



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 NO. 3

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our children have continued to approach their learning with enthusiasm this term and are now fully absorbed in studying this term's curriculum topics. The children have been motivated and excited to learn and I have been delighted to see the excellent progress they have all made since the start of the academic year.

We are a busy rehearsing for our Christmas services in the church during the last week of term. Parents and families are all invited to join us for these special occasions.

Our children all enjoyed working with Ian from KIC Theatre in their drama workshops last week. Children in years R-5 are looking forward to seeing him again on stage in the pantomime at the Sarah Thorne Theatre in a few weeks' time!

This week is Parliament Week and the children have been enjoying learning about democracy, the rule of law and different types of government. The children in Oaks class have been busy campaigning for their parties for the school election today. The elected party will be announced once all the votes are counted!

The Friends have organised some exciting Christmas activities for all our children during the last few weeks of term. As well as providing some festive fun for our children, they will also help raise some much needed funds for the PTFA. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.40am each day and close at 8.50am. It is important that your child arrives to school on time as this impacts on their own and their classmates' learning and well-being.

Attendance: **Acorns 96.4%** **Willows 93.8%** **Elm 93.6%**

Sycamores 95.4% **Oaks 92.1%**

Kind Regards, Angela Matthews; Headteacher



Letter Home From Mrs Matthews	1
Dates for the Diary	2
Term Dates 25/26	3
Chough Champions	4
Parliament week	5
Green School Awards	
Console repair technicians	6
Tree Guardians	7
Christmas Dinner menu	8
PTFA and School Events	9
Santa at the Museum	10
Christmas Jumper day	11
TeachSport Breakfast and after school club	12-13

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**

Headteacher: Mrs. A Matthews

3/4 Brookside, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent, CT16 3D

Phone: 01304 822665

E-mail: office@temple-ewell.kent.sch.uk



Please keep checking your fortnightly Newsletter for further important dates and events as they become available.

New dates are shown in bold type.

PTFA Film Night	Monday 1st December
Tombola Tag day (Donations go towards Christmas Fete)	Tuesday 2nd December
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day (All donations for Save the Children)	Wednesday 10th December
Acorns, Willows & Elms Christmas party	Wednesday 10th December (in school time)
Parents Drop ins	Wednesday 10th December 3.15pm
Christmas Service Lower School (Acorns, Willows & Elms)	Monday 15th December 2pm in the Church
Sycamores & Oaks Christmas party	Monday 15th December (in school time)
Winter Wonderland	Monday 15th December (in school time)
Christmas service Upper School (Sycamores & Oaks)	Tuesday 16th December 9.15am in the Church
Christmas Fete and Grotto	Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm
Last day of term	Thursday 18th December
INSET Day	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

Chough Champion day



Charlie the Chough swooped into Temple Ewell today for our very own Chough Champion Day!

Led by our group of Oaks Chough Champions, the children shared class assemblies across the school, teaching everyone about the return of this iconic bird to Kent.

This special day forms part of our ongoing project with Jenny from the Kent Wildlife Trust, who is helping our pupils learn about conservation, local heritage, and the importance of protecting the chough for future generations.



Parliament Week

This week (Monday 24th - Friday 28th November) our school is taking part in UK Parliament Week, a national event that helps children learn about democracy, elections and how decisions are made.

As part of our celebrations, we will be holding a whole-school election this Thursday, 27th November. The children in Oaks have been working in political parties: Vision, Progress, Transform and Tomorrow, each led by pupil party leaders with their own set of pledges.

Parents and carers (no more than 2 per child) are also invited to vote.

You can cast your vote at the:

- Start of the school day, or
- End of the school day

Voting will take place in the Small Hall, where ballot papers and a secure ballot box will be available.

All votes from children and parents will be counted, and we hope to announce the final results on Friday during Celebratory Altogether time.

Green School Awards



We are very proud to share that Temple Ewell CEP School has been selected as a winner of the Southeast Kent Green School Award 2025 for the second year in a row. This award celebrates schools that are making a real and lasting difference to the environment, recognising our ongoing commitment to sustainability, environmental learning and pupil-led action.

This Friday, three pupil representatives will be travelling to the ceremony at Ashford International Hotel to collect the award on behalf of the school. They have played an important role in our environmental journey and will proudly represent our school.

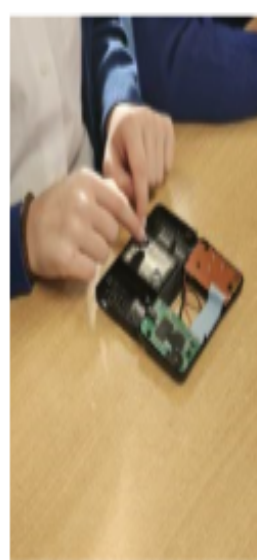
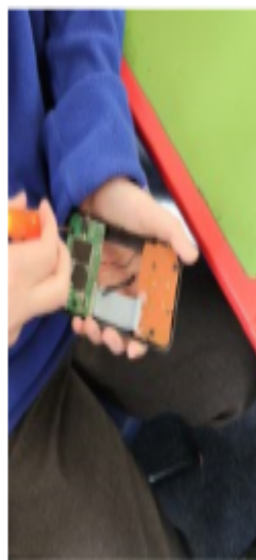
Console Repair Technicians

On Monday, pupils in Year 6, along with a small number of Year 5 volunteers, took part in an exciting Team Repair workshop. Team Repair is a STEM-based initiative designed to nurture children's curiosity, confidence and problem-solving skills by teaching them how to diagnose and fix broken electrical gadgets. Rather than throwing items away, pupils learn that repairing, re-using and understanding how things work is an important part of sustainable living.

During the session, the children worked in small groups to investigate a real electrical device. They explored the components inside, unclipped casings, examined circuit boards and experimented with connections to understand why the device had stopped working. One of the biggest challenges was getting a broken screen to function again - and pupils showed real perseverance and teamwork as they followed clues, traced wires and tested their ideas.

By the end of the workshop, many of the children had successfully repaired their gadget, gaining the confidence to realise that they can solve real technical problems. They also began to see how circuits operate and how devices communicate internally, giving them a genuine taste of engineering and electronics.

The pupils who took part had a fantastic experience and left feeling inspired, proud, and surprised by how much they were able to achieve. We hope that Team Repair offers this project next year so that we could offer this experience to even more Key Stage 2 children.



Tree Guardians

On Tuesday, many of the children in Oaks took part in their first Tree Guardians training session, an exciting new project linked to our work with Artswork, Louise Webb, and Dr Ian Bride, a respected tree expert and lecturer. Over the coming months, the children will be learning how to care for, identify and confidently talk about the 60+ different species of trees found in the St Peter and St Paul churchyard.

During Tuesday's training, the children explored the churchyard with Dr Ian, taking a close look at the structure, purpose and features of different trees. They examined bark, leaves and wood, discussed why trees are essential to the environment, and discovered how minerals and nutrients move around a tree. They also investigated the age and size of different specimens by measuring trunk circumference and estimating height-skills they will use when acting as Tree Guardians in the future.

As part of their role, children have also begun designing Tree Guardian badges or signs, which will represent their learning and help identify them when they are leading tours. Throughout the day, they practised explaining what makes each tree special, how to recognise key features and how to talk confidently about the importance of protecting woodland spaces.

We are delighted that the Parish Council has taken a keen interest in this project and has agreed to help fund special badges of the Tree Guardian roles as the work develops. Dr Ian will return in March, when the trees begin "waking up" for spring, to continue the children's training and help them deepen their knowledge even further.



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





Christmas Activities December 2025

Christmas Gift Tag Day

Children can wear their own 'Christmas themed' clothes; please bring in a new Christmas themed item to contribute to our Christmas Tombola, e.g. cuddly toy, small toys, mince pies, Christmas chocolate, chocolate coins, mulled wine

Tuesday 2nd

School Christmas Dinner

In hall for children to celebrate together.

Wednesday 10th

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Acorns, Willows and Elms a Christmas Jumper over their party clothes. Sycamore and Oaks your school uniform with a Christmas jumper please donate online here to raise funds for Save the Children.

Wednesday 10th

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250008363>

Class Parties—Acorns, Willows and Elms

Children are to come into school in their party clothes (there will be no PE that day). Gifts from Father Christmas.

Wednesday 10th

Class Parties—Sycamores and Oaks

Children are to come into school in their party clothes (there will be no PE that day). Gifts from Father Christmas.

Monday 15th

Lower School Christmas Service —Acorns/Willows/Elms

Parents, families and carers are invited to join us in the Church

Monday 15th

Winter Wonderland

An opportunity for the children to purchase a gift for their grown-up from the PTFA shop during school time. Further details due soon.

Monday 15th

Upper School Carol Service—Sycamores/Oaks

Parents, families and carers are invited to join us in the Church

Tuesday 16th

Christmas Fayre 2.30pm

Please remember to book a place to see Santa as he is extremely busy at this time of year! This year the event will be on the school grounds under the gazebos. We have mulled wine/hot chocolate, hot food, cakes, tombola, games, raffle and of course, Santa's grotto!

Wednesday 17th

If you are unable to collect your child early please let the class teacher know. If your child is in year 5 and above we are happy for them to look around the fayre on their own with pre-notified parental permission. Children in R-4 can be supervised by another family again with prior arrangement. Any children unable to be collected will help on their class stall.

SANTA AT THE MUSEUM

6TH & 7TH DEC 2025

10AM - 4PM

BOOKING VIA WEBPAGE FOR SANTAS GROTTO
RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

HE'S ON HIS WAY



Santa's grotto and present included in normal Museum admissions fee (Event T&Cs apply)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY*

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL

INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK



* SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS.

* QUEUE TIMES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON BOOKING PLEASE ASK BEFORE PAYMENT



**Save the
Children**



PLEASE SUPPORT US THIS

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

Wednesday 10th December

**[https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/
fundraising/CJD250008363](https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250008363)**



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

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

A yellow starburst graphic containing the text "ONLY £5.00!".

**ONLY
£5.00!**

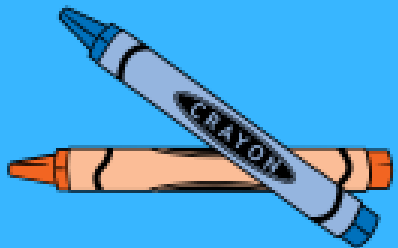
**Activities Include: Arts & Crafts,
Sports, Yoga, Board Games & Reading
Corner**

Breakfast Provided!

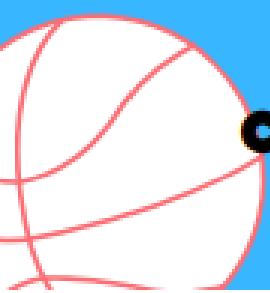
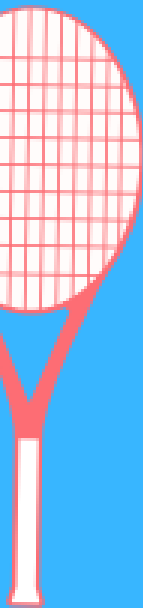
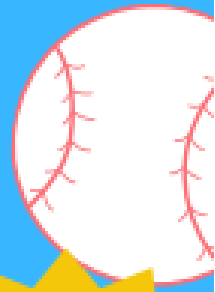
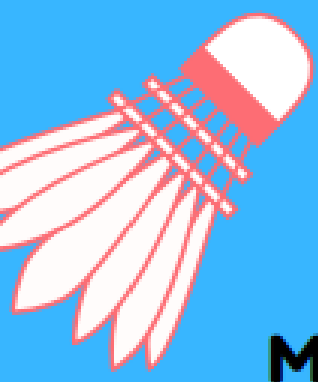
Taking bookings now!

*fun &
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)!**



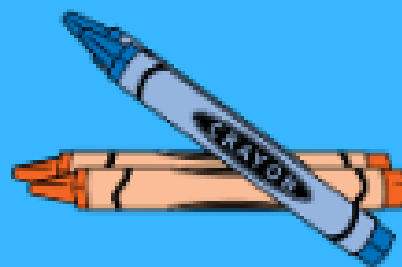
**Activities Include: Arts & Crafts,
Sports, Board Games & Reading Corner**

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

Taking bookings now!

*fun &
games*

**We accept
childcare
vouchers!**



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

