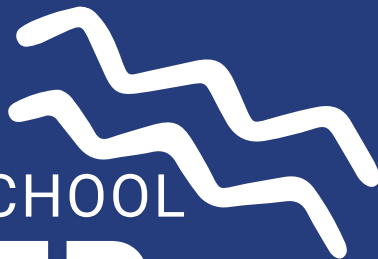


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TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



MAY

DIARY DATES

15th May - Coffee & Conversation 14:30

19th May - Class Photos

20th May - Mouse Class Assembly 09:00

22nd May - Crazy Hair Mufti

JUNE

3rd June - Rabbit Class Assembly 09:00

5th June - District Sports - Selected pupils only 09:00 - 12:00

10th June - Hedgehog Class Assembly 09:00

12th June - Rainbow Run

15th June - PTFA Zoom Meeting 20:00

17th June - Year R Beach Trip

18th June - Year 2 FAST Museum Trip
- Year 1 Rainforest Trip

19th June - Sports Day

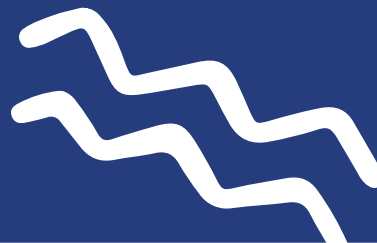
22nd June - Second-Hand Uniform Sale 14:45

24th June - Year 1 Rainforest Trip

26th June - Forces Day

29th June - INSET Day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



2026

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

29th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

22nd July - Last Day of School

TERM DATES

2026/2027

1st September - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

2nd September - First Day of Term (Yr 1 + 2)

23rd October - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

26th - 30th October - Half Term

21st December - 1st January - Christmas Holidays

4th January - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

15th February - 19th February - Half Term

22nd February - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

26th March - 9th April - Easter Holidays

28th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

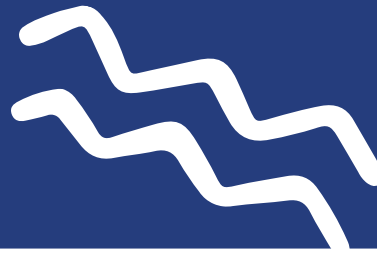
21st July - Last Day of Term

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Mrs Tottem will be holding a coffee and conversation tomorrow, Friday 15th May at 2:30pm.

Everyone is welcome - It would be great to see you there.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PTFA ZOOM MEETING

On Monday 18th May there will be a PTFA Zoom meeting at 8pm. Details on how to join can be found below.

Topic: Tweseldown PTFA May 26

Time: May 18, 2026 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96689374725?pwd=25bAcdlRG67Jw6qFakrCnsobxiT2Q7.1>

Meeting chat link:

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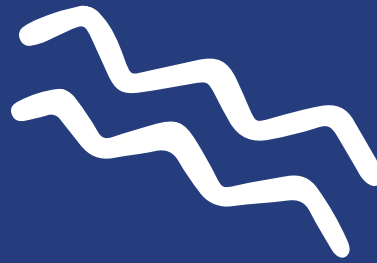
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Congratulations to Willow House who have reached 1000 house points. You may come into school on Monday 18th May in mufti!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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.

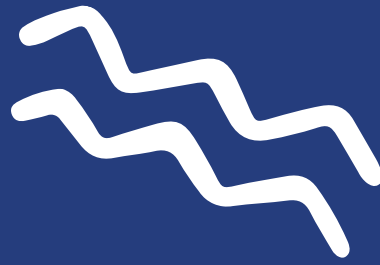
SPECIAL MENU - THURSDAY 21ST MAY

On Thursday 21st May, we will be putting on a special lunch menu for the children. We have called this 'The Great Menu Debate'! Please see the menu for this date attached below and ensure you book this as usual on Arbor.

PTFA CRAZY HAIR MUFTI

On Friday 22nd May the PTFA have organised a crazy hair mufti! Further details can be found in the PTFA section of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SQUIRREL PARENTS MEETING

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

HALF TERM WEEK

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

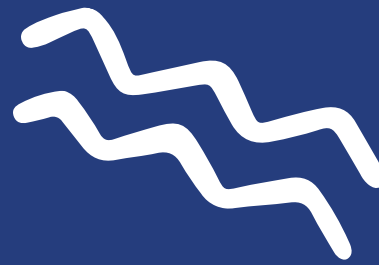
360 SPORTS EDUCATION - HALF TERM CAMP

360 Sports Education are at Tweseldown in half term (Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May). If you haven't booked your child's place yet, you can scan the QR code in the flyer below to secure their place.

RABBIT CLASS ASSEMBLY

Rabbit class have their assembly on Wednesday 3rd June at 9am. Caleb's Coffee will also be on site for any parents and carers who wish to purchase something tasty.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



DISTRICT SPORTS

On Friday 5th June, selected pupils will be taking part in District Sports. This will run from 09:00 - 12:00 on the day. If your child has been selected, you will receive a letter with more information in the next few days.

HEDGEHOG CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 10th June Hedgehog class have their assembly at 9am. Caleb's coffee will also be in attendance.

RAINBOW RUN

On Friday 12th June, the children will be taking part in the annual Rainbow Run. Further details will be provided about this fun event nearer the time.

STIR FOOD SURVEY

Stir Food are committed to providing nutritious and delicious meals that pupils look forward to every day. To ensure they meet our school community needs, they are gathering feedback from parents. We have included a direct link for the survey which should only take a few minutes to complete. We'd really appreciate your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TWISCS0526>

RECEPTION

We've had a busy and exciting time in Year R! The children have been continuing to explore our space-themed learning.

Our learning has been centred around the story 'You Choose in Space,' which has inspired the children to use their imagination, develop language skills and express their own ideas.

Through Drawing Club, the children explored creating their own character or job and wrote about their own setting within space. The children have been continuing to practise writing sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. We are also trying to spell tricky words in our drawing club sessions. This week we have worked on: I, the, we, they, go. Please can the children practise recognising and spelling these tricky words at home as it will help with their writing!

In maths, we have been looking at the number 6 and working out different ways to show it. We have also been recapping doubles and practising adding the same number to the same number.

In computing, the children began learning about keyboards. We focused on recognising that the buttons are called keys and the children practised finding the letters on a keyboard.

In DT, the children explored mechanisms, focusing on sliders and levers. They investigated how moving parts work and designed a moving space picture.

All the children are trying so hard with their reading! If you ever have 20 minutes spare in a busy week and would like to pop in to help hear some children read, we would absolutely love it! If you are interested in helping in the classroom, please speak to your child's teacher.

YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 have been reading 'What Is the Moon?' as part of our space topic. The children have been learning about the phases of the moon and discussing how its shape appears to change over time. They have also spent some time thinking about what it might be like to walk on the moon.

In maths, we have continued our work on capacity, exploring how much different containers can hold and using this knowledge to help solve simple practical problems. The children have been comparing, estimating and checking their ideas through hands-on activities.

In DT, the children have been developing their understanding of levers and sliders. They are using these mechanisms to create a moving picture linked to our space theme, taking steady steps through the design and making process.

We have also been building confidence using the laptops. The children have been learning how to open a Word document, find letters and numbers on the keyboard, and add or remove text. This has helped them become more familiar with basic word-processing skills.



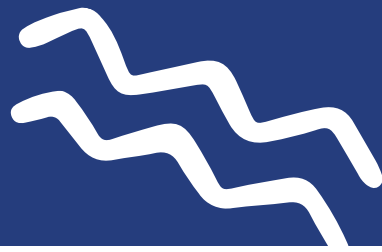
YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, the children have been learning all about money as part of their maths lessons. They are developing their understanding of recognising coins and notes, finding different ways to make amounts, and learning how to add and subtract money in practical contexts. You can support this learning at home by involving your child in simple activities such as playing 'shops', paying for items, counting change, or discussing prices when shopping. The difficult part will be finding physical money to use!

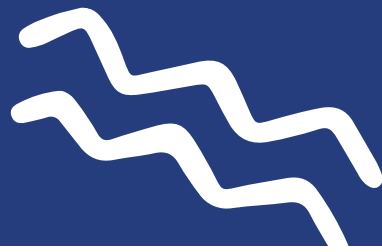
Building on from their learning in geography, the children have started to plan an information leaflet that will persuade people to visit Sydney, Winchester or Fleet. Their information leaflet plans include facts about the landmarks that can be found, food that can be eaten and entertainment that can be enjoyed in these places. They have been practising verbally to use expressive voices, exaggerated language and persuasion through reasoning. Be careful, these positively persuasive Year 2s might catch you out with their new techniques!

In art, we will build on our ability to use pointillism in an indigenous Australian style, using paint. We will consider all of the techniques and styles that we have studied so far. In science, we will monitor the growth of our pea plants and record our findings in our plant diaries.

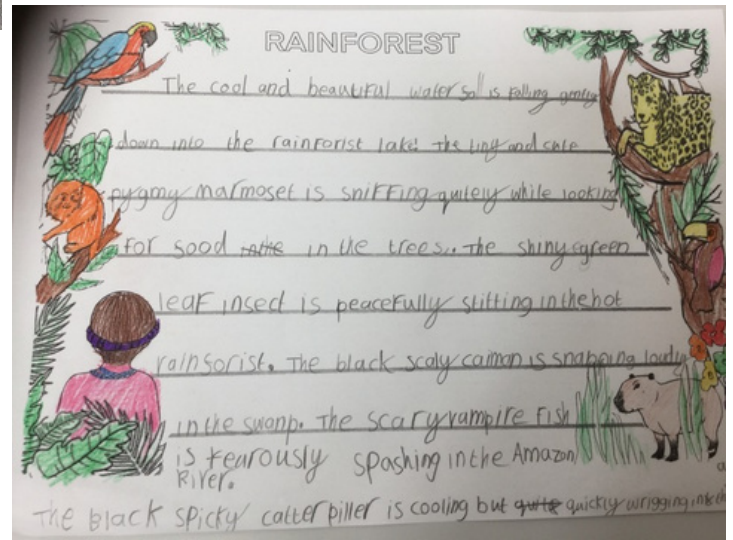
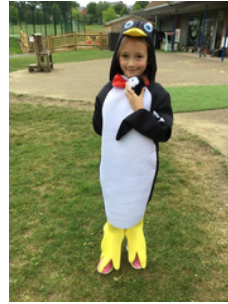
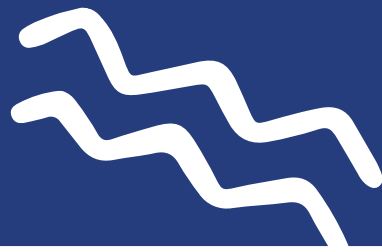
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BEYOND THE GATE

Sir David Attenborough 100th Birthday week

We hope your child enjoyed our week of activities to recognise Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday and his inspirational work!

Your generosity with donations far surpassed our expectations:

Loose Change World Map = £152.28

Art Gallery = £491.26

Total = £643.54

This money is being split between the World Wildlife Fund UK; The Wildlife Trusts and World Land Trust all of which Sir David Attenborough works for and supports.

The RSPB who joined us, with their badge maker and pin badges, raised £106.80

Therefore, our total charitable donations raised was a whooping £750.34! Thank you.

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

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.

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 to use. Please return it the next morning to your class teacher.

Week beginning:

18th May - Mouse

1st June - Squirrel

8th June - Deer

15th June - Otter

22nd June - Badger

29th June - Robin

6th July - Woodpecker

13th July - Kingfisher

Fleet RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club

The next event for this group is this Sunday, 17th May at 2:30pm - Balsam Bashing!

This involves, stomping through the woods to find balsam; pulling it up and laying it flat; jumping up and down on it so it doesn't re-root. This is all part of woodland management and a great activity to get involved with as a family.

Park at Wickham Place car park GU52 6NG

For more information and to book your place, please email: Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com
(Mrs Dear cannot make this date but would love to hear from the organisers about any Tweseldown families who attend!)

Thank You!

Bag 2 School Donation Drive

Thank you so much to everyone who donated clothes to the Bag 2 School initiative. We received a fantastic number of donations, all of which have now been collected by Bag 2 School. We're currently awaiting confirmation of the final weights and the amount raised and will, of course, share this with you as soon as we have it.



Quiz Night

A huge thank you as well to everyone who joined us for our very first Quiz Night on Friday evening. It was a great success, with plenty of fun and competitive spirit throughout the evening! Special thanks to our brilliant quizmaster, Jon Griffiths, who put together a wonderfully varied and entertaining quiz. An incredible £457 was raised by this event – thank you all for your support! All the money raised from the Quiz Night will be going to the school to fund resources for the classrooms and the Den.

A big Thank You to all our prize sponsors, including Sorrento and Heron on the Lake for their kind donations. Thanks also to our fabulous bar staff: Mrs Tottem, and Donna and Charlotte from the PTFA, for keeping everyone refreshed throughout the evening.

Recent purchases for the school

We'd like to share how the funds raised through PTFA events have recently been used to support the school.

Thanks to your generosity, we have purchased 10 visualisers for use in classrooms and the Den, helping to enhance teaching and learning across the school. We have also funded the new mural artwork currently being created outside the school, as well as covering the cost of painting the storage container, helping to improve the school environment for everyone.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the school through the PTFA – it really does make a difference.

PTFA



PTFA

The Future of the PTFA

As some of our children move on to junior school, several members of the current PTFA team – including the Chair and Treasurer – will be stepping down at the end of this academic year (July).

Being part of the PTFA is a really rewarding way to get involved in school life, support the children, and make connections with other families. We would love to see the PTFA continue so that the fun events and extra opportunities the children enjoy can carry on. If you're curious about what's involved, or would like an informal chat about any of the roles, please do get in touch at **PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk** – we're very happy to talk things through.

To give an idea of what the PTFA has supported this year, thanks to your generosity at PTFA-run events we have:

- installed a new tannoy system within the school
- purchased a portable sound system
- funded the duckling eggs and caterpillar/butterfly kits
- funded Father Christmas gifts
- run a Winter Warmer event
- run a Festive Fireworks event and Spring Fair
- held multiple discos and mufti days
- provided bubble wands and bunny ears for the Bunny Bounce
- co-ordinated uniform sales
- held a Special Person Day sale at school.

All of this has been made possible by volunteers working together as a team. No one does everything on their own, and roles can be shared or tailored to fit around family and work commitments. Even giving a small amount of time makes a meaningful difference.

For these much-loved activities and events to continue, we do need new volunteers to step forward to help form the next PTFA committee. Without a PTFA, it's unlikely that many of these extras would be able to take place – which is why now is the perfect time to get involved and help shape what the PTFA looks like going forward.

We are putting together a detailed handover document, so you will have everything at your fingertips with clear guidance on what happens, when and how. Over this year, we have also created event briefs for our key events too.

We look forward to hearing from you. Why not join our next monthly Zoom meeting? It's on Monday 18th May at 8pm, we'd love to see you on-screen and answer any questions you may have.

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 or grab us in person if you see us around school! We'd love to hear from you.

Upcoming PTFA Events & Dates

18th May 2026 - PTFA Monthly Zoom Meeting (8pm)

22nd May 2026 – Crazy Hair Mufti

12th June 2026 – Rainbow Run

22nd June 2026 – Uniform Sale

4th July 2026 – Fleet Carnival

9th July 2026 – School Disco

15th July 2026 – PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

20th July 2026 – Year 2 Leavers Treat

Crazy Hair Mufti

We're looking forward to seeing your wild and wacky hair at our Crazy Hair Mufti on Friday 22nd May. Children will still come dressed in their mufti clothes, but this time they have the added bonus of crazy hair too! If you've already made a bundle payment for discos and mufti, this is already included.

If you haven't made a bundle payment but would like your child to take part in the Crazy Hair Mufti day, please transfer £1 (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).*****

We're looking forward to seeing all the children's crazy hair. If you do forget, we will have a PTFA Hair Stand with chinks and coloured hair spray available that morning at an additional cost of £1 per child.

Fleet Carnival

More detail will be coming out soon, but Tweseldown Infant School will be taking part in the procession on Saturday 4th July! The theme is “Music through the decades” and our procession era will be the 1970s. We will be in touch soon.

The Great Menu Debate

Thursday 21st May 2026

Chicken Nuggets, Chips and Peas

Margherita Pizza, Chips and Peas

Pasta with Homemade Tomato
Sauce

and

Vanilla Ice Cream Cup

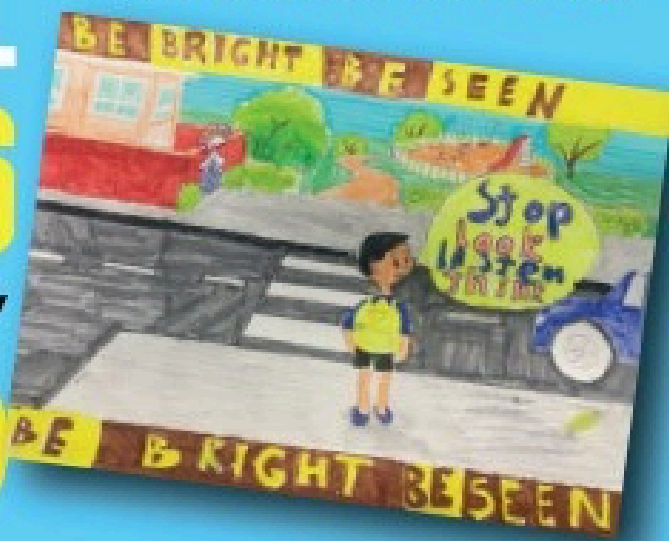


WALK to SCHOOL WEEK 2026

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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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 26th - Friday 29th May

Tweseldown Infant School
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May Half Term Special Features

Fun & enriching experiences at no extra cost to you!



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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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/>



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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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the QR code or visit:

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🕒 Sat, 30 May • 10.30 am – 1.00 pm

📍 Christ Church, Gally Hill Rd, GU52 6LH

It's fun, it's free and it's for everyone!

Kids are welcome to join you for fun and cooking too.

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