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TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 NO. 1

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back; I hope you all had a restful summer break. It has been lovely to see all of our children smiling and excited about their return to school. A particular welcome also to our new Reception children who have joined this week and to Ms Traer Perk, who has joined the Willows team and Miss Holly Burrows who will be working in Acorns, Elms and Sycamores classes this year.

All of our children are now fully engrossed in their curriculum work for this term. Each of our classes has an exciting term ahead with plenty of fun activities and learning planned. For more details about what each class have in store, please take a look at the 'class learning' section of this newsletter.

Our first service in the church this year will be our Harvest Festival on Monday 5th October at 9.15am; everyone is welcome. Please can children bring in goods for the Dover Pantry (tinned meat and fish, pasta cooking sauces, baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, jam, marmalade, honey and squash) on Friday 2nd October as the Church will be holding their own service on Sunday 4th October.

Finally, I sent our attendance policy to you at the start of term outlining our expectation for children to be in school every day and to arrive on time. Please can I reiterate that no holiday requests will be authorised during school time and that penalty notices may be issued for these periods of absence.

This week's class attendance:

Acorns:100% Willows:98.2% Elms:97.4% Sycamores: 100% Oaks: 93.2%

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.

Bring items in for Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival all welcome

Individual Photos

Parents Evening (more info to follow)

Parents Evening

Half term

Start of Term 2

Flu Vaccinations Year R-6

Open Morning for new reception 2027

KIC Theatre (children to wear pe kit this day)

Friday 2nd October

Monday 5th October 9.15am in the Church

Wednesday 14th October

Wednesday 21st October 3.30 –7pm

Thursday 22nd October 3.30-5.30pm

Mon 26th - Fri 30th October

Monday 2nd November

Friday 6th November

Thursday 12th November 9.15 &10.45

Tuesday 17th November

Academic Year 2026/2027

Dates

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

For term dates 2027/2028, please see our website:
www.temple-ewell.kent.sch.uk



Acorns

Term 1 - Ourselves

Welcome to our new Acorns! This is a very exciting time for both our very grown up Year 1 children and our new Acorns who have just started. In our first term we will be learning how to be a super learner and settling in to our new class, getting to know each other and getting to know our school.

We will be exploring our Golden rules and what is meant by each of them; 'We are gentle', 'We are kind and helpful', 'We listen', 'We are honest', 'We work hard' and 'We look after property'.

Our topic this term is 'Ourselves' and we will be answering the question 'What is special about you and why are you important?' as well as thinking about our families in History. In addition, we will be learning about how humans change from birth to adulthood as well as looking at our senses in science! Through our learning we will be looking at our school and the local area, alongside looking at the church that we will be visiting throughout the year.

In Literacy, we will be focusing on learning to recognise and write our names, whilst practicing some letter formation and our fine motor skills to aid this! Our Year 1's will continue to develop their sentence writing skills. Additionally, we are extremely excited to start our phonics bug club and learn some new phonemes and graphemes.

In mathematics, we will be looking at place value and gaining a deeper understanding of all the numbers from 0-10 and all the ways we can make and represent these numbers.

We will also be exploring our school ethos of 'Forgiveness', 'Acceptance', 'Inspiration', 'Trust' and 'Hope'. Within R.E we will be asking the question "What do Christians believe God is like?".

Please come and talk to us if you want to find out any more. We will be in contact soon to keep you informed with any important information and also events that are coming soon.

Mrs Powell and the Acorns Team





Willows Term 1 September 2026 - Fire! Fire!

Welcome back to a fun filled term.

In English we will be writing labels and captions, narratives and descriptive and rhyming poetry which we will also be exploring and performing in Readers Theatre. We will be learning and practicing our joined handwriting. London's Burning. It's all about London and The Great Fire of London in History. Willows will be finding out about Samuel Pepys and his famous diaries and we will be writing our own diaries and newspaper reports to share all our learning. We will be travelling to London to visit Pudding Lane, The Great Fire of London monument and the Guildhall to explore images and artwork of The Great Fire of London on Thursday 15th October.

To continue our learning through history we will be comparing old and new fire engines and extending our understanding of vehicles and how they move through design and technology by designing our own fire engine model which will include axels and wheels. Please could children bring a shoe box into school. Any extra spare shoe boxes will also be greatly accepted and appreciated.

In maths we will be exploring number, place value and adding and subtracting numbers as well as problem solving.

Through computing we will be practising logging on to Bug Club, Purple Mash and Numbots to support our learning across various curriculum areas. These programmes can all be accessed at home and the children will have all the logins on their home reader yellow book.

RE is Harvest festival time as well as exploring the Christian story of The Creation through creating various pieces of artwork using a variety of different art medium.

Through science we will be exploring how baby humans and animals grow and change through life cycles.

Sycamores

In English, we'll be using *Lost in the Spin to Survive: Deadly Jungle* as inspiration for our writing. The children will explore the fascinating and dangerous world of the jungle before creating their own explanation texts. They will develop their vocabulary, sentence structure and organisational skills as they learn how to clearly explain ideas and processes.

In maths, we'll focus on three key areas this term: Roman numerals, place value and developing maths fluency. These are important building blocks for Key Stage 2, helping the children to strengthen their number knowledge, accuracy and problem-solving skills.

In science, our focus will be sound. We'll investigate how sounds are made through vibrations and explore how pitch, volume and distance can affect the sounds we hear.

In geography, we're heading into the rainforest! We'll discover where rainforests are found around the world, explore their ecosystems and investigate why they are so important to our planet. We'll also consider the threats facing rainforests and the importance of conservation.

For art, we'll be exploring the world of printing, learning about different printing techniques and creating our own artwork inspired by nature and the world around us. We're also very excited about our upcoming school trip to RHS Wisley. During our visit, the children will learn about growing food from around the world, making links between plants, food, geography and the different environments in which crops can grow.

Finally, our class reader this term is *Toxic*. We'll follow an exciting story about the search for a rare and endangered frog, with the characters racing against time to find it before it becomes extinct. This links beautifully with our rainforest and conservation learning and will give us lots to discuss and explore together.

Elms Class

We have been very impressed with the way that Elms has settled back into school life. We are sure this is going to be a very successful year with lots of new adventures.

Our English lessons will focus on fully mastering sentence structure, full stops, capital letters and the purposeful use of description. Alongside this we will also be working on handwriting and the presentation of our work.

Mathematics lessons initially focus on place value, we will deepen our understanding of partitioning and ordering numbers. Later in the term we will focus on addition and subtraction - again revisiting past learning and then expanding our knowledge of these areas. We will be ensuring all children can confidently use the written methods to support thinking.

Our topic until Christmas is the Romans, we will be working to answer the big question 'What was the impact of the Romans on Britain?' Where possible our learning will be linked to this, however not all subjects do link so smoothly to this so we will have some stand alone topics. In Geography we will be learning about Italy, comparing it to the UK. Our Art focus is mosaics - we will be designing and creating our own focusing on pattern and colour.

Within Science we are learning about electricity. Creating our own circuits and experimenting with how we can alter and change these.

Our RE learning is focused on exploring the question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' We will be studying what the bible says about creation and thinking about how this guides the way Christians treat the planet.

In French we are learning how to pronounce French words when introducing and talking about ourselves.

As you can see we have an incredibly busy first term with lots of interesting new things to learn and explore!



Oaks

Over the next two terms, Oaks class will be answering the question, 'How did America change in the 1920's and 1930's?'

The topic initially will have a strong history focus, investigating how society changed over the course of twenty years, ranging from art, fashion, transport and even crime.

The children will learn about different authors who lived during the time and the stories that they had written; many crime and mystery texts will be investigated during English lessons. Who was Agatha Christie and why were her books so popular? How many have been made into films?

Art and Design also saw great change and the children will be studying the work of Clarice Cliff and will recreate some of the Art Deco style to display in and around the classroom. This recognisable and popular Art helped create ideas in the 20th Century.

We will be solving lots of mysteries throughout the term, so come ready with your magnifying glasses and notebooks, to search for those clues and be Super Sleuths!!



Pirate Day Lunch



Thursday 1st October 2026

~ MENU ~

Crispy Coated Chicken
or Veggie Dippers
Chips, Baked Beans, Peas
& Tomato Ketchup
Mini Doughnuts & Fruit

Also available: Jacket Potato with Fillings,
Salad Bar, Homemade Bread & Yoghurt





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Dear Parent or Carer

TERM 1 – EXTENDED AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

We are pleased to announce that we are starting a new extended after-school club at Temple Ewell COFE Primary School for pupils in Year R-6. The club will run for 7 sessions starting on **Wednesday 9th**

September 2026 and will finish on **Wednesday 21st October 2026**.

The club will start at 3.15pm and will finish at 5.00pm. Collection will be from the church entrance gate at the side of the millennium hall.

Children will need to bring suitable sports clothing, trainers and a drink for the club. Each week the children will take part in different sporting activities, games, projects and many more exciting activities. Food will be provided for children to eat during the snack break.

There are only 16 spaces available for the club each week. Spaces will be given on a first come first served basis to those children who complete the online registration. The total cost for Term 1 will be £70.00 for the full term or you can book individual weekly sessions to suit you for £10.00 per week.

To secure your place, visit our website www.dynamic-sports-coaching.com and complete the online school booking form. Please ensure that every section of the form is filled in and is in as much detail as possible. The DSC Administration Team will confirm your child's place shortly after the form is completed. If you have any further enquiries, please contact us on the email at the top of the page.

We look forward to seeing you at the club.

Yours faithfully

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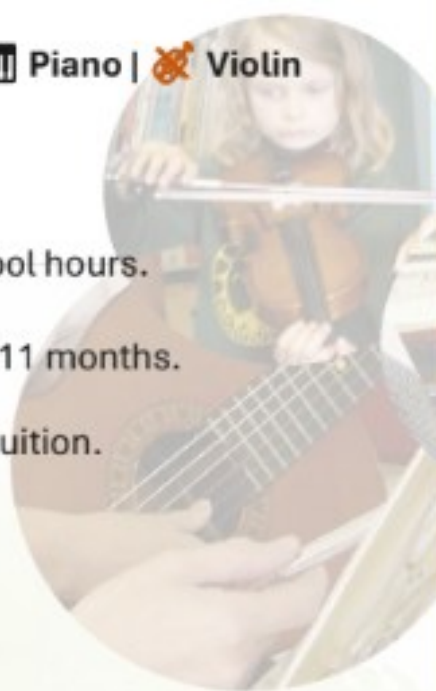
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Interested or want a chat to see what it's all about?

Drop a message or call Jenny on 07919 890661