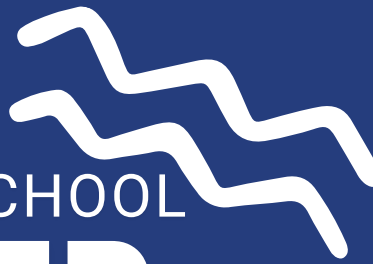


02/10/2025  
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL  
**NEWSLETTER**



## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Parent Workshop 'How we teach Writing' 9am - 10am  
- Coffee and Conversation with Mrs Tottem about Friendship Wheels 2.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Pupil Photos
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct - PTFA Mufti Day  
- Parent Workshop 'How we teach Maths' 9am - 10am
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Workshop 'How we teach Phonics & Reading' 9am - 10am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - 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

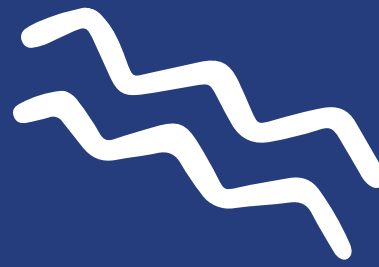
### MORNING DROP OFF

In the mornings, teachers are on the door to welcome all children to class. If parents wish to speak to the teachers directly, please make an appointment for a suitable time. If you would like to pass a message on to the teacher, please email [adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

### PICK UP - PASSWORDS

If you authorise someone else to pick up your child from school, can you please ensure they are aware of the password. Class teachers will be unable to release your child into their care without this. This includes Starcare. Thank you.

# 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

## JUNIOR SCHOOL VISITS

For any year 2 children visiting junior schools in the next few weeks, please note you don't need to fill out an absence form for this. We will have a sign out form on the reception desk to use on the day.

Thank you.

## PROJECTS

We have a couple of school projects and would really appreciate the help of an artist for these. If anyone knows an artist that would be happy to help with some murals please get in touch.

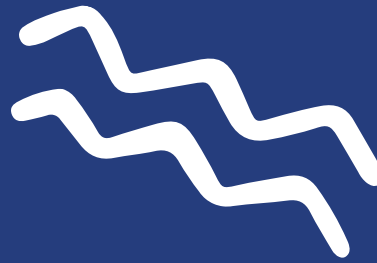
## PARENT WORKSHOP - WRITING

We have a parent workshop taking place in the school hall tomorrow, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9am-10am. This will explain how we teach writing and give you tips on how to support your child with this.

## PTFA - MUFTI DAY

Next Friday, 10th October is mufti day. Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes in exchange for £1. Please make sure these are suitable for the weather - Layers advised.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **PLAYGROUP MANAGER VACANCY**

Tweseldown playgroup have a Manager vacancy. Please see the letter attached below for further details.

## **P4 COACHING**

P4 Coaching & Mr Scott will be running an INSET DAY CAMP on Friday 24th October as well as 3 x days during OCTOBER HALF TERM - all at Church Crookham Junior School. There is an early bird discount that expires at the end of this week so make contact now to avoid disappointment!

## **MRS KIRKPATRICK - FUNDRAISING FOR COMBAT STRESS**

Mrs Kirkpatrick will be running the Great South Run on October 19th. She is hoping to beat the time she ran it in last year, and also the amount she raised for her chosen charity which is Combat Stress, a military charity focusing on the mental health and wellbeing of serving personal and veterans. She would be grateful for any donations from the Tweseldown family. Please use the link below to donate. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/rhoda-kirkpatrick-4>

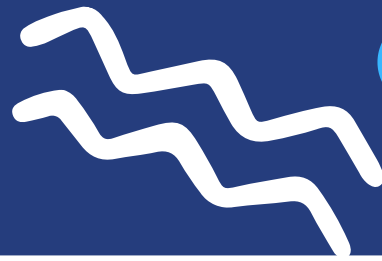
## **PARENT WORKSHOP - MATHS**

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

## **TRAFFIC LIGHT WARNING**

There are multi-way traffic lights due to be put on Aldershot Road between the junctions of Gally Hill Road and Atbara Road from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please leave extra time to make your journeys to and from school.

# RECEPTION



This week in English we have been reading the storybook 'Harry and his Dinosaurs go to School.' We sequenced the story, putting pictures from the book in order to show the beginning, middle and end. Together we discussed Harry's emotions at different points in the story and why he was feeling that way. For example, he felt sad when he didn't have his dinosaurs. We talked about how we would feel if we lost our favourite toy and how we can help our friends if they feel sad. Finally, in circle time we passed around a dinosaur egg and shared how we would feel if we saw a real dinosaur!

In Maths this week we practised showing 1, 2 and 3 on our fingers and then practised with a friend telling us which number to show. We used objects to do careful counting to 5. We discussed different ways of sorting dinosaurs and counted how many were in each group e.g., this group has spikes, this group has no spikes.

In Design and Technology this week we have been designing a fruit salad. We discussed different fruits, shared our favourites and then chose the correct tools for chopping fruit. In small groups, we chopped our fruit and shared what we found tricky to cut. Finally, we enjoyed our delicious fruit salads!

## **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 and Squirrel class (9-9:30)**

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

Thank you.

# YEAR 1

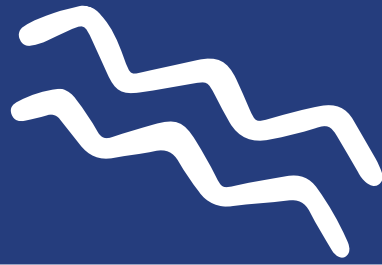
This week in Year 1 we have been reading the book 'You Choose'. We have explored the different pages and chosen who our favourite characters are, what our dream home would be like and how we would travel about. We have had some very exciting ideas!

In maths, we have been really focussing on writing our numbers the correct way. We have also been adding 1 and taking 1 away from our number and beginning to write number sentences. Can you add and take away 1 from different numbers at home?

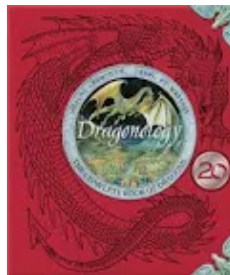
We have been carrying on our DT learning this week and created a fruit salad. We have practised chopping different fruits using a knife and chopping board. We tried hard to keep them still and make the pieces equal. The banana was nice and easy to cut but the peaches were trickier!

Just a reminder, now we have settled into routines, reading books are changed once a week. Please can these be in school each day. New spellings and homework are sent home each Friday and are due back in by the following Thursday.

# YEAR 2



This week the children have been continuing thinking about their own class Dragonology. They are creating their own individual pages to make a new edition! They have done a wonderful job of designing and describing their own monstrous dragons and are now busy remembering to use expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and different sentence starters when writing detailed information about them. Some are rather fierce and mighty! We are looking forward to sharing them with you once they're completed.



In computing, the children are busy creating PowerPoint presentations about castles. Thank you to everyone who completed their homework about castles. All the extra information the children have gained will make for some very interesting presentations. Your child might even like to show you what they have learnt about PowerPoints at home if they are able to use a PC with you safely.

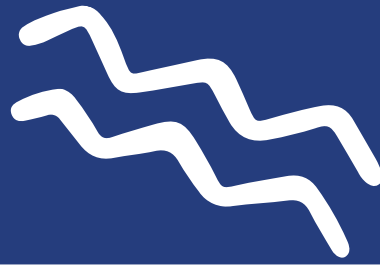
This week, we have enjoyed our trips to Portchester Castle. We will share photos and some of the children's recounts of the day next week. Thank you to the parents who have been able to come along with us for the day. Trips are not possible without your support.

Next week, we will be taking the children to the local orchard as we think about where our food comes from and our Harvest celebrations.

Have a restful weekend when we get there.

The Year 2 Team

# ECO SCHOOLS



Our newly formed Eco Committee attended their first meeting last Friday. They introduced themselves to each other, and shared why they wanted to be in the Eco-Committee and their ideas.

Their first task was to decide on the location of a new bird table which we have kindly been donated by a member of the local community. They then filled up the bird feeders around Beyond the Gate.

During this week they have helped get answers for our Environmental Review of the school, by asking their class different questions and recording the answers.

## **Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club**

This is a group for children aged 8 - 14, however younger children and families are welcomed with their parents in attendance. 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 first meetings of this academic year begins with a Brilliant Bat walk tomorrow - Friday 3rd October - if you are interested contact: Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com

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

## **Litter Picking Loan Equipment:**

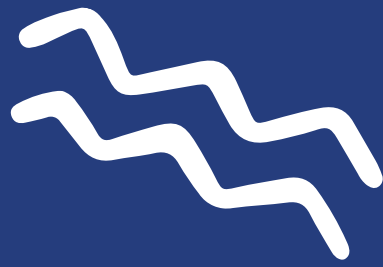
Last weekend another one of our families borrowed our litter picking equipment sets. They had lots of fun. Here are some photos of him in action! Well done for making a positive impact on our local area.

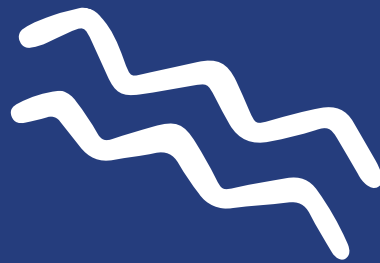
Our litter picking equipment is available to borrow over the weekends.

To borrow the equipment this half term, 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.

# ECO SCHOOLS





## 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. *Narcissus 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 →](#)



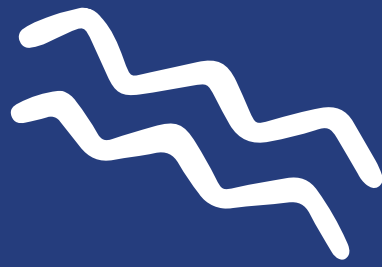
### Wild Daffodil Bulbs (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus lobularis*)

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.

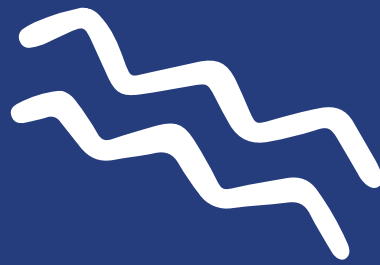
Flowers: March-April  
Height: 20-30cm  
Bulb size: 2-3cm  
UK native

[More information →](#)

# ECO SCHOOLS



# 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](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:

Conkers

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

## PTFA NEWS

Thank you so much for supporting our uniform sale this week. We really appreciate your generous donations. And a big thank you to all of our lovely volunteers who gave their time to help!

### Winter Warmer

You will probably have spotted the poster for the Winter Warmer in this newsletter. Keep your eyes peeled for the registration link and the volunteer sign up link. These will be sent out in the coming week.

### Discos & Mufti Days Payment Bundles – Payment deadline: Friday 10th October

This year we are giving you the option to pay a non-refundable one-off sum of **£12.50**, which will cover your child for all Discos and Mufti days for this academic year! Of course, you will still be able to pay for each event separately, if you prefer.

Please ensure bundle payments are made by **Friday 10th October**, as this is our first Mufti day of the academic year.

You will probably have spotted the posters with QR codes in your classroom windows by now. Below is the information for bank transfers, should you prefer to pay this way.

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)\*\*\***

# A letter from the Governors

Welcome all to the 2025-26 academic year.

To our new parents, we hope you and your children have settled in well to Tweseldown life. To our returning parents, welcome back and we are looking forward to seeing your children continue to grow with us.

We are immensely proud of the work that Mrs Tottem and the teaching staff have done in the past year which is showcased in the impressive results we achieved last year versus predictions, such as baseline assessments and other comparative data. Although the government no longer requires the children to complete KS1 SATS, governors continue to review their progress as part of our role of holding leaders to account.

The school's wraparound care continues to grow, an investment made last year to support our pupils before and after school, and the recent news of the chance to accommodate Tweseldown Playgroup on school grounds next year will only strengthen our ability to support our community in early years care and education and the transition to reception.

Looking ahead to the year, we do have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The school governors are all volunteers who share a firm commitment to the school and we pride ourselves on the school's friendly and loving ethos, ensuring a place where children can thrive. We firmly believe in our motto 'Growing together, learning together' and our vision which is:

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*'At Tweseldown, the dedicated team help children to acquire the skills to be confident lifelong learners; enabling them to be happy, enthusiastic and independent.'*

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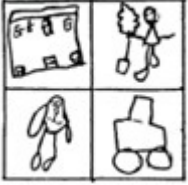
There are twelve members, and we strive to have a broad spectrum of experience, background and skills across the Governing Body to ensure we are able to effectively meet our responsibilities. Please apply if you would like to join us.

Further details in relation to the governing body can be found at:

[Tweseldown Infant School - Governors](#)

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We look forward to another successful year at Tweseldown and will continue to support the school in the best way we can. If you have any questions or feedback, you are welcome to contact us at [governors@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:governors@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk).



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

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## 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.

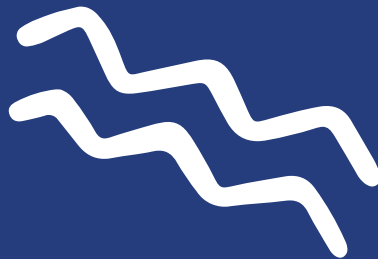
### **What We Offer**

- 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](mailto: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
<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/>

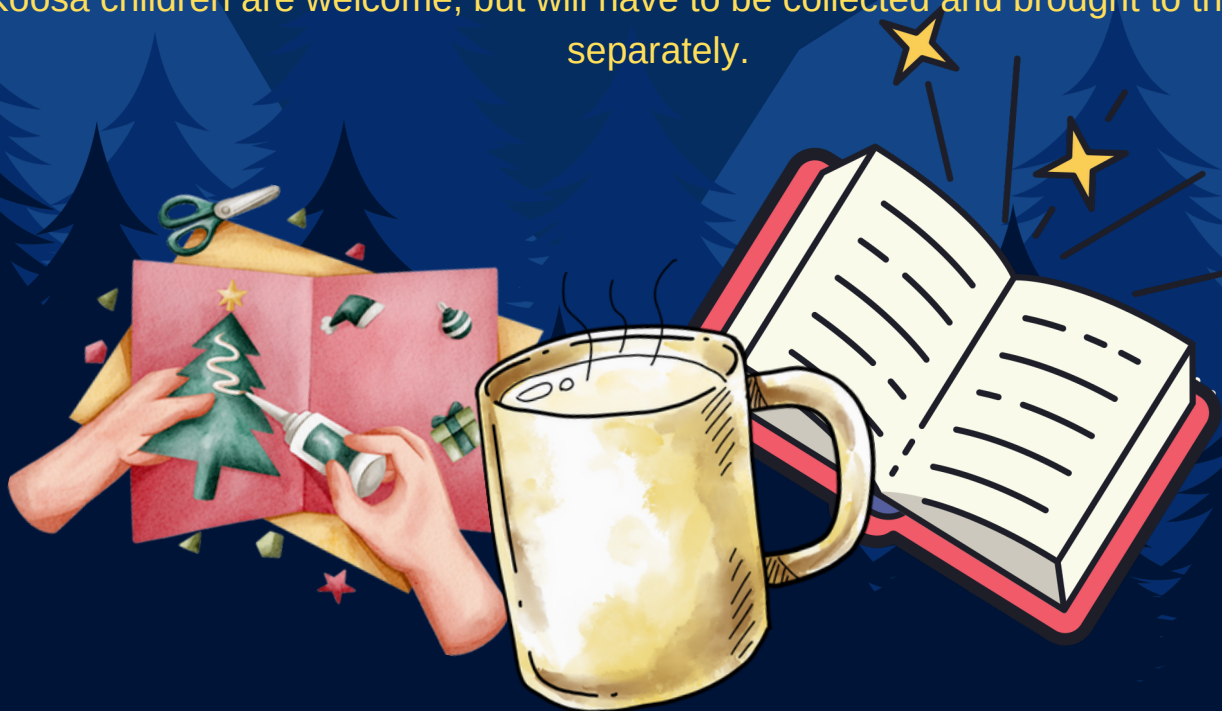
Young Minds -A place of support if your child is struggling with anxiety.  
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/anxiety/>

# 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



# Inset Day & October Half Term



## Church Crookham Junior School

*Multi-Sport Camp*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October (Inset Day)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October



## Greenfields Junior School

*Dodgeball Derby Day*

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Practise | Persevere | Progress | Perfect**

**10% Early Bird Discount**

**Expires 03/10/25**

Drop Off: 8.45 - 9.30am

Pick Up: 3.30 - 4.15pm

**Multi-Sport includes: Dodgeball, Capture The Flag, Secret Saver, Nerf (Goggles Provided), Football, Bench-Ball, Handball, Scavenger Hunts, Kwik Cricket, Lego, Basketball, Mini Olympics, Obstacle Courses & More**

**USE THE LINK BELOW FOR FULL LIST OF DATES, TIMES, PRICES & HOW TO BOOK!**

**<https://p4coaching.co.uk/holiday-camps-1>**

**07369 255501**

**info@p4coaching.co.uk**

**www.p4coaching.co.uk**

All coaches hold an enhanced DBS and have undertaken all relevant & necessary safeguard training



# 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  
local good causes

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