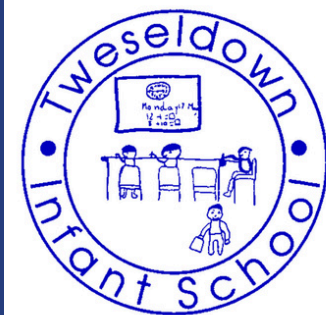
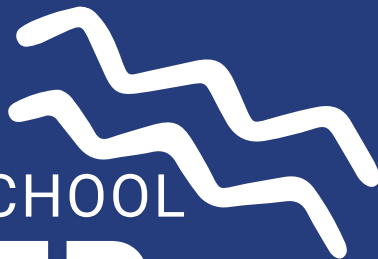


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL  
**NEWSLETTER**



## DIARY DATES

### APRIL

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) Artwork available to buy for a minimum donation of £2 (to go to wildlife charities)

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

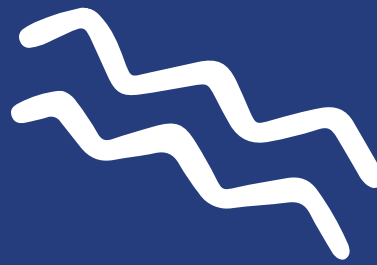
15<sup>th</sup> May - Coffee & Conversation 2:30pm

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

## **MRS TOMLINSON**

Mrs Tomlinson's last day is tomorrow, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Tomlinson and wish her all the best in her new role.

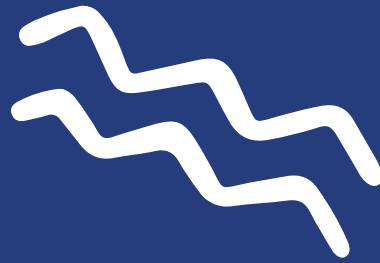
## **SCITT DROP-IN INFORMATION SESSION**

The SCITT drop-in session is taking place tomorrow, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 12-4pm. Please see the flyer attached below for further information.

## **INTERNET SAFETY**

To ensure the online safety of our children, we encourage parents and carers to engage in discussion with your child when they are playing games on ipads/ computers, ie. "What can that app do?"

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Please refrain from bringing sweets or treats to school for your child's birthday. We celebrate birthdays in various different ways, but unfortunately to ensure fairness, we ask that parents do not bring birthday treats on the school grounds.

## **EQUIPMENT FOR TREE PLANTING**

We have been offered some orchard trees and a rowan tree for our school, free of charge. However, before we can accept these trees, we are in need of 24 wooden tree stakes/posts; protective wire/chicken wire and irrigation piping for root watering.

If you know of any companies who would be able to support us by donating these items, please email Mrs Dear directly: [beyondthegate@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:beyondthegate@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

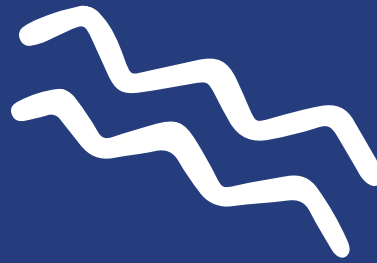
## **COMPOST**

Are you able to donate a bag of peat free multipurpose compost?  
If so, please drop it into school. Thank you.

## **OBJECTS FROM HOME**

Please may we remind you children should not bring toys or gadgets from home into school. These risk being lost and this can cause a lot of upset.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **EASYFUNDRAISING**

You can raise FREE donations for Tweseldown Infant School EVERY time you shop online. Just use #easyfundraising! Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

Please support us:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tweseldown-infant-school/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=fb-1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tweseldown-infant-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=fb-1)

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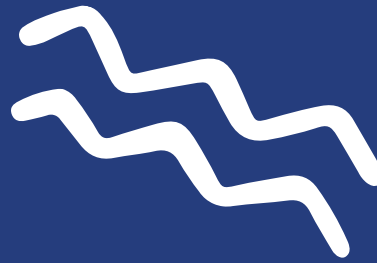
## **YEAR R FAIRY TALE WORKSHOP**

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 TCS Mini London Marathon in schools on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Children can wear their PE kits all day. Please see the poster below and scan the QR code to sponsor the children - Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **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.

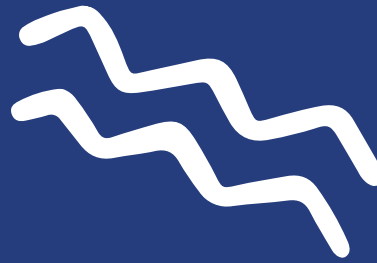
## **SUSTAINABLE DRESS UP DAY**

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 should have now received this bag - Please fill, and return this to school at drop off on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **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 at 2:45pm. This will be located at the front entrance of the school.

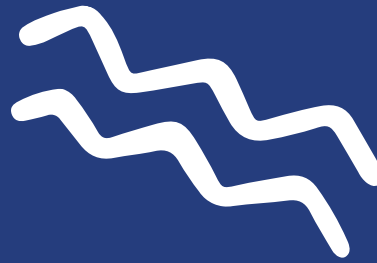
## **SQUIRREL CLASS ASSEMBLY**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 9am Squirrel class have their assembly. Caleb's Coffee will also be in attendance.

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Mrs Tottem will be holding a coffee and conversation on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome - It would be great to see you there.

# 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. Caleb's Coffee will also be on site.

## **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

This week we have had lots of fun exploring our topic 'Faster Than a Rocket!' In Drawing Club, we read the book 'The Big Beyond' by James Carter and Aaron Cushley. The children then drew and labelled their own astronaut suit. They then thought creatively about an adventure for their astronaut to go on.

In History, we talked about the life of an astronaut. Through pictures, videos and discussions, the children learnt about an astronaut's space suit, how they sleep in their space station, what they eat and even how they brush their teeth!

In Maths, we have been learning how to group objects. We investigated different ways of grouping, including by size, colour and function. We have also been doubling and learning about odd and even numbers.

In Explore and Learn time, the children have enjoyed creating rockets from junk modelling to use in their play. They have also been collaging stars using tissue paper in the arts and crafts area and sorting the Numicon pieces into odds and evens in the Maths area.

Finally, our caterpillars have arrived and are settling in nicely. The children are enjoying watching them get bigger and bigger every day! Can your child tell you what the caterpillars will change into soon?

# YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, we have been learning about celebrations in RE. We shared the story of Sita and Rama and explored why Hindus celebrate Diwali.

In Art, we have been studying the artwork of Eric Carle, exploring collage techniques and planning our own rocket pictures inspired by his style.

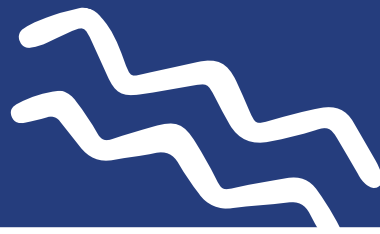
In Maths, we have been learning all about sequencing. The children have been ordering the days of the week and the months of the year, using vocabulary such as yesterday, today, tomorrow, before and after. Please keep practising this at home, for example: "Today is Friday, so tomorrow is..."

In English, we have been reading 'The Big Beyond' and writing sentences about space, trying hard to include the word 'and' to extend our ideas.

In PE, we are enjoying gymnastics, where we have been exploring balance and travel.

Next week, we are teaching time. We would be grateful if over the weekend, you could start looking at clocks with your child.

# YEAR 2



Year 2 continued to investigate measure in maths this week. We have moved onto comparing objects using the language 'heavier', 'lighter' and 'equal to'. We have been using balance scales and other weighing scales to compare the weights of objects. Could you pay close attention to the weights of ingredients when you are next baking with your child at home?

There has been phenomenal writing coming from the Year 2 children, based on the book "The Koala Who Could" by Rachel Bright! They have written in first person, pretending to be Kevin the koala, and they have been so thoughtful in describing Kevin's emotions. Marking this work has been a great pleasure! All of the teachers have been reading out pieces of work to each other saying "You've got to listen to this!" The wonderful Year 2s have begun writing their own version of the story and they are aiming to use interesting descriptions, first person, conjunctions and emotions.

In geography, we have located Sydney, Australia on a World map, after recalling the names of the continents and oceans. We used chalk to draw the shapes of the continents, using atlases. We planned a route from the UK to Sydney. The children used the atlases to describe what they would see on the route, such as landmarks, countries and terrain.

Please can the children bring in a clean yogurt pot, or a plastic carton of a similar size by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Children will use these to plant peas! Thank you.

# BEYOND THE GATE

Volunteer sign up: [volunteersignup.org/9MM99](https://volunteersignup.org/9MM99)

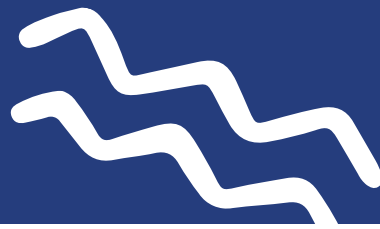
It is a great time to consider volunteering for a BtG session or more, in our (hopefully) dry and sunny season.

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 and long term continuation of the provision considered.

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



## **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 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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, payment required to make the activities possible, 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 24<sup>th</sup> April (8 - 9:30pm) Bat Walk

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April (8 - 9:30pm) Bat Walk

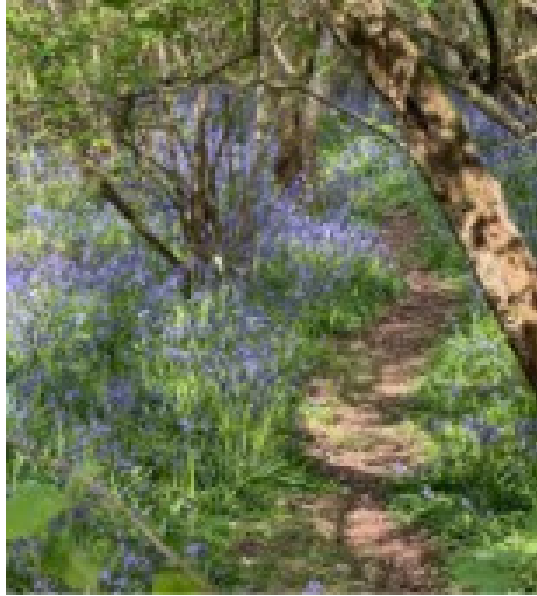
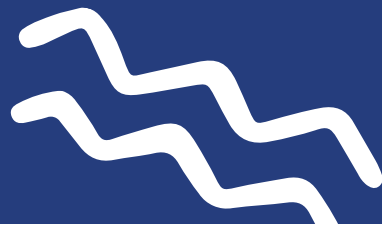
Mrs Dear often attends these walks with her family and would love to see some Tweseldown families!

## **Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club**

At the weekend, two of our pupils (and their families) attended the Spring Canal Walk with the RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club. They had a brilliant time with the volunteers and even spotted a kingfisher on the canal! They found spiders, shield beetles and worked as a team to get them into bug pots. They had fun with cleaver (sticky weed) wearing it as a crown throughout the walk.



# ECO SCHOOLS



This group is keen to get more members, and Mrs Dear is getting involved with the group. For more information about joining the next event please email: [Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com](mailto:Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com)

## **Spring Fair and Bunny Bounce fundraising amounts**

We're delighted to let you know that the totals are in! The Spring Fair raised an incredible £2,434.17, and the Bunny Bounce raised £1,028.44 (with Gift Aid still to be added!).

Thank you all so much for your generosity and support – this is an amazing achievement. Your donations make a real difference and have a huge impact on the activities and resources we can provide for the children and the wider school community.

## **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)

## **Year 2 Leavers Event – T-shirts and Hoodies**

We have some exciting plans underway for our Year 2 Leavers event in July. As part of our tradition, parents are given the opportunity to purchase a 'Class of 2026 Leavers' T-shirt or hoodie. We are currently looking for a parent volunteer who would be happy to help coordinate the organisation of the leavers' clothing. Please let us know if you're interested by emailing [PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

## **Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates**

**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

## 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. This will be such a fun evening, and a great way to socialise and actually chat, rather than rushing on the school run. Please see the poster below for more details. We've got some fantastic prizes up for grabs!

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.

## Uniform Sale – Monday 11th May 2026

Our next uniform sale will take place on Monday 11th May, from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. Come along and browse a great selection of high-quality pre-loved uniform items, all priced between £1 and £2.

We will be **accepting donations from 4th–8th May**. Please ensure all items are freshly washed and free from stains or holes.

We are also keen to receive sensory-friendly schoolwear, such as polo shirts with Velcro fastenings or decorative (non-functional) buttons, to support children who benefit from these options.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success and run smoothly. If you can help before, during or after the sale, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/EFFWY>

We'll also be joined by Jade, founder of Knot By Jade and she'll be selling some beautiful, personalised drawstring PE bags and has agreed to donate 10% of her profits on the day to the PTFA. Please see the poster below for more details.

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# DRAWSTRING PE BAGS

£10

CHOOSE 1 OF THE 4 DESIGNS  
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CONTACT JADE

07745 852 656

KNOTBYJADE@GMAIL.COM



# 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



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

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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)





YEARS 1 & 2 ONLY

## SPANISH CLUB

We are so excited to announce that starting from June 1st, Fun Francais will be coming to your school to teach Spanish.

Fun Francais offers interactive and fun Spanish lessons. The teacher speaks fluent Spanish and lessons are taught in Spanish for the duration of the class to encourage students to develop their listening and speaking skills.

### Classes

will be held on Monday lunch time 12:30-13:00

Groups are really small with a maximum of 10 students  
The price for 5 weeks is £35 (£7 per week).

For more information, please send your details with the school, name and year of your child and any medical condition to

[funfrancaisltd@gmail.com](mailto:funfrancaisltd@gmail.com)

Once we have received your details, we will confirm your space and send you payment details.

For more information, please visit [www.funfrancais.co.uk](http://www.funfrancais.co.uk) or give Anne a call on 07725341998