors accurately and telling the time on both 12- and 24-hour clocks.

Our Art lessons will centre around textiles. Pupils will study the work of influential artists such as Yinka Shonibare and Althea McNish. They will experiment with techniques such as batik and monoprinting to create striking designs on fabric.

In Design and Technology, children will build on these textile skills to design and create costumes inspired by the folk tales of Anansi the spider. These will be used in a performance for our younger pupils in Acorns and Willows classes.

In Music, the class will explore the influence of Black musicians on British culture, listening to artists such as UB40.

(Although, rest assured-no "Red Red Wine" will be consumed during lessons!)

We are looking forward to a rich and engaging two terms of learning, full of creativity, history, and meaningful exploration. (With Year 6 SATs thrown in for good measure!)

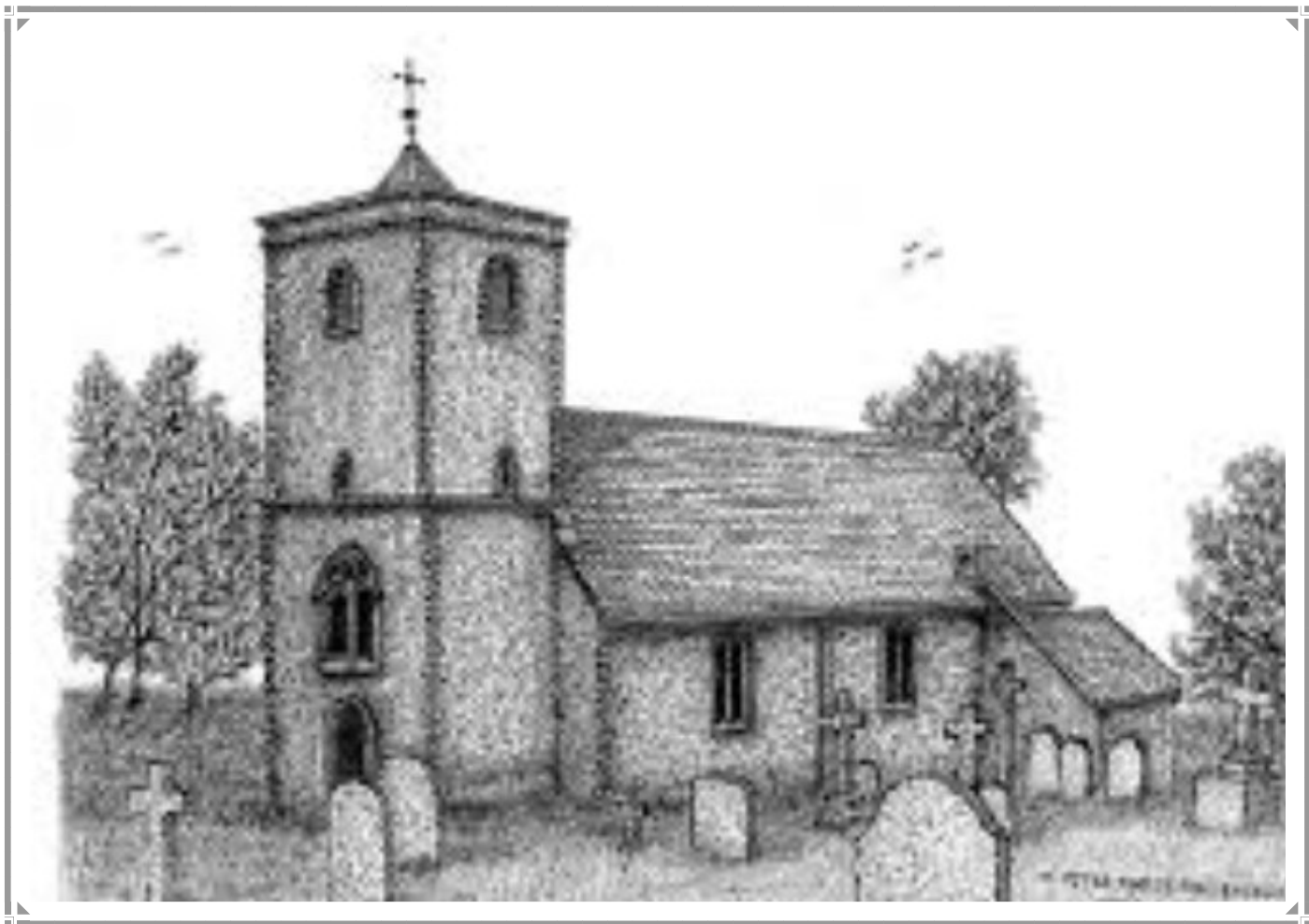


The children created some beautiful pictures that were hung up at the Temple Ewell Produce Show.



They also had some stunning entries in The Easter Bonnet Competition. Well done to all winners!





## Church Open Day

We will be holding a 2 day event this year, covering the 10th July 10am to 4pm and 11th July 11am to 3pm.

It would be lovely to see our children and families there.

We will offer refreshments throughout each day.

**Also on Sunday 3rd May 2026 there will be a family Service held at St Peters and St Paul's church at 10.30 am all welcome.**





Dear Parents Carers,

The children of Elms have been thinking about ways they can make a difference and become a 'change maker'.

They decided they wanted to help people who are homeless in Dover and are raising money to buy sleeping bags, every £10 raised pays for one sleeping bag.

The children have decided they want to hold a cake sale on Wednesday 6th May 2026.

If you would be able to support your child to make cakes, or would like to make cakes yourself we would be very grateful for all donations. Please could they be brought into school on either the day before or the day of the cake sale.

The children decided we will sell cakes or cake slices for 50p and one cake per child.

Thank you so much for your support

Elms

# SCHOOL TREAT DAY

THURSDAY  
21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

## MAINS

Hot Dog & Ketchup  
or  
Veggie Hot Dog  
& Ketchup

Chips  
Garden Peas  
Baked Beans  
Salad Bar

## DESSERT

Brownie & Chocolate  
Sauce  
or  
Yoghurt  
or  
Fresh Fruit



### For Parents



### For Educators



Created by Sean Arnold  
BraveInTheAttempt.com

You may have heard of Common Sense Media (CSM), because of their census on media use of kids. My first experience with Common Sense was trying to find out if it was appropriate for my kids to go see a movie or not. The site is place where adults can educate themselves about the tech their kids/students may be using.

To see all that's available use this handy infographic (or see it as a PDF with hyperlinks).

# Fine art

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- Coyote with Dip Pen and Ink
- Totem Pole with Marker Pen and Ink
- 'Owl's Bouquet' Study with Ink
- Bison Skull with Fineliner and Watercolour



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

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£5.00!**

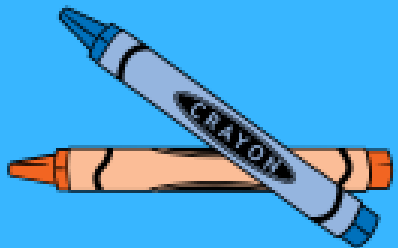
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Corner**

**Breakfast Provided!**

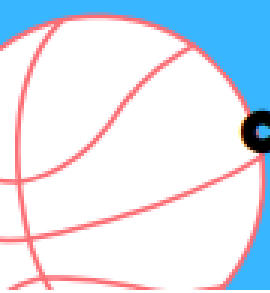
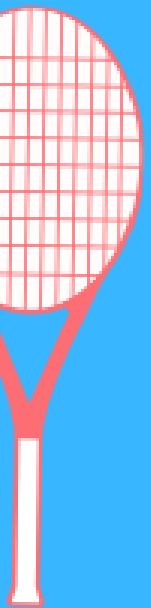
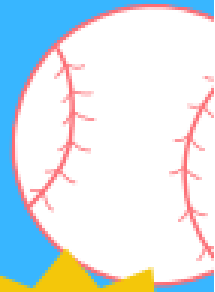
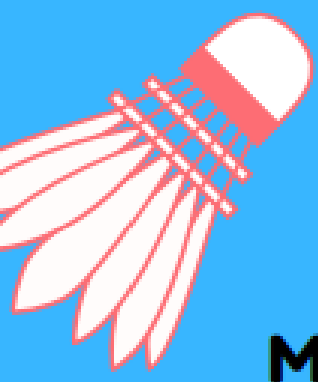
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**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB AT  
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PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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

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

**ONLY  
£10.50  
(3:15pm-  
6pm)!**



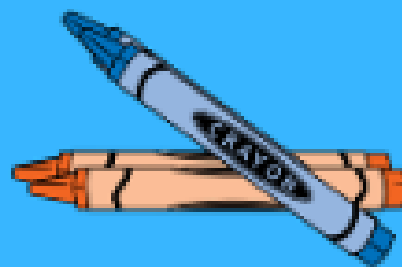
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**Healthy Snack Provided after  
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