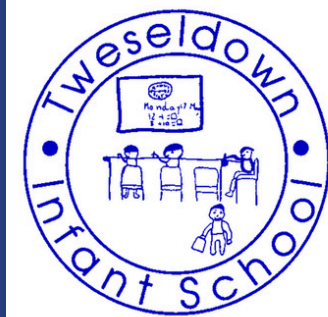
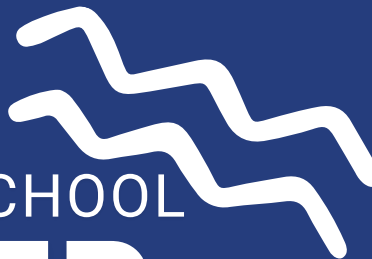


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NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

11th Nov - PINS presentation 9.15am

12th Nov - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm
- Christmas Panto (For the children only)

17th Nov - PTFA Zoom meeting 8pm

21st Nov - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm
- PTFA Second hand uniform sale 14.45pm - 15.15pm

24th Nov - Year R Tours 9.15am / 10.30am / 1.45pm

26th Nov - Flu Vaccinations
- Fleet Festivities

28th Nov - PTFA Festive Fireworks 5pm - 7pm

YEAR R & YEAR 1 TRIP TO BEAULIEU

Over the next few weeks, year R and year 1 children will be visiting Beaulieu Motor Museum to support their learning about 'transport'. The classes will attend according to the below schedule:

Thursday 20th November – Otter & Mouse Classes

Friday 21st November – Squirrel & Rabbit Classes

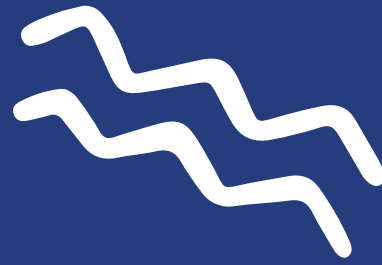
Thursday 27th November – Badger & Hedgehog Classes

Wednesday 3rd December – Deer Class

Please note coaches will leave as soon as possible after drop off - 9am at the latest and will return at 4pm.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES 2025/2026

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

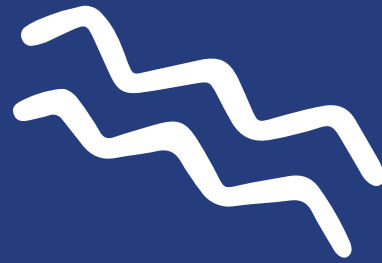
22nd July - Last Day of School

OUR GOLDEN RULES

Our Golden Rules here at Tweseldown are 'kind hands, kind feet and kind mouths.'
A good rule to have at home too!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PINS (PROGRAMME FOR THE INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS)

There will be a PINS face to face meeting taking place on 11th November at 9.15am.
Please confirm your attendance using the following link
<https://forms.office.com/e/mF5zhdSetB>

GOVERNORS SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Governors Survey at parents evening, it was overwhelmingly positive.

DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TEACHER

Please can we ask that parents remember that drop off and pick up is for 'quick words'.
If you'd like a longer conversation, please arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL - SANDY LANE

Please be advised there will be a new School Crossing Patrol Officer for the crossing on Sandy Lane. Mrs Debbie Moss will start her position on Tuesday 11th November.

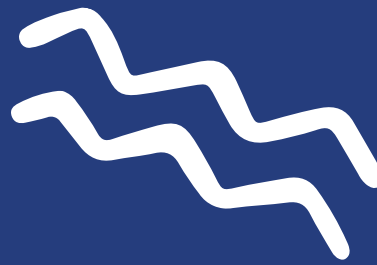
UNIFORM SALE

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held by the PTFA on Friday 21st November from 14.45pm - 15.15pm. Christmas jumpers included!

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations will be taking place at school on Wednesday 26th November.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TWESELDOWN VALUES

Thank you to everyone who replied to our values questionnaire. We've tried to incorporate everyone's ideas - Please see the poster of our values attached at the end of this newsletter.

WORLD DIABETES DAY

It is World Diabetes Day on Friday 14th November. Please see the email that has been sent out today with further information on this.

CHRISTMAS PANTO

The Christmas Panto will be taking place in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th November. Payment of £3.50 is to be made through Arbor and is due by Monday at 3pm please.

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Due to the darker days rolling in, on 21st November we encourage Tweseldown families to wear something bright to and from school.

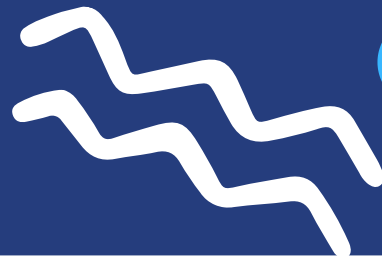
FLEET FESTIVITIES

Fleet Festivities will be taking place on 26th November. This is when Fleet welcomes Christmas - children from years 1 and 2 choir will be singing at 4.20pm.

FESTIVE FIREWORKS

Festive Fireworks will be taking place at Tweseldown on 28th November 5pm - 7pm. Please see the PTFA section of this newsletter for more information.

RECEPTION



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term!

We are so excited for all the fun and learning we have planned this term. This week we have introduced our new topic, Whizzy Wheels! We began by reading 'The Naughty Bus' and had lots of laughs at all the mischief it got up to, it even drove through baked beans!

We practised our teamwork skills by working in groups to create our own bus adventures. We communicated our ideas beautifully and shared our imaginative scenarios with our peers. The children loved causing chaos in the classroom! We also started Drawing Club! 'The Naughty Bus' continued to cause chaos as we used it as inspiration for our writing.

In maths, we have been practising our subitising skills recognising numbers of objects without counting. We didn't just subitise patterns, also sounds! We listened very carefully to count how many times we heard a sound.

In phonics, we've been working hard to learn our tricky words. You can help at home by practising them together, can your child spot the tricky part in each word?

Next week we are going to be making buses out of cardboard boxes. **Please can you bring a cereal box or small box in from home on Monday 10th.** Thank you.

YEAR 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely holiday.

We began the half term with our topic "Whizzy Wheels," exploring different modes of transport through history. The children compared old vehicles with modern ones using pictures and models, and enjoyed using full sentences to describe similarities and differences.

In English we continued our Drawing Club work using the book *The Naughty Bus*. The children enjoyed reading about the bus's mischievous adventures, studying the print, and investigating the many funny ways the bus caused chaos. We made maps showing where the bus had travelled, wrote sentences describing its antics, and spent time acting out what the Naughty Bus might do in the classroom – the children loved the chance to create playful chaos through role play.

This week in science we explored different materials. The children handled a variety of materials, described them using full sentences, and discussed properties such as whether a material was hard or soft.

In maths we recapped odd and even numbers and made these with counters. We practised number sentences by adding two groups together and talked about how the order of the numbers does not change the total.

Next week, we will be making buses out of cardboard boxes. **Please can each child bring in a cereal box or a small box from home on Monday 10th.**

Thank you for your support.

YEAR 2

What a lovely first week back we have had! It has been fantastic to hear all the children's stories about their adventures over the half term.

We have continued our learning about nouns and adjectives and have been creating our own noun phrases about bonfire night and describing what we can see. We have used these noun phrases to create our own poems and descriptive writing. Can the children tell you any of their noun phrases if you go to watch any fireworks this weekend?

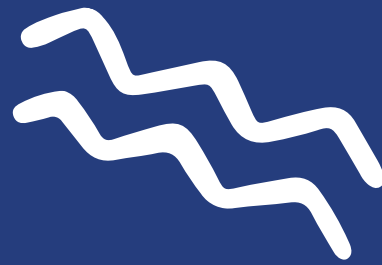
In maths this week we have been focusing on securing our number bonds to 20. We have used numicon to practically build our number bonds and have used part part whole models.

In science, we have started our topic of materials. We have been grouping the different materials into their properties – can you sort everyday objects at home into their different properties? Which materials would be best to make a car? Why?

We have begun learning about our new topic “Wonderful Weather”. When you are out and about with the children can you discuss what the weather is like and what you notice e.g. leaves blowing in the wind or puddles forming. In geography, we have recapped the countries which make up the United Kingdom and the seas which surround us. We have also made windsocks out of rolled up paper and wool to test the direction the wind is blowing.

Please can you save your empty plastic milk bottles for our rain catchers? We need at least 15 per class so that we can cut them in half!

ECO SCHOOLS



RSPB Autumn Fayre

Seven of our Eco Committee children attended the RSPB Autumn Fayre. They represented the school brilliantly, with great enthusiasm and confidence. They relished the opportunity to sell the products, handling money; adding up how much people owed, checking the coins and working out the change. They even practised their tallying skills to keep track of what we sold. The organisers were full of positive praise for our children and said that they were a credit to our school.

With their amazing effort, they made a lovely amount of money which was split between a donation to the RSPB charity and our school. The children will be choosing what they want to spend our money on this week to help our environmental projects.



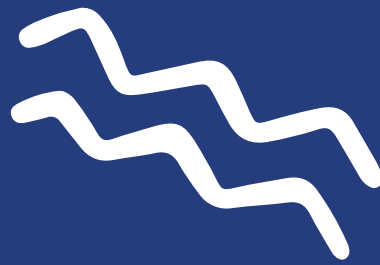
Cut your Carbon Challenge

We hope you have enjoyed making a start on our Cut the Carbon challenge for November, whether you have had a plant-based meal; walked somewhere you would normally drive to; washed your laundry on a lower setting or tried one of the other challenges. Remember to tick off on your checklist when you achieve one of the challenges! See the email sent before half term for all the information.

Litter Picking Loan Equipment

Last half term, our equipment was borrowed every weekend by families, which will have made a brilliant local impact. The sign-up sheet for this half term is live: volunteersignup.org/47KE9 so don't miss your opportunity.

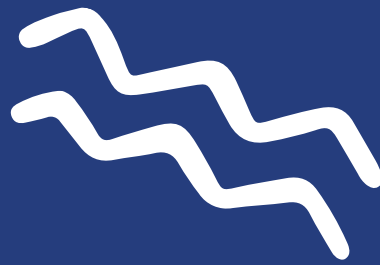
ECO SCHOOLS



Thank you for everyone who dropped their Halloween pumpkins to the school office! We have had a great variety on show in reception this week and they will now be put to good use by Mrs Dear. We will not be accepting any further pumpkins - Thank you.



BEYOND THE GATE



Year 1 has started Beyond the Gate sessions this week and Year R are having their first sessions too. Please ensure your child has their full kit in school, which is suitable for the weather conditions of the day. This half term is generally wet, chilly and muddy so layers and waterproofs are crucial.

Volunteers

The volunteer sign up for this half term's year one sessions are live. We require volunteers to enable the children to fully embrace the opportunities of Forest School and allow enriching activities to take place in the sessions. Without volunteers, sessions may need to be cancelled due to ratios. Parents who volunteer always find the sessions rewarding and enjoyable. Some businesses give volunteer hours to staff and some parents have used these to attend. We look forward to you joining us:

volunteersignup.org/9MM99

Blog

To see what your children got up to in the sessions, remember to look at the blog which is updated regularly. It is a great way to stimulate a conversation with your child about what they enjoyed doing and what they learnt, as every child has a different experience:

[https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277.](https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277)

A BIG THANK YOU

We'd like to update you on how the fundraising from the PTFA is spent. Thanks to your continued support, the PTFA have been able to fund an external tannoy system for the school, which was successfully installed during the October half term. This new external speaker system will enable announcements and music to be heard across school grounds and also provide a communication link between the school and the Beyond the Gate area. This would not have been possible without your generous donations, so on behalf of the school and the PTFA, we would like to say a very big thank you to you all.

Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

17th November at 20:00 – PTFA Zoom meeting

21st November from 14:45-15:15 – Second-hand uniform sale (this time it's on a Friday!)

28th November from 17:00-19:00 – Festive Fireworks

3rd December from 20:00 – PTFA Social at the Wyvern

4th December – Winter Disco



Festive Fireworks – Friday 28th November

We are very excited about our upcoming Festive Fireworks. There will be a document sent out in the next week for information about all the amazing things that will be on offer from our lovely stallholders and food & drink vendors for this event.

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST! Tickets are available for purchase via this link

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/tweseldown/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107046#>

WE NEED YOUR HELP - If you are able to spare a little bit of time before, during or after the event, we would be so grateful. Please follow the volunteer link to sign up -

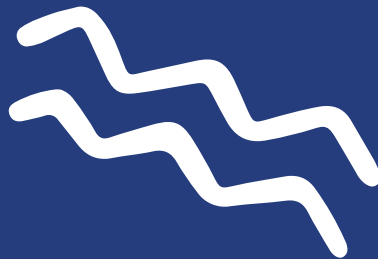
volunteersignup.org/TJ94H

All volunteers will be able to claim a free family ticket for this event!

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!

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/>



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Show kindness

Honesty

Independence

New experiences

Enjoy learning



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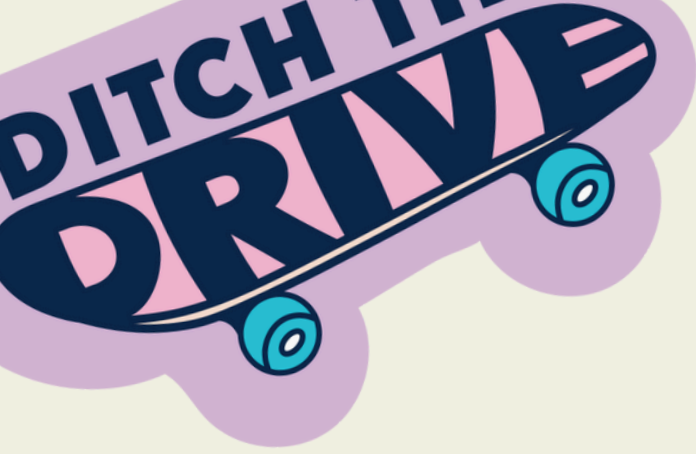
Food and activity stalls include
Catherine Alexandra Art, The Crafty
Primrose, Marsh Mallows Cakes, Sand Art,
Marsh Crafts, Tropic Skincare, Peppones
Street Food

For Tickets please use
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CUT YOUR CARBON



Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities at home with friends and family.

These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet.

To find out how you can get involved, speak to a member of the school Eco-Committee.





Partnerships of Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

The Pins Project is committed to improving provision for neurodivergent children and young people in schools.

As part of this partnership, HPCN is inviting parents and carers to join Coffee Mornings – a friendly and welcoming space to:

- ☕ Share your views on school provision
- 👂 Talk openly about questions and concerns
- 💡 Offer useful suggestions and strategies
- 🗣️ Help shape better relationships and inclusivity for neurodivergent young people

Meet Rosie 🙌

These groups will be run by Rosie, who brings many years of experience working with children with SEND in the early years environment. She is a qualified SENCo, has recently completed specialist training in SEND law, and also brings her own personal perspective as a mum to a SEND child. Rosie's warmth, knowledge, and lived experience make her passionate about listening to families and helping shape more inclusive schools

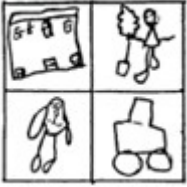


By working together with families, schools, and communities, we aim to:

- Strengthen relationships between parents and schools
- Promote greater understanding of the needs of neurodivergent children
- Support inclusive practices that empower every young person to thrive

For more information please contact :

PINS@hpcn.org.uk



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: 7th November 2025.