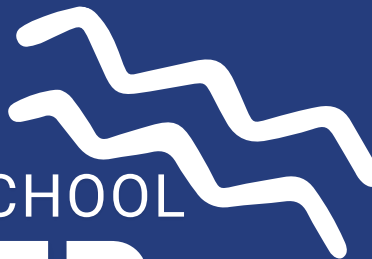


04/09/2025
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK!

We would like to wish all of our Tweseldown family a very warm return to school. We hope you've all had a lovely summer and the children are feeling refreshed and ready to get back to the classroom.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

4th - 10th September - Year R home visits

11th September - Year R pupils start

18th September - Yr 1 parent welcome meeting 9-10am

19th September - Yr 2 parent welcome meeting 9-10am

26th September - Yr R parent welcome meeting 9-10am

LUNCHES AND ALLERGIES

We have attached the new lunch menus, please can parents and carers talk to their child about their choices for lunches and remember to book these on Arbor.

Please urgently inform us if your child has been diagnosed with any new allergies over the summer.

ECO AWARD

Well done to Mrs Dear and the Eco Committee. Through all of their hard work and effort they have achieved an Eco Award for Tweseldown. What amazing effort everyone has put in!

STARCARE

We apologise for the issues parents and carers have experienced in booking your child into Starcare.

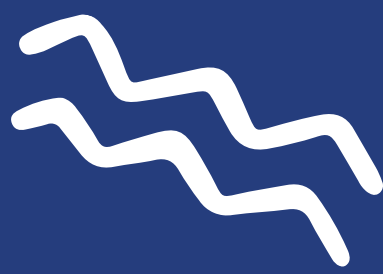
For all Starcare enquiries please contact starcare@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

QUALITY START PE AWARD

We are pleased to announce that Tweseldown Infant School has been awarded the

Quality Start Silver PE Award!
Well done to Mrs Brown and Miss Hammond for their hard work in achieving this.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES 2025/2026

3rd September - Inset Day

4th September - Year 1 & 2 return to School

11th September - Year R first full day

16th September - Parent workshop on neurodiversity being held on Zoom
7.30pm - 8.30pm

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

YEAR R FIRST DAY

Thursday 11th September

We are looking forward to seeing all our Year R children, getting to know you and hearing about your Summer!

WEATHER

Can we remind parents and carers to ensure children have a raincoat with them each day as we head towards Autumn. The children play outside even when it's showery.

Wellington boots can be brought in too and stored in the racks outside the classrooms.

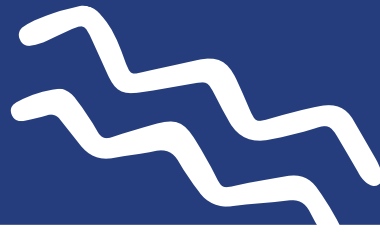
SCHOOL GUINEA PIGS

Our school pets Bertie and Barry have had a lovely Summer. If you would like to have them stay with you for a weekend, please contact

adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

They come with all their bedding, equipment and everything they need.

BEYOND THE GATE



Beyond the Gate will begin for the year 2 classes next week (Week Beg: 8th September). The classes will be having their sessions on these days:

Wednesday = Owl and Woodpecker Friday = Robin and Kingfisher

With our changeable British weather during the Autumn, it is important that the children have a full change of clothes which provide warm layers and are waterproof to ensure they remain dry and warm. These clothes will get muddy!

If their clothes get exceptionally wet or muddy, we will send them home for drying or cleaning after their session, to be returned to school in time for their next session.

Please ensure that your child has the following labelled clothing, in a named bag, to change into each session:

- Long sleeved T-shirt style top
- Long jogging bottoms, cargo trousers or leggings
- Warm jumper or fleece (not their school jumper)
- Waterproof trousers (or an all-in-one waterproof suit)
- Warm, waterproof coat (if this is their school coat, please be advised that it may get very muddy)
- Thick warm socks (so their school socks stay dry and clean)
- Wellington boots or waterproof walking boots
- Waterproof fingered gloves
- Winter hat & scarf or snood (for cold weather)

Please spend time at home ensuring your child can independently get dressed into these clothes – staff are on hand to help with the tricky zips, but if the children can practice at home, it will make changing quicker.

BEYOND THE GATE

Help yourself Box

We understand that some families find it difficult to get the required clothing, therefore we have set up a box in the front entrance of the school with some items for you to help yourself to. If you are unable to find what you need, please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Dear.

If you have any outgrown waterproofs, please can they be donated to school. This not only helps other families but helps make us more sustainable and environmentally aware (a great message to give to our children).

Parent Volunteers

As always, we require parent volunteers to support our sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays. Without the required volunteers we may have to cancel sessions. Our previous volunteers have found the time personally rewarding, and some have been able to use volunteer hours available from their place of work.

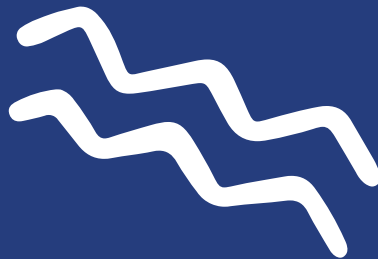
To sign up, please follow this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/9MM99>

I am really looking forward to welcoming the children back to their Beyond the Gate sessions, exploring and playing in the great outdoors!

With Thanks,

Mrs. Julie Dear Forest School Teacher and Eco Schools Lead

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/>