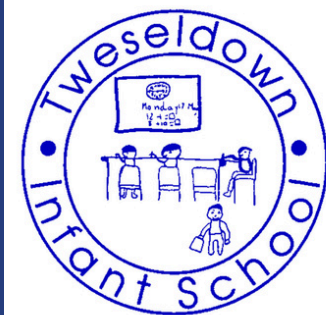
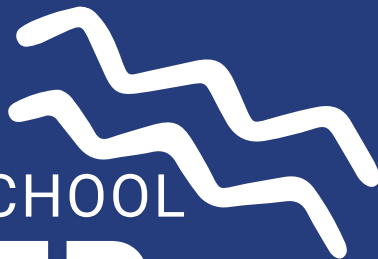


18/12/2025
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

18th December - Festive Coffee & Conversation with Mrs Tottem 2:30pm

19th December - Last Day of Term - 1:30pm finish - NO STARCARE AFTER SCHOOL

JANUARY

5th January - INSET day for pupils

6th January - Return to school

7th January - Pre-school opening at Tweseldown

9th January - Yr R & Yr 1 dress up - 'People who help me'
- Year 2 Board game afternoon 2:30pm

13th January - Parenting in the hall - Non-violent resistance (Scan QR code to join)

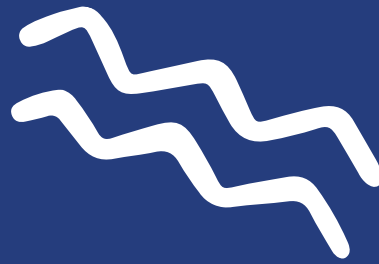
14th January - Kingfisher Assembly 9am & Caleb's coffee

15th January - Coffee Morning 9am-10am

16th January - Year 1 Board game afternoon 2:30pm

19th January - PTFA meeting on Zoom 8pm

DIARY DATES CONTINUED...



21st January - Woodpecker Assembly 9am & Caleb's coffee
- Runways End - Owl & Robin

22nd January - Runways End - Woodpecker & Kingfisher

23rd January - Year R Board game afternoon 2:30pm

26th January - Second-hand uniform sale 2:30pm

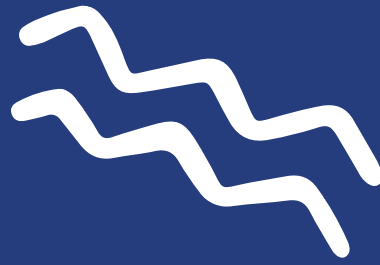
30th January - Coffee & Conversation 2:30pm

FEBRUARY

4th February - Robin class assembly 9am

6th February - PTFA Quiz Night at school

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES 2025/2026

22nd December - 2nd January - Christmas Break

30th March - 10th April - Easter Break

5th January - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

16th February - 20th February - Half Term

29th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

23rd February - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

22nd July - Last Day of School

STARCARE - 18TH DECEMBER

Tonight the Starcare team will be hosting a special pyjama & movie night. An email was sent out yesterday requesting children attending Starcare this afternoon to bring PJs to school - Thank you.

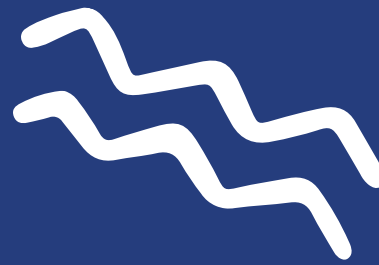
COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Mrs Tottem will be holding a coffee and conversation with a festive take this afternoon, Thursday 18th December at 2:30pm. Mulled wine & mince pies will be offered as a festive treat! The theme of this will be Christmas Celebrations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We will be breaking up for the Christmas Holidays tomorrow Friday 19th December at 1:30pm. Starcare will **not** be available that afternoon so please ensure you make other arrangements for your child should you be unable to pick them up at this earlier time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



MEMORY MAKERS

Throughout your child's time at Tweseldown, they can take part in our 'Tweseldown Memory Maker Awards'. Each year there are a number of activities for them to complete. The children keep these Memory Makers for the whole three years they are at our school. If your child loses this booklet throughout that time, please let us know.

ARBOR - LUNCHES AND STARCARE BOOKINGS

You will now be able to book lunches on Arbor for next year. The bookings are also open for Starcare.

COFFEE MORNING FOR NEW PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL

If you're new to the school and want to meet people, come along for our coffee morning on 15th January 9am-10am. We would love to see you there.

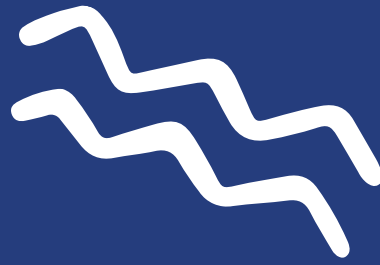
SANDY LANE ROAD CLOSURE

From **26th January 2026** SGN will be working between the junctions of Hampton Close and Aldershot Road. They will be closing the road between these junctions. Please consider the delay when making your journey to school.

ATTENDANCE

If your child comes into school after registration closes and this is not due to a medical appointment (proof is required) this will be noted as unauthorised which can eventually lead to a fine. If your child is too unwell to come into school in the morning, they must be kept off for the remainder of the day.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS TOTTEM



As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and working in partnership with us at Tweseldown.

It's hard to believe that a whole term has whizzed by already. Our Reception pupils have settled into school life exceptionally well. They have shown great enthusiasm for learning and have made a fantastic start to their educational journey.

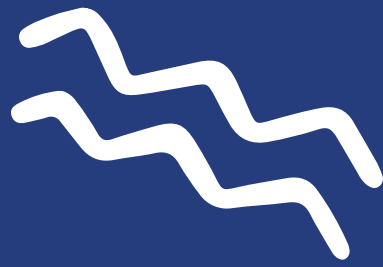
It has been a wonderful term for our year 1 and 2 pupils too, filled with enthusiasm, hard work and excellent learning. We are extremely proud of how well the children have applied themselves across all areas of the curriculum, and it has been a pleasure to see their confidence and achievements grow.

Our Christmas celebrations have been a particular highlight. The performances and Christmas craft activities truly captured the spirit of Christmas and showcased the talents, creativity and teamwork of each and every pupil.

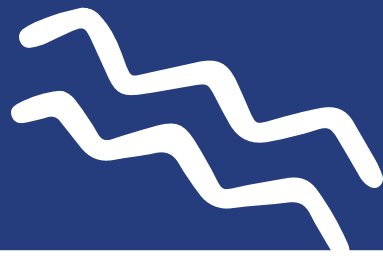
Thank you to all the staff, children and families who contributed to making these occasions so special.

As the term draws to a close, we would like to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th January, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead where we continue to 'grow and learn together.'

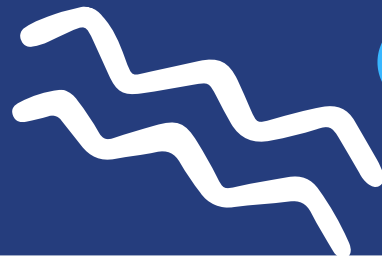
REINDEER RUN



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



RECEPTION



What a brilliant last week of term we have had in Year R! We have loved getting into the Christmas spirit with lots of fun, Christmassy activities! We have made some special things for our adults and enjoyed some Christmas craft.

In our English lessons we have looked at the book, 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson. We enjoyed discussing the story and thinking about the journey that the pine tree went on. We thought about describing our own Christmas trees and what we could see. We also looked at rhyming words within the story and we read through it. After the story was finished we also practised sequencing the story by putting the events in the correct order. In maths we have looked at subitising different numbers and matching this to objects.

We loved our Christmas lunch on Tuesday as we got to celebrate and pull Christmas crackers with our friends and adults. The Christmas parties on Wednesday were lots of fun too! We played lots of different games such as 'Santa freeze' and put the nose on the reindeers. We also did some Christmas colouring too. We even had a visit from a surprise guest!

In phonics, we have continued learning our phase three sounds and spotting different digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make one sound) in words. Please look out for a special Christmas activity book that your child can fill out over the holidays!

We are so proud of how well the whole of Year R have settled into their first full term of school! Their positivity, determination, resilience and friendship has been lovely for us to witness. Thank you so much for all of your support too! We really hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and enjoys the Christmas break.

Date to note:

On **Friday 9th January** we are going to have a dress up day to start our hook into our new topic: People who help us. Your child is welcome to come into school dressed as someone who helps our community for example a doctor or a vet. You do not need to buy expensive uniforms as we can make bits and bobs throughout the week!

YEAR 1

This last week of term in year one has been filled with festive fun and learning. The children loved sharing Christmas lunch in school and celebrating at their Christmas parties, made even more special by a visit from Santa.

The Reindeer Run was a highlight for everyone, with lots of laughter as Mrs Tottem dressed as a Christmas pudding and Mrs Barnes amazed us all in her wonderful Christmas tree outfit.

Alongside the celebrations, the children have enjoyed making festive crafts to bring home, continuing to practise their addition and subtraction skills, and developing their writing using The Christmas Pine as a stimulus.

We have also continued our RE lessons, exploring the theme of journeys and encouraging thoughtful discussion and reflection. Don't forget to see how many of the activities you can cross off on the last homework of 2025!

On the first Friday back we will be dressing up as people that help us in our local area, such a nurse or a fireman. You do not need to buy expensive uniforms as we can make bits and bobs throughout the week!

The year one team wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing all the children in the new year!

YEAR 2



How is this our last newsletter of 2025? This term has flown by. We are incredibly proud of all the children and how well they have settled into year 2 and their new roles as top of the school!

We have had such a busy week! We enjoyed the reindeer run, a visit from Santa, Christmas card making, a Rocksteady concert, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties! We have still managed to squeeze in lots of learning though!

In English this week we watched the John Lewis Advert about Edgar the dragon (your children were 1 when this came out!). We sequenced the story and retold it to each other before writing our own stories about our adventures with Edgar and our Christmas story. The children loved that the dragon couldn't stop burning everything when he was excited!

In Maths this week we have begun learning about pictograms. We used the data collected from our rain catchers to create our own pictograms about how much rainfall there was this term. We also looked at our favourite weather - year 2 liked sun and snow but not wind!

In DT this week we have designed and made our own hats. Focusing on our sewing skills using the overstitch.

As we come to the end of our "Wonderful Weather" topic it has been great to see the children's growing vocabulary about weather and their understanding of the extreme weathers that we are fortunate enough not to have in the UK! The children loved discussing tornadoes, hurricanes and tsunamis! Can they tell you anything about them?

Thank you for all of your support this term. The year 2 team hope you all have a wonderful, safe and merry Christmas. Enjoy the break with your loved ones.

Reminder to parents for next term

Beyond the Gate days:

Robin and Woodpeckers - Wednesday

Owl and Kingfishers - Friday

PE days:

Robin - Monday and Tuesday

Owls - Tuesday and Wednesday

Kingfishers - Tuesday and Wednesday

Woodpeckers - Tuesday and Friday

Reminder - Year 2 board games afternoon on Friday 9th January at 2.30pm.

End of year wrap up from your PTFA

Over the last 4 months, your PTFA has organised for you:

- 2 uniform sales
- 2 mufti days
- 3 Zoom planning meetings
- 1 Winter Warmer*
- 1 pub social
- An external tannoy speaker system*
- A portable sound system*
- School disco for all years
- Father Christmas gifts*
- A new bundle payment system
- 1 Festive Fireworks event

*All the asterisked items have been funded by your kind donations to the PTFA. In addition to that, PTFA funds are donated each term to support Beyond the Gate. Thank you for your generosity.

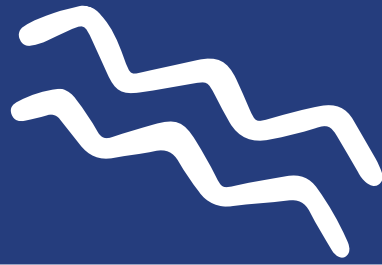
Behind the scenes:

- A brand-new PTFA team
- Amazing volunteers
- Brilliant support from school staff
- News cascading through our class reps

And the greatest part of all...New memories created and smiles on face!

Thank you for being part of it. We're really grateful for all your support. Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year!

Your PTFA



Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

Looking ahead, we've got some exciting things planned in the New Year. Below are a few important dates for the beginning of 2026.

Monday 19th January – PTFA Zoom meeting at 20:00

Monday 26th January – Second-hand uniform sale from 14:30-15:15

Friday 6th February – Quiz Night (further details TBC)

Friday 27th February – PTFA mufti day: £1

Second-hand Uniform Update

Please note that we are currently not accepting any second-hand uniform donations. We appreciate your generous donations, but we have run out of storage space! We will update you as soon as we are able to take donations again. Thank you for your understanding.

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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"Lisa is a lovely yoga teacher, she is friendly, approachable and always has a lovely sense of humour. If you want to fully relax and take your mind off all the stresses of everyday life you have to go to one of Lis' yoga classes! Would highly recommend!" Lucy

*valid on classes booked until February 28th 2026

Your Impact

Thank you for completing Cut Your Carbon! Below, you can see the amazing carbon savings that you and your community have created through the campaign.



Overall Combined Carbon Savings of 27 participants =

482.91 kgCO₂e

Read below to see how that figure breaks down...



27

people dropped the temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

22.4 kgCO₂e

25

people made 3 journeys active across the month, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

38.3 kgCO₂e



24

people dropped their heating by one degree for a week, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

167.3 kgCO₂e

22

people made 3 evening meals plant based across the month, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

247.7 kgCO₂e



25

people meal planned to reduce food waste for one week, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

7.3 kgCO₂e

22

people had a device-free-day, resulting in carbon savings of up to:

4.4 kgCO₂e

