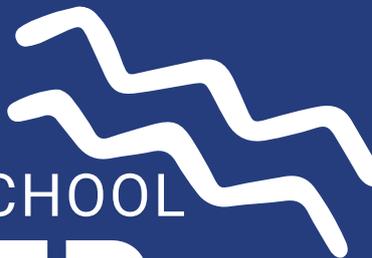


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

JANUARY

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

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

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

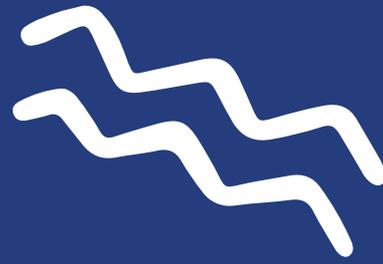
30th January - Coffee & Conversation 2:30pm

FEBRUARY

4th February - Robin class assembly 9am

6th February - PTFA Quiz Night at school

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES 2025/2026

16th February - 20th February - Half Term

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

23rd February - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

29th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

30th March - 10th April - Easter Break

22nd July - Last Day of School

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas break. It has been lovely to have the children back to school this week - They have filled the classrooms with energy, positivity and joy!

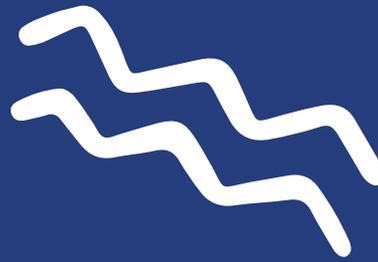
YEAR R AND YEAR 1 DRESS UP DAY

This Friday (9th January), in Year R and 1, we have our 'DRESS UP DAY' to launch our new topic of 'People who help us in our local area'. Your child can come to school dressed up or bring some accessories if they do not want a full costume as anyone who helps us here in Church Crookham/Fleet - it could be a vet, dentist, policeman, shopkeeper or builder.

NO NUTS

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are a **nut free school** - If your child comes into school with a snack or anything in their packed lunch containing nuts they will not be allowed to consume this on site. Please double check the ingredient list on the back of the food packaging.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



COFFEE MORNING FOR NEW PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL

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

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.

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.

VACANCIES

We currently have 3 vacancies in school. Please see these listed below and apply using the links provided;

- Lunchtime Supervisor - Tuesdays 11:45am - 13:15pm - for more information and to apply, please email: adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

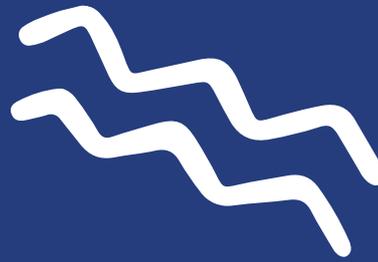
- Breakfast Club Manager - Monday - Friday 07:20am - 08:40am

<https://recruitmenthub.education-jobs.org.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=9117>

- After School Club Manager - Monday - Friday 14:55pm - 18:10pm

<https://recruitmenthub.education-jobs.org.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=9118>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PARENTING CLASS

Non-Violent Resistance (NVR):

Tuesdays, 13th January – 24th March 2026 (excluding 17th February)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

There will be a parenting class running every Tuesday from 13th January, this is to enable parents and carers to develop the core knowledge and skills necessary to use intervention for violence, aggression, controlling, destructive and harmful behaviour.

Please click the below link to book.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VuA3agksLS>

RUNWAY'S END

Year 2 have their Runway's End residential trip coming up on 21st and 22nd January. The children are all so very excited - we are really looking forward to the fun and activities they will get to experience.

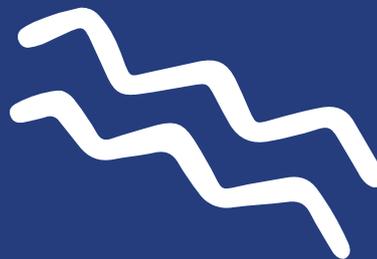
SANDY LANE CROSSING PATROL - 29TH JANUARY

Mrs Moss will be unable to patrol the crossing on Sandy Lane on the morning of 29th January. She will be back for afternoon duty - Thank you for understanding.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH MRS TOTTEM

There will be a Coffee and Conversation with Mrs Tottem on Friday 30th January at 14:30pm - Save the date. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks regarding the topic.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SMARTPHONE BAN

The Smartphone policy is now in force. Papaya are holding a parent talk on 21st January - More info is provided on the flyer attached to the bottom of this newsletter. Please see the link below if you would like to register.

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

BRILLIANT HUMANS PODCAST

Over Christmas, Logan Griffiths in Woodpecker class appeared on his Dad, Jon's, new podcast called "Brilliant Humans" to celebrate brilliant, everyday people that are in our lives.

Logan was his special Christmas guest and gave some beautiful, simple advice about what it means to be a brilliant human - we thought we would share it with you.

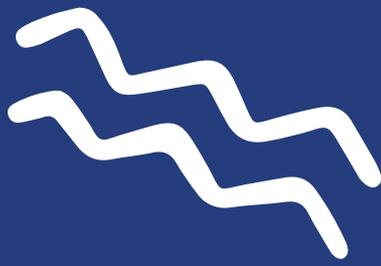
The link below will take you to the Brilliant Humans YouTube page and Logan's episode. <https://youtu.be/2l4nkUfwIIU?si=N3wMcyjAVfFDxPn8y>



WINTER WEATHER



PLAYGROUP GRAND OPENING



RECEPTION

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to hear all about your Christmases and all the fun you have had. We begun the week sharing all of our exciting experiences over the holidays, using full sentences to share our ideas.

This term our topic is People who help us. This week we have been learning about people who help us at school. We thought about what the different grown ups do at school. We talked about how the cooks prepare our food, teachers help us to learn and how Mr A keeps our school site safe. We are looking forward to dressing up as people who help us on Friday.

In maths this week we have been learning to count to and beyond 20 aloud. We practised counting in different voices to reach our stopping number. We then practised matching numerals to objects.

In music, we practised singing and tapping in time to the beat of a song. We also recognised emotions in music and our different feelings.

In phonics, we have been practising our phase 2 and 3 sounds. We have been using sound buttons to help us segment and blend the words.

YEAR 1

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone has had a restful break and are all ready to go for our new term!

Snow on Tuesday made for an exciting start to the day and we had great fun outside as the flakes fell! This led brilliantly into our science lesson where we were spotting the signs of winter and we thought about what has changed since autumn. We found snow, ice, a chilly wind, no flowers, no leaves on trees and not many birds or animals about. Can you spot any of these signs on your walk to and from school?

This week in maths, we have been counting in 10s. We have been making groups of 10 out of different resources and learning that we can count in groups of 10 and don't have to count each of the individual objects. We have been working out the multiple of 10 that is smaller and bigger than our starting number such as 10 bigger than 40 is 50. Can you count in tens as you walk up the stairs? Can you do this backwards as you come down?

This Friday, we have our 'DRESS UP DAY' to launch our new topic of 'People who help us in our local area'. Your child can come to school dressed up as anyone who helps us - it could be a vet, dentist, policeman, shopkeeper or builder. On this day we will be thinking about lots of jobs and roles and how they help in our community. We will be writing about our 'new roles' and writing job adverts. We are really looking forward to this fun and exciting day. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Next week, we will be doing some baking in school and we will finish our week with our Board Games Afternoon which you are invited to come in for on Friday afternoon. Bring a game to play with us in class.

YEAR 2

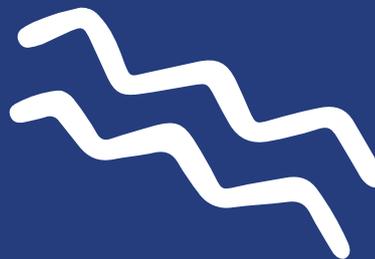
What a wonderful first week back we have had!

Not only have we been treated to beautiful frosty mornings and blue skies, but Year 2 also received a mystery message in a glass bottle! It has created lots of curiosity and excitement! We all couldn't wait to unveil the message and become detectives in figuring out who it was from. The children have been great at using their inference skills and gathering the clues. We all believe it is from a far away, shipwrecked pirate named Salty Shanks. In our mission to help Salty, the children will plan, write and send their own messages back to Coconut Island next week. Please allow your child to bring in a small, recycled plastic bottle to help them do so, by the end of Monday 12th January 2026.

Also the children have been enjoying getting back to Beyond The Gate and exploring the activities Mrs Dear has planned for them as well as playing with their friends in the sunshine (and ice even!) There have been plenty of old Christmas trees to play with too! Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for these sessions. We try to attend in all weathers. It's always helpful to include extra layers and an additional carrier for those, especially mucky clothes.

Lastly, we are all very much looking forward to the upcoming trip to Runway's End in a couple of weeks. Yesterday, the children should have brought home a letter regarding their bedrooms. Please return this form as soon as possible and no later than Monday 12th January 2026.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend when we get there!



Happy New Year from your PTFA

Wishing the school's amazing pupils, parents/carers, and teachers a year full of learning, laughter, health, happiness and success.

Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

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

PTFA Zoom meeting – Monday 19th January

Please join us for our first Zoom meeting of 2026! The meeting will be held on **Monday 19th January at 20:00**. Joining instructions will be circulated via the class WhatsApp groups closer to the time. We hope to see many of you there.

Second-hand Uniform sale – Monday 26th January

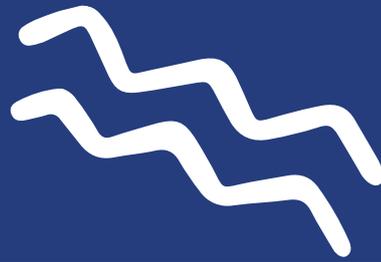
The next second-hand uniform sale will be on **Monday 26th January** from **14:30-15:15** in the usual place. To help it all run smoothly, we need some volunteers for setting up, selling and clearing away. If you can spare some time, we would really appreciate it.

All volunteers will have first choice of one free item of uniform.

Please follow the volunteer link to sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/3JF9L>

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

BEYOND THE GATE



Real Christmas Trees: If you had a real Christmas Tree, Mrs Dear would love them for use in Beyond the Gate sessions. Please bring your tree at pick up or drop off time and take it straight down to the Beyond the Gate site.

Clothing: The Year 2 classes have begun their half term of sessions this week. As per the emails, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. This includes: warm layers, a thick, warm jumper, waterproof fingered gloves, thick warm socks, scarf or snood and warm winter hat.

Please make sure your child knows what is in their bag (involve them in packing it) and that everything is named. It is sensible to have a practice of dressing appropriately at home so they know exactly what they need.

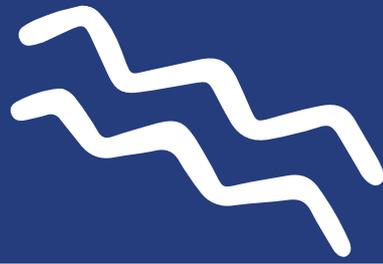
Volunteers: There are still spaces for volunteers to help in the sessions. Thanks to those who have already signed up. It doesn't have to just be your own child's class you help with! We welcome parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles etc!
If we do not have enough volunteers, sessions may need to be cancelled. Please follow this link to sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/9MM99>

Donations:

Mrs Dear would be grateful for any of the following donations. Please put them in the box in the front entrance:

- Cardboard tubes (the inside of foil/kitchen roll)
- Kindling
- Cotton Wool
- String or twine
- Craft pipe cleaners
- Bird seed (no peanuts) and fat balls

ECO SCHOOLS



Litter Picking Loan Equipment:

We have two sets of litter picking equipment available to borrow over the weekends. It is a great way to get outside and have a positive impact on the environment and local area.

Equipment can be collected from Ms Fewtrell (Owl class) on a Friday and returned to her on Monday.

Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/47KE9

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/>

PAPAYA

Let's talk about our kids and their tech

PARENT WEBINAR

FLEET PRIMARY SCHOOLS

REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE OR THE LINK [HERE](#)

WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2026

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Hannah
Verney
Lloyd

Hannah is a qualified teacher with over ten years of experience and, most recently, served as an Assistant Head Pastoral at a London prep school. She is passionate about mental health and wellbeing and cares deeply about empowering parents, children, and teenagers as they navigate managing their online lives to achieve the best possible mental health and happiness.

She joined PAPAYA through her voluntary work with Smartphone-Free Childhood, and after hearing a talk by Jonathan Haidt, she became more convinced than ever that the safest space for children is one where they are free to be themselves.

PAPAYA

Helping families to thrive in a digital age

Parenting in the **digital age** has never been more complex, with issues surrounding screen time, social media use, and gaming.

Many parents are concerned about their children's mental health, especially the impact of screens on it.

In this interactive talk, Hannah unpacks some of the **complex issues** surrounding smartphone use and, in a **non-judgmental** manner, aims to help you find solutions that work for your family.

Topics

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Strategies for delaying the smartphone
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
- Question and discussion time

"The talk is so relevant, full of insight and eye-opening. You will walk away inspired to connect, reflect, and find out more. I highly recommend it."

— Claire Curtis, parent and SFC volunteer.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PAPAYA VISIT:

papayatalks.com