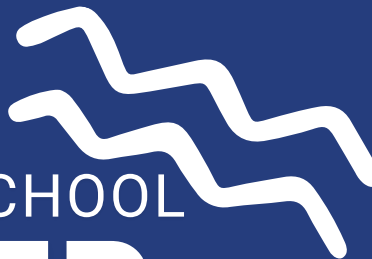


09/10/2025
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

10th Oct - PTFA Mufti Day

- Parent Workshop 'How we teach Maths' 9am - 9.45am
- Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm

13th Oct - Year R Tours 9.30am / 10.30am / 1.45pm

17th Oct - Parent Workshop 'How we teach Phonics & Reading' 9am - 10am

21st Oct - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm

- Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm - More info to follow

23rd Oct - Last day of term 3.05pm finish

- Parents Evening 5pm - 7.30pm - More info to follow

24th Oct - INSET day - School closed to pupils

PTFA - MUFTI DAY

Tomorrow, 10th October is mufti day!
Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes in exchange for £1 (cash or bank transfer)

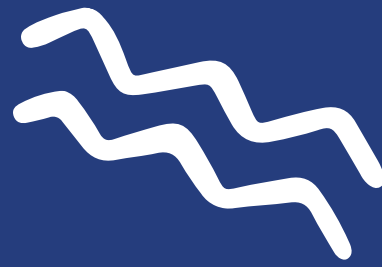
PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents evening slots will be live from 8pm tonight. Please book an appointment with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

SOCKS

We would be very grateful for any sock donations as we are running extremely low on our spare pairs. Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES 2025/2026

24th October - Inset Day

27th October - 31st October - Half Term

22nd December - 2nd January - Christmas Break

5th January - Inset Day

16th February - 20th February - Half Term

23rd February - Inset Day

30th March - 10th April - Easter Break

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

29th June - Inset Day

22nd July - Last Day of School

CURRENT VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for the following positions;

Starcare Assistant

SEND Teaching Assistant

Lunchtime Supervisor

If you are interested, please contact us for further info.

DRONE

If any parents/carers own a drone and would be happy to help us, please get in touch. We would like to plan something special to commemorate remembrance day this year.

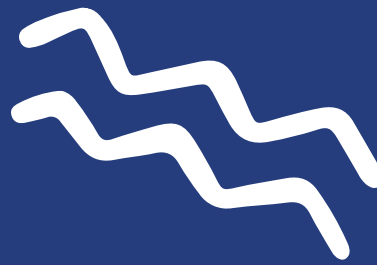
PARENT WORKSHOP - MATHS

We have a parent workshop taking place in the school hall tomorrow, Friday 10th October 9am-9.45am. This will provide information on how we teach maths and give you tips on how to support your child with their maths at home.

YR R LOCAL WALK - VOLUNTEERS

Year R children are going on a local walk next week and we require parent/carer volunteers to assist. If you are able to help with this, please inform the office.
Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



INSET DAY

Please remember school will be closed to children on Friday 24th October.

HALF TERM

A reminder that half term is Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October. We will return to school on Monday 3rd November.

FESTIVE FIREWORKS

Friday 28th November 5pm - 7pm at Tweseldown!
Please save the date... More details will follow.

Our Festive Fireworks event is just over 7 weeks away. We are pleased that Bridges (estate agents) have agreed to sponsor the event again. We have an opportunity to increase the sponsorship by people volunteering to have a Bridges sponsorship board outside their houses from 14th Nov until 1st Dec, we are looking for 30 willing families to volunteer if possible.

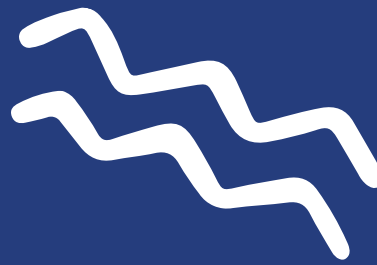
If you are happy to do this please email ptfa@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk with your full name and address by 23rd October.

The PTFA thank you for your continued support.

PARENT WORKSHOP - HOW WE TEACH PHONICS AND READING

We will be holding a parent workshop on Phonics and Reading next Friday, 17th October 9am - 10am. Please join us for useful tips and how you can support your child with Phonics and Reading at home.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

This year's Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 14th October. Our donations will be given to Fleet Lions. Can we please ask parents and carers to donate food during the week of 13th - 17th October. There will be a table set up in the front foyer for you to leave your donations. Please see the list of items we'd like to request;

- Tinned soup.
- Tinned Vegetables and tomatoes, **not pulses or lentils**
- Baked beans, spaghetti or hoops
- Tinned ham and meats
- Dried pastas and pasta sauces.
- Pot noodle /super noodles
- Cooking sauces - either jars or packets
- Gravy, stock cubes or spices
- Mayonnaise, ketchup or brown sauce
- Pickled onions and pickle
- Stuffing
- Custard and rice pudding, tinned fruit, jam and jelly
- All types of cereal
- Tea, coffee or hot chocolate,
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Sweets and treats

CHRISTMAS BREAK

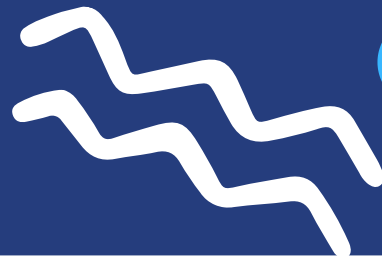
School finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 19th December for the Christmas holidays. There will **not** be any Starcare that afternoon so please ensure other arrangements are made for your child to be collected that day. Thank you.

SMARTPHONE LINK

We would like to ask parents and carers for some feedback on the use of smartphones. If you could please follow the below link and complete the survey, we would really appreciate it. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/DqQhnWxfkr>

RECEPTION



This week, we've had a wonderful time exploring the changes that come with Autumn! The children were very excited to go on a walk around our school grounds. We used our senses to notice what was happening around us – the leaves on the trees are starting to change colour and gently falling to the ground. We took time to feel and describe the textures of what we found – using new words like crunchy, smooth, spiky, bumpy, and colours like orange and brown. The children were fantastic at using these words to describe the natural objects they discovered!

In Maths, we've been learning all about careful counting. Our counting puppet helped us practise counting objects accurately. We also explored how organising objects like putting them in a line can help us count them more confidently. The children showed great focus and enjoyed the challenge! We've also been turning into little map-makers! As part of our topic work, the children have started creating maps of our school and talking about what they see on their journey to school each day. This has helped us think about familiar places and how we move through them.

It's been a busy and exciting week full of discovery and new learning. We can't wait to see where our Autumn adventures take us next!

YR R - LOCAL WALK

Year R are going on a local walk to hunt for different signs of autumn! The children will have the chance to explore what they can see, feel, touch and hear on the walk. Each class will go on a different day and leave school at 9am. We would love to have some parent volunteers for the walk. If you are available to help with your child's class walk, please can you speak to your child's class teacher. The walk should last approximately 30 minutes so we should be back to school by 9:30.

Please see below for the dates of each walk:

Tuesday 14th October – Mouse class (9-9:30)

Wednesday 15th October – Hedgehog class (9-9:30)

Thursday 16th October – Rabbit class (9-9:30)

Friday 17th October - Squirrel class (9-9.30)

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

YEAR 1

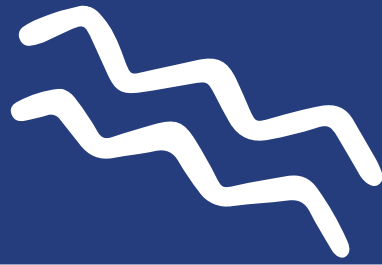
This week in Year 1, we have introduced the series of stories called 'Mr Men'. We have been learning and reading about Mr Strong and all his qualities! We've started exploring other characters from the series and creating our own with cool personalities! We've also begun to learn about the term 'sequencing', and putting stories in order using chronological language and a story map.

In Maths, we've been using Part Part Whole models in different ways, finding number bonds for bigger numbers and exploring that numbers can be made of '5 and a bit' or '10 and a bit'.

In Art this week, we've been learning about the artist Stephen Wiltshire, who is known for his ability to draw landscapes from memory after only seeing them once! We might need a few looks before we try sketching a local building though!

Our school trip information to Beaulieu Motor Museum has been sent out with the dates your child's class is going. If you are free to help, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

YEAR 2



What a beautiful week we have had!

With Harvest time in mind, the children have visited the local orchard to pick their own apples. It was a lovely, sunny, autumnal day and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They were even allowed to use the apple picker which we collected from the community center.

Throughout the week, the children have used their experiences and observations from the walk to help collect ideas for their own autumnal poems. They have been working on building sentences; ensuring they include adjectives, nouns and verbs. We can't wait to see their ideas come together and to be able to share the poems with you soon. All of the apples they have collected are being put to good use at Beyond The Gate. Owls and Woodpeckers have already baked and eaten theirs! Robins and Kingfishers can look forward to this tomorrow.

We're sure the children would love to take you along to the orchard and do some apple cooking at home too. Miss Fewtrell is going to bake a crumble this weekend.

In Maths, the children have been thinking about the place value of numbers. They have been great at saying which numbers are greater/ smaller based on how many tens and ones it has, and using this knowledge to help them estimate the missing numbers on a number line. They noticed that a 5 is always the halfway marker between every tens number.

We hope the sunshine continues this weekend for us all to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who is booking their parent consultation this evening. We look forward to meeting with you all then.

ECO SCHOOLS



Litter Picking Loan Equipment:

There are plenty of spaces still available to borrow our litter picking equipment over the weekends.

To borrow the equipment this half term, please sign up following this link: volunteersignup.org/47KE9

Equipment can be collected from Miss Fewtrell on a Friday and returned to her on a Monday morning.

Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club Bat Walk:

This is a group for children aged 8 - 14, however younger children and families are welcomed with a parent. The club has regular meetings throughout the year, including walks, talks from experts and activities and games. They are based in Fleet but welcome members from other local towns/villages.

They currently have space for new members and it would be lovely if some of our Tweseldown children joined!

Their Brilliant Bat walk was postponed last week due to high winds and is rescheduled for Friday 17th October - if you are interested contact: Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com

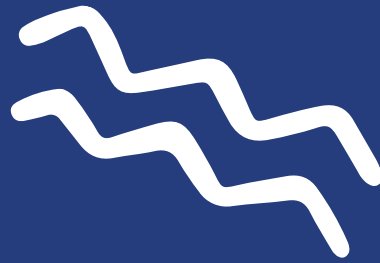
See the document attached below which explains more and provides contact details.

RSPB Autumn Fayre on Saturday 25th at October Church Crookham Memorial Hall

Mrs Dear and some of our amazing Eco Committee are going to be holding a stall at this local event to support the RSPB and our school.

Why not pop along buy a few goodies (early Xmas presents!), play some games and have a treat!

See the flyer attached below for more details.



Daffodil Bulbs:

To increase the biodiversity of our school grounds, we want to plant lots of daffodil bulbs at the front of the school. If you are able to donate some native daffodil bulbs, we would be very grateful. Please put them in the yellow Forest School donation box in the school entrance.

It would be even better if these were native daffodil bulbs such as these:

<https://www.wildflower.co.uk/products/wildflower-bulbs/autumn-planted-wildflower-bulbs/wild-daffodil-bulbs-narcissus-lobularis.html>

Or

<https://www.wildflower.co.uk/products/wildflower-bulbs/autumn-planted-wildflower-bulbs/wild-daffodil-bulbs-narcissus-obvallaris.html>



Tenby Daffodil Bulbs (*Narcissus obvallaris*)

Also known as the 'Tenby Daffodil' *Narcissus obvallaris* is the main daffodil species native to Britain. *Narcissi obvallaris* usually flower around March and are particularly suited to growing on rocky ground, grassland and woodlands, where shade is common.

Flowers: March-April
Height: 30cm
Bulb size: 8-10cm
UK native

[More information →](#)



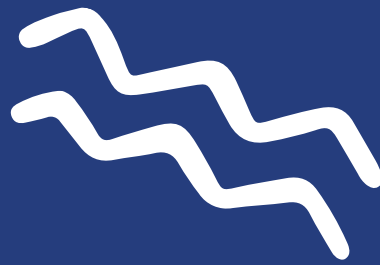
Wild Daffodil Bulbs (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus lobularis*)

Also known as 'Lent Lily' the *narcissus lobularis* is a more delicate plant than its cultivated counterparts. A golden trumpet and pale yellow perianth along with its grey-green leaves make this wild daffodil quite distinctive.

Flowers: March-April
Height: 20-30cm
Bulb size: 2-3cm
UK native

[More information →](#)

BEYOND THE GATE



Do you wonder what your child gets up to Beyond the Gate? Take a look at the Blog, which is updated regularly on the website:

<https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277>

Volunteers for Beyond the Gate: To volunteer for this half term's Beyond the Gate sessions, please sign up by following this link: volunteersignup.org/9MM99

Donations for Beyond the Gate:

If you are able to donate any of the items below, please put them in the yellow Forest School donations box in the front entrance:

Pine cones

Spring Bulbs

String and Twine

Children's gardening gloves

Second hand books with a nature and woodland theme (fiction and non-fiction)

Cotton wool

Kindling

Mufti Day this Friday!

The children will have their first mufti day of the year this **Friday 10th October**.

This is also the deadline for mufti and disco bundle payments (£12.50) – please see the poster in your classroom window or use the bank details below to make the payment if you would still like to take advantage of this and haven't done so already. Should you wish to use the **pay as you go** option instead, please send your child in with **£1 in cash or use the bank details** to make this payment to your PTFA. QR codes will be back up for all other mufti days after this one!

Please take care when referencing any bank transfers so we can make sure they get allocated correctly. The bank details and reference guidelines are below; in case you need them.

Winter Warmer – Thursday 6th November

We are very excited for our upcoming Winter Warmer! This a free event funded by the PTFA, where children can come to school in their pyjamas to enjoy a story read by one of our lovely teachers, a glass of milk and a cookie, and can take part in a festive activity. Please see the poster in this newsletter for more information and follow the registration link to let us know which story your child would like to listen to by **Thursday 23rd October**.

To make this event a happen, we do need some volunteers. If you can spare some time to help, we would be very grateful. Volunteers will still be able to enjoy the event with their child, as you will be able to join your child for the event between 17:00-18:00. Please follow the volunteer sign-up link if you are able to help - <https://volunteersignup.org/7W8HW>

Discos & Mufti Days Payment Bundles – Payment deadline: **Friday 10th October**
Next PTFA meeting on Monday 20th October – more details to follow shortly.

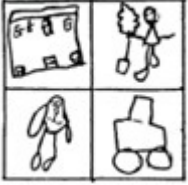
PTFA Bank Details

Name: **Tweseldown Infant School PTFA**

Account number: **27335060**

Sort code: **30-80-42**

*****Please ensure you put your child's name and current class as the reference. (First letter of child's name, surname, and first 3 letters of class are sufficient. E.g. JBloggsKin = Joe Bloggs Kingfisher)*****



Tweseldown Playgroup
80 Aldershot Road,
Church Crookham,
Fleet. GU52 8LE

Playgroup Manager

Tweseldown playgroup is a caring and nurturing setting for 2-4 years, where children are encouraged to grow and flourish in every area of their development. We welcome families from all backgrounds, and we are committed to providing a safe, stimulating, and inclusive environment for all children.

The Playgroup Manager Role

We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced Playgroup/Preschool Manager to lead our playgroup with vision and dedication. The successful candidate will oversee the day-to-day running of the playgroup, ensure compliance with Ofsted and EYFS requirements, and support a team of staff in delivering excellent early years education.

Playgroup Manager Key Responsibilities

- Lead, support, and inspire staff to deliver high quality early years provision.
- Manage daily operations, including safeguarding, health and safety, and statutory compliance.
- Promote a nurturing, inclusive environment where children can thrive.
- Build strong partnerships with parents, carers and the local community.
- Develop and implement policies, procedures, and improvement plans.

Person Specification

- Hold a minimum Level 3 in Early Years.
- Have proven leadership and management experience in an early-years or playgroup setting.
- Demonstrate excellent knowledge of the EYFS and safeguarding practices.
- Possess strong communication, organisational, and interpersonal skills.

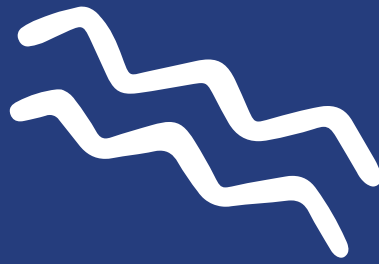
What We Offer

- Competitive salary. Term Time only hours (with some flexibility) Working 39 weeks per year.
- A supportive and collaborative working environment.
- Opportunities for professional development and training.
- Strong links with the local schools and wider community.
- The chance to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young children and their families.

We would love to hear from suitable candidates, please contact via telephone on 01252 819256 or email info@tweseldownplaygroup.co.uk to arrange a visit or receive an application pack.

Closing date for applications: 12th October 2025.

AUTUMN TERM EXTERNAL CLUBS



These clubs are run by external providers, for more information please contact them directly.

Day	Before School	After School
Monday		<p>French by Fun Francais 3.10pm till 4.00pm funfrancaisltd@gmail.com</p> <p>Drama Kids Session 1: 3pm-4pm Session 2: 4pm-5pm fleet@dramakids.co.uk</p>
Tuesday		<p>Street Dance by The Performers Place 3.05pm till 4.00pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 Football by Planet Soccer 3.05pm till 4.10pm admin@planet-soccer.info</p>
Wednesday		
Thursday	<p>Gymnastics by Hart Gymnastics 8.00 till 8.35 am schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk</p>	
Friday	<p>Yoga with Katie 8.00 till 8.35 am kate@kwcgcoaching.com</p>	<p>Theatre School by The Performers Place 3.05pm–4.30pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk</p>

HELPFUL CONTACTS

CAMHS - Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – helping with emotional wellbeing and mental health for children aged 5-18 years old. <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/>

ERIC-Help coping with children bedwetting. <https://eric.org.uk/childrens-bladders/bedwetting/>

Family Lives -Co-parenting after divorce or separation. Free online help, or call for free on 0808 800 2222 <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Gingerbread -Advice and practical support for single parents <https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/>

Grief Encounter -Supporting bereaved children and young people.
<https://www.griefencounter.org.uk/>

Parentkind -Loads of resources for parents, covering many topics, including Common Sense Media; Fatherhood; Childcare Choices. <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/parents-resources/parenting>

Psicon-A specialist team, offering the highest quality diagnostic assessments, treatment and support for Autism, ADHD and Mental Wellbeing. <https://www.psicon.co.uk/>

Relate -Get help with: counselling; mediation; supporting parent relationships; work place relationship support. <https://www.relate.org.uk/what-we-do/counselling/relationship-counselling>

Rainbow Trust -Support for seriously ill children and their families.
<https://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/>

Safe Haven Aldershot -Drop in, 365 days a year for mental health crisis. 6-11pm, Monday – Friday; 12:30pm-11pm weekends and bank holidays.
Also available virtually using link: <https://nhs.vc/sabp/safe-haven-aldershot>

<https://www.sabp.nhs.uk/our-services/mental-health/safe-havens/SafeHavenAldershot>

Together for Short Lives -Family support team and helpline provides families of seriously ill children with emotional, financial and practical support and advice. Helpline: 0808 8088 100
<https://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/>

The Sleep Charity -Advice and support with bedtimes and sleep.
<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>

Winston's Wish -Bereavement charity supporting grieving children and families.
<https://winstonswish.org/>

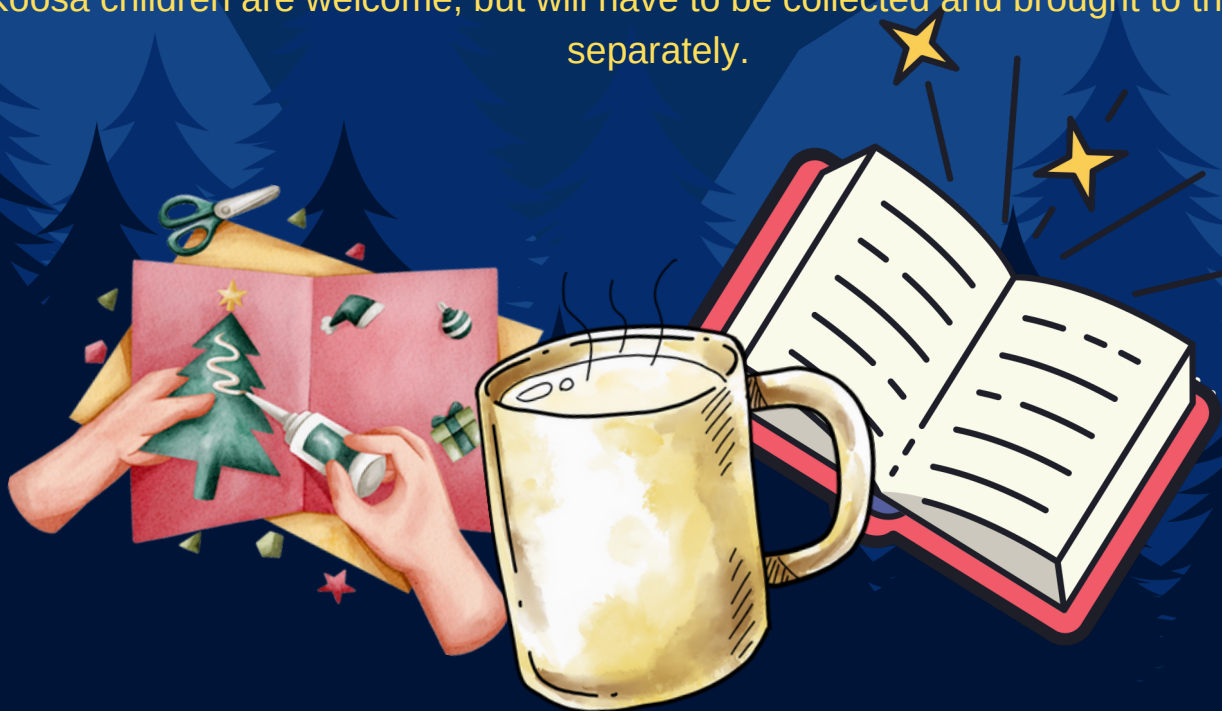
Young Minds -A place of support if your child is struggling with anxiety.
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/anxiety/>

Winter warmer

Thursday 6th November 5-6pm

Come and design a Christmas card with milk and cookies whilst listening to a bedtime story in your pyjamas.

- There are dairy free options available.
- A grown up must stay with their child at all times.
- Unfortunately we are unable to allow any siblings.
- Starcare children will have their own story in their room.
- Koosa children are welcome, but will have to be collected and brought to the event separately.



Free event funded by the PTFA



Fleet Lions



present

Fleet Fireworks Fiesta

Saturday 1st November

@ Calthorpe Park

www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks

Ticket Prices *

Adult £8, Child £3, Family £19**

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Raising funds for
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Heron Manor

A principle Care Home

At the Lions Marquee
**Lions BBQ
Gluhwein &
LED toys**
In the arena
Local food & drink outlets

* Order is subject to a £1.20 transaction charge

** Family ticket is 2 adults and 2 children

Gates open 5pm -Fireworks display appx. 6.30pm
Free parking (see map) thanks to Hart DC
SATNAV main gate & parking GU51 4AD



giving
nature
a home



Fleet Wildlife Explorers

Join your local RSPB Youth Group

Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers provides children 8yrs plus with an exciting and varied programme of indoor and outdoor activities that develops their interest in birds, wildlife and the environment (families welcome) - all related to having fun and learning more about the natural world around us.

Monthly Indoor or Outdoor Meetings (excl. Dec & Aug)

Check Facebook page for up-to-date details of meetings.

For further details:

Email: Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com

Facebook: [Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers | Facebook](#)

Phone: 07415 017 394



The RSPB North East Hants Local Group

Autumn Fair

Saturday 25th October 2025
10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane
Church Crookham GU52 8LD



***Tweseldown Infant School
Christmas & RSPB Sales Goods,
Bric-a-brac, Home produce, Plants,
Books, Camera and Optics incl. accessories,
Tombola, Refreshments,
Bird Boxes & Feeders***