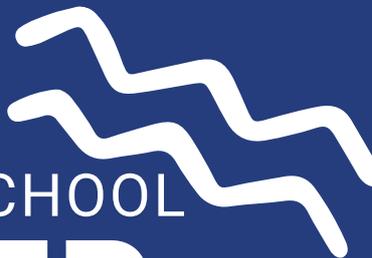


27/11/2025
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

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

YEAR R & YEAR 1 TRIP TO BEAULIEU

The Year R and Year 1 children have had so much fun visiting Beaulieu Motor Museum to support their learning about transport. There is only one remaining class left to visit;

Wednesday 3rd December – Deer Class

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

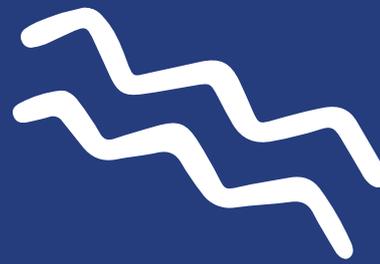
Thank you.

FESTIVE FIREWORKS

We are really looking forward to our Festive Fireworks tomorrow, 28th November 5pm - 7pm.

Gates open at 5pm (through the staff car park) Please see the PTFA section of this newsletter for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES 2025/2026

22nd December - 2nd January - Christmas Break

5th January - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

16th February - 20th February - Half Term

23rd February - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

30th March - 10th April - Easter Break

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

29th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

22nd July - Last Day of School

CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL – CHRISTMAS EVENT

Church Crookham Parish Council are holding their annual Christmas Event on 29th November from 12pm – 4pm.

This is a **FREE** entry event open to all local families. Please see the attached poster for further info.

CHRISTMAS RUN FOR PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE

On Monday 1st December, Tweseldown children will be taking part in the Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Run! This is a fun, festive event to raise sponsorship and support the incredible work that Phyllis Tuckwell do. Please ensure children have a warm coat with them on the day to take part.

SCHOOL DISCO - 4TH DECEMBER

If your child is due to attend Starcare after the school disco on 4th December, please can you ensure your child brings a packed tea, their disco clothes and parents/carers collect them from year 2 classes. Please use the walkie talkie strapped to the gate to call the Starcare team at pick up. For everyone else, drop off and pick up for the disco is the main entrance to the hall. (Remember to take coats home with you please!)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PTFA SOCIAL AT THE WYVERN

The PTFA have organised a pre-Christmas get together on 3rd December at 20:00. This is just for an informal drink - Everyone is welcome.

PARKING

We are having lots of complaints from residents on the estate about parking. Please can parents and carers use our 2 designated car parks, the Memorial Hall and the church on Bowenhurst Road. Thank you.

FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOLS - PARENT WEBINAR

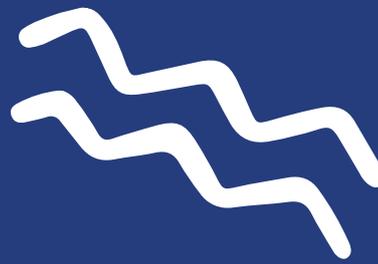
Papaya are holding a parent webinar on Wednesday 21st January 2026 7:30pm - 8:30pm. There is a flyer attached to the email which contains further info.

GROWING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

We are looking for a team of people to help the school with growing our own fruit and vegetables. A google form will be sent out for this in due course. If you are interested, please let us know via the form. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

It will be Tweseldown Christmas jumper day on Thursday 11th December! Please wear your festive jumpers on the day and bring a £1 donation towards Save the Children.



LEGO SQUAD

Lego squad have worked hard together to create this masterpiece - Bringing back the summer vibes!



SNOW FUN

Both children and teachers were very excited to see the snow falling last Wednesday! They had great fun playing out in it!



RECEPTION



We have had a fantastic week in Year R. We have been looking at the trip to Beaulieu and learning about the different cars and vehicles that are there. Some classes drew recounts of all of the amazing things they did on the trip such as going in Gumdrop the old car and going for a ride on the monorail. Hedgehog class enjoyed their time at Beaulieu and can't wait to complete their recounts too! In history, we looked at how buses have changed over time. We explored this by creating different buses in the classroom and role playing how they worked!

In phonics, we have continued looking at a new set of digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) and even learnt a new trigraph (3 letters that make one sound). We have been practising our blending skills by adding sound buttons to a variety of different words and have been using our robot arms to blend these sounds together.

In maths, we have been recapping subitising by looking at arrangements of dots and spotting how these can be made. For example 4 dots can be made up of 2 and 2.

We are still on the lookout for any blankets or pop up tents. If you have any that you are looking to re-home, please let us know.

We look forward to moving onto some Christmas celebrations as we move into December!!

YEAR 1



We have been working hard in Year One this week and it is starting to look a little bit festive. The children have been starting to do some festive singing and preparing for their Christmas performances. This week Badger class have enjoyed their trip to Beaulieu and Deer class are getting ready to go next week!

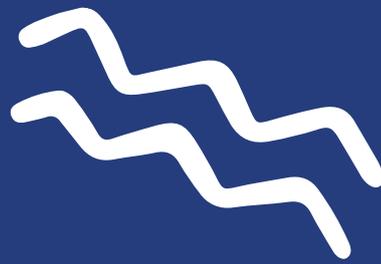
In our writing this week, some classes have been writing about Beaulieu, what they liked and recording what they saw. Other classes have been preparing for Beaulieu and reading the story Simon Sock. We will all get to enjoy this story before the end of term. If you have not yet sent a sock into school, please could you do this for Monday. It will be used for craft so an old sock (that odd one from the bottom of the drawer that needs loving) that can be drawn on or cut up would be brilliant.

In maths, we have been continuing with our addition and subtraction and developing our strategies to solve calculations quickly. We have recapped our number bonds to 10 and then used our knowledge of these to solve missing number problems. Can you practise your number bonds at home? If a grown up holds up some fingers, can you hold up the number of fingers that are needed to add together to make 10?

Please can you check your children's spelling book every Friday for the new spellings for that week. If you could please help children learn these so that they are ready for the test on the following Thursday we would appreciate that. Thank you.

A few more weeks to go until the end of term and closer to Christmas! 🎄

YEAR 2



What a lovely week we are having! The festive activities have started filtering through and we have started to practise for our Christmas performances.

In English lessons, we are working towards writing an alternative ending to the story 'My Friend the Weather Monster'. It will be set in snow and we have been working on using a range of conjunctions and punctuation, including apostrophes for contraction (e.g. wouldn't, it's).

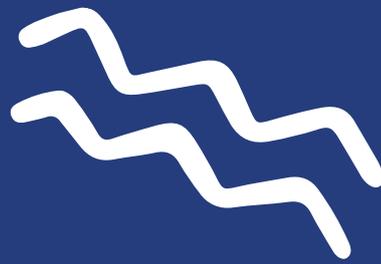
The children continue to monitor the weather in order to determine whether November is the wettest month of the year. They have learnt about settlements this week, and they have discussed ways in which settlements are made to protect against extreme weather. They made models of settlements using a variety of construction materials and tested them in simulated bad weather! How successful were their models?

They looked at the work of Pablo Picasso in his cubism era during computing lessons. They made their own versions using a drawing program; making shapes, using line and colour to create weather pictures.

In maths, we have begun to add and subtract two-digit and one-digit numbers by drawing our own unstructured number lines. We have enjoyed this challenge and we have worked hard to get the layout correct.

We will be creating a hat in our Design Technology lessons. This will involve hand sewing. Are you able to come in and support the children with this? We are looking for volunteers to help us with sewing on the afternoons of the 5th December and 12th December from 1.30pm. Please talk to one of the Year 2 teachers if you would like to come in and help.

ECO SCHOOLS



We hope your family are having a fantastic and impactful November, and that you've managed to tick off some of the challenges on your Cut Your Carbon checklist... we know it was particularly tough to lower the heating by a degree last week when the colder weather hit us!

Please return your checklist to your class teacher on Monday 1st December, so we can collate our whole school results and see approximately what carbon emissions we have saved collectively.

It is okay if you have only managed one or two of the challenges, as every little action has an impact and we want to celebrate your success.



Please ensure your checklist has your child/ren's name and class on, so we can reward you with a certificate!

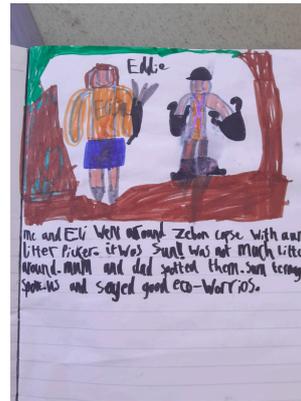


ECO SCHOOLS



Litter Picking Loan Equipment:

Within our litter picking loan equipment are books to record where and when you went litter picking and the opportunity for children to draw and write about the experience. Look at these amazing examples:



There are plenty of spaces for this half term:

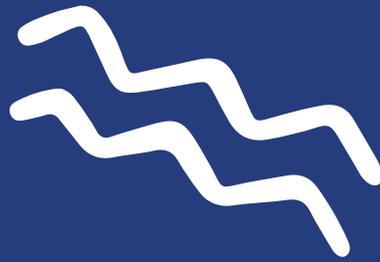
<https://volunteersignup.org/events/summary/636458>. The equipment can be collected from Miss Fewtrell (Owl class) on a Friday and returned to her on a Monday.

Developing a Composting area:

As part of our sustainability and Eco Schools actions, we are hoping to develop a composting area within our school grounds. We plan to use pallets to build this area.

If you are able to help with this project, by providing us with pallets or by helping us with the skills and labour to construct this area, please make contact with our site manager, Mr Wythe, on this email address: adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk Please do not deliver any pallets without speaking to Mr Wythe first.

BEYOND THE GATE



Volunteers:

There is still plenty of spaces for volunteers in our Year One sessions for the next two weeks. Without volunteers, sessions may need to be cancelled due to ratios. Please sign up in advance: volunteersignup.org/9MM99

Blog:

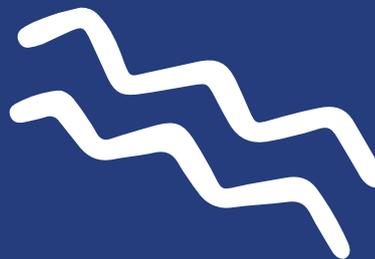
Have you looked at the Beyond the Gate blog on the website? It is a great way to stimulate a conversation with your child about what they enjoyed doing and what they learnt: <https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277>.

Donations:

For an activity, Mrs. Dear needs lots of open pine cones. If you are on a walk and find any please collect them, and put them in the Forest School donation box in the school entrance.

Other helpful donations currently:

- Craft pipe cleaners
- Kindling
- Cotton wool
- String or twine
- Bird seed (without peanuts in please)
- Fat balls



THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our uniform sale last Friday. The next sale will be on January 26th – see you then!

Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

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

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

4th December – Winter Disco

17th December – PTFA mufti day

Festive Fireworks – TOMORROW 28th November

TICKETS HAVE SOLD OUT! Thank you for purchasing your tickets and supporting your school. As mentioned on class WhatsApp groups, there will be no further tickets available on the gate as we have reached maximum capacity.

Timings for the event:

Gates open at 17:00

Stalls open from 17:00 to 19:00

Fireworks from 18:30 to 18:40

Raffle announcement at 18:45

Event finishes at 19:00



Winter Disco – Thursday 4th December

Our first disco of the year is getting ever closer. Just a reminder that if you have made the bundle payment of £12.50, you have already paid for all discos for the academic year. If you didn't make the bundle payment mentioned, and your child would like to attend the disco, please use the QR code on the poster in your child's classroom window and use your child's name as the reference.

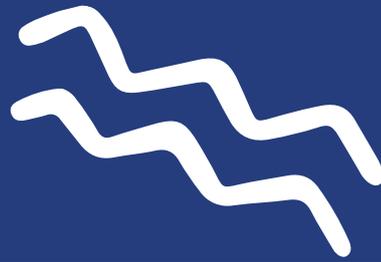
If you prefer to make a bank transfer, please use the details below and follow the referencing guidelines underneath. The price of the disco is **£2.50** per child. **Please make the payment by Thursday 27th November (TODAY).**

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)*****



To make this disco amazing for the children, we need some volunteers to help out on the day. We are currently still in need of a few more volunteers, especially for Years 1 & 2. Please click on the volunteer link and sign up if you can spare some time to help - <https://volunteersignup.org/JYXP3>

On the day of the disco, we kindly ask that parents/carers drop their child off at the front entrance where volunteers will be on hand to sign children in. Please take your child's coat home with you once they have been dropped off, as we don't have space for these in the hall. The children can get a bit sweaty from all the dancing and jumping, so please ensure your child comes with a named water bottle. Pick up will be through the Year R gate and to the left, just before the entrance to the Year R playground. The back doors to the hall will be opened when the children are ready to be collected.

PTFA Social at the Wyvern – Wednesday 3rd December

Please join us at the Wyvern pub for a pre-Christmas get together on 3rd December at 20:00. This is just for an informal drink and all are welcome. We'd love to see many of you there!

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/>



DISCO

£2.50

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

YEAR R - 15:00-15:45

YEAR 1 - 16:00-16:45

YEAR 2 - 17:00-17:45

PLEASE USE THE
CORRECT CLASS QR CODE
POSTER OR MAKE A BANK
TRANSFER

IMPORTANT: If you have made a £12.50 bundle payment for your child, you do not need to pay for this event.

Please contact ptfa@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk if you have not yet made a bundle payment but would now like to.



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.



FREE
ENTRY

JOIN US FOR

Christmas

IN
CHURCH CROOKHAM

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
12PM - 4PM

Festive Fun for all the family

❄️ FREE SANTA VISIT WITH GIFT ❄️

❄️ CHRISTMAS MARKET ❄️

❄️ FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS ❄️

❄️ FESTIVE FOOD & DRINKS ❄️

❄️ FREE FACE PAINTING ❄️

CHURCH CROOKHAM
COMMUNITY
CENTRE,
GU52 8AQ

This Christmas the school is taking part in a sponsored **Christmas Run**

to raise vital funds to support



Phyllis Tuckwell[®]
Hospice Care
...because every day is precious



As the Christmas season draws near, our school is embracing the spirit of giving and your child will be taking part in a sponsored run – a fun, festive event to support the incredible work of Phyllis Tuckwell.

Phyllis Tuckwell provides vital palliative and end of life care to patients, their families and carers across our community. This sponsored run is a moment where the children can come together, dressed in festive cheer, to make a real difference to those approaching the end of life.

Your child will be given either a set of reindeer antlers or an elf hat to wear on the day of their run, which they can then take home with them.

They have also been given a sponsorship envelope to take home to try and raise as much money as possible for Phyllis Tuckwell before their run. We know this time of year can be busy and budgets can be tight, but even the smallest donation can have a big impact. Your support helps fund nurses, counsellors, therapists and doctors who support families when they really need it.

Please use the sponsorship envelope that your child has been given to make a cash/cheque donation or you can visit phyllistuckwellhospicecare.enthuse.com/christmasruns or scan the QR code on the envelope to donate online.

The NHS/Government only cover about 25% of costs for Phyllis Tuckwell, which means they have to raise over £25,000 a day to be able to offer all of their services, free of charge, to patients, their families and carers. Your donations will mean that they can continue to be there when needed the most.

Clifton Ingram Solicitors (incorporating Bell's Solicitors) are the sponsor for the Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Runs this year. As a local law firm, Clifton Ingram is dedicated to supporting the local community. In addition to their sponsorship, they've also supplied fun colouring sheets for the children to take home, with the chance to enter a prize draw to win a Nintendo Switch! Return the colouring sheet along with the sponsorship envelope on the day of the run.

£10 could pay for two days' worth of aromatherapy oils, bringing comfort and relief to patients worn down by the effects of radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Thank you for your support!