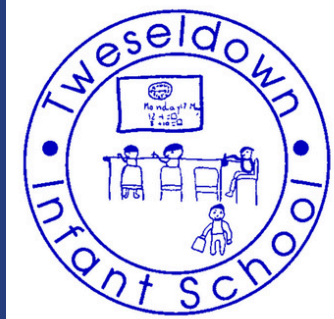
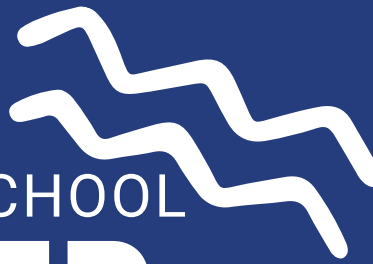


03/09/2026
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

8th September - Year R Settling in Session

9th September - First Day for Year R

18th September - Key Stage 1 Welcome Event 09:00 - 10:00

25th September - Year R Welcome Event 09:00 - 10:00

26th September - Beyond the Gate Work Party 09:30 - 11:30

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to our lovely Tweseldown families!
We hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed some rest.

It has been so nice to see the children's smiley faces returning this week and we very much look forward to welcoming our new Year R's next week.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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)

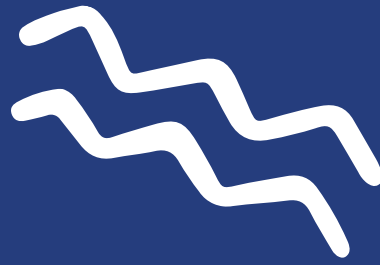
21st July - Last Day of Term

CARPENTER VOLUNTEER HELP

As the new term begins, we are looking for a carpenter or DIY enthusiast to volunteer their time to help us create some shelving in our plant room.

If you would be happy to assist with this, please let the office know. We'd be very grateful for your time - Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



KEY STAGE 1 WELCOME EVENT

On Friday 18th September 09:00 - 10:00, we will be holding a welcome event for key stage 1 parents (years 1 and 2). Come along to find out about trips, curriculum, what to expect this year and meet your teachers!

YEAR R WELCOME EVENT

On Friday 25th September 09:00 - 10:00, we will be holding a 'Welcome to Year R' event for parents and carers. Please come along to find out all you need to know about your child's first year at Tweseldown Infant School. We look forward to seeing you there!

FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHING

Please can parents/carers ensure the children have their forest school kit with them in school at all times. This should include waterproofs and wellies.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs will run again from the week commencing 14th September. You will receive an email about lunchtime clubs (years 1 and 2 only) in the coming days.

BEYOND THE GATE

Flower Arch

Thank you to everyone from the school community and wider local community who helped create crochet or knitted flowers for the amazing arch to welcome the children back to school!

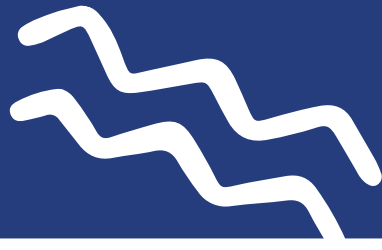
Each flower contribution was unique, beautifully made and exactly what we hoped for.

This has replaced our traditional balloon arch, as a sustainable and reuseable option which will be used for many events to come and is one of our actions to become a more environmentally friendly school.

If you missed your photo opportunity, it will be back out to welcome our new Year R's next week.



BEYOND THE GATE



Beyond the Gate

The following classes will be having their Autumn Term Beyond the Gate sessions this half term beginning next week:

Robin and Owl = Wednesdays

Woodpecker and Kingfisher = Fridays

They will alternate weekly between a morning or afternoon session.

If your child is in these classes, please ensure they have appropriate clothes for their session. Please see the separate email for detailed information.

Volunteers

For our Beyond the Gate sessions to be as enriching as possible and allow the children to get the best opportunities and the optimum experiences, we need parent volunteers to support our sessions to maintain high ratios.

You can volunteer at any session, even if your child's class is not currently having sessions (a great chance to have some valuable time in nature!).

Please sign up using this link: volunteersignup.org/9MM99

If you are unsure what volunteering in BTG involves, please see the attached poster with FAQ's or speak to your class teacher or Mrs Dear.

BTG Autumn Work Party

We will be holding a Beyond the Gate Autumn Work Party on Saturday 26th September 9:30 - 11:30am.

Our work parties are crucial in supporting us manage and maintain the vast nature area, to allow the children and nature to thrive. Work will include activities such as clearing bramble, developing dead hedging, preparing and sowing wildflower seed, general clearing and tidying etc.

Children are welcome to help as well but must be supervised by their accompanying adult.

To join at this event, please sign up following this link: volunteersignup.org/QA7M7

Please bring any gardening tools (strimmer, loopers, secateurs, spades, rakes, forks, gardening gloves etc) and wear appropriate clothes.

VOLUNTEERING AT BEYOND THE GATE FAQ'S



I don't know how to sign up to volunteer

Please visit

<https://volunteersignup.org/9MM99>

to sign up for this half-term's sessions.



I would love to help, but I am not available during my child's session

That's absolutely fine. You are welcome to volunteer with any class or year group that fits your availability.



I would love to help, but my child is not having sessions this half term

You are still very welcome to volunteer with another class or year group.



I do not know what activities take place

Please visit the BTG Blog on the website or pop into the office to browse the floor book, which showcases the children's activities and learning.



How long is a volunteering session?

We ask you to volunteer for 1 hour 45 minutes per session, which includes 15 minutes per session briefing with Mrs Dear.



I would love to volunteer, but I am not available every week

Not a problem, you can sign up for one session or more and we welcome volunteers on an adhoc or regular basis.



I do not have a DBS for Tweseldown

We require all volunteers to hold a valid enhanced DBS certificate. We can accept certificates from a different organisation. You will need to show the office your paper copy when you first volunteer in the school. If you do not have this, the school can support you in applying for a DBS check — please speak to the office.



What is involved in volunteering for BTG?

You may be asked to assist with a specific activity, monitor a particular area, or join in with the children's play and discoveries. Mrs Dear will fully brief and support you.

Any more questions - please ask your class teacher or Mrs Dear

BEYOND THE GATE



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BUILDING  **HEROES**

During the summer break, a French Drain was created in Beyond the Gate to help mitigate the ongoing drainage issues we have in our nature area as part of our environmental management and maintenance plan for the site.

With the support of Kevin Tomlinson (Garrison Sergeant Major, Tidworth) a collaborative partnership was established with **Building Heroes** and **M Group Ltd**, who assessed our site and determined that a French Drain was a feasible solution (based upon available space, nearby infrastructure, and terrain).

Adam Watts (M Group Ltd) planned and organised the logistics of this project, whilst John Caple at Building Heroes worked hard to secure donated materials for the project. This included over 20T of stone from **Jewson** (via **Day Aggregates**), privacy fencing from **Wickes** (to be installed at a later date) and pipe that the projects team at **M Group** kindly provided. Operatives from M Group's Hook Highways Depot supplied equipment and completed the work, with the ongoing support of both Adam and John, despite facing significant challenges on site.

It was incredible to see everyone from the different organisations pulling together being so generous with their time and resources to complete this project, at no financial cost to the school.

A huge thank you on behalf of the children and staff!



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.uk/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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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

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

www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk



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Brimstones



Tennis Coaching Autumn Term 2026

● Dates: Tuesday 8 September – Tuesday 1 December (excluding half term)

● Time: 8.00-8.35am

● Cost: £114.00

[To Register and Further Information please Click Here](#)

● Coaching will take place at Crookham Park Tennis Courts

● Coaching undertaken by LTA accredited, qualified and fully DBS checked coaches

● All equipment provided

If you have any queries or problems registering, please contact
Zana at avondalecoaching@virginmedia.com



AFTER SCHOOL SINGING CLUB WEDNESDAYS



Singing

3:05pm - 4:05pm



Years R - 2

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9TH SEP - 9TH DEC

***NO CLASS 28TH OCT**

13 WEEKS