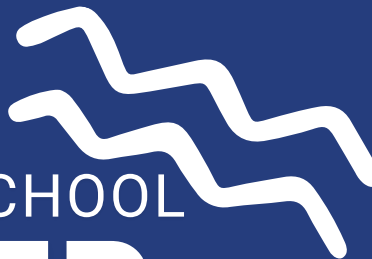


16/10/2025  
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL  
**NEWSLETTER**



## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Workshop 'How we teach Phonics & Reading' 9am - 9.45am

21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm  
- Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm - More info to follow

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Last day of term 3.05pm finish  
- Parents Evening 5pm - 7.30pm - More info to follow

24<sup>th</sup> Oct - INSET day - School closed to pupils

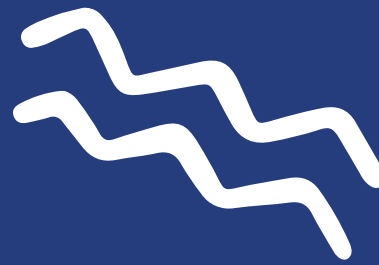
### PARENT WORKSHOP - PHONICS AND READING

We have a parent workshop taking place in the school hall tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9am-9.45am. This will provide information on how we teach phonics and reading and give you tips on how to support your child with this at home.

### INSET DAY

Please remember school will be closed to children on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## TERM DATES 2025/2026

24<sup>th</sup> October - Inset Day

27<sup>th</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> October - Half Term

22<sup>nd</sup> December - 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Christmas Break

5<sup>th</sup> January - Inset Day

16<sup>th</sup> February - 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

23<sup>rd</sup> February - Inset Day

30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Break

25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

29<sup>th</sup> June - Inset Day

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last Day of School

## CURRENT VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for the following positions;

**SEND Teaching Assistant**

**Lunchtime Supervisor**

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

## HALF TERM

A reminder that half term is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

We will return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

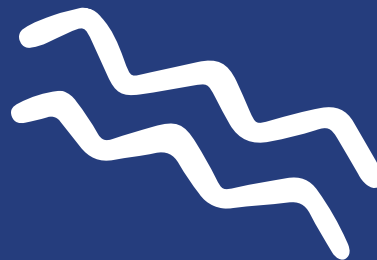
If you cannot attend the parents evening dates/times available we apologise, but unfortunately we cannot offer any further dates for these meetings.

## BOOK FAIR

There will be a book fair taking place in the school library on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Please see the letter and poster attached in this newsletter for further info.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **FESTIVE FIREWORKS**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5pm - 7pm at Tweseldown!**

Our Festive Fireworks event is just over six 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 14<sup>th</sup> November until 1<sup>st</sup> December. 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](mailto:ptfa@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk) with your full name and address by **23<sup>rd</sup> October**.

The PTFA thank you for your continued support.

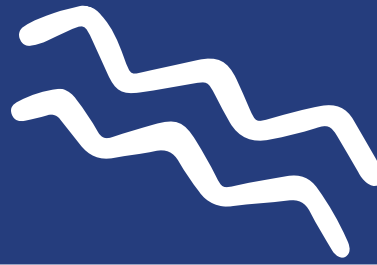
## **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

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

## **WELCOME TO THE TWESELDOWN FAMILY**

We have 3 new members of the Tweseldown team! We would like to say a very warm welcome to our new site manager Aarron Wythe who would like to be known as Mr A, Mrs Lennard our new receptionist and Mrs Grocock who will be working as Assistant Teacher in Rabbit class.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **Friday October 17 is national DLD Awareness Day.**

Developmental Language Disorder is a hidden, but common disability that affects 1 in 14 people causing difficulties understanding and using language. This translates to 2 children in every classroom on average. You cannot see DLD, but there are clear signs that may indicate a child has this hidden neurodivergence.

DLD is often misdiagnosed or undiagnosed, but there are often clear signs of the condition. These signs are separate from other neurodiverse conditions that people are often more familiar with such as ADHD and Autism. For families and their child this can cause unnecessary trauma and tears.

To increase awareness of DLD, Afasic is hosting the first ever Hampshire 'Understanding DLD' zoom get together on Monday 20 October.

There will be one in the morning from 11:30am-12:30pm and one in the evening from 8:00-9:00pm.

The session will be run by two parents who have teenagers with DLD - there will be a short presentation with time afterwards for questions.

The links are attached and there is no need to book. More information about DLD can be found on the Afasic website : <https://afasic.org.uk/>

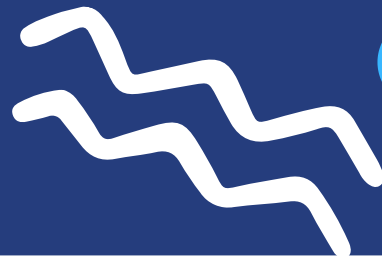
DLD, 'Probably the most common childhood condition you have never heard of' as described by Professor Courtney Norbury.

Morning link : <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82418706383?pwd=vaCOWjpFRaN7XuC6BVKmykw08s5pgY.1>

Evening link : <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88550878013?pwd=VjrYpMHZrOWXBS3XTA62PbIPlatObD.1>

Looking forward seeing you there!

# RECEPTION



What a great week we have had in reception!

We began the week learning about our sense of touch. We had great fun closing our eyes and feeling a range of mystery autumnal objects such as pumpkins, leaves, sticks, conkers and pinecones. We used lots of fantastic describing words such as bumpy, smooth, rigid, heavy, light and spiky. We also used full sentences to describe this.

Later in the week, we explored our sense of taste by tasting pumpkin purée. Lots of us had never tried it before and many thought it was very yummy.

We also enjoyed a local walk to spot the signs of autumn. We noticed that the leaves are falling during this season and changing colour. We also spotted pinecones, conkers and acorns, which we brought back to school to create a beautiful autumn collage.

Another exciting part of our week was setting up our classroom snack stations. We have been learning to chop fruit safely and discovering which fruits are our favourite. In maths, we have been looking at different ways to compose numbers using one. For example  $1 + 1 + 1$  is 3.

We have also practised our comprehension skills as we have looked at new reading books. We have been looking at what is happening in the pictures and predicting what may happen next. We've also worked on discussing how the characters in the stories may feel. The children will love to read their books to you at home!

It's been a wonderful week full of exploration, new experiences and lots of learning through play!

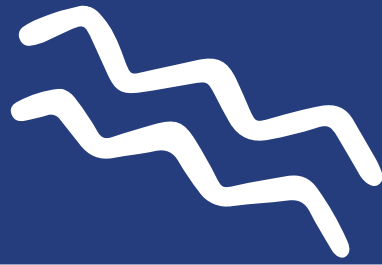
# YEAR 1

This week we have been reading the book Mr Messy. We have made up our own sentences about how Mr Neat and Mr Tidy could encourage Mr Messy to keep his house in order. The children chose their own imperative (bossy) verbs, for example “Sweep the floor”, “Tidy the bedroom”.

In maths, we have been revisiting the skills we have learnt this half term, ordering numbers on a numberline, identifying odd and even numbers and practising number bonds to 20.

In music, we have been learning the ‘menu song’, singing about lots of different foods that we like to eat and practising keeping to a beat. We have been learning to use our sketching skills in art to create different textures ready for drawing our final piece next week. In computing we will be using different drawing apps to create a picture of our homes.

# YEAR 2



What a week we have had, it has been another busy week of learning!

In English, we have read the story 'The Dragons Post' in which a boy named Alex, finds a dragon in his house! Alex writes letters to different people asking for advice. After receiving a letter back from the fire brigade, we have thought about what Alex may have asked them and have begun to think about the structure of a letter. Can the children tell you what the features of a letter are?

In maths this week we have begun adding 3 single digit numbers together, thinking about what resources we can use to help us if we are unsure. We used ten frames, number lines and bar models to complete our stem sentences; There are \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Altogether there are \_\_\_\_\_.

The children loved the challenge of adding three numbers together!

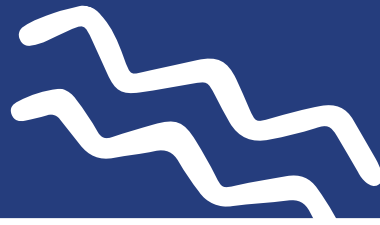
In History this week we have looked at how castles have changed over time. The children thought about how the changes helped to protect the people living in the castle. The children couldn't believe that castles were originally made out of wood!

In our spelling lessons this week we have been looking at homophones; can the children spot any in the books that they read at home? It has been lovely to see so many children reading lots at home and we have been very impressed with their progress!

Next week, we will be talking to the children about Runway's End. We are really looking forward to the upcoming trip. If you have any questions about anything, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

We know your children will have the best time and make lasting memories. We hope the children are as excited as we are!

# ECO SCHOOLS



## **Litter Picking Loan Equipment:**

There are still a few spaces available to borrow our litter picking equipment this half term. To borrow the equipment, please sign up following this link: [volunteersignup.org/47KE9](https://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 Brilliant Bat Walk:**

The postponed Brilliant Bat Walk with Chris from the Hants Bat Group, as part of the Fleet RSPB Explorers Club is NOW ON FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER.

Sunset is 18.06 so the plan is to meet Chris on the pier at the end of Chestnut Grove, Fleet at 18.00 to give time for the preliminaries before the bats start to fly.

To book a place and for additional information, please contact Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers club at: [Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com](mailto:Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com)

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

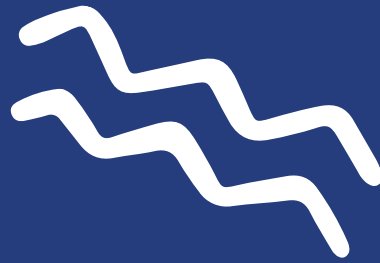
## **RSPB Autumn Fayre Saturday 25th October Church Crookham Memorial Hall:**

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 attached flyer for more details.

# 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:**

Thank you to all our volunteers so far, there are still a few spaces for next week's Year 2 sessions, please sign up by following this link: [volunteersignup.org/9MM99](https://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

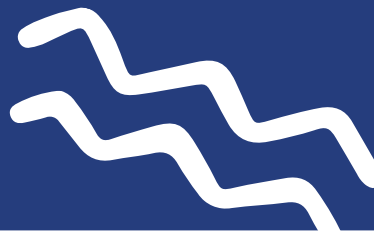
String and Twine

Children's gardening gloves

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

Cotton wool

Kindling



## **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 below to let us know which story your child would like to listen to by **Thursday 23rd October**.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=G9GCsUStg0Cv85VzAlsixdG6PE6CmtBEnX7frk6V0d1UNkFQMEVWN1dUVTMzVINKSlNISTUySlI0SC4u>

We are still in need of a few more 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 between 17:00-18:00. Please follow the volunteer sign-up link if you are able to help - <https://volunteersignup.org/7W8HW>

**PTFA Zoom meeting on Monday 20th October at 20:00** – the meeting link will be sent out via the class WhatsApp groups, so please keep an eye out for this.

We would love for as many of you as possible to join and share your ideas. We appreciate this is taking time out of your evening and so endeavour to keep the meeting as short as possible.

## **Second-hand Uniform Update**

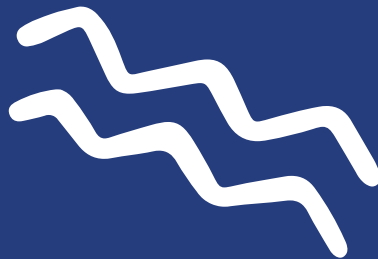
Please do not leave uniform donations in the school entrance as we are currently not collecting. We will let you know when we are next accepting donations via the newsletter and class WhatsApp groups. Thanks!

## **Festive Fireworks – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Please help us increase our sponsorship from Bridges Estate Agents by having a Bridges board outside your house from 14<sup>th</sup> November until 1<sup>st</sup> December. We are looking for 30 willing families to volunteer. Please email [ptfa@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk) with your full name and address by 23<sup>rd</sup> October if you can help!

Further details about the Festive Fireworks, including information on stalls and the volunteer link, will follow soon! Please keep an eye out for this.

# AUTUMN TERM EXTERNAL CLUBS



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

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



# SCHOOL BOOK FAIRS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school Book Fair on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 to coincide with our parents evenings. Your children will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day, the fair will then be open to pupils and parents after school and throughout both parents evenings.

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Schools Partner, Katie Slingerland, and every book purchased will go towards brand new **FREE** books for our school.

Usborne will donate **60%** of the total book fair sales value raised in **FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every **£1,000** of books purchased, we will earn **£600** in FREE Usborne books for our school!

Books can be purchased on the day of the book fair and paid for by cash or debit/credit card. Alternatively, you can browse the full range and order online via this exclusive link: [Tweseldown Infants Book Fair](#).

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information and for tailored book recommendations for your child, please contact: Katie Slingerland – [katiebooklady@gmail.com](mailto:katiebooklady@gmail.com) or 07933 728936.

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# Support our Book Fair

on 21st & 23rd October at 3pm

You'll find us at

The Library

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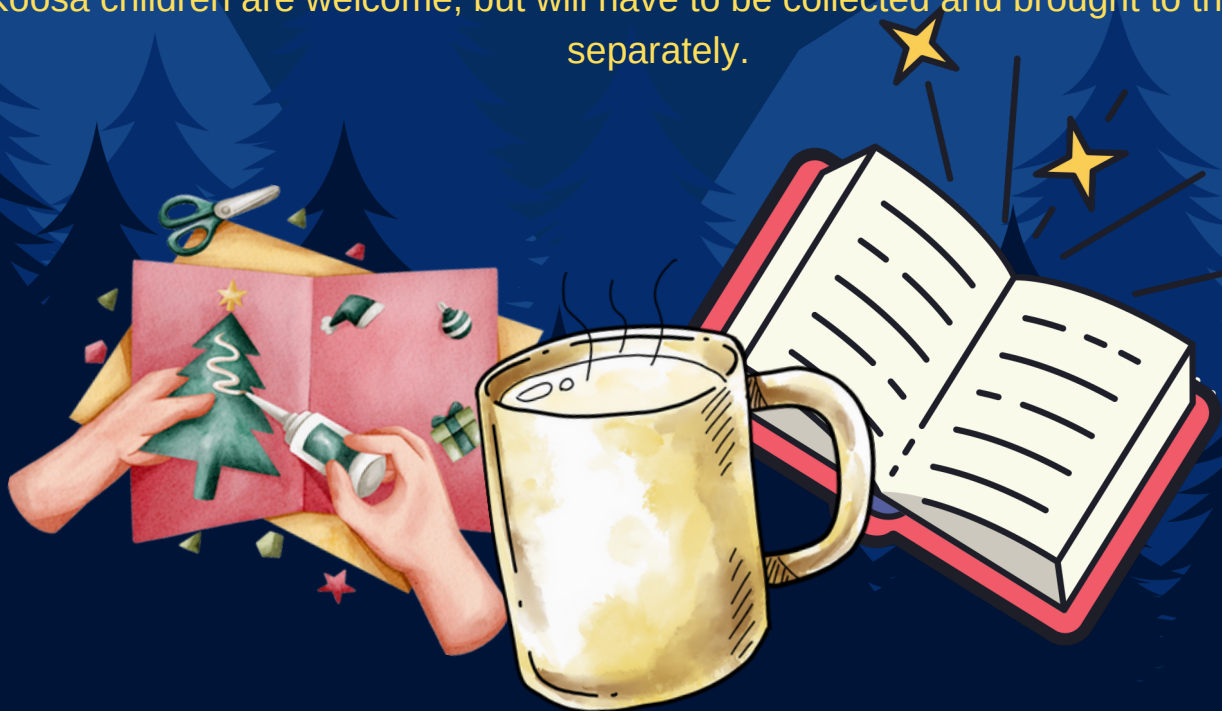


# Winter warmer

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](http://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](mailto:Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com)

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

Phone: 07415 017 394



**The RSPB North East Hants Local Group**

# Autumn Fair

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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,  
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