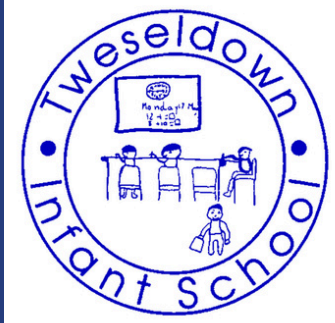
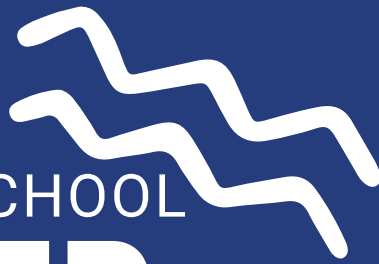


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL  
**NEWSLETTER**



### DIARY DATES

#### JANUARY

23<sup>rd</sup> January - Year R Board game afternoon 2:30pm

26<sup>th</sup> January - Second-hand uniform sale 2:45pm

30<sup>th</sup> January - Coffee & Conversation 2:30pm

#### FEBRUARY

4th February - Robin class assembly 9am

5<sup>th</sup> February - Year R Chinese dance workshop

11<sup>th</sup> February - Owl class assembly 9am  
- Parents Evening

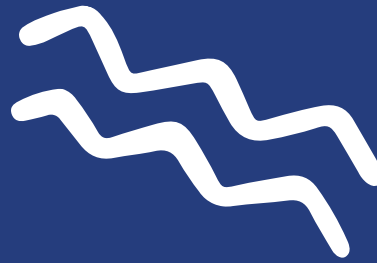
12<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

13<sup>th</sup> February - Celebrating 'Founders Day'

24<sup>th</sup> February - Year R school trip to Wisley

26<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 school trip to Wisley

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## TERM DATES 2025/2026

16<sup>th</sup> February - 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

23<sup>rd</sup> February - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

29<sup>th</sup> June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Break

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last Day of School

## VACANCIES

We currently have 4 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](mailto:adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

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

[Hampshire County Council Jobs - Breakfast Club Manager](#)

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

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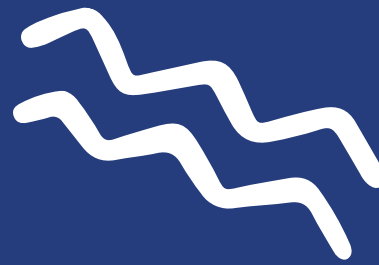
- After-School Club Assistant - Wednesday & Friday 14:55pm - 18:10pm

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## YEAR R BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

Year R have their board game afternoon tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## 360 FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMPS

We are excited to announce that 360 sports education will be holding their fun and energetic multi-activity and football camps at our school during February half term. Please see the flyers attached below for further information on how to book.

## THANK YOU FROM PHYLLIS TUCKWELL

Phyllis Tuckwell have been in contact to say a huge thank you to our school for taking part in their 2025 Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Run. We are delighted to tell you that the school raised a fantastic £2,745 in sponsorship! That's more than last year which is amazing! Well done Tweseldown families!



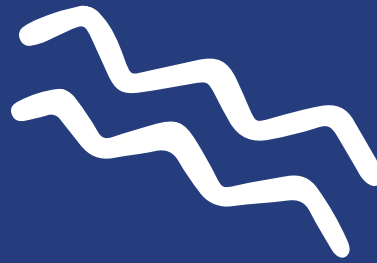
## RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH

This 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 have been making in class this 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](#)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH MRS TOTTEM**

There will be a Coffee and Conversation with Mrs Tottem on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 14:30pm. The topic is 'residential'. She would love to see you there!

## **ROBIN ASSEMBLY**

Robin class have their assembly on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am. Caleb's coffee will be in attendance at the front of the school for any parents/carers that fancy a sweet treat before or after.

## **CELEBRATING FOUNDERS DAY**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will celebrate 'Founders Day'. Founders Day marks the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouts - we will be taking part in some fun activities. If your child has a Beavers/Cubs/Brownies uniform, you can wear it to school on this day.

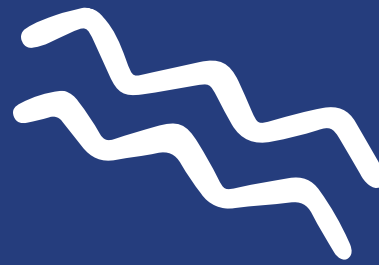
## **PARENTS EVENING - SAVE THE DATE**

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

## **REMINDER - DAILY KIT**

Please can you ensure your child brings all their necessary kit into school with them each day. They need their bag, water bottle, coat and any further kit for activities, ie. Beyond the Gate clothes, waterproofs, wellies and anything needed for after school club if required. Thank you.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **YEAR 2 - PLEA TO PARENTS/CARERS**

Year 2 teachers would like to make a plea to parents and carers for anything reusable/recyclable to support the creation of the children's bug hotels. They have been working hard on their plans for this and now require materials for building. We would really appreciate if you could provide any of the following; Bark, pebbles, flower pots, empty 1L plastic bottles, bamboo, gravel etc. Could these please be provided by the end of next week - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you for your help.

## **TOYS AND KEYRINGS**

Can we please ask that children refrain from bringing to school any Labubu toys or similar, this includes keyrings as we are very tight for space and some of these are quite large - they cannot always fit their book bags in their drawer. Thank you.

## **PE KITS**

Some children have not yet returned their PE kits to school after the christmas break. Can you please ensure your child has their PE kit in school - Thank you.

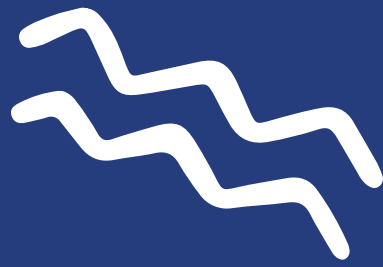
## **YEAR R CHINESE DANCE WORKSHOP**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February year R will be taking part in a Chinese dance workshop. This will be an exciting morning which will involve the children learning a traditional dragon dance. Please can the children wear their normal school uniform on this day.

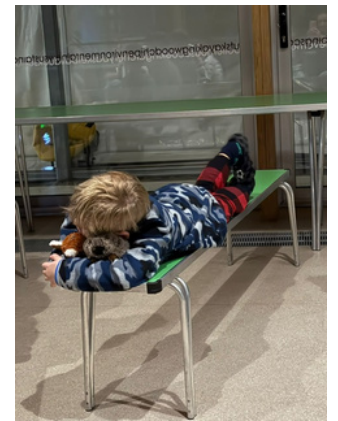
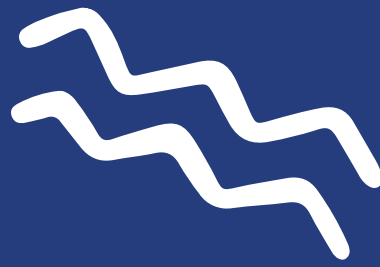
## **CAR PARKING**

Please can we remind parents and carers to use our designated car parks - The memorial Hall and the church on Bowenhurst Road. Please refrain from parking in resident bays and Sainsbury's car park. Sainsbury's are looking to implement cameras and fines in the future.

# YEAR 2 RUNWAY'S END



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# RECEPTION

We have had a brilliant week in Year R this week as we have continued our learning on 'People who help us.' We have been learning about different job roles such as firefighters, carers and hospital staff. We have looked at the book, 'Real life Superheroes' by Julia Seal to explore the qualities that different people show. This has helped our drawing club sessions as we have been writing all about vets and how they save animals. We have been using our sounds to write simple phrases for example 'black cat' and 'kind vet'. Perhaps the children can show you their amazing writing at home? We have continued our handwriting sessions as we have worked hard to form the letters correctly following our letter rhymes.

In phonics, we have been practising our blending skills by reading a variety of words. We have played lots of games to practise reading too. We are trying really hard with our tricky words, so we'd love the children to keep practising the tricky words that the teachers have sent home. These are words that cannot be sounded out as a part of the word is 'tricky.' For example in the word 'to,' the 'o' has turned into the 'oo' sound so the children learn to read these by sight.

In maths, we have been looking at different numbers and spotting the order in which they go. We have been creating number blocks and placing them in a staircase pattern to spot that the numbers increase by one each time. We have used this to then use the language of 'bigger' and 'smaller' to describe the numbers.

We've continued our music lessons by looking at different emotions and practised singing in different voices.

We can't wait to welcome you into our classrooms on Friday afternoon at 2:30 to play some board games!

# YEAR 1

We have had a lovely week in Year 1! We have been reading the story Martha Maps it Out. We learned about all of the different maps that Martha has created. She made a map of herself, her bedroom, her street, her town, and even the universe. The children have created some of their own maps in the style of Martha and have been adding labels to show what they know. We have also been writing sentences to describe our maps and trying hard to use our sounds to write unknown words.

In Maths, we have continued our learning about 2 digit numbers and multiples of ten. We have been representing different numbers using dienes blocks by identifying how many tens and how many ones in a number. We have been drawing these and have started to compare which are larger. We have then been using these to help us place the numbers on the number line. Can you talk about 2 digit numbers at home? In 62 how many tens are in that number and how many ones? You could spot door numbers and talk about those!

In Geography, we have continued our map learning by looking at maps of the world and the UK. We have learned about the continents and their names and have a fun song to help us remember. Can your child sing it to you at home? We then looked at the UK map and located London and Church Crookham. We talked about this being in the south of England.

In Science, we have continued our thinking about winter by singing songs to describe the season and thinking about what might be appropriate clothing to wear. We made sure to develop our vocabulary as we wanted to make sure it was a wooly hat and not a sun hat!

We have also enjoyed making bird feeders in class. We would love for you to share some photos of these being placed outside at home and maybe even with a bird using them. Our home work this week is the RSPB Bird Watch and spending some time spotting the birds in the local area. Let us know what you find!

# YEAR 2



What another full on week it has been in Year 2, filled with hands-on learning, outdoor adventures, and plenty of opportunities for creativity!

This week year 2 were excited to welcome Miss Randall, a student teacher from Reading University. She will be joining Kingfishers but working closely with the children across year 2 for the next 8 weeks. Please join us in welcoming her if you see her around school.

The children have loved continuing the pirate themed writing topic. This week they have written letters to the infamous Salty Shanks. To make the experience even more magical, they created their own tea-stained paper, giving their letters an aged, treasure-map feel. The enthusiasm and imagination they brought to their writing has been a joy to see.

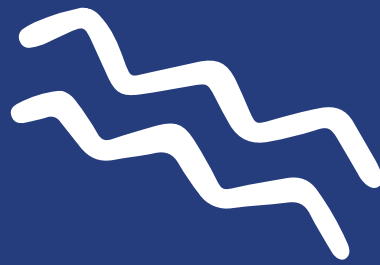
In maths, we have been working hard on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. The children have been using a range of strategies – from number lines to partitioning with dienes!

As part of our sustainability project, the children have been busy making their own bird feeders. This hands-on activity helped them understand how we can support wildlife during the colder months. We also explored the RSPB Garden Birdwatch, learning why it's important, how it helps protect bird populations, and how families can take part at home if they wish.

We have begun our new art topic by studying the work of Wyland, an artist known for his stunning underwater animal paintings and captivating sculptures. The children have been fascinated by his use of colour, movement, and scale, and they are excited to start creating their own ocean-inspired artwork in the coming weeks.

A huge well done to all the children who attended the Runways End Residential – what an adventure it was. They showed incredible resilience, teamwork, and enthusiasm as they took part in archery, caving, low ropes, rock climbing, and orienteering. Evenings were filled with delicious hot meals, cosy films, games during chill time, and of course, a campfire complete with marshmallows. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school and supported one another throughout the trip.

Thank you to all Year 2 parents and carers for your support with this residential - They all had a lovely time and have made some very special memories.



## Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Second-hand uniform sale from 14:45-15:15

**New date TBC** – Quiz Night

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – PTFA mufti day: £1

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – PTFA Zoom meeting at 20:00

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Second-hand uniform sale from 14:30-15:15

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Spring Fair

## Second-hand Uniform sale – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January

The next second-hand uniform sale will be on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** from **14:45-15:15** in the usual place. Items will be priced at £2 each, except for t-shirts, which are £1 each. We are still short of a few volunteers to help tidy up after the sale. If you are able to help, 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>

Please also note, that we are currently unable to accept uniform donations due to limited storage space. We will, of course, let you know as soon as we are able to accept donations again. Thank you for your continued support.

## Quiz Night – Postponed

We've made the decision to postpone the Quiz Night. The event will still go ahead and we will update you with new information soon. Watch this space!

## Spring Fair – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Our annual Spring Fair will be held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> March. We are very excited about this event and are in the midst of planning lots of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. We will be releasing further information soon, including a volunteer link. Please keep an eye out for this!

# 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/>



# February Half Term Multi-Activity Camp

New Venue: Tweseldown Infant School, Fleet

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Tue 17 Feb (pm)



**Taekwon-Do**

Wed 18 Feb (pm)



**Dance**

Thu 19 Feb (pm)



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Fri 20 Feb (pm)

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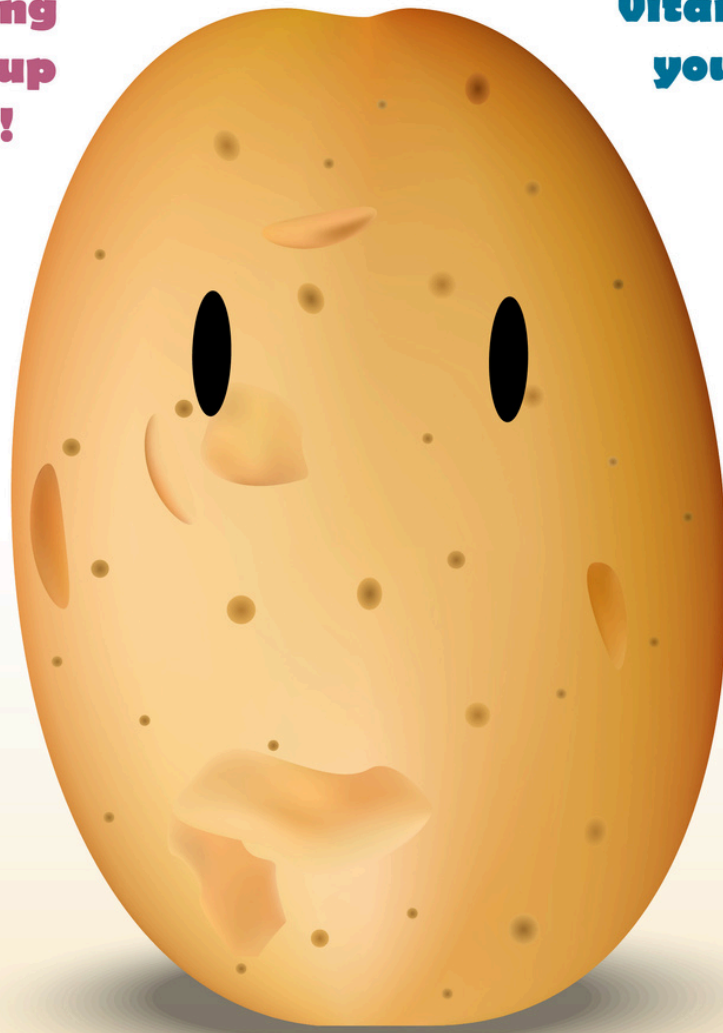
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# POTATO

**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!**