Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2 No. 1 **Thursday 5th November 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you all had a restful half term; it has been lovely to see the children come back into school excited to enjoy their learning for this term. For more details about what each class have in store, please take a look at the 'class learning' section of this newsletter.

A huge thank you to all the parents, governors, children (past and present!) and staff who came into school over the break to work alongside volunteers from B&Q. They have done a fantastic job of reorganising our Spiritual Garden and giving the Millennium Hall, some of our doors and fences a fresh coat of paint. Everything looks amazing, and we are so grateful to everyone who gave up their time to help. A special thank you to Mrs Church for securing the funding, organising the volunteers and keeping everyone going with bacon sandwiches and refreshments! It really was a team effort and we couldn't have done it without you all!

We have our Open Morning for potential new Reception children for September 2026 on Thursday 12th November. Please do let any family or friends know; appointments can be made via the office.

Next Friday is Children In Need so children are invited to 'wear what makes them happy' for a small donation to the charity.

As the weather is becoming wetter and cooler, please can children make sure that they are wearing a waterproof coat to school each day.

Please can I remind parents to not arrange routine medical or dentist appointments during the school day and to provide copies of appointment letters where this cannot be avoided.

This week's class attendance:
Acorns 95.5% Willows 93.7% Elms 96.5% Sycamores 91.2% Oaks 99.0%

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.

Start of Term 2	Monday 2nd November
Flu Vaccinations Year R-6	Friday 6th November
Open Morning for new reception 2027	Thursday 12th November 9.15am &10.45am
Children in Need " Wear what makes you happy" (a small donation)	Friday 13th November
KIC Theatre (children to wear pe kit this day)	Tuesday 17th November
School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day	Wednesday 9th December
Parents Drop Ins (To look at your child's books and classroom)	Wednesday 9th December 3.15pm
Christmas Gift Tag Day	Friday 11th December
'Elfridges' (Winter Wonderland)	Monday 14th December
Upper School Party (In School Time)	Monday 14th December
Lower School Christmas Service	Tuesday 15th December 2pm
Christmas Fair and Grotto	Wednesday 16th December 2.30pm
Upper School Christmas Service	Thursday 17th December 2pm
Lower School party (In School Time)	Thursday 17th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 18th December
Term 3	Monday 4th January 2027

Academic Year 2026/2027

Term 1	Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December
Christmas Break	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

Academic Year 2027/2028

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Acorns

Term 2 – Toys

Now that we have settled into school life, we will be kick-starting the term with the topic of '*Toys*', trying to answer the question *'How have toys changed over time?'*. In History, we will be thinking about what toys we like to play with and the toys our parents and grandparents may have liked to play with. In Geography, we will be thinking about what toys children play with around the world and if they are similar or different to the toys we like to play with.

We will be exploring a variety of toys and thinking about how they work, what materials they are made from and even making our own moving toys as part of our Science and D&T lessons! We will also be learning about seasonal changes and observing the change from autumn to winter. We will be booking in a 'welly walk' so please look out for the details of this!

In English we will continue with Drawing Club; making secret codes to bring stories we love to life! We will also be looking at our favorite stories, poems, riddles and songs. When Christmas approaches, we will be writing labels, lists, postcards and letters to Father Christmas and seeing if we can post some ourselves!

In Maths we will continue our place value and number quest alongside, addition and subtraction as well as exploring shape and patterns.

As Christmas gets nearer, we will be practicing and performing some of our favourite Christmas carols and thinking about how the characters in the nativity may be feeling at this very busy time. We will also be linking our ideas and understanding to help answer the big question '*Why does Christmas matter to Christians?*' in RE.

It's going to be toy-tastic!



Willows Term 2

Toy Story

Our English this term will be looking at how to write recipes inspired the book 'The Gruffalos Crumble and Other Recipes' and revisiting traditional tales and writing alternative traditional tales. In our readers theatre Willows will be practising and performing the poems 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and 'T 'was the Night Before Christmas'.

In science we will we will continue our Animals and Humans topic through exploring various animal life cycles and how humans can keep healthy through exercise and eating a balanced diet.

Maths is all about number bonds to 5, 10, 20 and 100, adding and subtracting numbers up to and from 100 and problem solving with numbers and addition and subtraction.

Through computing we will continue to practise logging on to different software programmes to support our learning across various curriculum areas.

Geography continues from our super visit to London to extend our knowledge on London and its landmarks and features and how people travel into and around London.

Art is all about exploring textiles through weaving and sewing. Children will be exploring different types of materials and fabrics to weave and sew into a fictional design.

This term RE is focusing on how different religions celebrate their beliefs about how the world was created and how we can continue to care for each other and the world around us. We will also be celebrating the birth of Jesus and Christmas.

We look forward to performing our Christmas carols and Christmas poem in the KS1 Christmas service and the children will be bringing home the words for the carols to also practise at home.

Elms Class

Elms has had a great start to the year and the children have produced some amazing work. Their mosaic making skills are excellent!

Our English lessons continue to 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. We will be learning about Fables and will be creating our own later in the term. We will also be learning a poem to read during our Christmas service.

In Mathematics we will be continuing to develop our rounding skills. We will also be focusing 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?' We have really enjoyed finding out about Roman Britain and are looking forward to enhancing our learning on our school visit to the Roman Museum in Canterbury.

In Geography we are learning about Italy, comparing it to the UK.

Within Science we are learning about light and sound and have many exciting experiments planned.

Our RE learning is focused on exploring the question 'What is the Trinity?' We will be thinking about how Christians try to understand God better and the symbols they use.

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

We will also be working hard to learn our songs and words for our Christmas service later in the term.

Sycamores

In English, we'll be using Cloud Tea Monkeys as inspiration for our writing. The children will explore the story's setting and characters, developing their descriptive writing skills through the use of figurative language, expanded noun phrases and carefully chosen vocabulary. They will learn how to create mood and atmosphere, helping the reader to picture the scenes and bring their writing to life.

In maths, we'll be focusing on multiples and factors. The children will learn to find factor pairs, identify common factors and use their knowledge of multiples, squares and cubes to solve a range of mathematical problems.

In geography, we'll be bringing our rainforest topic to a close by exploring why rainforests are so important to our planet. We'll consider what might happen if rainforests disappeared, if it stopped raining or if all the trees were the same. We're also looking forward to our visit to RHS Wisley, where the children will have the opportunity to explore tropical plants and learn more about the incredible variety of plants found in rainforest environments.

In history, we'll be learning about the Ancient Maya civilisation. We'll explore their beliefs, discover what made their cities so surprising and consider the importance of the Maya in history.

In RE, our big question will be 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' We'll explore who Jesus was, what Christians believe about him and why they believe he fulfilled the Old Testament promises of a Messiah. We'll also consider how Jewish beliefs about Jesus differ from Christian beliefs.

We have lots of interesting learning ahead of us in Sycamores and are looking forward to another busy term!

Oaks

How did America change in the 1920's and 1930's?

This term, Oaks class will continue exploring the question, 'How did America change in the 1920s and 1930s?' Having focused mainly on the 1920s last term, we will now turn our attention to events and life in the 1930s, considering how changes affected ordinary people.

In Geography, we will explore how North America compares with the UK, looking at similarities and differences between places and their physical and human features. In Art, we will continue studying Clarice Cliff and use her distinctive colours, shapes and patterns to inspire our own Art Deco designs.

In Maths, we will focus on fractions, including simplifying them and learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide with fractions. We will break the learning into clear, manageable steps, using practical examples and visual representations to help the children build their understanding and confidence.

In Jigsaw, the children will explore who they are and how they fit in. We will continue discussing similarities and differences, celebrating what makes each of us unique and thinking about how we can help everyone feel included.

In PE and games, we will consider what makes a good leader and how we can encourage and inspire our teammates.

The children will also explore how to seek out opportunities to take part in sport and develop their interests. The children will continue their Birds in Green Spaces project with Mr Findley, building on their interest in local birds and learning more about the green spaces and habitats around us.

I am delighted to share that I have secured funding for another project investigating how much carbon is stored in individual trees. This term, we will begin planning what to measure and how those measurements can help us estimate the amount of carbon stored.

We will also work with Led by the Wild, a local community interest company, to develop green spaces within our school grounds. The children will contribute ideas and take an active part in improving our school environment. There is plenty to look forward to this term, both in the classroom and outdoors!

Community power at its finest! 💪🌱

A massive thank you to the amazing army of parents, grandparents, governors, pupils, ex-pupils, and the team from B&Q who braved a very wet half-term Monday to transform our school! 🌧️🛠️

Together, we:

- Painted the Millennium Hall 🎨
- Planted fresh bulbs and plants 🌷
- Extended our bug hotel 🐛

Tackled a mammoth amount of tip runs! 🚛

Shout-out to the kitchen crew for keeping us fueled with bacon baps, cakes, and biscuits! 🥓🧁

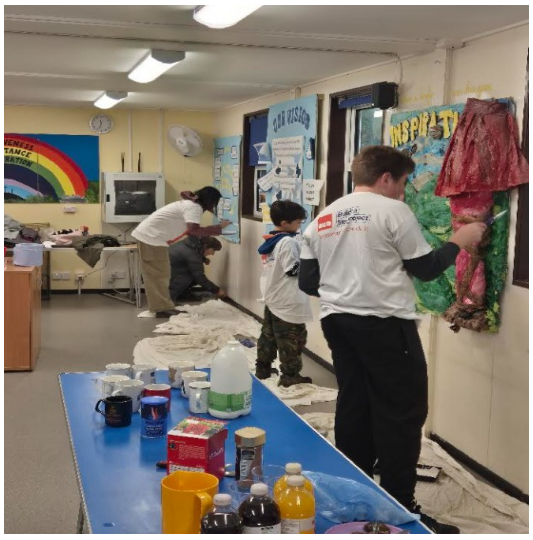
And a huge extra thanks to the team who came back once the rain stopped to finish the outside painting, final tip runs, and garden tidy.

We appreciate you all so much! ❤️ School community at its best.











Friday 13th November 2026

Wear what makes you happy!

For a small donation

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School
Open Morning 2027 Admissions

Thursday 12th November 2026

1st Session 9.15am

2nd Session 10.45am

Please email or call the office to book:

01304 822665

office@temple-ewell@kent.sch.uk

Visit our website: https://www.temple-ewell.kent.sch.uk/

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Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at *kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023,** Transferring to Primary school in **September 2027**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.***

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027.** Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day **(Friday 16 April 2027)** an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Friday 30 April 2027.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Friday 6 November 2026	Online application process opens. Go to ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*** to register and apply.
Friday 15 January 2027	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to ***kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Friday 16 April 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after **4pm.**
Friday 30 April 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Monday 17 May 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at ***www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals***. You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email ***primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at ***kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions***

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

Christmas at Our School

Wednesday 9th December



Christmas dinner

and wear a Christmas jumper for a small donation for

Save the Children

Christmas Gift Tag Day

Friday 11th December



"Elfridges"

(Winter Wonderland)

Monday 14th December



Upper School Christmas Party

(In School Time)

Monday 14th December



Lower School Christmas Service

Tuesday 15th December

2pm in the Church



Christmas Fair and Grotto

Wednesday 16th December

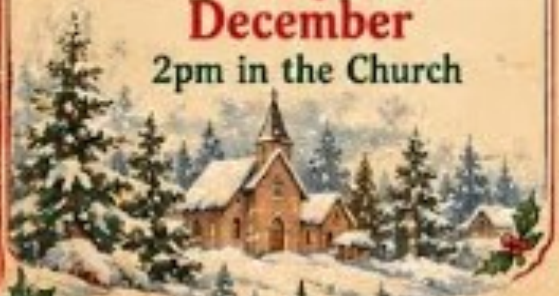
2.30pm



Upper School Christmas Service

Thursday 17th December

2pm in the Church



Lower School Party

(In School Time)

Thursday 17th December



Last day of term

Friday 18th December

Have a wonderful Christmas!





A BIG THANK YOU!

We are so pleased to share that we raised an amazing **£411** at our

Pumpkin Party!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, donated, helped out and supported us. We really appreciate everyone's generosity and couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you all for making it such a lovely event!











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