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TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 NO. 1

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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.

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 6th 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 3rd October as the Church will be holding their own service on Sunday 5th 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: 98.5% Elms:99.4% Sycamores: 96.3% Oaks: 95.9%

Kind Regards

Angela Matthews

Head teacher



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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.

Friends AGM PTFA	Monday 22nd September 3.15pm
Bring items in for harvest festival	Friday 3rd October
Harvest Festival	Monday 6th October 9.15 am in the church
Wear Yellow for Young Minds (Tag day)	Friday 10th October
Individual Photos	Tuesday 14th October
Parents evening (more information to follow)	Wednesday 15th October 3.30 –7pm
Parents evening (more information to follow)	Thursday 16th October 3.30– 5.30 pm
Half term	Monday 20th - Friday 24th October
Term 2 starts	Monday 27th October



Academic Year 2025/2026 Dates

Term 1:	Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Friday 17th October 2025
Half Term :	Monday 20th October - Friday 24th October 2025
Term 2 :	Monday 27th October - Thursday 18th December 2025 Friday 19th December 2025 : INSET
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January 2026
Term 3 :	Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February 2026
Half term	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026
Term 4:	Monday 23rd February - Thursday 2nd April 2026
Easter Holiday	Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April 2026
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



**Temple Ewell Church
of England Primary
School**

Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School Open Morning 2026 Admissions

Wednesday 12th November 2025

1st Session 9.15am

2nd Session 10.45am

Please email or call the office to book:

01304 822665





New School Admissions
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Acorns






Term 1 - Our School



In our first term we will be getting to know each other and settling into our new class. We will be learning all about our school, the people in it and the rules,





routines and traditions that we have at Temple Ewell. In English, we will be starting Drawing club and learning to make meaningful marks and learn some letter





formation. We will be learning to read and write our names and learn about sentences! Our Year 1's will be continuing their Drawing Club adventure and learning to write more






refined sentences and to work more independently.





Additionally, we are extremely excited to start our phonics bug club and learn some new sounds.




In mathematics, we will be looking at place value and learning all about the numbers from 0-10 and all the ways we can make and represent these numbers.



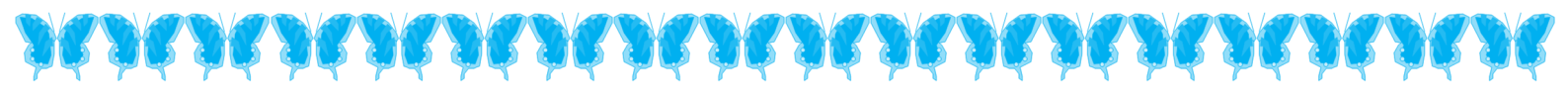
Through History and Geography, we will be looking at our school, where we live, and exploring what maps are and why we use them. We will also be creating artwork based around ourselves and our school.



In science we will be investigating the 5 senses, what they are and what they do through active scientific investigation!



Within R.E we will be exploring the question 'Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?' and looking at who God is, and what the word 'God' means to us.



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Willows topic for Term 1 - My World.

A fun filled term of learning and exploring the world around us. We are photographers and we will be using a digital camera to take lot of photos of our world.

Willows will be describing characters and writing narratives as well as exploring different types of poetry by various authors including Michael Rosen, Julia Donaldson, Laura Richards and Lewis Carroll.

Maths is all about numbers. We will be counting, recognising and ordering numbers up to 100.

In Science we will be investigating a range of different materials and their properties.

To extend our ideas and understanding of our local area we will be discussing what is in Kearsney Abbey, how it can be improved and what type of people go there. Children will be completing the Kearsney Abbey questionnaire that they are currently running for people ideas on improvements and they will be taking a short survey chart home which they need to complete and return to school and Art this term is focusing on lines, colours and shades and through the artists Emma Hack, Desiree Palmen and Henri Rousseau we will be exploring how we can camouflage people as part of a piece of artwork.

We will be focusing on Christianity in RE and exploring the question 'What do Christians believe God is Like?'

ELMS TOPIC

It has been lovely to get to know all the members of Elms class over the past week or so. We have been very impressed with the way the children have settled back into school life and how quickly they have settled into working together. We are sure this is going to be a very successful year with lots of new adventures.

All Elms should now have a reading book to read at home, we ask if it could be recorded in their reading record when they have read and who to. As the children are all a little older now we are beginning to work on taking greater responsibility for their own learning and resources - we therefore expect them to change books independently when needed. We have a selection of books in class to facilitate this. Please do let us know if they forget or need further prompting to remember to do this, obviously we will support them whilst this new routine is being established. Please bring the reading book and reading record in daily even if the reading book is unfinished.

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 over riding topic until Christmas is 1066 and the Battle of Hastings. 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. Obviously our History will focus on the events of 1066, we will learn about the lead up to the battle and the impact this had for England.

Our Geography looks at life in Brazil comparing it to the UK, we will learn about the climate, population and human and physical features of this country.

We have been very lucky to be invited to work with an award winning architect and his students who will be imagining that they have been commissioned to create a new classroom for Elms.

Our class will act as their clients and they will be creating models of what our new classroom could be like. The children will then use this experience to design their own buildings.

Within Science we are learning about animals and humans and looking at the similarities and differences. We will be exploring diets and the needs of animals and humans as well the functions of skeletons and muscles.

Our RE learning is focused around exploring the question 'What is it like to follow God?', we will learn more about why Noah, Abraham and Sarah all made the choice to follow God as well as learning about how Christians follow God today.

In French we are learning how to meet and greet each other as well as learning colour names and number to ten.

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

Sycamores Topics

The Sycamores are going to start the new school year off with a Greek adventure. Our topic will be investigating Greece and the Ancient Greeks. We will be finding out why they were such an important influence on the western world and the legacy of their culture on Britain today. We will be: reading and writing about Ancient Greek myths, gods and legends; exploring mythical creatures; learning about great battles and heroes; and creating our own Greek artefacts to display in an Ancient Greek museum.

We will also be learning about Greece as a country today. We will explore what life is like in modern Greece, its membership of the European Union and why it is such a popular destination for tourists. From its beaches and islands to its food and traditions, we will see how the past and present come together to make Greece a fascinating place to visit.

In English we will be reading and writing about Greek mythical creatures, alongside other myths that will inspire our creative work. We will also be getting technical with our grammar and punctuation—answering questions like: What is a sentence? What are the different parts of a sentence? What are the different jobs of a sentence? Every day we will be practising our spellings and handwriting skills. On Wednesday mornings we will have a spelling/English fluency quiz.

Numeracy will be all about numbers in the number system—reading, writing, counting and ordering large digit numbers, as well as knowing the value of the digit. We will use our place value knowledge to move on to addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. By breaking down the different skills needed to be successful, we will work towards solving multi-step problems. We will also be improving our fluency and arithmetic with daily activities to develop speed and understanding.

During Science, the Sycamores are going to take a closer look at the way humans process food. By exploring the basic parts of the digestive system and identifying types of teeth, we will be able to work scientifically—finding out what damages teeth and how to look after them, as well as understanding the special functions of the main body parts associated with the digestive system.



Oaks



How were the Victorians a significant turning point in British history?

Get ready to tighten your corsets and polish your pocket watches! This term, Oaks Class will be stepping back into the fascinating world of the Victorians to discover how this era became such a turning point in British history.

English

Our literary journey begins with *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, the moving story of Jim, a Victorian boy who finds himself in a workhouse. Through his adventures, children will not only explore what life was like for children in Victorian Britain but will also sharpen their own writing by focusing on vocabulary, punctuation, and extended writing expectations. We'll also dip into the works of Charles Dickens to get a flavour of Victorian wit and storytelling.

Mathematics

In Maths, we'll be handling numbers up to one million and exploring the different ways questions can be presented. Later, we'll put our knowledge to the test with Roman numerals—because what's a Victorian education without a nod to the classics?

History

This is a history-led topic, so expect plenty of time travel! We'll uncover the stark contrasts between rich and poor life in the 1860s, investigate Victorian school days, and learn more about Queen Victoria herself. The children will even compare life at Temple Ewell CE School now with what it would have been like in Victorian times.

Computing & PSHE (Jigsaw)

In Computing, we'll focus on online safety, particularly how to respond to unwanted messages—an issue just as important today as it was in Victorian times, though perhaps then it arrived by unwanted letter rather than email! Meanwhile, in Jigsaw (PSHE), our theme is setting personal goals and striving to be the very best we can be throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

From smoggy city streets to rolling countryside, from cobblers' workshops to the grandeur of Queen Victoria's court, we'll be exploring the many sides of this fascinating era. And yes, later term two, we'll be sprinkling in some festive spirit with a Victorian Christmas celebration. So, parents and carers, get ready for a term filled with history, learning, and just a touch of Victorian charm.

Dover PANTRY

OPENING TIMES
MONDAY 11.00 - 14.00
TUESDAY 11.00 - 14.00
WEDNESDAY 11.00 - 14.00
WEDNESDAY 16.00 - 17.30

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BRANCHING OUT (T.E.)

Branching Out

Invite you to join them for

a Family fun Activity Afternoon

at Temple Ewell Village Hall

Saturday October 4th

2-4pm

Entry £1 includes refreshment

Etch art

Baking

Xbox

what you make you take

laptop chocolate apples painting

all activities free

hope to see you there

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

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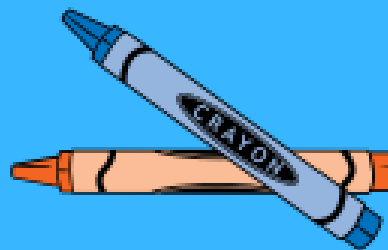
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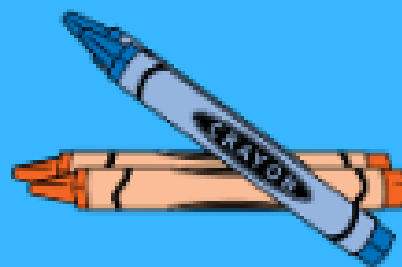
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