

Topic: Local area study of Tewkesbury

Year 5 Term Spring 1

What? (Key Knowledge)

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Tewkesbury is a market town in Gloucestershire, England. It stands at the confluence of the River Severn and the River Avon, and also minor tributaries the Swilgate and Carrant Brook. It gives its name to the Borough of Tewkesbury, of which the town is the second largest settlement. It lies in the far north of the county, forming part of the border with Worcestershire.

The name Tewkesbury is thought to come from Theoc, the name of a Saxon who founded a hermitage there in the 7th century, and in the Old English language was called *Theocsbury*.



The image shows a grid of various map symbols:

- Roads:** Motorway (M), A Road (A), Bypass, Footpath, and Footbridge.
- Water:** River, Canal, and Woodland Area.
- Buildings:** Golf Course, Public, Car Park, and School (Sch).
- Other:** Camping Site, Public Area, Post Office (PO), Hospital, and Church (with cross symbol).

 To the right of the symbols are two compass roses: a standard eight-pointed rose and a four-pointed rose with cardinal directions (N, S, E, W) labeled.

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Physical features 	Seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.
Human features 	Houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people
River Severn/ River Avon 	The Avon is navigable from Tewkesbury all the way to Stratford-Upon-Avon, 45 miles upstream. The Severn is the longest river in Britain and is fed by tributaries high in the Welsh mountains
Key/Symbol 	A symbol is a drawing, shape, or object that represents an idea, object, or amount of something. There is usually a key at the side of the map which explains what these symbols mean.
Settlement (City, village, Town and suburb) 	Settlements are places where people live.
Housing types 	Different types of housing that people live in.
Urban 	An urban area is an area where many people live and work close together.
Rural 	It often refers to areas in the country concerned which are less densely populated

Map and Compass Symbols

Ordnance Survey Maps

Dates:

715	A monastery was founded at Tewkesbury
1121	Construction of Tewkesbury Abbey began
1471	The Battle of Tewkesbury took place during the War of the Roses.
1760	Tewkesbury suffered severe flooding
1967	Tewkesbury was designated as a conservation area
1997	Aschurch railway station opened.

An OS (Ordnance Survey) Map is a useful tool if you are planning a route for a long walk off-road. It has symbols to explain the features of different areas so walkers know where and where not to go. You can download OS maps from the Internet or buy them in shops.

OS maps have a scale. On some smaller maps, 1cm on the map equals 250m in real life. On some larger maps, 1cm on the map equals 500m. Different maps might have different scales, so check on your map to find its scale.



OS maps have faint blue lines which divide the map into square. Along the edges of each map there are numbers. These numbers help you work out where a location is on a map. This would be helpful if you were lost and needed to call for help.