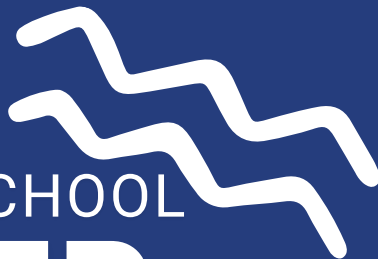


10/09/2026

TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

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 YEAR R

We would like to say a warm welcome to our lovely new year R children and their families.

Year R began their week with a half day settling in session. They really enjoyed seeing their new teacher and classmates and had a wonderful time playing in their new surroundings.

On their first full day, the children arrived beaming with big smiles and were so enthusiastic to start their journey with Tweseldown.

The teachers and assistant teachers have worked extremley hard to create beautiful, nurturing environments for the children which they will thrive in during their first year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TERM DATES 2026/2027

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

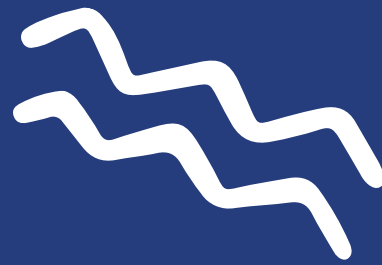
28th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

21st July - Last Day of Term

RESOURCE PROVISION - DRAGONFLY CLASS

We are pleased to announce that our resource provision opens on Monday and will affectionately be known as Dragonfly class.

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!

OUTDOOR LEARNING CLOTHING

All the classes will be involved in a greater amount of Outdoor Learning this year as we recognise the benefits this has for the children both academically and holistically. Therefore, please can parents/carers ensure that children have a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers and wellies in school every day.

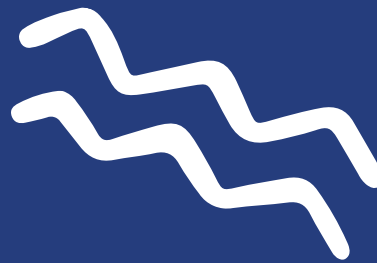
Please take a look in the "help yourself box" in the front entrance before buying new.

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS

We would like to say thank you to the two wonderful grandmothers who have kindly donated a lot of resources for use during Beyond the Gate sessions and Outdoor Learning opportunities. These included new clipboards, paint, cardboard and paper, glue sticks, trowels, minibeast pots and white boards.

Donations like this make such a difference, and we are extremely grateful!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



LUNCHTIME SPANISH CLUB

Lunchtime Spanish club will now begin next term. There are still spaces to book - Please do this now to ensure your child has a place.

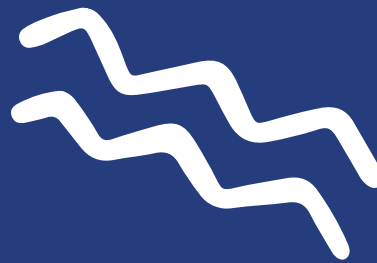
ONLINE SAFETY: THE AMAZING DIGITAL CIRCUS

A concern has been brought to our attention regarding a series called The Amazing Digital Circus, which is currently available on streaming platforms including Netflix. At first glance, the programme may appear to be aimed at young children due to its colourful animation, cartoon-style characters and playful title. However, the content is intended for an older audience and includes themes and scenes that many parents would find unsuitable for primary-aged children. The show carries a **12 rating** on Netflix and includes content warnings for violence, language and drug misuse. Some episodes contain scenes that could be upsetting for younger viewers, including depictions of injury, threatening situations and other disturbing imagery presented in an animated format. Please be aware that this series is 12+ and not suitable for younger viewers.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Please ensure your child does not climb on the school play equipment before or after school. This is for health and safety reasons and insurance purposes. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Due to health and safety, children must be dropped off and picked up from their assigned classroom. They must not go to their siblings classroom.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Please can you make sure your child comes to school in the mornings with everything they need for that day. We have implemented year group boxes in reception. If there is anything that is needed for that day which you have forgotten in the morning and bring in slightly later for your child, please ensure it is clearly named and pop it in the relevant box. We will then deliver them to class mid-morning.

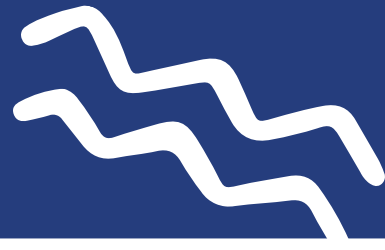
ACCEPTABLE SNACKS

As the new school year has begun, we would like to remind parents and carers of the acceptable snacks you are able to send your child to school with. Accepted snacks are fruit, crackers, breadsticks and raisins. Please do not send your child in with chocolate or anything containing nuts. We are a nut free school.

ASSEMBLY VISIT

If you are a professional that would like to come in and talk to the children at an assembly about what you do, we'd love you to come in and share your experiences. We welcome a variety of backgrounds and jobs from lion tamers, firefighters, surgeons, beauticians, astronauts. Please bear in mind it is age appropriate and props are a great way to demonstrate to the children.

RECEPTION



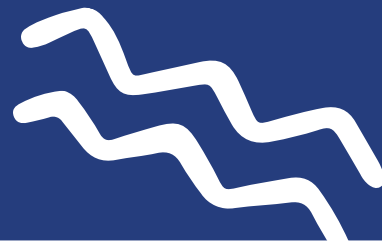
Our Year R children have had a wonderful start to school and have settled in brilliantly. During their first week, we spent time exploring our new environment and took tours around the school to help us learn where everything is and to become familiar with our surroundings.

The children have been busy finding out where all their belongings belong, making new friends, and enjoying lots of opportunities to play and learn together both indoors and outdoors. We have also shared a variety of books about starting school, helping us talk about our feelings and experiences as we begin our school journey.

In our learning, we have enjoyed singing counting songs and taking part in fun activities that help develop our early number skills. We are so proud of how confidently the children have approached their first week and look forward to many more exciting learning adventures together over the rest of the year.

What a great week!

YEAR 1 + 2



A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families. We have had a fantastic start to the new school year and it has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm, ready to learn.

This term, our topic is all about the The United Kingdom. The children have been learning all about the four countries that make up the UK and their capital cities. We are sure they would love the opportunity to test your knowledge at home, so be prepared for a quiz on London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast! Mr Goulding has even been spotted embracing the topic by wearing a kilt!

In Maths, our Year 2 children have been busy developing their understanding of place value, while Year 1 have been enjoying learning about measurement through a range of practical activities.

We have also been making the most of our writing skills by creating our Class Charters, thinking carefully about the values and expectations that will help us all to have a happy and successful year together.

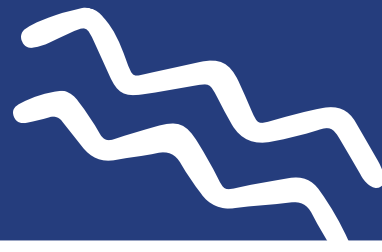
It has been particularly pleasing to see so many children practising their reading skills regularly. Thank you for your continued support at home. Reading little and often really does make a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

Please keep an eye out for new homework and spellings, which will be coming home soon. We also look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our 'Welcome to KS1' meeting on Friday 18th September at 9am.

Finally, please remember to check messages on your child's classroom door for important information about PE days and Beyond the Gate. You will find a message there about Recycling Week too!

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful term ahead!

YEAR 1 + 2



Please see the below information:

PE DAYS

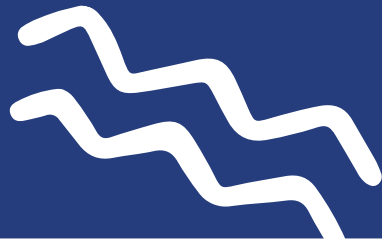
DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday	Woodpecker Class	Otter Class
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Kingfisher Class	Badger Class
Thursday	Dragonfly Class	Deer Class
Friday	Owl Class	Robin Class

BEYOND THE GATE

Wednesday - Robin & Owl

Friday - Woodpecker + Kingfisher

BEYOND THE GATE



Volunteers

Thank you to those who have already helped or signed up to volunteer for our Beyond the Gate sessions this half term.

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 - Online volunteer signup sheets - Beyond the Gate Volunteers Autumn 1 signup sheet](#)

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 brambles, 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.

Litter Picking Loan Equipment

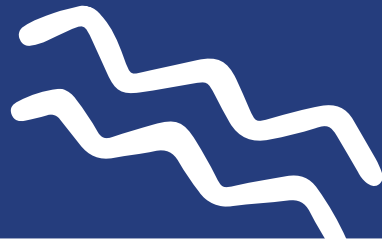
We have two sets of litter picking equipment that families can borrow from the school to litter pick in the local area.

These contain litter pickers, hoops, gloves, high visibility jackets and books for recording where and when you litter pick.

This academic year we are going to continue the rota of the litter picking equipment rotating around classes for a week each. You can borrow the equipment for an evening or over the weekend. Please speak to your class teacher when it is your classes turn.

Next week is Woodpecker Class.

ECO SCHOOLS



Year One and Two Eco Committee Applications

Would your child like to be a member of this year's Eco Committee (Year one and two only)?

Applications can now be submitted, by completing the application form and giving it to your class teacher. Please read the separate email for details and the form.

Deadline for submitting applications: Wednesday 16th September.

Please be aware that this is a popular role and there are only a limited number of spaces.

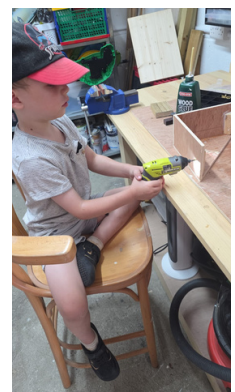
Kasper's bug hotel creation at home

Inspired by his Beyond the Gate sessions in school, and our David Attenborough 100th Birthday week of activities, Kasper (now in Robin class) was keen to create a bug hotel of his own at home over the summer break.

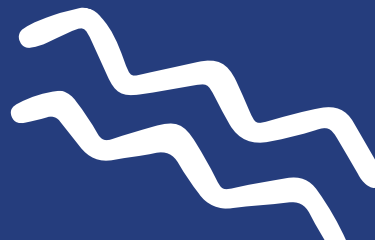
Prior to the holidays, Kasper started sharing his plans with his Grandpop to design and create a new bug house for his garden. His grandparents encouraged him, and he began steadily on his project during his weekly visits to their house, using materials he could find, such as old bricks, wood, leaves, fir cones etc.

Together over the holidays, they continued their project using leftover wood from his Grandpops garage, bamboo also from their garden, pine needles, leaves and feathers found around the garden.

Kasper and his family are very proud of his new bug house, which now sits proudly in his grandparents' garden and has encouraged his younger brother and cousins on their visits to make their own additions to the bug house.



All our staff are so pleased that Kasper shared his achievement with them and that he was inspired by the lessons and activities he had undertaken in school. What amazing environmental stewardship!



Hi Everyone!

We're the Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) at Tweseldown Infant School. The PTFA works closely with the school to create engaging and fun events for the children with sprinkles of memory making in between. From ducklings and butterflies to discos and fireworks, we can't wait to meet you and your little humans. Here's to an exciting year ahead!

The PTFA volunteers have monthly meetings to discuss future events. Our first meeting is on 14th September at 20:00 at school. All parents and carers are welcome to come along; we would love to see you all there! If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please email us at PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk.

Best wishes from the PTFA team.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **14th September 20.00: Monthly PTFA Meeting at school.**

- **21st September between 14:45-15:15 Second-hand uniform sale**

This will be the **first uniform sale of the term**, in the usual place at the front of the school.

We have plenty of stock, including a lot of branded items in great condition. All items cost £2, except t-shirts which are just £1 each.

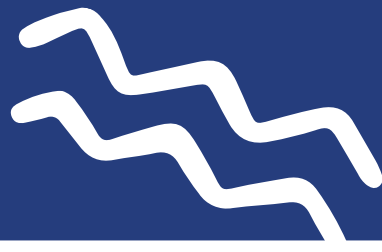
Save money, help the environment and support Tweseldown!

If you can volunteer, please do sign up <https://volunteersignup.org/HD4KC>

Note that we won't be accepting uniform donations for a while after Friday 11th September. Please don't drop off any more donations after that as we will run out of storage space. Thanks!

- **9th October: PTFA MUFTI £1**

Children can come to school wearing their own clothes to raise money for the PTFA.



PAYMENT BUNDLE FOR DISCOS AND MUFTI

To make things easier, and to save you making small individual payments throughout the year for Discos and MUFTI days, we are offering you the option to make a bundle payment. You will have the option to pay a non-refundable one-off sum of £12.50, which will cover your child for all Discos and MUFTI days for this academic year! Of course, you will still be able to pay for each event separately, if you prefer.

Please look out for QR codes in classroom windows or use the payment details below.

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 first 3 letters of class are sufficient. E.g. JBloggsKin = Joe Bloggs Kingfisher)*****

- **12th October** PTFA Monthly Meeting on Zoom
- **16th October** PTFA Quiz Night

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/>

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 Autumn Work Party

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

9:30 - 11:30AM

CUTTING BRAMBLE

PLANTING BULBS

DEVELOPING DEAD HEDGING

SOWING WILDFLOWER SEEDS

STRIMMING

TIDYING AND CLEARING

DEVELOPING HABITATS



**SIGN UP
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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
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www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk



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AFTER SCHOOL SINGING CLUB WEDNESDAYS



Singing

3:05pm - 4:05pm



Years R - 2

at Tweseldown Infants

A fun, confidence building after school club where children can sing, build their voice, learn songs and make new friends.

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AUTUMN TERM 2026

9TH SEP - 9TH DEC

***NO CLASS 28TH OCT**

13 WEEKS



*For children in Years R - 2
Tweseldown Infant School
Singing Club*

Try Singing After School

2 weeks for just £10

Would your child love a fun and creative activity to look forward to after school?

Boogie Pumps Singing Club gives children the chance to learn brilliant songs, express themselves, build confidence and have fun with friends - all conveniently at their own school.

For: Children in Years R - 2

When: Wednesdays, 3:05pm - 4:05pm

Trial offer: Two weeks for just £10

It's a relaxed way for your child to try the club before you decide whether they would like to continue for the rest of the term.

BOOK THEIR TWO WEEK TRIAL:

<https://fleet.boogiepumps.co.uk/shop/2-week-trial/>

We'd love to welcome your child!

Warm regards,

Sarah Badger
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