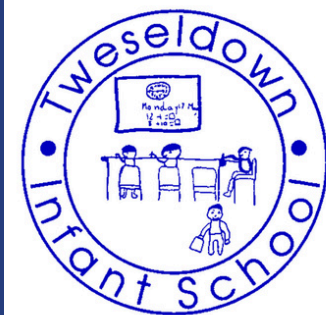
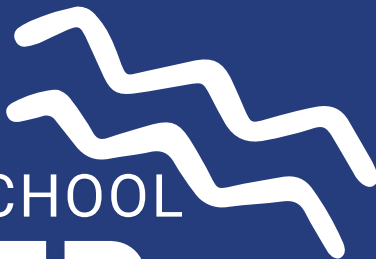


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**NEWSLETTER**



### DIARY DATES

#### APRIL

16<sup>th</sup> April - PTFA Disco

20<sup>th</sup> April - PTFA Zoom Meeting 8pm

28<sup>th</sup> April - Special Person Day

29<sup>th</sup> April - Year R Fairy Tales Workshop

#### MAY

5<sup>th</sup> May - 8<sup>th</sup> May - David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Activity Week

7<sup>th</sup> May - Whole School Woodland Walk and Picnic (11am - 2pm)  
- Art Gallery for Parents (2:30pm - 3:30pm)

8<sup>th</sup> May - Dress up Day (wildlife explorer/wild animal/bird)  
- Loose Change World Map (to raise money for wildlife charities- please start collecting your loose change in preparation)  
- Quiz Night

11<sup>th</sup> May - Second-hand Uniform Sale

13<sup>th</sup> May - Squirrel Class Assembly

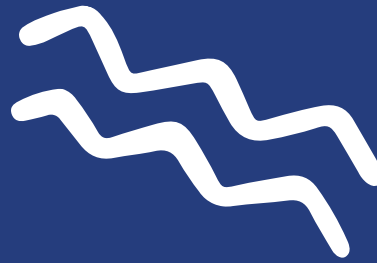
15<sup>th</sup> May - Coffee & Conversation 2:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> May - Class Photos

20<sup>th</sup> May - Mouse Class Assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Crazy Hair Mufti

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## TERM DATES

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

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

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

## PARKING CONCERNS

The parking restrictions are now in force at Sainbury's. Please can we remind you that visitors are able to park here for a **maximum of 30 minutes**. A reminder though that parking is not permitted at all in the residents car park at the back of Sainsbury's.

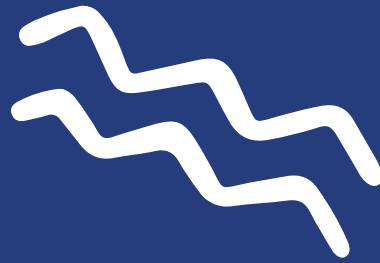
Since our return to school, we have been contacted by a few local residents raising concerns over the safety of our pupils and their families, along with other pedestrians in the area.

Health and safety is always a priority. Therefore can we please ask that you park considerately and refrain from parking on pavements or grass verges as this would limit visibility making it dangerous for pedestrians crossing nearby.

## PTFA SPRING DISCO

The Spring disco the PTFA have organised is taking place **this afternoon**, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the PTFA section of this newsletter for further information.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **PTFA ZOOM MEETING**

There will be a PTFA zoom meeting taking place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Joining information for this meeting will be sent out via class WhatsApp groups on the day.

## **MRS TOMLINSON**

We are sad to announce that Mrs Tomlinson, our assistant teacher in Otter class will be leaving us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We wish Mrs Tomlinson all the best in her new job.

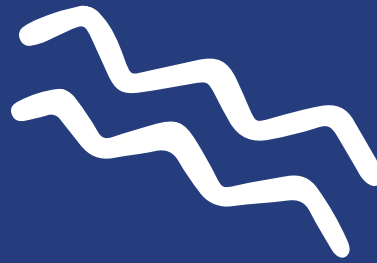
## **SCITT DROP-IN INFORMATION SESSION**

The SCITT drop-in session has been rearranged for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 12-4pm. Please see the flyer attached below for further information.

## **SPECIAL PERSON DAY**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April the PTFA have organised a Special Person Day. Please see the PTFA section of this newsletter for further information.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **YEAR R FAIRY TALE WORKSHOP**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April all children in Year R will be participating in a Fairy Tales Workshop. Please ensure you have booked and paid for this via Arbor.

## **MINI MARATHON**

We are taking part in the TSC Mini London Marathon in schools on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Children can wear PE kits all day.

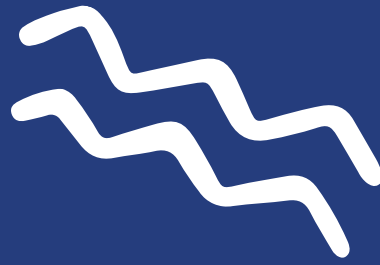
## **MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

A reminder that it is a Bank Holiday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May therefore school will be closed on this day.

## **WOODLAND WALK**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May the whole school will be taking part in a woodland walk and picnic. Parents are welcome to join us for the picnic, if you would like to do this please talk to your class teacher. After the picnic, parents are invited to view the children's art gallery in the hall.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **SUSTAINABLE DRESS UP DAY**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May the children will be taking part in a sustainable dress up day. We invite the children to come to school dressed up as a wildlife explorer or their favourite wild animal or bird. To fit with the environmental theme of the week, we encourage you to reuse and make use of items you already have at home.

## **BAG2SCHOOL**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May we will have a Bag2School day. This is a great opportunity to recycle any unwanted clothing. You will receive a bag a few weeks before hand to fill or alternatively you can just fill a black bin bag. Please return this to school at drop off on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

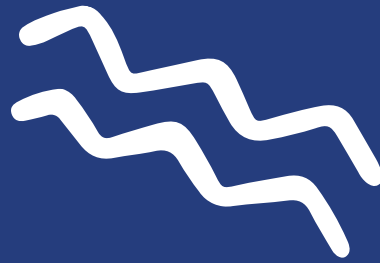
## **QUIZ NIGHT**

The PTFA have organised a quiz night for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Show off your knowledge and have fun with a bit of friendly competition! Further details can be found in the PTFA section of this newsletter.

## **SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

The next second-hand uniform sale will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This will be located at the front entrance of the school.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **48HR RULE**

Following any bout of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, children need to remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. These are NHS guidelines which are in place to limit the spread of infection. Thank you for your understanding.

## **WATER SAFETY**

As the weather improves and the temperatures increase, many children will be enjoying time outside and splashing around in and around water! Due to this, we would like to share some water safety tips with you. Please see these at the end of this newsletter.

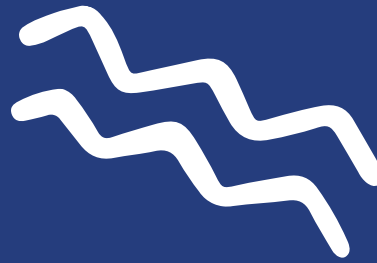
## **SQUIRREL CLASS ASSEMBLY**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 9am Squirrel class have their assembly.

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Mrs Tottem will be holding a coffee and conversation on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm.  
Please save the date.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **CLASS PHOTOS**

Please be advised class photos will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and if possible a Tweseldown logo jumper/cardigan.

## **MOUSE ASSEMBLY**

Mouse class assembly is taking place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9am.

## **PTFA CRAZY HAIR MUFTI**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May the PTFA have organised a crazy hair mufti day! Further details will be provided nearer the time.

## **SQUIRREL PARENTS MEETING**

Mrs Tottem and Miss Saunders will be meeting with Squirrel parents on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2:30pm.

# RECEPTION

We have had a great first week back and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm!

This week, we launched our exciting new topic 'Faster Than a Rocket!' which has already captured the children's imagination. We began by sharing the book 'Rocket Says: Look Up!', which encouraged lots of thoughtful discussion about the sky, space, and the world above us. The children were highly engaged and eager to share their ideas and questions.

As part of our topic, we enjoyed some 'sky gazing' activities, where the children talked about what they might see when they look up into the sky. They then wrote about their ideas, practising writing in full sentences. We focused carefully on remembering capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops, and the children tried very hard to apply these skills independently. They also drew their own space settings and wrote descriptive sentences to match their pictures.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubles and exploring how different numbers can be made. The children practised explaining their thinking using mathematical language, for example: "8 is made of 2 and 2."

During Phonics, we have been focusing on spotting digraphs and trigraphs in words. The children worked hard to recognise these sounds when reading and writing. We have also continued practising our tricky words, encouraging the children to read and write them with increasing confidence.

In Art, we enjoyed reading 'Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me' by Eric Carle. Inspired by the story, the children created beautiful collages using a variety of materials. They explored different techniques such as tearing, layering, and combining materials to create interesting effects. The children showed great creativity and concentration during this activity.

We have also had lots of fun with junk modelling, where the children worked together to build and make rockets using recycled materials and shapes. They carefully designed their rockets and then wrote all about them, explaining what they might be used for and what they could see in space.

# YEAR 1

We hope everyone had a relaxing Easter break and it was great to see so many energetic smiles coming through the door on Monday. This half term our topic title is 'Faster than a Rocket' and we have been so impressed with the children's facts and knowledge that they have already wanted to share all about space! We started the week by looking at the launch and return to Earth of the astronauts on Artemis II. The children have created some brilliant artwork to inspire them for our learning that is to come this half term. We have started reading the story, 'Look Up' and thought about what we can find in the night sky. The children wrote sentences about what we can see and thought about what could be beyond!

This week we have been learning all about astronauts and their space suits. We talked about how thrusters on boots can help in space where there is less gravity. We learned about the special backpack that has electricity, water and oxygen to help keep astronauts comfortable and alive in space. We learned that just like when riding our bike when in space it is very important to protect our heads. Helmets have communication devices which are made of strong materials to protect us and have a visor that helps our eyes when there is bright light from stars. We enjoyed watching some videos of astronauts using their suits in space.

In maths, we have been learning all about fractions. We have been identifying a half and a quarter of a shape, and we have been checking that all of the parts are equal. We folded different shapes into halves and quarters and then started finding fractions of quantities. We put the children's sketching skills to work too by giving them pictures where half or a quarter had been hidden and they needed to complete them. Can your child find fractions of numbers at home? Can they share socks, counters or treats in half? What about into quarters?

This half term we are continuing to work towards the Phonics Screening in early June. It is really important that your child is reading regularly at home and they are completing their homework to support their phonics and reading learning. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like any more information of how to help.

# YEAR 2

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to see everyone's smiley faces back in school to see in the Summer term!

Thank you to everyone who supported their children with their home learning tasks over the holidays. We hope lots of chocolate and fun was had too!

This week, the children have travelled down under to learn the tale of 'The Koala who Could'. Kevin is an anxious koala who wasn't keen on leaving his trusty eucalyptus tree but with a little help from his friends, he soon found he could go and explore the outback. It is a lovely story which is easing the children into learning about what life is like in Australia.

In Geography, the children have been greeted with a kangaroo who isn't sure where to live. Over the next few weeks, they will compare Winchester, Fleet and Sydney to help the poor kangaroo make a choice.

In Art, the children have started to learn about indigenous art and one of the many tales behind the images we see today.

If you have Australian artefacts or images at home, we would love to see them. We're thinking boomerangs, didgeridoos or anything featuring indigenous art. Thank you for your support.

In the coming weeks, look out for information regarding our David Attenborough week and our school trip to the Farnborough Army Air Museum (taking place after the May half term break).

Reminder: Your child will require both their PE kit and Beyond The Gate kit in school every week this term. Please ensure they have long sleeves and leggings/ trousers for Forest School; even as the weather begins to warm up. Please see your child's class window for their PE and BTG days.

# BEYOND THE GATE

## **Volunteer sign up**

As our Summer Term of Beyond the Gate sessions commences, it is a great time to consider volunteering for a session or more, in our (hopefully) dry and sunny season.

Any time that you can give is appreciated greatly by Mrs. Dear and the children. Even if you cannot make your own child's session, we welcome you to any class/year group that you can support with. If we do not get enough volunteers, sessions may have to be cancelled. To sign up, please do so using the link below.

[volunteersignup.org/9MM99](http://volunteersignup.org/9MM99)

## **Donations required**

- Kindling and kiln dry logs
- Compost
- String / twine
- Pinecones (they are dropping now!)
- Cardboard tubes (e.g. from kitchen roll/tinfoil)
- Children's hand tools (trowels or forks)
- Old decking boards

## **ECO SCHOOLS**

### **Tree Planting**

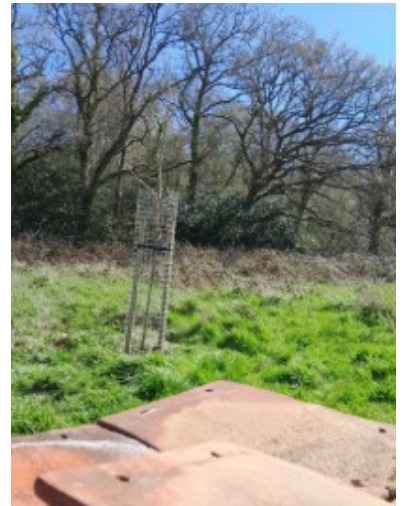
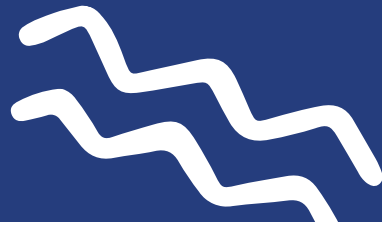
Over the Easter break, we had three new trees planted in our school grounds by Frontier Services Ltd on behalf of the Church Crookham Parish Council, as an action to continue improving the biodiversity of our school grounds.

A hazel was planted in the BtG site, which will be ideal for providing wood for craftwork once it matures. And two Scott Pines were planted on the field to increase our number of evergreen trees.

The team from Frontier happily involved some of the children who were attending the 360 Holiday Club. What a great opportunity for them - and one of our Year 2 boys gave a brilliant explanation of the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees.

Please see the photos below.

# ECO SCHOOLS



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## **Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

As a whole school we are marking David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a week of activities, events and workshops from Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th May. Please read the letter that you have received, which includes a form to be completed for the woodland walk on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May and details of all the exciting opportunities planned for the children.

## **Wellesley Woodland Walks**

These guided walks, led by experts, are the perfect opportunity to explore outside in nature; learn more about our wonderful woodlands and develop your children's knowledge and understanding of flora and fauna. These are free events (you just need to book a space/register interest). See the attached posters for details and the link.

Coming up:

Friday 24th April (8 - 9:30pm) Bat Walk

Wednesday 29th April (8 - 9:30pm) Bat Walk

Mrs Dear often attends these walks with her family and would love to see some Tweseldown families!

## **Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club**

Their next outing will be on SUNDAY 19TH APRIL AT 2.30pm – they are hoping to discover bluebells, birdsong, butterflies and assorted minibeasts.

To join this event as a family please email this contact to book your place:

[Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com](mailto:Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com)

Starting point is THE CANAL CAR PARK - (opposite the BARLEY MOW), The Hurst, WINCHFIELD, Hook RG27 8DE

Mrs Dear is starting to get involved with this group and would love to be joined by some Tweseldown families!

## **Spring Fair and Bunny Bounce**

Hi all. We hope you had a fabulous Easter. Thank you again for joining us at the Spring Fair in March, and also for your kind sponsorship for the Bunny Bounce. We're in the final throes of totting up all the funds and will let you know the grand total soon. Your valuable donations really do make a big impact on the activities we can run for the children/provide to the school.

## **New PTFA Secretary**

We have an opportunity for a new Secretary to join the team. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Natalie Gore (Chair) or Vicky Dickinson (Treasurer) via the PTFA email address at [PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk) or grab us in person if you see us around school! We'd love to hear from you.

## **Future PTFA**

Several members of the current PTFA team, including the Chair and Treasurer, will be stepping down in July as our children move on to Junior school. Being part of the PTFA is a fantastic way to get involved with the school community and build meaningful connections with other families. We're keen for the PTFA to continue, so these wonderful, memory-making activities can carry on for the children. If you're interested in learning more about what's involved, please feel free to get in touch with us at [PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

## **Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates**

**16th April 2026** – Disco

**20th April 2026** - PTFA Monthly Zoom Meeting

**28th April 2026** – Special Person Day

**8th May 2026** – Quiz Night (for the adults, not the kids!)

**11th May 2026** - Uniform Sale

**18th May 2026** - PTFA Monthly Zoom Meeting

**22nd May 2026** – Crazy Hair Mufti

# PTFA

## **Spring Disco – 16th April 2026**

Our next disco will take place on Thursday 16th April. If you have already made the bundle payment of £12.50, you have already paid for the all discos for the academic year.

If you haven't made a bundle payment but would like your child to attend the disco, please transfer £2.50 (per child) to the PTFA bank account, as per the details below:

Account 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 the first 3 letters of their class is sufficient e.g. JBloggsKin = Joe Bloggs Kingfisher).\*\*\***

## **Zoom Meeting – Monday 20th April**

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

## **Special Person Day – 28th April 2026**

Children will attend this during school, and it gives them the opportunity to purchase a gift for a special person (or special people!) in their life. Gifts will be priced between £0.50 and £2. This sale gives the children the opportunity for some independence with their buying skills and also helps them with their maths. Please send children into school with no more than £6 in an envelope with their name on it. If you are happy for your change to be donated to the PTFA, please also mark this on this envelope.

## **Quiz Night – 8th May 2026**

We'd love you to join us at our first ever quiz night! Tickets are £10 per person and includes one free drink. There will be a bar on the evening too serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Please see the poster below for more details. There will be some great prizes to be won on the evening too!

Tickets are selling fast!

Buy yours today at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/tweseldown/?event=event&eventId=115454>

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code in the poster below.

# QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate Tweseldown quiz champion? Gather your friends and join us for our first quiz night. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition and win some great prizes.



**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**19:30-22:00**



**TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL**  
JUBILEE DR, CHURCH CROOKHAM, GU52 8DW



**TICKETS £10 PER PERSON**  
**(THIS INCLUDES ONE FREE DRINK)**

8 members per team and options to join a team if a smaller party

**BRILLIANT ON-SITE BAR! ADULTS ONLY EVENT**



# WATER SAFETY TIPS

## TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE AROUND WATER



Supervise children at all times - when they are in or around a water source.



Ensure paddling pools are always emptied when not in use, or securely covered over.



Make your pond safe - fence it off or fill it in.



Consider teaching your child to swim and learn basic skills.



Stay extra vigilant on holiday. Safety standards vary considerably throughout the world.



Learn about rip currents - these strong currents are a major cause of drowning at UK beaches.



Ensure children know the dangers of playing and swimming in rivers, lakes and reservoirs.



Only use inflatables at the swimming pool! In the sea, strong currents or winds can rapidly sweep them out to sea.

# 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/>



# Wellesley



## Woodlands Walks 2026

### **FREE guided wildlife walks**



Winter Wildlife - Saturday 17th January 10.30-12pm

Dawn Chorus - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 8-9.30am

Signs of Spring - Saturday 28th March 2-3.30pm

Bat Walk - Friday 24th April 8-9.15pm

Bat Walk - Wednesday 29th April 8-9.15 pm

Canal Wildlife - Saturday 16th May 1.30-3pm

Evening Wildlife - Monday 15th June 6.30-8pm

Flowers & Butterflies - Sunday 26th July 11-12.30pm

Thorn & Heather Hills - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2-3.30pm

Bat Walk - Friday 21st August 8-9.15pm

Bat Walk - Friday 11th September 7.15-8.30pm

Bat Walk - Wednesday 16th September 7-8.15pm

Family Fungi - Saturday 24th October 11-12.30pm

Family Fungi - Sunday 15th November 11-12.30pm

Signs of Autumn - Sunday 15th November 2-3.30pm

Winter Tree ID - Saturday 5th December 2-3.30pm

**For more details and to book scan  
the QR code or visit:**

**[www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk](http://www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk)**



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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 24<sup>th</sup> April

 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

 [scitt@sfet.org.uk](mailto:scitt@sfet.org.uk)

 [www.ssfscitt.org.uk](http://www.ssfscitt.org.uk)



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**TUESDAYS 9:15AM - WILLIS HALL**

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 [yogawithlis.co.uk](http://yogawithlis.co.uk)

**BOOKING - [BOOKWHEN.COM/YOGAWITHIS](http://BOOKWHEN.COM/YOGAWITHIS)**

\*valid on classes booked until May 14<sup>th</sup> 2026