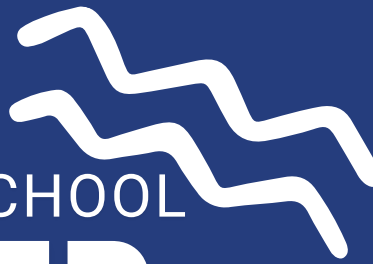


17/09/2026

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
Sign up to attend: volunteersignup.org/QA7M7

OCTOBER

2nd October - 'How we Teach Writing' Workshop 09:00

9th October - 'How we Teach Maths' Workshop 09:00

13th October - Harvest Festival 09:00

16th October - 'How we Teach Phonics' Workshop 09:00

19th October - Year R Picnic 14:30

22nd October - Last day of Term

23rd October - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

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

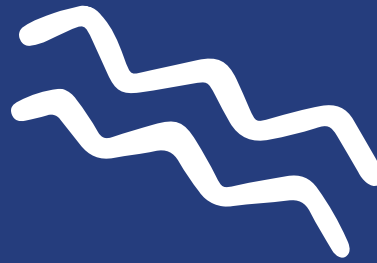
28th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

21st July - Last Day of Term

KEY STAGE 1 WELCOME EVENT

Tomorrow, 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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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!

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.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

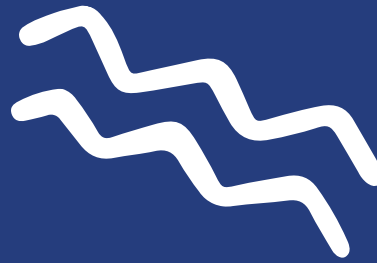
Please can you make sure your child comes to school in the mornings with everything they need for that day. We have implemented year group boxes in reception. If there is anything that is needed for that day which you have forgotten in the morning and bring in slightly later for your child, please ensure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

HELP NEEDED!

Can you help? We are looking for some lovely volunteers to help Mr John with clearing out and reorganising our container on Saturday 10th October 11am - 1pm (weather dependant). If you would be free to join us for this mammoth task, we would really appreciate your help!

If there are any carpenters, builders or keen DIYers, Mr John would really like some help and advice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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.

GUINEA PIGS

Our lovely school guinea pigs, Burt and Barry are always excited for a holiday! If you'd like to have them to stay for a weekend please get in touch with us adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

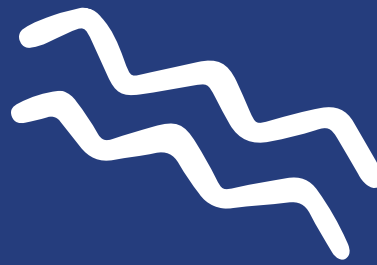
PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

We are holding tours for prospective parents in the coming months. If you have a child starting school in September 2027 and would like to join us on one of our selected tour dates, please visit our website to book.

STARCARE SNACK

The snack offered at Starcare will soon be changing to a fruit station. Your child will be able to choose from a variety of different fruits on offer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNISATIONS

Vaccination is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves and our children against ill health. They are the most effective way to prevent many infectious diseases. Vaccines teach the immune system how to create antibodies that protect you from diseases. Keeping up to date with vaccination helps protect your child.

WORKSHOPS FOR READING, WRITING & MATHS

During the month of October we will be holding workshops for parents on reading, writing and maths. Please see below for dates and times;

- 2nd October 9am - 'How we teach writing'
- 9th October 9am - 'How we teach maths'
- 16th October 9am - 'How we teach phonics & reading'

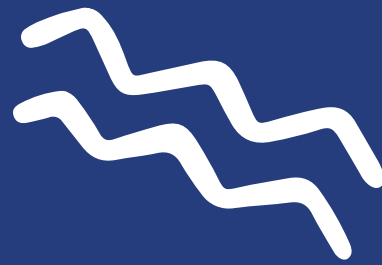
ONLINE SAFETY: THE AMAZING DIGITAL CIRCUS

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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.

LITTER PICKING LOAN EQUIPMENT

Next week the two sets of litter picking loan equipment will be with KINGFISHER class. We hope families in the class enjoy borrowing the equipment to help keep our local area tidy.

THANK YOU!

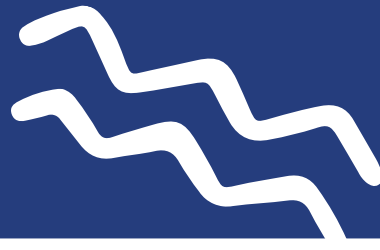
A massive thank you to Pip (one of our lovely dads and regular Beyond the Gate volunteers), who has given his time and donated the resources to build this amazing handwashing station for the site.

The children have been enjoying how to work as a pair to pump the water and wash their hands.

This is a vast improvement to our previous set up!



RECEPTION



What a fantastic first full week in Reception we have had! We have settled into school life brilliantly and have already been very busy with our learning.

In our Communication and Language sessions, we have been enjoying the story 'I'm Too Small for School'. We have talked about the characters' feelings, made predictions about what might happen next, and linked the story to our own experiences of starting school.

We have also been discussing our school rules and exploring what these look like in our classrooms each day. In Phonics, we have started learning the letters s, a, t and p. We have practised the letter names, sounds and actions, so quiz us at home grown-ups, and see what we can remember!

In Maths, we have been singing lots of counting songs and having great fun using different props to support our learning. Our teachers are so proud of how well we have settled and look forward to another exciting week ahead! 🌟

A reminder that our Year R picnic will take place on Monday 19th October at 2:30pm. Parents and carers are warmly welcome to join us.

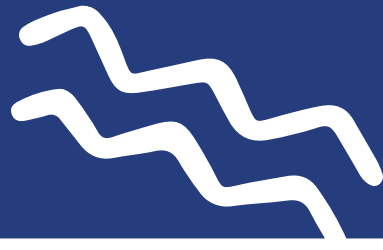
As part of our learning, the children will also be making and writing invitations to their parents/carers. To enable us to post these invitations, we kindly ask that you provide an envelope, with a stamp on, addressed to yourselves by Wednesday 7th October.

The children will then walk to the local post box to post their invitations. The classes will be posting their letters on the following dates at 9:00am:

- Hedgehog Class - Monday 12th October
- Mouse Class - Tuesday 13th October
- Squirrel Class - Wednesday 14th October

We would love to have some grown-ups join us on these walks. If you are available to help, please speak to your child's class teacher at the classroom door.

YEAR 1 + 2



What a fantastic week of learning we have had!

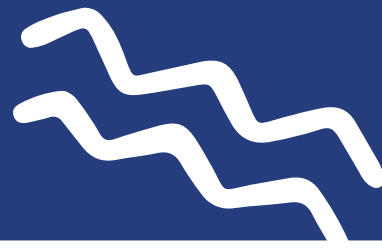
We have been thinking about Recycling Week in our assemblies and busy using your kind donations to create lovely items with birds in mind. Look out for our creations.

In Science, the children have become budding meteorologists as they explored the weather in the UK and observed the changing weather around our school. They enjoyed discussing different weather conditions and making observations. The children have also continued their environmental learning and have become enthusiastic conservationists. Using their *Working Scientifically* skills, they carried out their own investigation to find out where woodlice prefer to live. The children made predictions, carefully observed the woodlice in different habitat. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and scientific thinking in action.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading 'The Big Book About the UK' and discovering lots of interesting facts about our country. They have used what they have learned to support their writing and have worked incredibly hard to remember their key writing skills. We have been particularly impressed with how well the children are using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and the conjunction 'and' to join their ideas together. Their confidence and independence as writers continue!

Finally, a huge well done to everyone who has been working hard on their reading skills. We are delighted that so many children have successfully logged into Bug Club and are enjoying reading their online books. Thank you for your continued support at home.

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.

We still have spaces and would love to welcome you Beyond the Gate.

Please sign up using this link: **[VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Beyond the Gate Volunteers Autumn 1 signup sheet](#)**

BTG Autumn Work Party

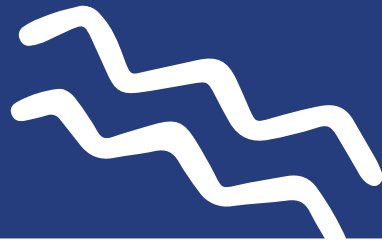
We will be holding a Beyond the Gate Autumn Work Party on Saturday 26th September 9:30 - 11:30am.

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.

ECO SCHOOLS



Year One and Two Eco Committee Applications

Thank you to all the children in Year One and Two who have submitted applications for the Eco Committee. We are reading them all carefully and will announce who this year's team will be very soon.

Litter Picking Loan Equipment

Next week the two sets of litter picking loan equipment will be with KINGFISHER class.

We hope families in the class enjoy borrowing the equipment to help keep our local area tidy.

Recycling Week

This week has been National Recycling Week, and in assemblies and lessons the children have been learning all about the importance of recycling; how to sort rubbish into the correct bins and about composting food waste.

Every class has been given new bins. A blue one for recycling; a black one for general waste and a grey one for compostable food waste. They were kindly donated by It's Your Place as a thank you for the litter picking we have been doing in the Sainsbury's area and from Hart District Council.

RSPB Wildlife Explorers walks

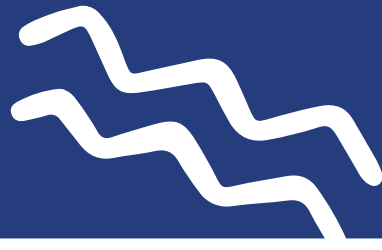
Our local RSPB Group will be hosting the following events, including two walks led by experts. To sign up for more information please email: [**fleet.wex@hotmail.com**](mailto:fleet.wex@hotmail.com)

Friday 2nd October - Bat Walk (time to be confirmed)

Saturday 17th October - RSPB Autumn Fayre (children from our school will be hosting a stall). Southwood Community Centre

Sunday 18th October - RSPB Fungi Walk 2pm

ECO SCHOOLS



Recycling Week Assemblies

Mrs Tottem's Assembly on Monday taught the children the phrases "reduce, reuse, recycle".

She showed them the new bins, and the children helped her sort lots of rubbish into the correct ones.

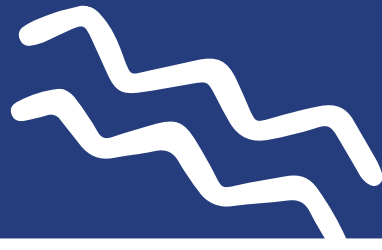
They then watched a video which showed what happens to their waste once it has been removed by the rubbish trucks.



The children have been learning a "don't drop litter, put it in the bin," song as well. Inspired by Mrs Tottem's assembly, Joy in Year 2 made this fantastic poster to persuade us all not to drop litter.



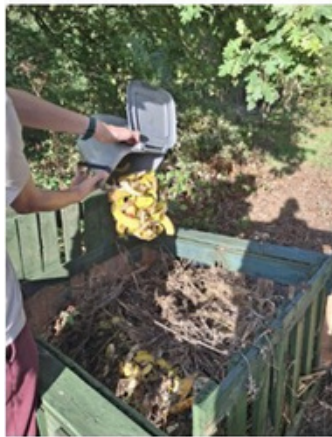
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Mrs Dear's assembly on Wednesday introduced the children to compostable food waste.

They created a compost in a bottle experiment which the children will observe over the coming weeks.

The children will be putting their fruit and veg peelings & remains into their classroom caddy, which will then be emptied into our new composting area!



Thursday's assembly focussed on reusing and upcycling.

In their classes, the children have been upcycling items that would otherwise be thrown away in art and craft projects.

Hello everyone!

We hope you are having a fabulous week! The PTFA had a productive first meeting on Tuesday, and we are so excited to start organising the first events of the year: Disco, Quiz Night, Winter Warmer, Festive Fireworks... There is so much to look forward to this term!

Please read below to see what is coming up and how you may be able to help.

21 September 14:45 to 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 lots of branded items in great condition. All items cost £2, except T-shirts, which are just £1 each.

If you can volunteer, we still need a few people to help us tidy up. Please do sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/HD4KC>

Note that we are not accepting uniform donation currently so please do not leave bags at the entrance of the school. Thank you!

9 October PTFA Mufti Day £1

Children can come to school wearing their own clothes to raise money for the PTFA. A reminder that you can opt for the payment bundle, which allows you to pay in advance for all three discos and five mufti days!

Please look out for QR codes in classroom windows, on your class WhatsApp group 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.

(The first letter of your child's name, surname and first three letters of their class are sufficient. E.g. JBloggsKin = Joe Bloggs, Kingfisher.)

12 October 8pm PTFA Monthly Meeting on Zoom

Everyone is most welcome! Come and find out what the PTFA does and how you might be able to help.

16 October PTFA Quiz Night 19.30 to 22.00

This is such a fun evening for parents and carers, past and present. All funds raised will go to the teachers to purchase class resources. See the poster below for more information.

Get a team together and join us!

We are also looking for raffle prizes for that evening, so please do get in touch if you know of any businesses that may be able to help.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Your School Lottery is an easy and fun way to raise money for the PTFA. Tickets cost just £1.

Last year, the PTFA made over £500 from the school lottery!

Please do check out the school lottery here: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk]

(<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>)

Any question, don't hesitate to email us **PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk**

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/>

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE TEACHERS FOR CLASS RESOURCES



Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate Tweseldown quiz champion? Calling all past and present parents and friends of the school - gather your team 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 16TH OCTOBER
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

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
HERE**

PLEASE BRING GARDENING
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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

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

www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk



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