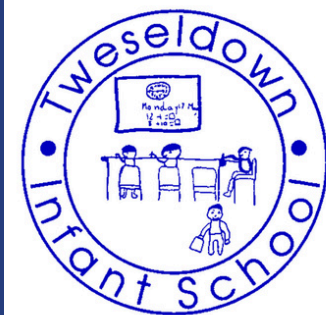
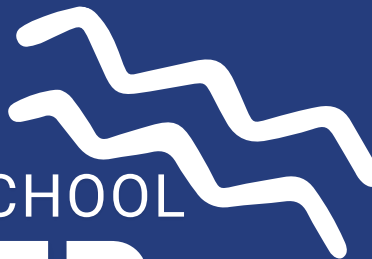


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL  
**NEWSLETTER**



### DIARY DATES

#### MAY

8<sup>th</sup> May - Dress up Day (wildlife explorer/wild animal/bird)  
- Loose Change World Map  
- Bag 2 School Collection Day  
- Quiz Night

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

13<sup>th</sup> May - Squirrel Class Assembly 09:00

15<sup>th</sup> May - Coffee & Conversation 14:30

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

20<sup>th</sup> May - Mouse Class Assembly 09:00

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

#### JUNE

3<sup>rd</sup> June - Rabbit Class Assembly 09:00

5<sup>th</sup> June - District Sports - Selected pupils only 09:00 - 12:00

10<sup>th</sup> June - Hedgehog Class Assembly 09:00

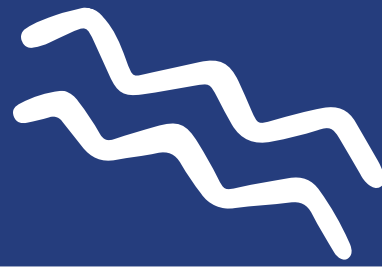
12<sup>th</sup> June - Rainbow Run

15<sup>th</sup> June - PTFA Zoom Meeting 20:00

17<sup>th</sup> June - Year R Beach Trip

18<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 FAST Museum Trip  
- Year 1 Rainforest Trip

# 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

## SUSTAINABLE DRESS UP DAY

Tomorrow, 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.

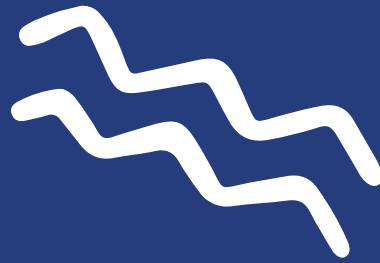
## BAG 2 SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents and carers to bring in your Bag 2 School tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at drop off. We will collect these at the front entrance of school.  
Thank you.

A large, solid yellow five-pointed star is centered at the bottom of the page. Inside the star, there is a congratulatory message.

Congratulations to Cherry House who have reached 1000 house points! Please come to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May in mufti!

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **QUIZ NIGHT**

Don't forget about our quiz night tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May! If you haven't already bought your tickets, do it now to avoid missing out!

## **THANK YOU**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who sponsored the children for the mini London marathon which took place last Friday. The children had such a brilliant time! We are so grateful for every generous donation which enabled us to not only reach but exceed our fundraising target - You are all amazing!

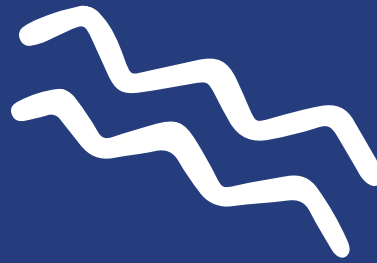
## **SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

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.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **WEAR IT GREEN DAY - THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, as part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we will be participating in 'Wear It Green Day'. This is an initiative to raise awareness for Mental Health. We are therefore asking the children to wear something green on this day.

## **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.

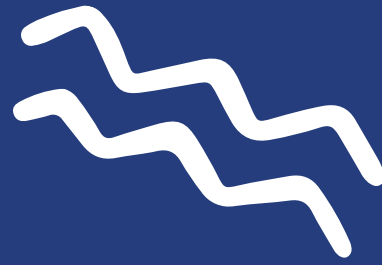
## **CLASS PHOTOS**

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 CLASS ASSEMBLY**

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

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **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.

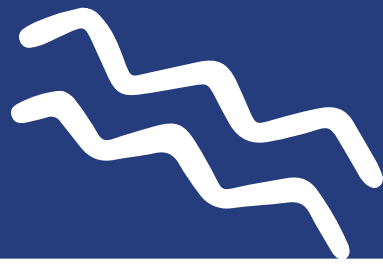
## **HALF TERM WEEK**

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

## **360 SPORTS EDUCATION - HALF TERM CAMP**

360 Sports Education are at Tweseldown in half term (Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May). If you haven't booked your child's place yet - Scan the QR code in the flyer below to do this now!

# TCS MINI LONDON MARATHON



# RECEPTION

Year R have had a fantastic and inspiring week celebrating nature as part of our David Attenborough Week. The children have been learning all about caring for our planet through a wide range of creative and outdoor activities.

We began the week by finding out who David Attenborough is and sharing facts about his work. The children enjoyed watching short clips and taking part in thoughtful discussions about animals, habitats and how we can protect the world around us. We enjoyed making a year group birthday card to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday. During Explore and Learn sessions, the children created mini-beast hotels, encouraging insects to make homes in our school grounds. Take a look as you walk through our outside area!

A real highlight of the week was our beekeeper visit, where the children learnt about bees and their importance to the environment. We also made clay animals, paper plate planets and animal masks. Outdoor learning played a big part too, including a shape hunt, litter picking around the school grounds and counting items using tally charts. We also enjoyed a woodland walk and picnic, followed by a gallery afternoon where they proudly shared their work. We look forward to our dress up day on Friday and taking part in music sessions creating natural soundscapes.

What a fantastic week celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday!

# YEAR 1

In Year 1 this week we have been very excited to learn about David Attenborough. We started the week by thinking about animals that we would like to meet and designed and made a mask of an animal. We have been putting all of our art learning and skills to the test this week ready for our wonderful gallery. We looked at Cherry Blossom trees and have recreated images of these using paints and printing skills. We have also created some wonderful leaf prints using clay. We chose and considered the different shapes and sizes of the leaves and were really amazed at some of the great detail that we printed. They really are beautiful to see.

In our writing, we have enjoyed getting to know more about David Attenborough. Did you know that he has species of animals named after him? Did you know he started working in television before he even owned his own TV? Did you know he loved collecting fossils as a child? These are some of the interesting things that we have learned about him so far. We have been writing a fact file over the week and have tried really hard to use our full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and correct spellings. We have been trying to extend our sentences using and.

We have also completed a traffic survey this week at the front of school and observed how many cars, vans, bikes, lorries and pedestrians went past the building during a short time period. We used this data to create our own pictograms and thought about how environmentally friendly the different forms of transport were.

We are looking forward to meeting an author on Friday and completing images and art work linked to music from some of the David Attenborough documentaries.

Please continue to support your child with their reading at home and to learn their spellings. We recently sent home lists of words that children are unsure of spelling. We are practising these in class and additional support at home will really help with the children's learning and application.

Next week in year 1, we will be learning about capacity. If you have any butter, ice cream, yoghurt type pots, can you please bring these in - Thank you.



It's been a shorter week this week, but we have managed to fit in so much learning! This week, we have turned our attention to one of the most influential voices in natural history: Sir David Attenborough. Our celebrations have been creative, thoughtful, and full of appreciation. We designed and made birthday cards to honour Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday.

In English we wrote letters expressing our gratitude for his work and the impact he's had on our understanding of nature. We thought of some fun facts to tell him about animals and asked him questions about some of his work with endangered animals. We also wrote and performed monologues that were inspired by his iconic television programmes, bringing his style of narration to life.

In art we created beautiful artwork on leaves inspired by the pointillism effect, carefully applying dots of colour to reflect the detail and colour found in nature.

In science we built bug hotels to support local wildlife and learn more about mini-beast habitats. We also had an animal hunt to sort and group our animals into categories, thinking about how animals can be grouped into differently by studying their features, such as habitat, diet, and physical characteristics.

In maths, we investigated statistics by analysing the local traffic outside of school and compared it with data from Sydney and Winchester. This helped us understand patterns and differences between the locations to help us answer our key question "Would you rather live in Sydney, Winchester or Fleet?".

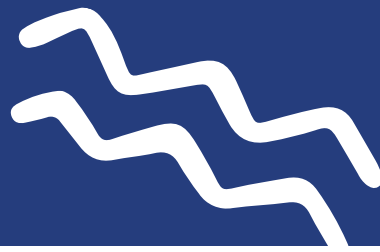
We have had a great week and have explored a powerful message about curiosity, creativity, and caring for our planet. Sir David Attenborough's work reminds us that even small actions can make a big difference.

Please can you bring in any wrapping paper tubes or kitchen roll tubes to help us with our art project (no toilet roll tubes please).



Archie Millington dressed as Kevin the Koala last weekend!

# ● DAVID ATTENBOROUGH WEEK



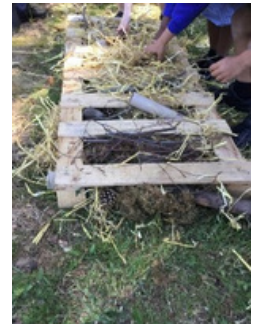
Our children have been thoroughly enjoying and been inspired by all the different activities planned to recognise the iconic Sir David Attenborough and understand the amazing and important work he has spent his lifetime doing. Here is just a snippet of some of what has been happening around the school!



Mrs Dear and the Year 2 Eco Committee told the whole school lots of fascinating information about Sir David



All classes have been busy making different style minibeast habitats, which are at the front of school to become Attenborough Avenue!



Classes have been completing traffic surveys – tallying the different types of vehicles that pass school - and discussing the environmental impact.

Year R have enjoyed a visit from a local beekeeper who taught them lots of facts about honeybees!



And so much more....

# BEYOND THE GATE

## **Volunteer sign up**

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

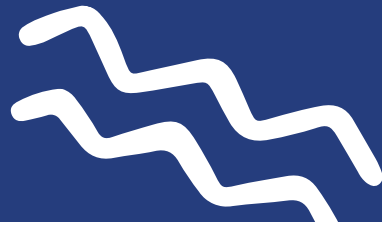
- Kindling and kiln dry logs
- Compost
- String / twine
- Pinecones (they are dropping now!)
- Cardboard tubes (e.g. from kitchen roll/tinfoil)
- Children's hand tools (trowels or forks)
- Old decking boards

## **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



## **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:

11th May - Hedgehog

18th May - Mouse

1st June - Squirrel

8<sup>th</sup> June - Deer

15<sup>th</sup> June - Otter

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Badger

29<sup>th</sup> June - Robin

6<sup>th</sup> July - Woodpecker

13<sup>th</sup> July - Kingfisher

# PTFA

## **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**

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!

# PTFA

## **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 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

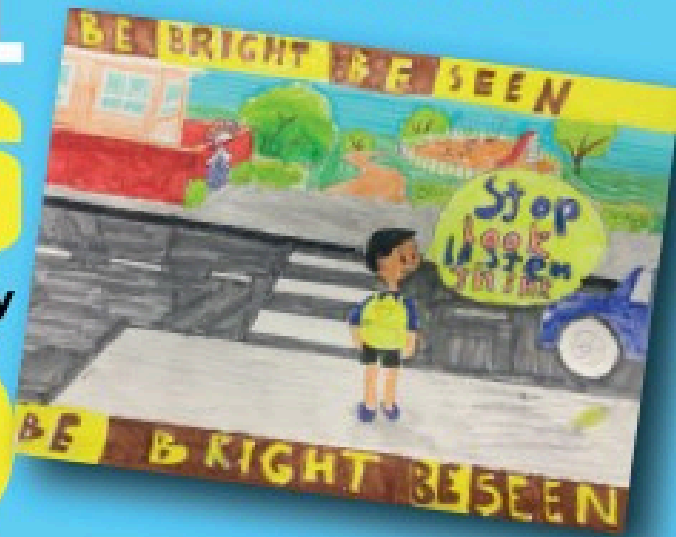
**BRILLIANT ON-SITE BAR! ADULTS ONLY EVENT**

# WALK<sup>to</sup>SCHOOL WEEK 2026

Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Your school is supporting  
**'Walk to School Week'**  
Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

*Designed by Kerim from  
Four Lanes Federation*



## How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

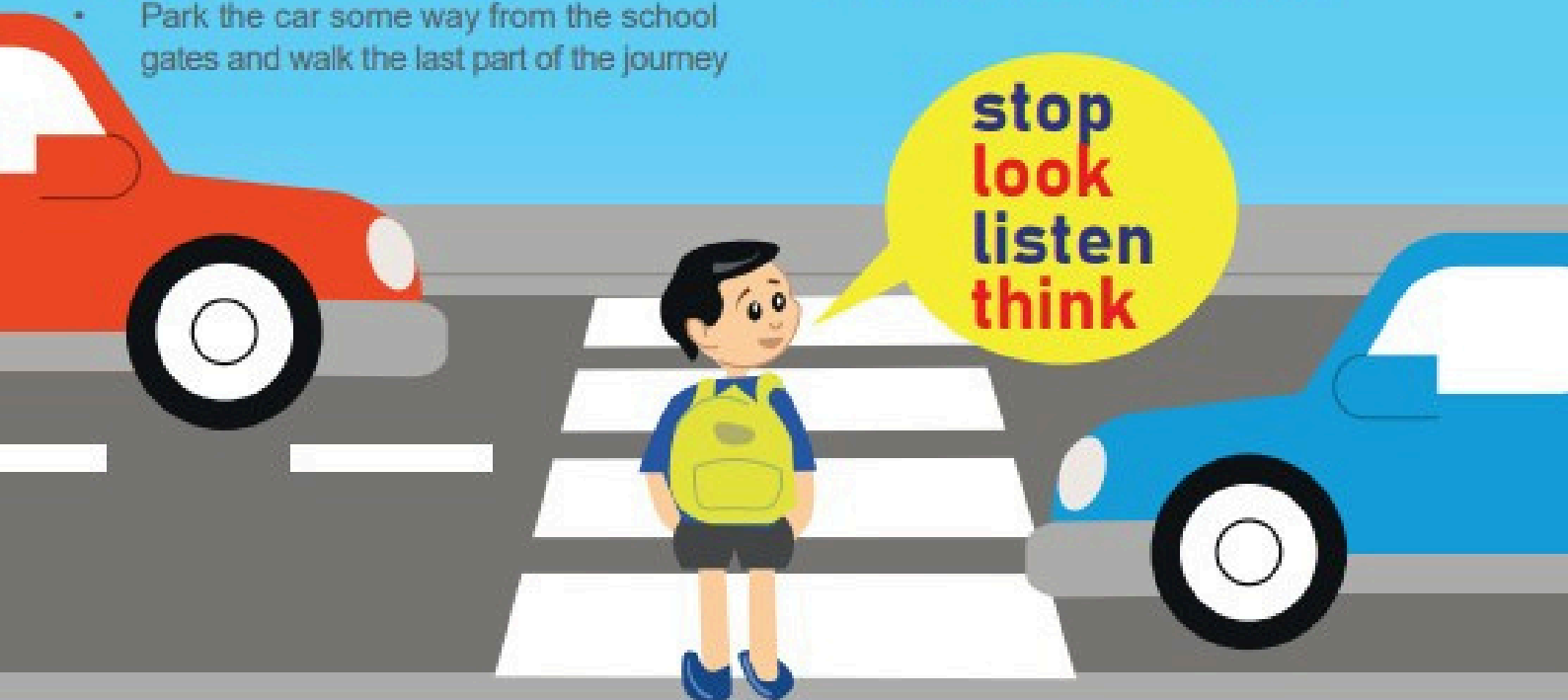
## I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey

- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken

## What are the advantages of walking?

- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day



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## SIGN UP NOW



E: [sarah@boogiepumps.co.uk](mailto:sarah@boogiepumps.co.uk)

W: [fleet.boogiepumps.co.uk](http://fleet.boogiepumps.co.uk)





# May Half Term 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!



**Football Camps**

Loads of football fun, skills building sessions and daily matches for all age groups!

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Tweseldown Infant School  
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**DISCOUNTED RATES FOR TWESELDOWN PUPILS**

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**Extended Day**  
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# May Half Term Special Features

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## Taekwon-Do

Wed 27 May (pm)

Led by Charlotte Clark, a Taekwon-Do 4th Degree Blackbelt and World Medalist, the children enjoy training in safely perfecting punches and kicks, smashing boards and testing reaction skills with the use of Blaze Pods and punch bags!

We've got NERF guns, loads of ammo and safety glasses for this fun Special Feature Activity! The children build NERF bases and play friendly competitive games like Capture the Flag, Team Elimination and Last Man Standing using soft foam darts!



## NERF Games

Tue 26 May (pm)

Fri 29 May (pm)

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**CIGARETTES**  
FULLY



**DON'T**  
DROP LITTER



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



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