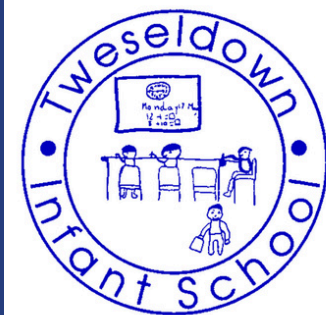
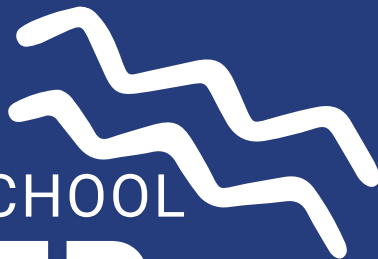


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

MAY

5th May - 8th May - David Attenborough's 100th Birthday Activity Week

7th 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) RSPB will be attending with a badge maker, which can be made for a donation of 50p to their charity.

8th 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

11th May - Second-hand Uniform Sale

13th May - Squirrel Class Assembly

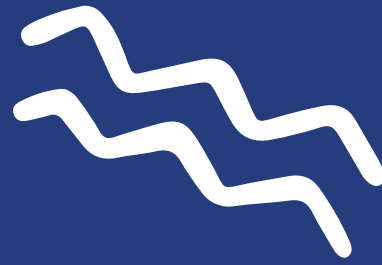
15th May - Coffee & Conversation 2:30pm

19th May - Class Photos

20th May - Mouse Class Assembly

22nd May - Crazy Hair Mufti

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TERM DATES

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

29th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

22nd July - Last Day of School

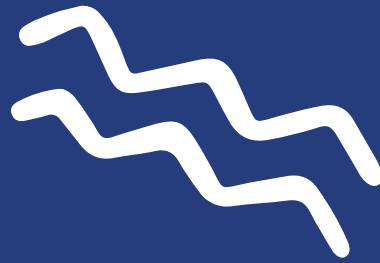
MINI MARATHON

We are taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon in schools **tomorrow**, Friday 1st May. Children can wear their PE kits all day. Please see the poster below and scan the QR code to sponsor the children - Alternatively click the following link https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tweseldowninfantschool?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL Any contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

MURAL PHOTOS

Unfortunately our lovely mural is due to be taken down this weekend. If any parents would like a photo of their child in front of the mural before this happens, please ensure this is done tomorrow, Friday 1st May. This is especially directed at our Year 2 parents who may have taken photos in front of the mural in previous years.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



MAY BANK HOLIDAY

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

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

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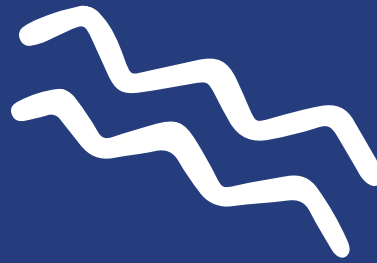
Are you able to donate a bag of peat free multipurpose compost?
If so, please drop it into school. Thank you.

WOODLAND WALK

On Thursday 7th May the whole school will be taking part in a woodland walk and picnic. If you are able to help with the walk, please let us know. Children should wear school uniform with trainers on the day.

After the picnic, parents are invited to view the children's art gallery in the hall. Artwork is available to buy for a minimum donation of £2 (to go to wildlife charities) RSPB will be attending with a badge maker, which can be made for a donation of 50p to their charity. Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SUSTAINABLE DRESS UP DAY

On Friday 8th 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.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

On Friday 8th May we will have a Bag 2 School day. This is a great opportunity to recycle any unwanted clothing. Your child will have brought home a leaflet recently with all the information - this year you will not receive a bag, they ask you to kindly fill and return a black bin bag to school by 9am on Friday 8th May. Thank you.

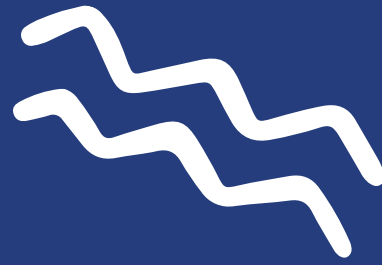
QUIZ NIGHT

Book now for your tickets to the PTFA quiz night on Friday 8th May! 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 11th May at 2:45pm. This will be located at the front entrance of the school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SQUIRREL CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 13th 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 15th May at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome - It would be great to see you there.

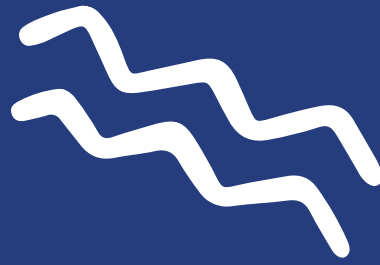
CLASS PHOTOS

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

MOUSE CLASS ASSEMBLY

Mouse class assembly is taking place on Wednesday 20th May at 9am. Caleb's Coffee will also be on site.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PTFA CRAZY HAIR MUFTI

On Friday 22nd 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 22nd May at 2:30pm.

FLEET LIONS CIRCUS PHOTOS

Following the Fleet Lions Circus last weekend, they have uploaded some photos of the day to their website. If you attended this event and would like to take a look, please follow the link below.

fleetlions.org.uk/community/circusvisit.html

HALF TERM WEEK

A reminder that it is half term week from Monday 25th - Friday 29th May.

RECEPTION

This week we have been having lots of fun learning about space! We have been focusing on Neil Armstrong and learning some interesting facts about his life. We discovered that he was the first person to walk on the moon and that he wanted to be a pilot when he was younger. We created a mind map together to share all the facts we already knew and the new things we have learned.

In English, we have been thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. We drew our pictures and wrote simple sentences, remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops.

In Maths, we have been exploring the best strategies for counting larger groups. We shared lots of great ideas and tested them to find out if they worked to highlight the importance of counting carefully and accurately.

We also had lots of fun during our Fairy Tale Workshop. Some of us displayed great confidence and bravery by taking on acting roles. Everyone joined in with the songs and we had lots of laughs along the way!

On Friday we have our mini marathon at school, we are excited to get our running shoes on!

As the weather is getting warmer, please could you ensure your child brings a sun hat to school each day along with a water bottle.

YEAR 1

This week in Maths, we have been continuing our learning about measures and have now moved on to telling the time on an analogue clock. We have focused on o'clock and half past times. The children have enjoyed working practically with their own small clocks and recording their learning in their books.

In English, we have been finding out more about Neil Armstrong and how he became an astronaut. The children used their research to write their own fact files, showing great enthusiasm for our space topic.

In History, we learned about Apollo 11. The children sequenced pictures and matched them with captions, learning about the key events: launch, travel, landing, moonwalk and return.

In Art, we have continued working on our collage rocket pictures, inspired by the style of Eric Carle. The children are developing their cutting, layering and colouring skills creatively.

We have also been enjoying taking our learning outside, making the most of the warmer weather.

We continue to practise our spelling words as part of our early work in school. It would be wonderful if you could also practise the spelling lists that have been sent home. The children have been reading using Bug Club on our digital platform – don't forget this can be accessed at home too.

Finally, please remember to send your child in with a sun hat as the weather becomes warmer along with a water bottle.

Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 2



It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 2, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to:

Maths

In maths, the children have been working hard on adding and subtracting using a number line. We have been using bridging to ten to help us solve problems more confidently and accurately. The children have shown great perseverance when explaining their thinking. Can they show you how they've solved our questions?

English

Our new class book is 'Oi Get Off My Train', which the children are thoroughly enjoying. We have explored the story's links to endangered animals, discussing the problems they face, and why it is important to protect them. We have worked towards creating a poem this week by writing a plan to support us. This helped us include everything we needed such as: expanded noun phrases, verbs, adverbs, !, ? and similes.

Geography

In geography, we have been learning about Sydney, Australia. The children explored key landmarks, the temperature and climate, traffic, and the wildlife found there. We also reminded ourselves of the continents and oceans, using our catchy songs – perhaps the children can sing them to you at home!

Science

In science, we have been answering our investigation question by setting up an experiment. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated yoghurt pots – they have been a huge help. We changed the variables in our experiment to see which conditions produce the most successful seed growth, building on the predictions we made last week.

Art

In art, the children have been learning about Aboriginal art, focusing on the naturalistic style of Indigenous Australian artwork. They explored how this style is similar to X-ray art, showing what is inside animals as well as their outer shapes, and produced some wonderful pieces inspired by this technique.

Well done Year 2, for another brilliant week of learning! We are looking forward to learning about Sir David Attenborough next week!

BEYOND THE GATE

Volunteer sign up

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

Blog

Remember to take a look at the Beyond the Gate Blog on our website, which is updated regularly to share the amazing experiences and opportunities the children have in their sessions.

[Tweseldown Infant School - Beyond the Gate Blog](#)

ECO SCHOOLS



Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday

We are marking David Attenborough's 100th birthday as a whole school with a week of activities, events and workshops from Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th May. Please read the letter that you have received, which includes details of all the exciting opportunities planned for the children.

Friends of Basingbourne Park and RSPB Dawn Chorus Walk this Sunday!

If you are an early riser, why not join our local RSPB Group and the Friends of Basingbourne Park Group, for their Dawn Chorus Walk and learn how to identify bird song 5am - Sunday 3rd May meeting at Basingbourne Park Pavilion.

Litter Picking Loan Equipment

With the lighter spring evenings, and the milder weather, we know that more families would like the opportunity to borrow our sets of litter picking loan equipment.

Therefore, for the rest of this term, each class will have the litter picking loan equipment for one week. During your class week, you may borrow one of the two sets for an evening or for the weekend and return it the next day. We hope that this will give more opportunities to borrow the equipment if you wish.

Please speak to your class teacher and they will provide you with a set of equipment and then return it the next morning to your class teacher.

Week beginning:

27th May - Owl

4th May - Rabbit

11th May - Hedgehog

18th May - Mouse

1st June - Squirrel

8th June - Deer

15th June - Otter

22nd June - Badger

29th June - Robin

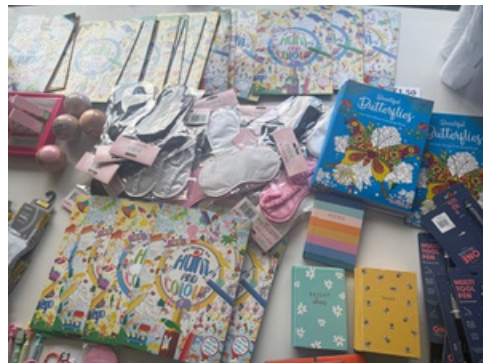
6th July - Woodpecker

13th July - Kingfisher

PTFA

Special Person Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed Special Person Day at school on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see their faces light up with excitement as they chose gifts for the special person or people in their lives. They used their maths skills to work out how much they could spend and left feeling very proud and happy. Photos from the Special Person Day shop can be found below. Thank you for your support in making this day so special.



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 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

PTFA

Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

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

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 also be some fantastic prizes up for grabs on the evening, including a prize package worth up to £150 for the winning team!

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.

Bag 2 School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing, and they have arranged to make a collection from school on Friday 8th May. Please bag up any good quality clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories and drop off at school – donations can only be accepted on Friday morning (8th May) by 9am latest.

No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please!

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>

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 8TH MAY
19:30-22:00



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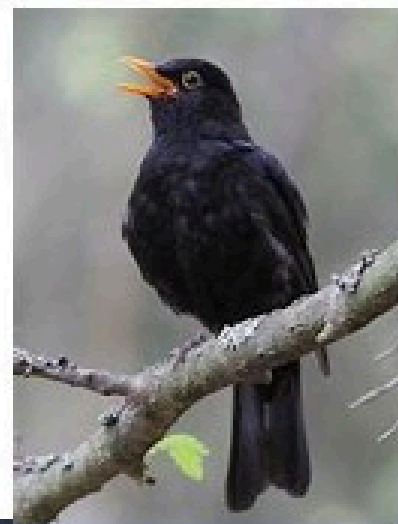
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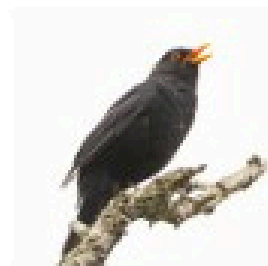


**Join us for the Dawn Chorus
Meet at Basingbourne
Park Pavilion GU52 6TQ
5.00am Sunday 3rd May 2026**



**The early bird catches the worm!
Why not join us for an early morning
walk, through your local park and
woodlands, enjoy listening and
identifying the bird songs.**

**Please e-mail to reserve your space.
info@basingbournepark.org.uk**



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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/>



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Woodlands Walks 2026

FREE guided wildlife walks



- Winter Wildlife - Saturday 17th January 10.30-12pm
- Dawn Chorus - Saturday 14th 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 26th 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

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www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk**



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