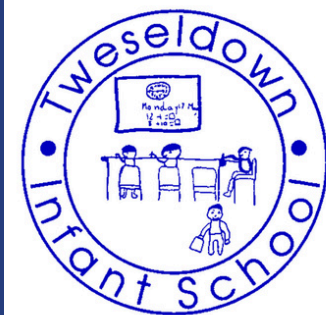
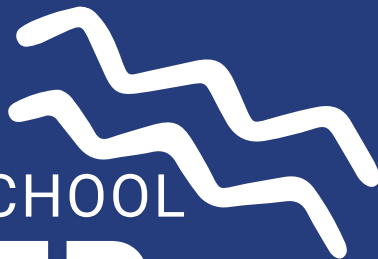


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NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

27th February - PTFA mufti day

MARCH

2nd March - Special Person Day

3rd March - Otter class assembly 9am

5th March - World Book Day

10th March - Deer class assembly 9am

13th March - Second-hand uniform sale

18th March - Badger assembly 9am
- Year 2 trip to Kensington Palace

19th March - Year 2 trip to Kensington Palace

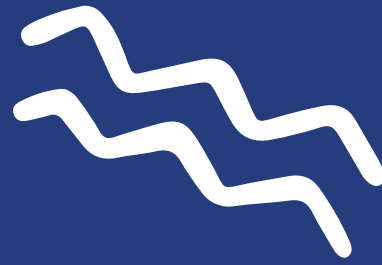
21st March - Spring Fair

24th March - Year 1 Parent Phonics talk 6pm

25th March - Rocksteady concerts
- Bunny Bounce

27th March - Last day of term 1:30pm finish

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES

30th March - 10th April - Easter Break

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

29th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

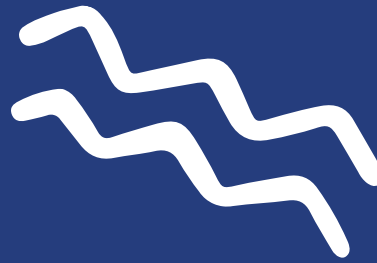
22nd July - Last Day of School

MUFTI DAY

There will be a PTFA mufti day tomorrow, Friday 27th February. Please send your child to school in mufti along with £1 - Thank you.

Congratulations to Birch house who have reached 1000 house points! You can come to school in mufti on Monday 2nd March.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SPECIAL PERSON DAY

The PTFA have organised a 'Special Person Day' on Monday 2nd March. The children will need to bring in an envelope with a maximum of 3 names of their special people to buy gifts for. Please bring in money to purchase the gifts, they will range from 50p, £1 and £2.

PTFA ZOOM MEETING

On Monday 2nd March, the PTFA are having a Zoom meeting at 8pm. Details on how to join will be sent out via class WhatsApp groups on the day.

OTTER CLASS ASSEMBLY

Otter class have their assembly at 9am on **Tuesday 3rd March**. Caleb's Coffee will be on the school premises that morning for any parents and carers who wish to purchase something nice for themselves.

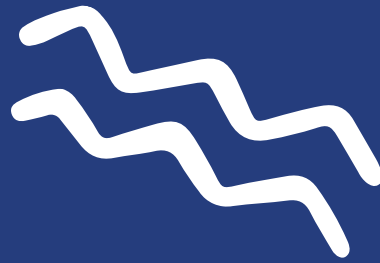
GYM FESTIVAL

Parents and Carers of children chosen for the Gym Festival on Wednesday 4th March at St Nicholas' School are welcome to attend.

WORLD BOOK DAY

It is World Book Day on Thursday 5th March - Please can children bring in an object from their favourite book on this day. Children are not required to dress up and are expected to come to school in their uniform. **There will also be a special lunch for this day! Please see the menu for this attached below and remember to book your choice via Arbor.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



DEER CLASS ASSEMBLY

Deer class have their assembly at 9am on **Tuesday 10th March**. Caleb's coffee will also be on site during this time.

PTFA SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

There will be a second-hand uniform sale on Friday 13th March, 14:45 - 15:15 outside the front entrance of school.

BADGER CLASS ASSEMBLY

Badger class have their assembly on Wednesday 18th March at 9am. Caleb's coffee will also be in attendance.

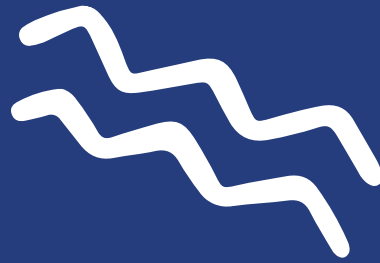
YEAR 2 TRIP - KENSINGTON PALACE

Year 2 have a school trip to Kensington Palace on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March. Please ensure you book your child's place and pay for this via Arbor.

POETRY COMPETITION

The parents/carers of children involved in the poetry competition at Elvetham Heath Primary School on Friday 20th March are welcome to attend.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Tottem will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 20th March at 9am. All are welcome!

SQUIRREL PARENTS

Mrs Tottem will be meeting with Squirrel parents at 2:30pm on Friday 20th March.

SPRING FAIR

Our Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 21st March. Further details can be found in the PTFA section of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!

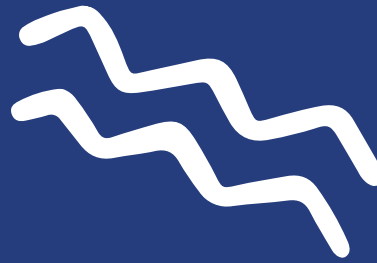
PTFA QUIZ NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

The PTFA has rearranged their quiz night for 8th May - Please save the date! Further information will be given on this nearer the time.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

Please can we remind parents and carers that if your child experiences sickness or diarrhoea they will be required to stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout. This is to stop the spread of infection. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PARENT / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

If any parents would like to have a conversation with their child's teacher, please be aware that this cannot be done during the school day. Please ensure you contact the office to arrange a suitable time to meet with the teacher as this will need to be done outside of school time. Thank you.

EMAILS

Emails sent to the office which require a response, will be dealt with in 2 working days. Thank you for your patience whilst awaiting a reply. Please note that an INSET day is a staff training day and office/teaching staff are not available on these days.

LATE FEES

If you are late collecting your child from school or Starcare, late fees will be applicable. Charges of £1 per minute will be applied from 3:15pm on a normal school day. The same charge will apply from 6pm for Starcare.

READING VOLUNTEERS

We would really like to improve the reading skills of the children. In order to do this we require helpers to read with the children in school. We understand some parents are unavailable in the school day and so would welcome grandparents and other carers too. We would really appreciate any help with this - it would make a huge difference.

SMOKING / VAPING

We would like to remind all parents and carers that smoking and vaping on school grounds is not permitted. Please also refrain from doing this near to the school entrance.

RECEPTION

What an exciting start to the new half term! We had a wonderful, sunny day at RHS Wisley on Tuesday. We got to explore the beautiful grounds and glasshouse. We enjoyed our guided activity learning about how plants grow and we even got to plant our own which we are going to look after at school! We worked really hard on writing about our trip using the time words first, next and then. We also used our senses to describe what we could see, hear, smell and feel on the trip. The children represented the school so well on the school trip and all the adults are incredibly proud of the children!

In maths this week we have been singing 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive. We have been looking at the different ways we can make the number 7 on our fingers and looked at what this looks like in a number sentence for example 7 is made of 5 and 2.

We loved celebrating pancake day on Wednesday! The pancake races were lots of fun and it was great hearing all our friends cheer us on. We then had our very own pancake market stall set up where we were able to make our own pancakes. We cracked the eggs, poured the milk, sprinkled the flour and gave it a good mix. It was so hard to choose which tasty toppings to pick!

Planting and Growing:

This half term we are learning all about plants, and we plan to do some planting and growing in the Year R area.

To support this, we are looking for the following:

- Cardboard toilet roll tubes (please zap in the microwave for 1 min before bringing in)
- Peat free compost
- A team of adult gardeners to support maintaining the planting and growing (e.g. sowing/watering/weeding)
- Donations of assorted spring primulas (see photo)

If you are able to provide any of these, we would be incredibly grateful! Thank you!



YEAR 1

What a lovely sunny week back at school to help us spot the signs of Spring in our new topic. We hope you all had a lovely break even if it was a little rainy! This week we have written about our half term news, and it was great to hear about all of their adventures. We worked hard to remember our finger spaces, full stops, capital letters and using our sounds to spell unknown words.

This week we have also enjoyed our fantastic trip to Wisley Gardens. The children were all excited on the coach and enjoyed spotting different vehicles on the way. Once we had arrived, they enjoyed exploring the beautiful gardens and finding lots of daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops as some of the signs of Spring. In the hot house, they couldn't believe the size of some of the leaves as some were taller than them! Lots of children enjoyed watching the lovely waterfall. The children got to learn about how plants grow and got to have a go at doing some of their own planting. Lots of fun was had by all. Back in school we will be writing about our great trip!

Thank you to all the parent helpers for coming along. Without you, trips wouldn't be possible and we are very grateful for your time and support.

In maths, we have been learning about doubling and halving numbers. The children have been completing this practically using numicon and counters and writing the matching number sentences or part, part, whole models. Can you practise at home? If we have 4 shoes how many would we have if we double them? Or if we have 6 flowers and halve them how many do we each get?

The children have also enjoyed going back to our 'Beyond the Gate' sessions where we have also been looking for signs of Spring. Please make sure your child has their Beyond the Gate kit in school each week for their specific session. If you are able to volunteer to help at any of the sessions please speak to your child's class teacher or the office for details of how to sign up. If you want to volunteer but can't make these specific sessions you could come in and help in the classroom. Please speak to your child's class teacher if this is something you would like to do.

Please could we ask that PE kits are in school from Monday to Friday each week. It has been lovely to see signs of Spring even in the sunny weather, but sometimes there is a need to change the PE session due to the weather or an event in school therefore it is important kits are in school during the week.

YEAR 2

Welcome back! What a wonderfully sunny few days we have had!

Back in the Autumn, the children planted daffodil bulbs with Mrs Dear. It is fantastic to see them growing so successfully and decorating the front of our school so beautifully. We hope you admire them too as you pass by!

The children have begun their learning all about the most recent British queens.

They have discussed what they already know and what they would still like to find out throughout this topic. They have written questions such as;

How long were they queen for?

Where do they live?

Did they like being queen?

Which queen came first?

Are they related to the king?

We are looking forward to future History lessons where the children will use their skills to become like historians, using the sources to find out about the past.

Next week, we will be thinking about writing questions for any relatives or friends who might have lived through our late queen's reign. Do you have anyone in your family who would be happy to answer some questions? Please let your child's class teacher know.

Whilst considering the queens, the children have been thinking about afternoon tea!

As part of their DT, the children have been practicing their cooking skills and have made some scones to enjoy at our own tea party on Friday afternoon. We can't wait to sample them.

In English, they are busy writing their recipes for said scones. We're sure they would love to share these with you at home.

In the coming weeks, the children will be thinking about a range of scientists (please see this week's homework). To help them in their experiments, it would be super helpful to have access to a torch (many children had these for our Runway's End trip.) If you are able to send your child to school on Monday 2nd March, we would be very grateful.

Further to this, the children will be learning how to make a jewelry box. In next week's DT lessons, they will be looking at how hinges work to help them in this project. If you have any small boxes or hinges the children are allowed to bring in for us to use in their research we would love to see them too, from Monday 2nd March.

Thank you for your support,

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 2 CONTINUED

Minibeast Habitats - Before half term, the year 2 children began creating some minibeast habitats. To finish these off we are in the need of:

- 4 wire hanging baskets (the same size) as in picture
- 4 hanging basket brackets
- Someone who has the carpentry skills, resources and time to make us some wooden frames to put our habitat pots in (see photo below)

If you can help with any of this, please speak to your class teacher or Mrs. Dear.



BEYOND THE GATE

Year 1 sessions and volunteers

Year 1 recommence their sessions this week. Please read the letter which has been emailed to you. We require volunteers to support our sessions. To help Mrs. Dear plan for sessions, it is important that she knows how many volunteers she has well in advance. Thank you. <https://volunteersignup.org/9MM99>

Blog

To see what your children get up to in their Beyond the Gate sessions, please take a look at the blog on our website. This is great to start a conversation with your child about what they did! <https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+Blog&pid=277>.

There is also a floor book, with even more photos, at the reception desk in the school office.

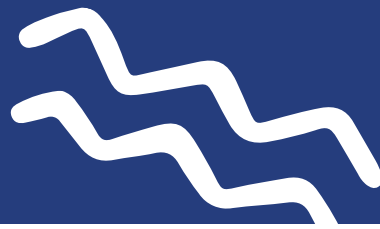
Donations

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

- Cardboard toilet roll tubes (please zap them in the microwave for 1 min before bringing in)
- Peat free Compost
- Kindling
- Cotton Wool
- String or twine
- Craft pipe cleaners
- Bird seed (no peanuts) and fat balls
- Assorted spring Primulas



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Planting and Growing

All the year groups are making plans to get planting and growing this spring to support their National Curriculum Science learning and towards our whole school sustainability and biodiversity actions.

In order to help this, we are currently looking for help with the following:

- A) donations of peat free compost
- B) team of adult gardeners to help with maintaining and looking after the plants (e.g. sowing/ watering/weeding)
- C) cardboard toilet roll tubes (year R) - please zap in the microwave for 1 min before donating
- D) assorted spring primulas (see photo) - garden centres are currently selling these.



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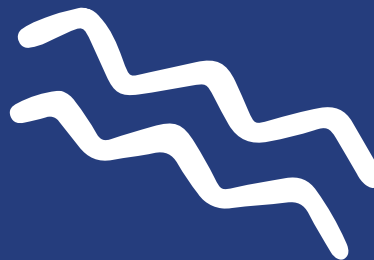


Litter Picking Loan Equipment

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.

Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/47KE9

You can then collect the equipment from Ms. Fewtrell (Owl class) on a Friday and return it to her on Monday.



Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

Friday 27th February – PTFA mufti day: £1 cash or bank transfer

Monday 2nd March – PTFA Zoom meeting at 20:00

Friday 13th March – Second-hand uniform sale from 14:45-15:15

Saturday 21st March – Spring Fair from 11:00-14:00

New PTFA Secretary.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Therese Abraham for her dedication and hard work as PTFA Secretary over the past six months. She has been incredibly organised, efficient, and a real asset to the team.

As Therese steps down from the role, we're delighted to welcome Becca Broadhurst as our new PTFA Secretary. Becca has a son in Year R and a daughter who previously attended Tweseldown before moving on to junior school. We're looking forward to working together.

PTFA Mufti Day – Friday 27th February.

On **Friday 27th February**, the children can come to school wearing their own clothes. If you have not made a bundle payment at the beginning of the year, please send your child in with £1 in cash. Alternatively, you can use the details below to make a bank transfer:

Name: **Tweseldown Infant School PTFA**

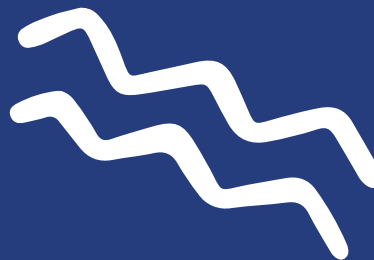
Account number: **27335060**

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)*****

PTFA Zoom Meeting – Monday 2nd March

Join us for our next Zoom meeting on Monday 2nd March at 20:00. Everyone is welcome! Joining information for this meeting will be sent out via class WhatsApp groups on the day.



Second-hand Uniform Sale – Friday 13th March

The next second-hand uniform sale will be on **Friday 13th March** from **14:45-15:15** 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: volunteersignup.org/BAWMR

Spring Fair – Saturday 21st March

Our annual Spring Fair will be held at school on **Saturday 21st March** from **11:00-14:00**. This event raises vital funds for the school.

Come along to win prizes, have a go at the tombola or even have a bounce on the bouncy castle. There will be lots of fun and games for the whole family! Tickets can be purchased via this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/tweseldown/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112950>

To help make the event a success we kindly ask you for some donations. Many of these items will be things you already have at home. This week's donation request is for any unwanted school age games (in good condition). Please see the letter that was sent out in your child's bookbag before half term and ensure you return the slip along with your donation.

To make this event a success we need volunteers to help with setting up, running stalls and clearing up. If you can spare some time to help us, we would really appreciate this! Please follow the volunteer link to sign up: volunteersignup.org/XD3DD

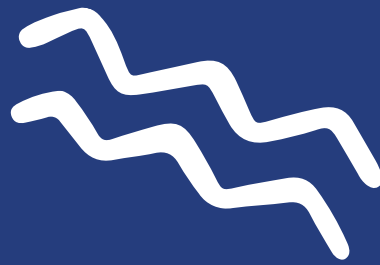
Your School Lottery – Super Draw to win a Luxury City Break

Just a reminder that you are able to support our school via Your School Lottery. Tickets cost just £1 a week, with a guaranteed winner every week and a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot.

This month you will also have a chance to win a Luxury City Break or £1,000 in cash in the Super Draw. Get your tickets before Saturday 28th February 2026 to be in with a chance to win this amazing prize!

Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for information and a link to the website. Alternatively, you can access this here:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/tweseldown-infant-school?utm_campaign=WinaLuxuryCityBreak&utm_source=yysl&utm_medium=Leaflet&utm_content=Hyperlink



My Nametags

As we are now half way through the school year, you will have noticed how easily and often items of clothing get lost. You may have also exhausted your supply of name labels by now. By using **My Nametags**, you can not only keep track of your child's belongings, but also support your school at the same time! 24% of every order will be donated to your PTFA/school if you use the school ID at checkout.

School ID: 19068

Link to website: <https://www.mynametags.com>

The advertisement features a yellow background with a repeating pattern of school-related icons. At the top left is the 'MY NAMETAGS' logo with a cartoon bear. At the top right is the 'THE QUEEN'S AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE' logo. The central text reads 'REDUCING YOUR CHILD'S LOST PROPERTY IN SCHOOLS'. Below this, there is a collection of school items: a white shirt, a black tie, black shoes, a grey notebook, and a black marker. A sheet of 'EMMA' nametags is also shown, with one tag highlighted and connected to the items by a dotted line. At the bottom, a white box contains the text: '24% of every order will be donated to our PTA/School! Just use our school ID at the checkout.' Below this is a printer icon and the website 'www.MyNametags.com'. A red speech bubble at the bottom right contains the text 'School ID: 19068'.

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/>

Feast on words and stories this
World Book Day

Thursday

5th March 2026

'Cloudy With a Chance of
Meatballs' & Spaghetti

or

'Dragons Love Tacos'

Vegetable Tacos with Rice &
Vegetables

and

'Charlie and the Chocolate'

Krispy Cake



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**Join us for good food
and a good book!**

INFORMATION EVENT



Considering a career in teaching?

Would you like to train in a school in your local community?
Come and chat with a member of our friendly South Farnham
SCITT team and find out if teacher training is the career for you.

-  Tweseldown Infant School, GU52 8DW
-  Friday 13th March 2026
-  Drop in anytime between 12-4pm

No need to book. Ask us about:

- Do I need experience?
- Which programme is right for me?
- What finance options are available?



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