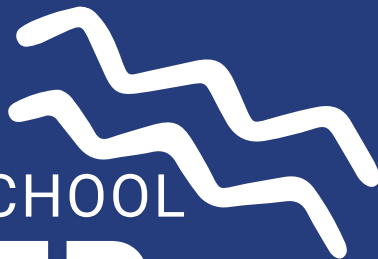


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

MARCH

10th March - Deer class assembly 9am

13th March - Second-hand uniform sale

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

19th March - Year 2 trip to Kensington Palace

20th March - Poetry competition
- Coffee morning with Mrs Tottem 9am
- Squirrel parent meeting 2:30pm

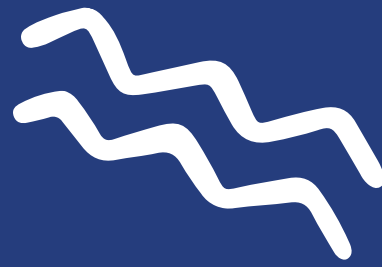
21st March - Spring Fair

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

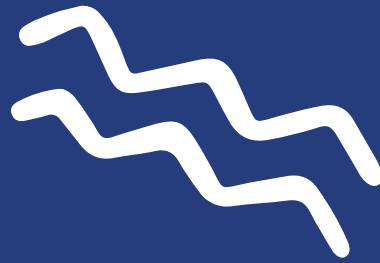
MILITARY FAMILIES

Our thoughts are with all our military families at this uncertain time. Whilst we won't be discussing the current events at school, we do want to reiterate that there is support available if you would like this. Also a gentle reminder that Military Mates club is on for the children every week. For Years 1 & 2 this takes place on a Wednesday lunchtime. For Year R this is on a Friday lunchtime.



Congratulations to Willow house for reaching 1000 house points! You can come to school on Monday 9th March in mufti!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



DUCKLINGS

We were all very excited at the arrival of the duckling eggs at school on Tuesday. The following morning, we were greeted by a couple of newly hatched ducklings in the incubator! Their siblings hatched shortly after. The children and staff have shown so much joy in watching this unfold! We will continue to share more updates soon! Please see the photos below of their first few days with us.

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.

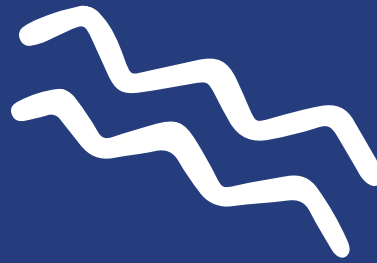
BADGER CLASS ASSEMBLY

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

GOLF FESTIVAL

Parents and carers of the children chosen to attend the golf festival on Wednesday 18th March are welcome to come along to watch.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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. Further information will follow shortly.

COFFEE MORNING

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

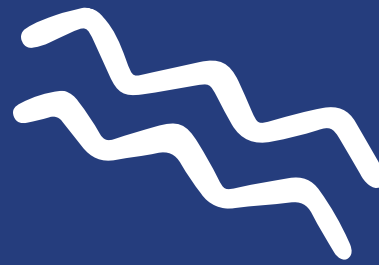
SQUIRREL PARENTS

Mrs Tottem and Miss Saunders 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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SPRING HAT

Please can we ask the children to make a lovely spring hat to bring in for the last day of term. On this day we will have a Spring hat parade. Have fun & be as creative as you can!



COMPOST DONATION

Please help! We are in need of compost... If anyone is able to donate some to school we would be extremely grateful - Thank you.

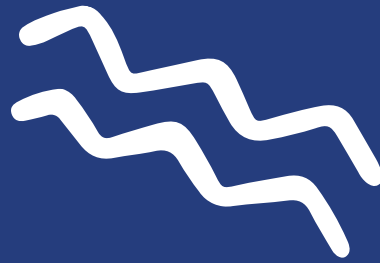
YEAR 1 PARENTS PHONICS TALK

On Tuesday 24th March at 6pm there will be a Year 1 parents phonics talk. This is centred around the phonics screening in June.

ROCKSTEADY CONCERTS

On Wednesday 25th March the Rocksteady concerts will be held. If your child is due to attend you should have received an email directly from Rocksteady with your child's performance time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



BUNNY BOUNCE

The Tweseldown Bunny Bounce will take place on Thursday 26th March. Sponsorship forms will be sent out on 13th March. Please ask as many friends and family as you can to sponsor your child to jump like a spring bunny!

SPORTS 360 - EASTER CAMP

Sports 360 are here over the Easter holidays! Sign your child up now for sports, activities and fun this Easter! Please see the flyers attached below for more information.

END OF TERM

The last day of term is Friday 27th March - Please can children bring spring hats for the hat parade. School will finish at 1:30pm that day. Starcare will not be available after school that day so please make other arrangements should you need to.

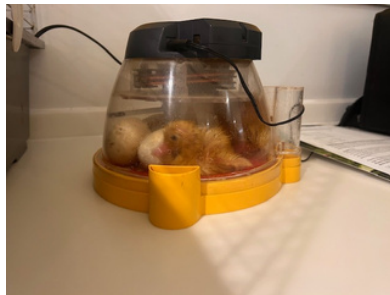
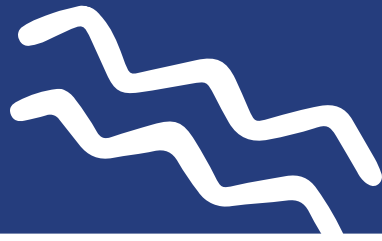
BACK TO SCHOOL

We return to school after the Easter Holidays on Monday 13th April.

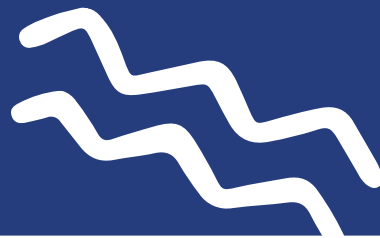
SAVE THE DATE - PTFA DISCO

The PTFA are organising a disco on Thursday 16th April. Please save the date for this! Further information will follow in the next few weeks.

DUCKLINGS



WORLD BOOK DAY



RECEPTION



We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week in Year R! This week in Drawing Club we have been exploring the story Little Bear's Spring. The children listened carefully and talked about the characters, setting and the changes Little Bear notices as spring arrives. After reading the story, the children drew Little Bear and his woodland setting, paying attention to the details in the text and illustrations. We focused on using full sentences to describe our drawings, and the children practised saying their sentences, writing them, and then re-reading to check that their writing made sense. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as storytellers and writers.

World Book Day was a huge success, and the classroom was filled with excitement from the moment the children arrived! We loved seeing all the special items the children brought in and hearing them share why they had chosen them. We shared our items with our friends and created imaginative stories based on them. We also made our own bookmarks and had time in the school library. We also enjoyed extra "book time" with adults and friends.

In maths, we have been learning all about the number 8, using the "5 and a bit" model to deepen understanding. The children have explored how 8 can be made from 5 and 3, and used this idea to create their own number sentences. We have also been practising ordering numbers, using number lines, loose parts, and outdoor resources to challenge ourselves.

In phonics we have continued to develop our reading skills by:

- Spotting digraphs in words (two letters making one sound)
- Blending to read longer words
- Practising and recognising tricky words
- Reading simple captions and sentences

Our Explore and Learn time has been full of curiosity this week! The children have loved observing the plants we brought back from our trip to Wisley. Each day, they've checked for new shoots, taller stems or tiny leaves beginning to appear. They have made thoughtful comments and predictions about what might happen next. We've also had a very popular flower shop outside! The children enjoyed creating bouquets, arranging flowers, writing price labels, and serving their customers. It has been a brilliant opportunity to combine imaginative play with language development and early maths. Finally, the children have been busy planting the seeds they "bought" from their shop, showing real care and interest in looking after their new plants. We're excited to see what grows next!

YEAR 1

This week, Year One have immersed themselves in a wonderfully varied range of learning experiences. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of doubles and halves, using hands-on resources, practical challenges, and visual models to help them see how numbers can be split and combined. They have enjoyed working with partners to solve problems using their new skills.

In science, our Beyond the Gate sessions have given the children the chance to become real-life nature detectives. Equipped with curiosity and close observation skills, they have been exploring the outdoor environment to look for early signs of spring. From budding plants to changing weather patterns, the children have been fascinated by the small but exciting changes that signal a new season beginning.

Computing lessons have focused on developing essential skills, particularly how to use a mouse and keyboard confidently, building the foundations they will need for future technology use.

In art, we have been inspired by the work of Alma Thomas, exploring her vibrant colours, expressive brushstrokes, and joyful abstract patterns. The children have experimented with their own mark-making by printing with different vegetables and fruits and colour choices to create pieces in her style.

Our RE sessions this half term centre around celebrations. The children have shared their own experiences of celebrations and looked at the celebrations of different religions. In English, we have been enjoying the lovely story Little Bear, exploring the characters, setting, and themes through discussion, drawing, and writing activities. The children have shown great enthusiasm for making connections with the story and expressing their ideas.

We ended the week with the excitement of World Book Day. The children loved sharing the special objects they chose to represent a favourite book, and we celebrated the joy of reading together through fun activities and storytelling. It was a wonderful way to bring our learning to life and nurture a love of books.

YEAR 2

Maths

This week in Maths, we have been learning about fractions, focusing on finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of both shapes and numbers. The children practised dividing shapes into equal parts and explored how to share amounts equally.

Why not try this at home? Encourage your child to find fractions of food—cutting toast into quarters, sharing fruit into halves, or dividing snacks fairly. Real-world fractions make learning fun and meaningful!

English

In English, we began reading our new book, *The Queen's Hat* by Steve Antony. The children loved spotting the London landmarks and we improved the sentences with exciting adjectives in an expanded noun phrase. We even pretended to travel on the Tube, imagining the sounds, sights and feelings of rushing through London as the Queen's hat flew away. This created some wonderful descriptive sentences and imaginative ideas.

History

Our History lessons have focused on the three queens:

- Elizabeth I
- Queen Victoria
- Elizabeth II

We explored their coronations, key family members, and the significant events of their reigns. The children enjoyed comparing how life has changed across different periods of British history.

A lovely conversation starter at home:

👉 Does anyone in your family remember the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II?

Fun fact: Mr Goulding's Grandad was present at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II as part of the Royal Artillery, personally selected from his unit, standing outside Westminster Abbey!

Science

In Science, we have been learning about Thomas Edison and exploring some of his ideas about light. The children took part in a hands-on experiment using torches to investigate how shadows are formed and how their size changes.

We discovered that:

- Shadows are made when light is blocked.
- Moving an object closer to the light source makes the shadow bigger.
- Moving it further away makes the shadow smaller.

YEAR 2 CONTINUED

The children asked brilliant scientific questions and enjoyed experimenting with different objects in the classroom.

Design & Technology (DT)

In DT, we have been learning about hinges, including the three main parts:

1. The leaf
2. The pin
3. The knuckle

The children studied how hinges help things move and then used this knowledge to design their own boxes, which they will begin constructing soon. They have already produced some thoughtful and creative design plans!

Computing

In Computing, we have been revisiting Scratch, a child-friendly programming tool that lets children create their own animations, stories, and simple games. Scratch uses drag-and-drop coding blocks, which help children learn programming logic without needing to type code.

The children have been practising how to:

- Move characters (called sprites)
- Change backgrounds
- Add sounds
- Build simple sequences of instructions

If your child would like to continue exploring at home, Scratch is completely free. You can use it online, or you can download the Scratch app from the official website or the app store for use on an iPad:

👉 <https://scratch.mit.edu/download>

It's safe, creative and perfect for KS1 learners!

A friendly reminder, on the 18th (Kingfisher and Robin) and 19th (Woodpecker and Owl) of March we have our trip to Kensington Palace. Please remember to book on Arbor with your child's lunch choices.

BEYOND THE GATE

Year 1 sessions and volunteers

Year 1 have recommenced their sessions. 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.

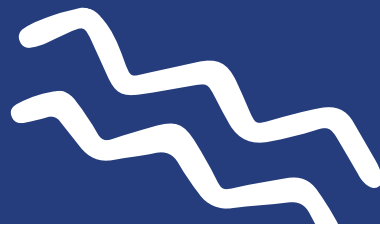
Donations

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



ECO SCHOOLS



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.



Minbeast Habitats Year 2

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.



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.

ECO SCHOOLS CONTINUED

Spring has sprung at Tweseldown!

Spring has well and truly arrived across our school grounds. Our daffodils are blooming at the front of the building; the ducklings have hatched, and Lords and Lady leaves are appearing all over Beyond the Gate. Hazel catkins and tiny flowers are emerging; birds are singing and nesting in our bird boxes, and the children have been busy spotting the many signs of the new season. With blue skies and bright sunshine lifting everyone's spirits, classes have already begun planting seeds and enjoying the fresh spring air.

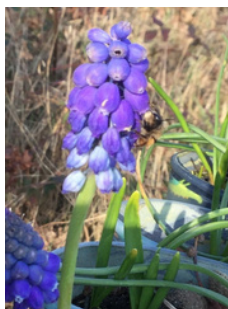
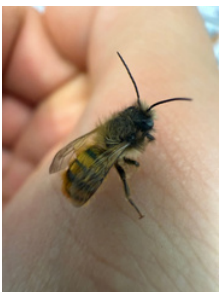
Bee News! Our Solitary Bees Are Hatching

We have some very exciting news from our bee habitats—our solitary bees have begun to hatch from their cocoons!

Last summer, these amazing bees successfully nested in the tubes of our bee hotels. Many children will remember watching them busily flying in and out of the tubes, carrying mud and pollen throughout May and June. In October, the Eco Committee carefully harvested the cocoons, which Mrs Dear then stored safely in her shed over winter.

Yesterday, Mrs Dear discovered that the first bees had begun to emerge. She brought the box of cocoons around to the classrooms, giving the children a rare opportunity to watch the young bees hatch and take their very first flight. The children were amazed to see these gentle insects up close and to learn more about their life cycle. It also helped clear up some common misconceptions – not all bees make honey, and not all bees sting! Fun fact: the males hatch first, with the females following a little later.

After the classroom visits, Mrs Dear released the cocoons into Beyond the Gate, where some of them quickly found food from our Grape Hyacinths. Hopefully they will mate, and choose our habitats again for nesting this year.



Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

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

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

Wednesday 25th March – Bunny Bounce

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 teddies or soft toys (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

Bunny Bounce – Wednesday 25th March

Our annual Bunny Bounce is an opportunity for the children to bounce around the school with their bunny ears provided by the PTFA and collect sponsorship for their efforts.

Sponsorship envelopes will shortly be sent home with your child. Alternatively, you can send sponsorship via bank transfer using the below details.

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)*****

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/>

- MARCH -

PINEAPPLE

Fun Fact!
Pineapples are tropical fruit treasures with a crown of spiky leaves.

Pineapples have special ingredients to help digest your food!



Celebrate the season of pineapples with us!



Easter Holiday Camps

Sports, Games and Activities for 4-12yr olds!

We also run 360 Camps at William Cobbett Primary School, Farnham



Multi-Activity HYPE Camps

Outdoor games, loads of active sports and a wide range of fun for every child!



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Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Tweseldown Infant School
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Dance with Tilly

Mon 30 March (pm)



Arts & Crafts with Summer

Tue 31 March (pm)
Fri 10 April (pm)



Zoolab

Thu 9 April (pm)



Intro to First Aid for Children

Tue 7 April (pm)



NERF Games

Thu 2 April (pm)
Wed 8 April (pm)



Taekwon-Do with Charlie

Wed 1 April (pm)



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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?



FOR MORE INFO



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www.ssfscitt.org.uk





THE SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
11AM-2PM



TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE

**FOOD TRUCKS, COFFEE VAN, BOUNCY
CASTLE, FUN GAMES, EASTER EGG TOMBOLA,
TEDDY TOMBOLA**

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