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TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 NO. 1

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

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.

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

We have our Open Morning for potential new Reception children for September 2025 on Wednesday 12th November. Please do let any family or friends know; appointments can be made via the office.

Well done to Acorns class who had the highest attendance last term. They enjoyed a class treat before the half term break.

Please can I remind parents to contact the school before 9am if your child will be absent. This can be done by phoning the school or emailing absence@temple-ewell.kent.sch.uk.

Last **term's** class attendance:

Acorns: 97.1% **Willows: 95.2%** **Elms: 94.4%**

Sycamores: 95.6% **Oaks: 91.4%**

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.

PTFA Glow in the dark disco (lower school R-3)

PTFA Glow in the dark disco (upper school Y4-6)

Reception open day for September 2026

KIC Theatre (Please can all children wear PE kit this day)

PTFA Film Night more info to follow

Tombola Tag day (Donations go towards Christmas Fete)

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Jumper Day (All donations for Save the Children)

Acorns, Willows & Elms Christmas party (more info to follow)

Parents Drop ins

Christmas Service Lower School (Acorns, Willows & Elms)

Sycamores & Oaks Christmas party (more info to follow)

Winter Wonderland (more info to follow)

Christmas service Upper School (Sycamores & Oaks)

Christmas Fete and Grotto

Last day of term

INSET Day

Monday 10th November 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 11th November 3.30 - 5pm

Wednesday 12th November 9.15 & 10.45am

Monday 17th November

Monday 1st December

Tuesday 2nd December

Wednesday 10th December

Wednesday 10th December

Wednesday 10th December (in school time)

Wednesday 10th December 3.15pm

Monday 15th December 2pm in the Church

Monday 15th December (in school time)

Monday 15th December (in school time)

Tuesday 16th December 9.15am in the Church

Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December



Academic Year 2025/2026 Dates

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

Acorns

Term 2 - Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Buckle up, it's going to be a bumpy ride!

Now that we have settled into school life, we will be kick-starting the term with the topic of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.' We will be exploring all things space and the universe to answer the question "What planet do we come from?" We will be partaking in our very own astronaut training and learning all about who Neil Armstrong is and why he is important. We will also be learning all about Yuri Gagarin, the planets, the sun, and the moon.

As Christmas gets nearer, we will be thinking about who Christians believe came to Earth in human form and delving deep into the Nativity story. We will also be linking our ideas and understanding to help answer the big question 'Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?' in RE.

In English we will continue our Drawing Club quest and we will be looking at our favorite rhymes, riddles and songs and seeing if we can create our very own space diary from our adventures in the universe. We will

continue our Bug Club adventure where we will be learning phoneme to grapheme correspondence as well as how to blend!

In mathematics we will continue our place value journey, looking at the composition of numbers, subitising and addition and subtraction. We will also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes alongside pattern.

We are celebrating differences in our Jigsaw (PSHE) lessons and exploring how we are all different but special and unique.

Within our science lessons we will be investigating everyday materials and their properties. We will see what materials we know, and investigating why we may use different materials for different purposes.

In Design and Technology, we will be answering the question "How can I make an object move?" by creating a moving object about space using simple slider and lever mechanisms.

It's going to be out of this world!

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!



Willows topic this term is The Navigator

5,4,3,2,1 BLAST OFF!

Join us on our adventures as we navigate our way travelling around the world and into space on different transport. On our journey we will be writing adventure narratives and letters. WE will also be writing information fact leaflets about The Wight Brothers and Tim Peake as we explore these significant inventors and people throughout history.

In science we will be continuing our science topic on everyday materials through exploration and investigations.

RE this term focuses on the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' As we explore this area of learning we will be using our computing skills to copy and paste nativity images for backgrounds for a class Christmas nativity book using our Design and Technology skills to use sliders and levers to make moving parts in the book.

As we continue on our maths journey of adding, subtracting and shape there are many maths activities and games that the children can play at home to practise these maths skills such as Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders, dot to dot, etc. Children are also practising their number and times tables skills using Times Tables rockstars and Numbots maths programmes.

Elms Topics

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. We will be learning about graphic novels and how they are created: Arthur and the Golden Rope is our focus text for the next couple of weeks. In our reading sessions we are focusing on fables and how a moral is always present.

Mathematics lessons 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.

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.

Our D&T is going to focus on creating Christmas decorations and we will be developing our marking out, cutting and sewing skills - we will be calling on parent volunteers to come and support our sessions - watch this space!! If you have any spare resources that will support this work then please do send them in eg: fabric, sequins, buttons, ribbon etc.

As you can see we have an incredibly busy term with lots of interesting new things to learn and learning our new songs for the Christmas service.

Sycamores Topics

This half term, Sycamores will be continuing their exciting learning journey centered around the Ancient Greeks. This topic will allow children to make meaningful links across subjects while deepening their understanding of how this remarkable civilisation continues to influence the modern world. The children will explore key questions such as: How have the Ancient Greeks impacted life today? How did they celebrate their gods? What was everyday life like for Ancient Greek citizens? and What can a pot tell us? Through these enquiries, children will develop their understanding of evidence, interpretation and how life in the past compares with life today.

In English, our core text, *The Adventures of Odysseus* by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden and Christina Balit, will be used both as our class reader and as inspiration for our narrative writing. Children will explore character, setting and plot development, while learning to write with structure, cohesion and imagination. In Mathematics, we will focus on strengthening fluency and confidence in the four operations — addition, subtraction, multiplication and division — and applying these skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving contexts. We will also be working on our fluency and arithmetic with daily activities to improve speed and understanding.

In Science, our topic *Animals Including Humans* will continue. Having explored the different types of teeth and their roles in digestion, we will now move on to studying the parts and functions of the human digestive system. Children will learn how food is broken down and nutrients absorbed, as well as how to represent simple food chains showing the flow of energy between living things.

In RE, children will explore *Who do Christians believe God is?* by learning about the Christian concept of the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They will consider how Christians use art, music and symbolism to express their beliefs and to understand God more deeply.

In Art, children will take inspiration from Ancient Greek pottery and sculpture, creating their own designs influenced by traditional patterns and imagery.



Oaks



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

After exploring *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, Oaks Class will now move on to a rich new text - *Cloud Tea Monkeys* by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. Although this story is set far from Victorian Britain, it connects beautifully with our previous learning through shared themes of hard work, courage, and resilience. Set in the Himalayan foothills, the book offers a glimpse into life in a tea-growing region once linked to the British Empire, helping the children understand how Britain's influence reached far beyond its own shores. Through Tashi's story, they will explore how authors use language to build mood, atmosphere, and vivid description. The children will then apply these techniques in their own writing, using figurative language, cohesive devices, and dialogue to bring their characters and settings to life.

In Maths, the children will be moving on to their new unit on fractions. They will develop their understanding of equivalent fractions, improper fractions, and mixed numbers, while learning how to compare, order, and add fractions with different denominators. There will be a strong focus on using visual models and practical strategies to build confidence and deepen understanding before moving on to more complex reasoning and problem-solving tasks.

Building on our work from last term, the children will continue to develop their geographical skills through a study of Dover and its surrounding area. They will use maps, aerial photographs, and digital resources to explore key physical and human features, including the coastline, cliffs, and port. The children will investigate how Dover's location has shaped its history and development from the 1800s to the present day, comparing it with other places they have studied. This unit will help them understand how geography influences the way people live, work, and travel in our local area and beyond.

We will continue our topic, "*How were the Victorians a significant turning point in British history?*", by taking a closer look at the evidence that helps us understand this fascinating era.

The children will examine a range of historical sources, including artefacts, photographs, paintings, and written accounts, to explore what life was really like for people living during Queen Victoria's reign. They will learn about key inventions and reforms that changed Britain forever - from the rise of the railways to the work of campaigners such as Lord Shaftesbury - and consider how these developments shaped the modern world. By the end of the unit, the children will have a deeper appreciation of how the Victorian period transformed life in Britain and why it remains such an important turning point in our nation's history.

GLOW party



TICKETS COST £5
and include
hot dogs, cake,
snacks also
face painting &
glow accessories
for the disco.

PLEASE ADVISE US OF ANY
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Monday
10th November
Years R-3
3.30 - 4.30pm

Tuesday
11th November
Years 4-6
3.30 - 5.00pm





During half term we welcomed some volunteers from the Port of Dover. It was lovely to welcome back two of our ex-pupils – Neil and Ollie, along with Jim, an uncle of one of our reception children. They helped out with a project re-arranging some storage for us whilst we kept them topped up with tea and cake!

We are incredibly grateful to the Port of Dover donating their time. It saves us money which we can spend on other projects within the school. Volunteers with their dedication and effort make the work possible and their positive impact and generosity is felt around the school.





PTFA EVENT HOSTED BY THE FOX

RACE NIGHT AT THE FOX

FAMILY EVENT

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2025

Doors open at 5pm : Races start at 6pm

Family tickets of 4 on sale for £20. Includes table reservation and food platter. For party size of more than 4, additional tickets can be purchased at £5 per ticket.

Limited tickets available.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Kirsty Price 07773 381916



22nd November
12 - 3

TEMPLE EWELL VILLAGE HALL
Christmas Market
fun for the
whole family

If you want a stall, tables are £10 that will go to a local charity

There will be teas and coffees sausage rolls cakes and sweets amongst other festive stalls.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT JON REGAN AT

JONPREGAN@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

Wednesday 10th December



Christmas Lunch

Roast Chicken, Sausage, Stuffing & Gravy

Or

Vegetable Wellington & Gravy

With

Roast Potatoes

Carrot & Green Bean Medley

Chocolate Frosted Christmas Cake

Or Satsuma



Cranberry Bread



**BREAKFAST CLUB AT
TEMPLE EWELL C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

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£5.00!**

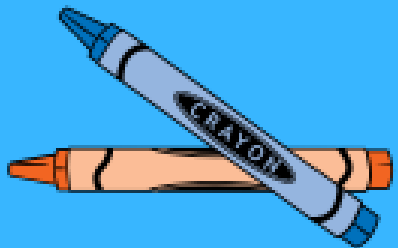
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Sports, Yoga, Board Games & Reading
Corner**

Breakfast Provided!

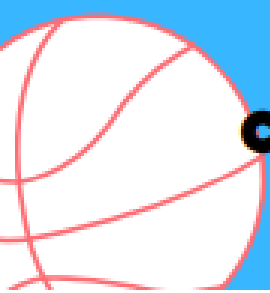
Taking bookings now!

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games*

**We accept
childcare
vouchers!**



**canterbury@teachsport.org
for more details**





**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB AT
TEMPLE EWELL C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**ONLY
£7.00
(3:15pm-
4:30pm)!**

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

**ONLY
£10.50
(3:15pm-
6pm)!**



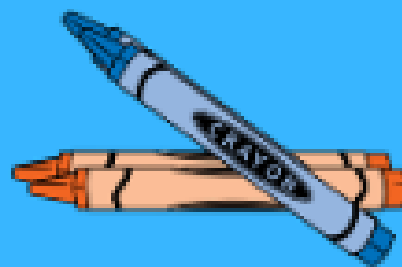
**Activities Include: Arts & Crafts,
Sports, Board Games & Reading Corner**

**Healthy Snack Provided after
4:30pm!**

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