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TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 6 NO. 1

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful half term break and enjoyed the wonderful weather! Our children have all returned to school eager and keen to learn as usual and are now fully engrossed in their curriculum learning. Please take a look at the class summaries in this newsletter to see what each class will be focusing on this term.

Our children all enjoyed their drama workshops with Ian from KIC Theatre on Tuesday and were given the opportunity to learn more about their curriculum areas for this term.

Well done to all the children who completed the Colour Run to raise funds for the school and Cancer Research in the last day of term 5; you were all amazing! Thank you to the Friends, Mr L and the Sports Council for organising and running this fantastic event. If you still have sponsor money at home, please can you send this into school by the end of the week.

We are looking forward to our Summer Fete on Wednesday 24th June at 2.30pm on the field. The classes are busy rehearsing their dances for the opening performance so please come along to watch – everyone welcome! The Friends (PTFA) are organising an exciting range of stalls this year and would welcome volunteers to help with preparation and running these on the day. If you are able to help, please contact the Friends through their Facebook page or via the school office.

Congratulations to many of our pupils who continue to maintain over 98% attendance this academic year. Do please keep this up; it is a fantastic achievement and every day at school is invaluable to children's learning and well-being.

This weeks' class attendance: **Acorns 96%**, **Willow 96.4%**, **Elms 93.2%**, **Sycamores 95.3%**, **Oaks 93.3%**

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.

Tombola Tag Day	Tuesday 16th June 2026
Bottle Tag Day	Friday 19th June 2026
Summer Fete	Wednesday 24th June 2026 2.30pm
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

Term 5:	Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
Term 6 :	Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2026
	Monday 20th July 2026 INSET
	Tuesday 21st July 2026 INSET
Summer Holiday:	Weds 22nd July 2026 - Monday 31st August 2026
	Tuesday 1st September 2026 INSET
	Wednesday 2nd September 2026 INSET
Term 1 :	Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October 2026
Half Term :	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026
Term 2 :	Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas Holiday :	Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027
Term 3:	Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February 2027
Half Term:	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027
Term 4 :	Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th March 2027
Easter Break	Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027
Term 5	Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May 2027
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027
Term 6	Monday 7th June - Friday 16th July 2027
Inset day	Monday 19th July 2027
Inset Day	Tuesday 20th July 2027
Inset Day	Wednesday 21st July 2027
Summer Break	Thursday 22nd July - Tuesday 31st August 2027



Term 6 - Once Upon a Time

Long ago, in a faraway land lived the Acorns...

This term we will be looking into different traditional tales and using them throughout our learning. We will be continuing our Drawing Club adventure in our English sessions and reading different traditional tales. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between them as well as thinking about the topic of 'morals' within them. We will see if we can retell these stories independently as well as seeing if we can create our own versions of these stories. In our bug club phonics, we will continue to learn new sounds and use them with our phonological skills in our reading and writing!

We will be starting the term off with Jack and the Beanstalk and using this story to grow our very own beanstalks and seeing if we can help them to grow as tall as the clouds! In Science we will be using this story to look at plants and answering the question "What do plants need to grow?"

In Geography we will be finding out what the capital of the United Kingdom is and who lives there. We will be planning an afternoon tea fit for a Queen!

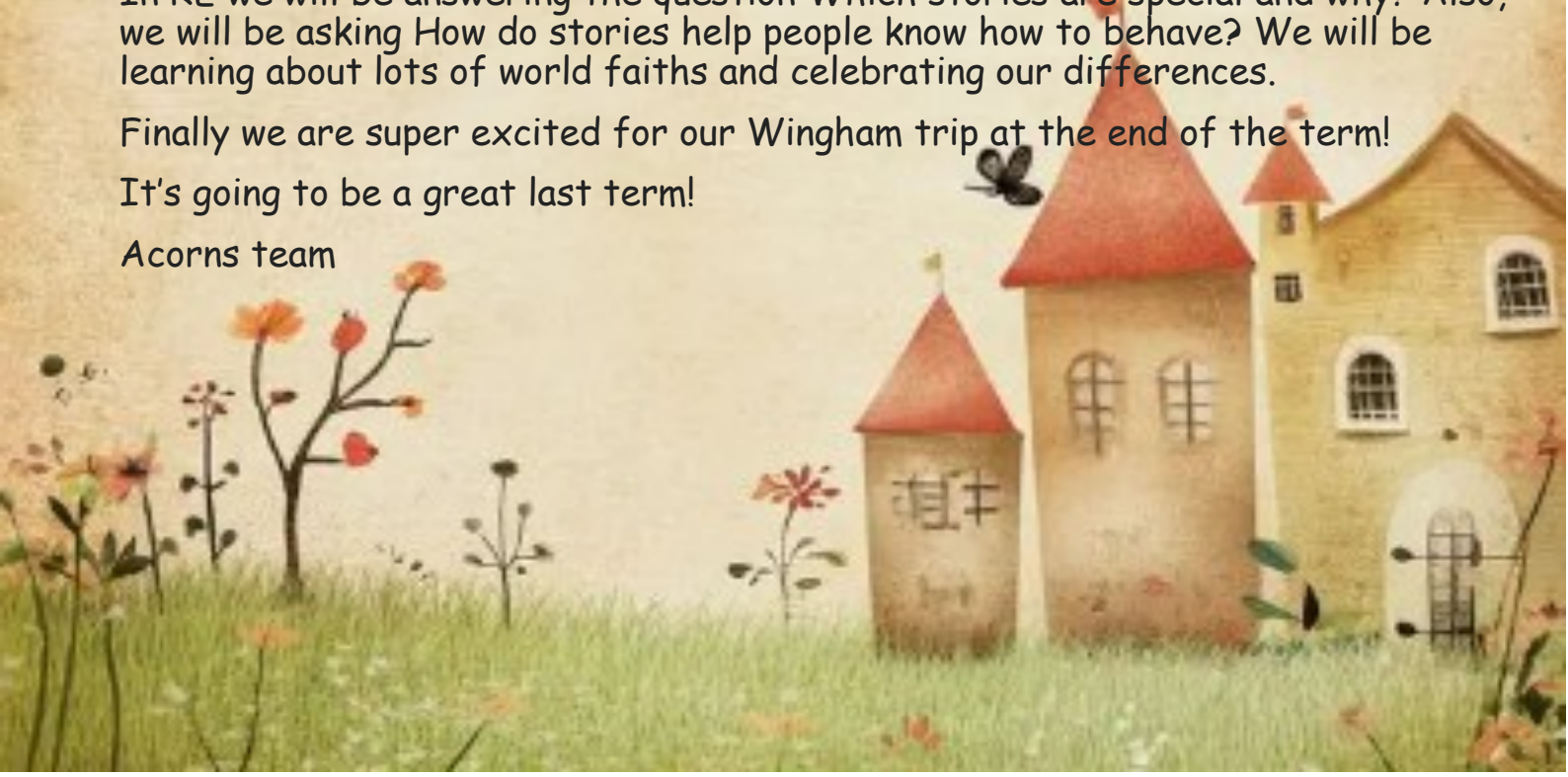
In mathematics we will be using our mathematician skills to explore place value, capacity, length and height and addition and subtraction. We will be exploring questions such as 'Which bowl would Goldilocks pick so that she could have the most amount of porridge?', 'Which beanstalk is the tallest?' as well as thinking all about number bonds.

In RE we will be answering the question Which stories are special and why? Also, we will be asking How do stories help people know how to behave? We will be learning about lots of world faiths and celebrating our differences.

Finally we are super excited for our Wingham trip at the end of the term!

It's going to be a great last term!

Acorns team



Willows - Term 6 - Once Upon An Alternative Time!

We will be reading various books for English and a narrative story and non fiction books about plants and seasons during this term :-

Recount - Here I am by Patti Kim

Narrative - Super Joe Does Not Do Cuddles by Michael Catchpool

Poetry - Belonging Street by Mandy Coe

Seasons and plants narrative - The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

We will be looking at seasons and weather in Geography and Science this term and the children will be bringing home a weather diary to complete to use in their own news weather forecast.

We are continuing our exploration of the Jewish religion this term and finding out about special celebrations and traditions through Chanukah, Shabbat and Passover.

In Art the children are exploring the artwork by the artist's Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein and they will be using pre made printing equipment and making their own printing blocks. For their final piece of artwork the children will be printing their own design on a canvas in the style of one of these artist's to bring home. Please could you provide an **A4** white canvas for your child with their name on the back, to complete their final piece of artwork which they will be taking home.

The Maths focus will be on fractions, various types of graphs and charts and telling the time.

Year 1 will be participating in the Phonics screening test this term.



Elms Term 6

We are very sad that this is our last term of the academic year but we have lots of exciting things planned for the coming weeks including our visit to the National Gallery and Walmer and Deal castles.

In Mathematics we continue to focus for this term on knowing our times tables instantly as we move to preparing the Year 3's for year 4 and ensure the Year 4 children have a solid understanding ready for year 5.. We will also be learning about decimals, shapes and time.

Our English 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. We will be writing recounts and stories.

In History we are still 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 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 and realistic ways to record the world we live in..

This work will be supported by our visit to the National Gallery where we will be undertaking a workshop focusing on the impact of colour.

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. We will be visiting the coast at Deal to support this work.

In PSHE we focus on changes and moving on, we will be thinking about how we feel about changing year groups and thinking about how we mature and change as time passes.

Light is the theme of our Science lessons - all we need now are some sunny days to help us with our investigations about shadows! We will be honing our independent investigative skills as the term progresses.

Our focus in RE is learning about who a Humanist is and what they believe and make links about their similarities and differences to other religions.

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

This term, Sycamores will enjoy an exciting and varied curriculum that builds on their learning across a range of subjects.

In Religious Education, we will continue our learning about Contemporary Hinduism, deepening our understanding of the beliefs, traditions and values that guide Hindu life. Children will explore key concepts such as Brahman, the Trimurti (Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva), karma, dharma, reincarnation and moksha. Through stories, symbols and discussions, pupils will learn how Hindu beliefs influence daily life and decision-making. In Mathematics, we will develop our understanding of decimals, including adding and subtracting decimals, finding complements to 1, identifying decimal sequences, and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000.

In Science, our focus will be on living things and their habitats, using puffins as a fascinating case study. Children will investigate life cycles, reproduction, classification and adaptation, while considering how environmental changes can affect living things and their habitats.

In English, we will explore a range of poetry, using the work of Karl Nova as inspiration. Children will study poetic techniques such as assonance and figurative language before planning, writing, editing and performing their own poems, developing their confidence as both writers and speakers.

Our Geography topic explores coastlines, investigating different types of coasts, how shorelines change over time and whether we should protect our coastline.

We are also looking forward to our visit to the Paddington stage show in London. This exciting experience links beautifully to our migration topic from earlier in the year, providing opportunities to reflect on themes of journeys, belonging, identity and welcoming others. We are sure this memorable trip will inspire discussion and learning across the curriculum.





Following a fascinating Term 5, Oaks Class will continue exploring our key question:

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

In History, the children will continue their journey through Britain's past, building on their learning about the Romans, the Tudor period, the transatlantic slave trade and the Windrush generation. They will further explore how migration, culture and identity have helped shape modern Britain and the diverse society we live in today.

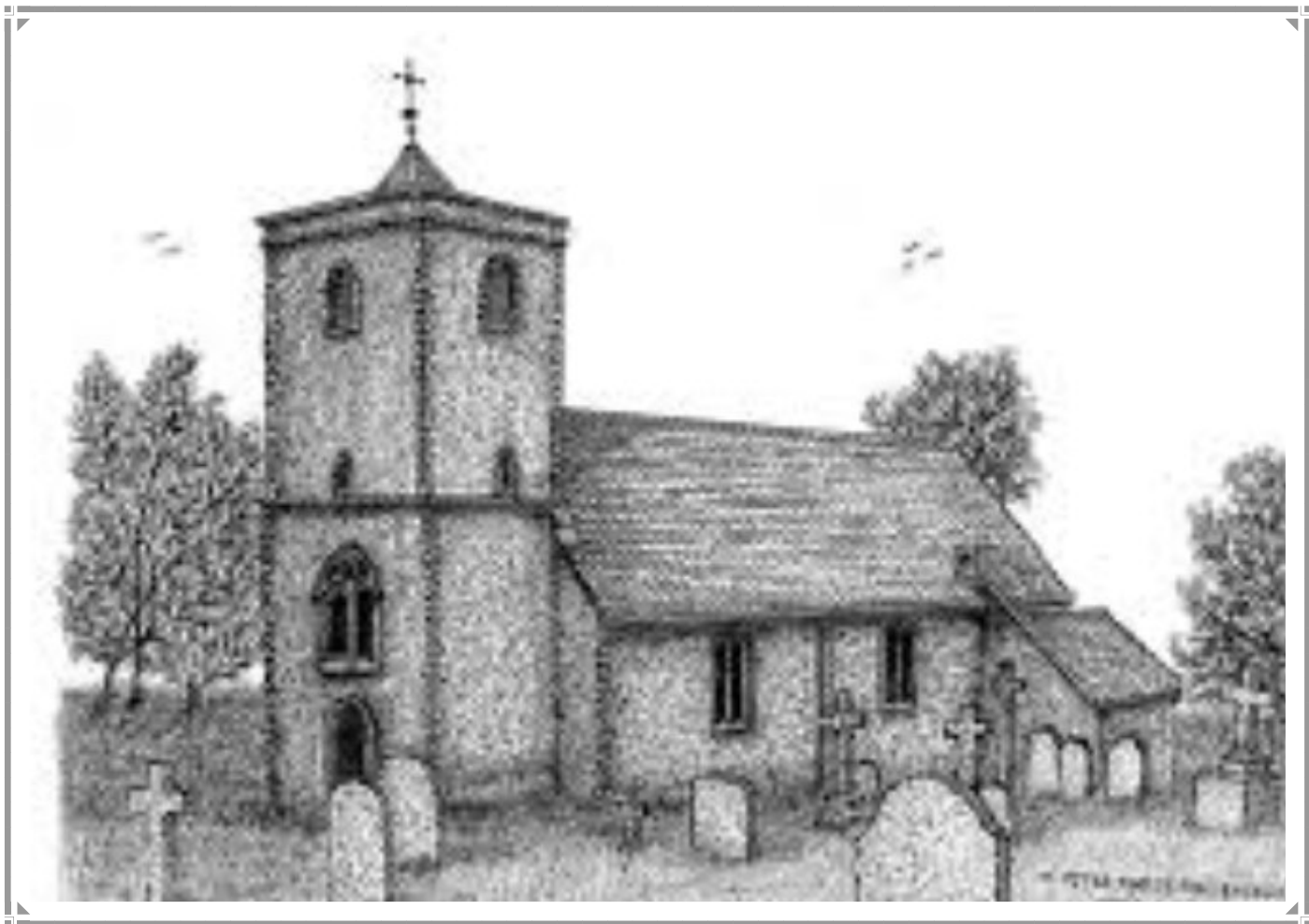
In English, pupils will continue developing their writing through emotive poetry, biographies and high-quality texts. They will deepen their understanding of influential figures such as Benjamin Zephaniah and Floella Benjamin, while refining their ability to write for a range of audiences and purposes.

Mathematics lessons will continue to focus on decimals and fractions, alongside consolidating key Year 6 skills in preparation for secondary school. Children will apply their mathematical understanding in a variety of contexts, including timelines and problem-solving activities, while revisiting important concepts such as angle measurement and time.

In Art and Design Technology, the class will continue their work with textiles, drawing inspiration from artists such as Yinka Shonibare and Althea McNish. They will further develop their creative skills through fabric design and costume-making, bringing stories such as the tales of Anansi the Spider to life.

In Music, pupils will continue exploring the influence of Black musicians on British culture and how music can reflect social change and cultural identity.

Alongside our classroom learning, Term 6 promises to be a busy and memorable one. The children will have the opportunity to visit Canterbury Cathedral as part of our Chough Champions project, take part in Sports Day, enjoy a range of end-of-year celebrations and experiences, and, for our Year 6 pupils, prepare for their Leavers' Service as they reflect on their time at Temple Ewell and look ahead to the next stage of their education.



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.



Parish Church

Temple Ewell with Lydden

For regular updates on our services, please go to

www.facebook.com/templeewellpepaul

7 th June	9am Lydden – Holy Communion 10.30am Temple Ewell – Family Service
14 th	9.00am Temple Ewell – Said Holy Communion 10.30am Mindful Walk & Contemplation
21 st	10.30am Temple Ewell – Holy Communion
19 th Friday	6pm Temple Ewell - Taizé Service
21 st	10.30am Temple Ewell – Holy Communion
28 th	10.30am Temple Ewell – Holy Communion

Come & See

Pop-Up-Café 1.30-3pm Friday afternoon

Every Friday afternoon in June, July and August (except the last Friday when we join Branching Out in the Village Hall) we hold a Pop-Up-Café in our beautiful churchyard at Temple Ewell. There is home made cake, tea and coffee. We have lots of space for you to sit and chat – maybe meet someone new or catch up with an old friend.

Lite-Bite Lunch 12.30pm 3rd Tuesday of the month

Held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall in Temple Ewell. This community Lunch offers a delicious meal and an opportunity to have a chat.

Family Service – 10.30am Sunday 7th June

An opportunity for people of all ages, understandings and experiences to come together to offer God their praise and worship in a family friendly service.

Mindful Walk at Temple Ewell – 10.30am Sunday 14th June

As the days grow warmer, we feel the call to meet God in the great outdoors. To reconnect with nature. To breathe fresh air and to feel the sun on our face.

Taizé Service 6pm Friday 19th June

In this service we use songs from the Taizé Community following their communal pattern of prayer shaped by singing and silence. Each short song repeats many times. This is a shared act of worship, not a performance so please come and add your voice as you pick up the simple melodies. The silence that we keep is an invitation to be still and to seek to be present to God and one another.

Well done to Temple Ewell Players for their fantastic performance of Rock of ages which included pupils past and present from our school we are all very proud of you!

This amateur production of ROCK OF AGES: YOUTH EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. Book by Chris D'Arienzo. Arrangements and Orchestrations by Ethan Popp.

TEMPLE EWELL PLAYERS JUNIORS PRESENT

4TH - 6TH JUNE
2026



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

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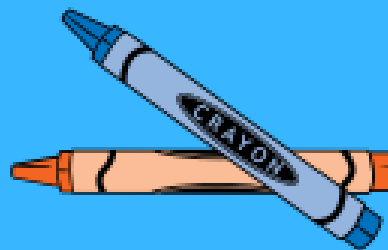
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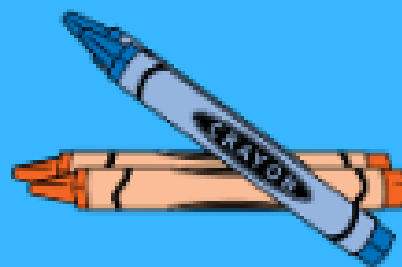
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