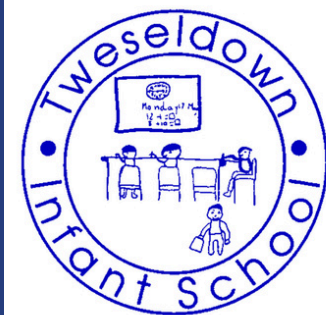
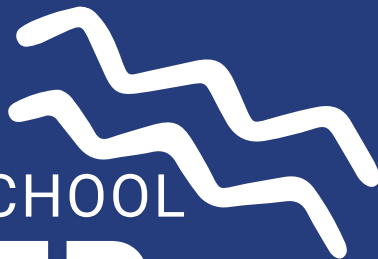


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

JANUARY

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

19th January - PTFA meeting on Zoom 8pm

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

22nd January - Runway's End - Woodpecker & Kingfisher

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

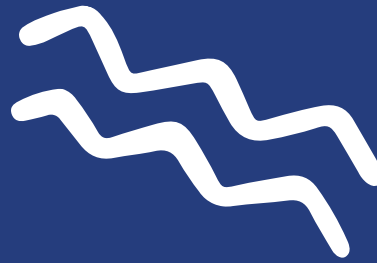
26th January - Second-hand uniform sale 2:30pm

30th January - Coffee & Conversation 2:30pm

FEBRUARY

4th February - Robin class assembly 9am

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

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

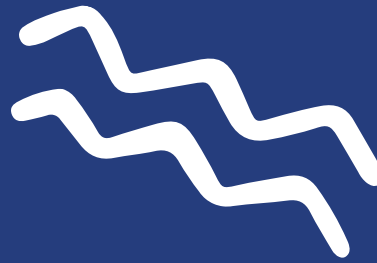
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YEAR 1 SQUIRREL PARENTS - ENTRANCE FOR BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

Can Parents and Carers of Year 1 Squirrel class please enter via the external door between Deer and Otter class. You will be dismissed at 2:50pm to be able to pick your children up on time so please be mindful of this when choosing a suitable board game.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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.

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.

SMARTPHONE BAN

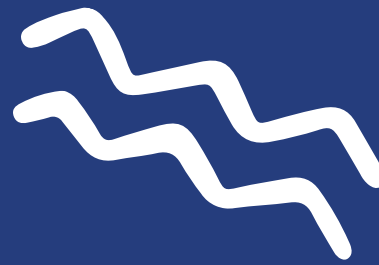
The Smartphone policy is now in force. Papaya are holding a parent talk on 21st January - More info is provided on the flyer attached to the bottom of this newsletter. Please see the link below if you would like to register.

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

YEAR R AND YEAR 1 - CARDBOARD TUBES NEEDED

Year R and Year 1 will need cardboard tubes for next week please - Pringles, kitchen roll tubes etc. would all be very welcome. Please hand these to the class teacher. Thank you!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH

Next week, for homework, every child will be asked to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Watch (23rd - 25th January). This is an annual event, where the RSPB gain valuable data about bird populations around the UK.

Your child will be coming home with a birdfeeder, which they are making in class next week, to entice the birds to your garden ready for the count!

In preparation, please sign up to the bird watch using this link: [Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

If you are able to donate any blocks of lard, to support us in making the birdfeeders, we would appreciate this.

Year 1 and Year R also require cardboard tubes.

Please give any donations to your class teacher.

SAND AND TOP SOIL

We would like to ask parents and carers if they have any spare sand and top soil available that they would be willing to donate to school. We would be very grateful - Thank you in advance.

PARENTING CLASS

Parenting Class Non-Violent Resistance (NVR):

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

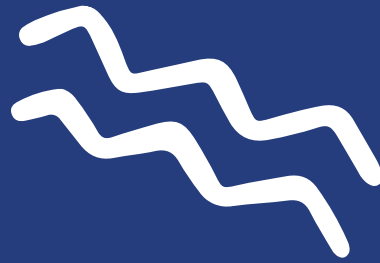
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PARENTS EVENING - SAVE THE DATE

Please note our parents evening dates will be 11th and 12th February. The parents evening slots will go live on 28th January at 8pm. We will send a reminder out for this nearer the time.

PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA meeting will be on 19th January at 8pm on Zoom. Please find more information in the PTFA section of this newsletter.

WOODPECKER ASSEMBLY

Woodpecker class have their assembly on Wednesday 21st January at 9am. Caleb's coffee will be in attendance at the front of the school if any parents/carers would like to purchase a lovely hot drink or tasty treat.

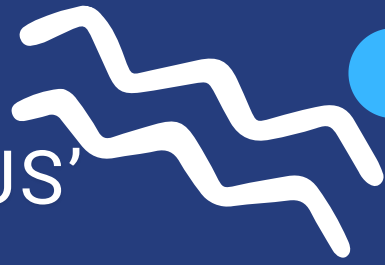
RUNWAY'S END

Year 2 are attending Runway's End next week. Owl and Robin class are going on Wednesday 21st January - Thursday 22nd. Kingfisher and Woodpecker class are attending from Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd. Have a great time Year 2 - We know you'll make some amazing memories!

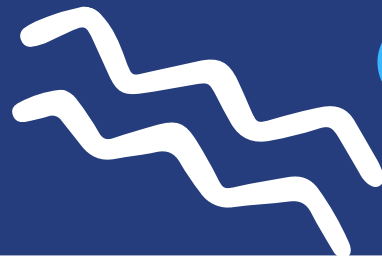
YEAR R BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

Year R will have their board game afternoon on Friday 23rd January at 2:30pm. Parents and carers of these children are invited to come along with a fun board game to play with your child.

YEAR R AND YEAR 1 'PEOPLE WHO HELP US'



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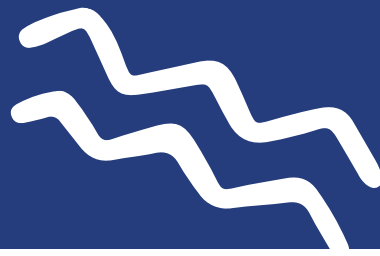


We've had an exciting week exploring our new topic 'People Who Help Us'. We have loved pretending to be bakers. We watched our Teachers model how to make delicious scones, then enjoyed a tasting session where we used fantastic describing words like soft, fluffy, scrumptious, and delightful. The best part was having a go at baking our own scones! We carefully followed the recipe and worked together brilliantly. We then loved tasting and evaluating our scones.

In maths, we are continuing to represent quantities in different ways, including showing amounts on one hand "all at once." We are working on recognising numerals and matching numerals to the correct quantities through fun games and activities.

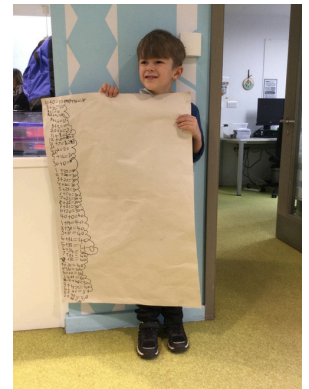
We've also loved our music lessons! We have been learning a new song and thinking about how music can show feelings and emotions. We have listened to the words of the song, joined in with actions, sung with a sense of pitch, tapped in time to the beat, and explored how to recognise feelings and emotions in music, describing them in words or movement.

YEAR 1



What a scrumptious week in Year One! We have loved delving into the world of scones!

We started the week by having a go at writing our instructions for how to make scones. In our English and DT, we learned about the techniques and vocabulary such as sift, rub and mix so we all knew what to do. We then tried some tasty scones prepared by the teachers and enjoyed cherry, lemon, cheese, plain and sultana. We were so proud that some children, who were unsure, were brave and had a try. They were very keen to know what each teacher had baked! We have finished the week by designing and baking our own scones which the children all thoroughly enjoyed. We have rubbed the butter in, stirred in the sugar, added our flavours, rolled out the mixture and used cutters to make our scones. Watch out Bake Off because Tweseldown are coming! We definitely have some amazing chefs in the making!



In maths, we have continued with our working in 10s. We have been counting forwards and backwards in 10 and even going beyond 100. We have looked at the size of the numbers and have been placing our multiples of 10 on a number line by working out which one comes before, and which one comes next. Can you count in 10s as you go up and down the stairs at home? Can you say which multiple of 10 comes next? Could you spot multiples of 10 door numbers on your walk to school?

We are looking forward to our board games afternoon this Friday and cannot wait for you to join us. Next week, as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, we will be making bird feeders in school. If you have any spare tubes such as kitchen roll tubes at home, we would be very grateful for the donations in class next week so that everyone can make a feeder. Please make sure you are helping your child to learn their spellings each week. New spellings are given out on a Friday and are tested the following Thursday. Please also try to read with your children as much as possible with 3 times a week being a great place to start!

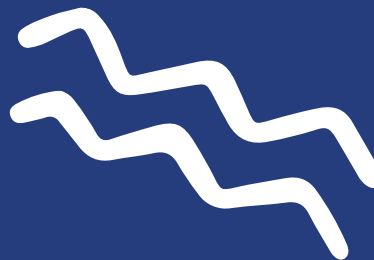
YEAR 2

This week, the Year 2 children have been continuing their learning about multiplication. They have been writing the repeated addition and multiplication number sentences for a range of pictures. They have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in order to find the total number of the objects in the pictures. They know that the objects must be in equal groups in order to write their multiplication number sentences to match.

We have been learning to use co-ordinates in Geography. The children enjoyed creating a pirate treasure map and they could identify where certain objects were on the map, using co-ordinates. They also built on their learning from last week and described the location of objects using the compass points too.

In English lessons, the children have planned and begun to write a letter in reply to the letter in a bottle that Mr Goulding found on a beach. This letter came from Salty Shanks from Coconut Island. The children have been using a range of sentence types to make their writing more interesting. The results are fantastic!

As the residential trip to Runway's End approaches, for those children attending, please help your child to practise packing their bags and squeezing their sleeping bag into its bag! We are very excited for next week and the new experiences that the children will have!



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.

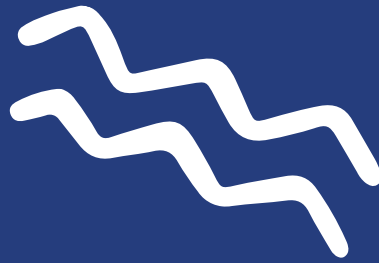
Second-hand Uniform sale – Monday 26th January

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 as a thank you.

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

BEYOND THE GATE/ ECO SCHOOLS



Remember to take a look at our Beyond the Gate blog, which is updated regularly with photos and information about the children's Beyond the Gate adventures. This is a great way to open up conversation about what you child did in school!

<https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277>.

Volunteers: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer this term. Sessions may have to be cancelled if we do not have enough volunteers. To sign up follow this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/9MM99>

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

Cardboard tubes (the inside of foil/kitchen roll)

Lard

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:

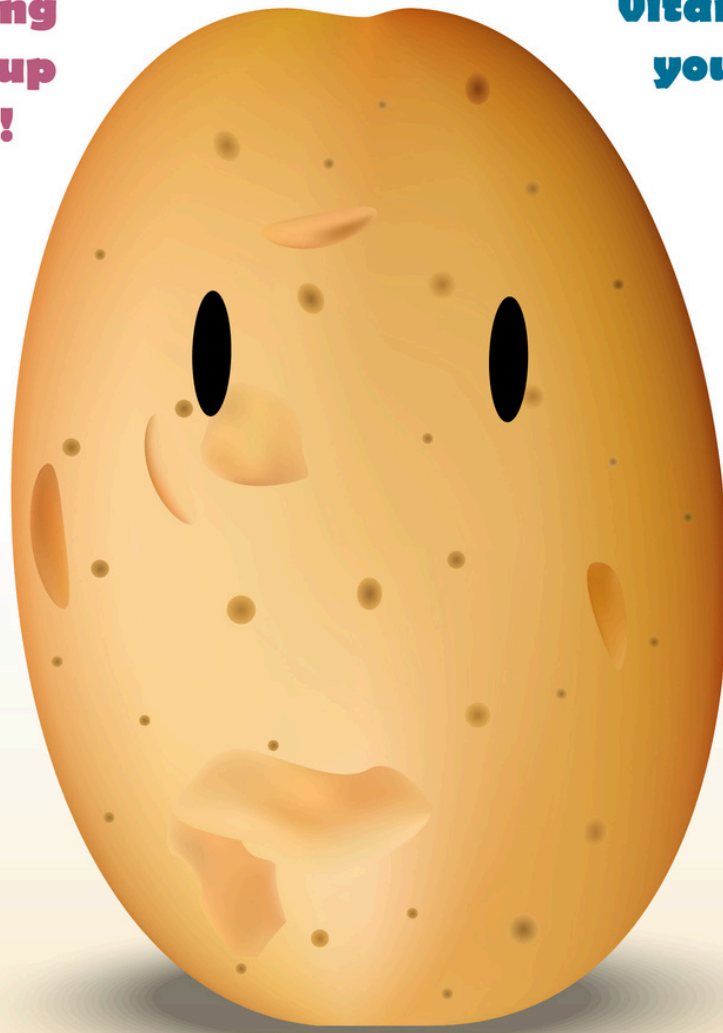
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POTATO

Fun Fact!
Potatoes grow underground like treasure waiting for you to dig up and uncover!

Potatoes are like magic vitamin capsules full of vitamin C to keep you strong and healthy!



Celebrate the season of potatoes with us!