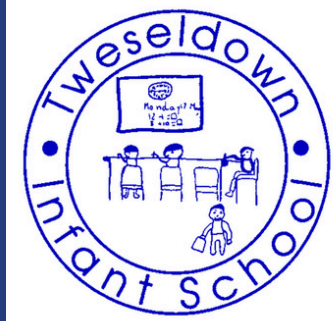


24/09/2026
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

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

1st October - Special Lunch

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

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

13th October - Harvest Festival 09:00

15th October - Pupil Photograph Day

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

19th October - Year R Picnic 14:30

21st October - Book Fair
- Parents Evening 15:30 - 18:00

22nd October - Book Fair
- Parents Evening 17:00 - 19:30

23rd October - Inset Day

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

31st May - 4th June - Half Term

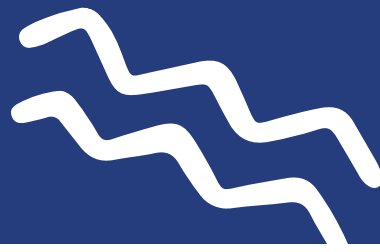
28th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

21st July - Last Day of Term

YEAR R WELCOME EVENT

Tomorrow, 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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



BEYOND THE GATE WORK PARTY

On Saturday 26th September 09:30 - 11:30, Mrs Dear is holding a Beyond the Gate Work Party. We would really appreciate your help. Please use the link and sign up to attend: volunteersignup.org/QA7M7

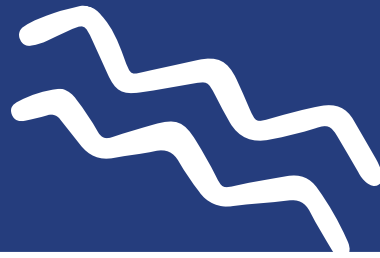
HARVEST FESTIVAL

From Thursday 1st October, we will be accepting harvest festival items. These will be donated to The Lions Community Store and will be added to their winter food parcels and Christmas parcels. Below is a list of items we would like to request - this is only a guide. Unfortunately we cannot accept any fresh food - please make sure all food items are in date.

- Tinned soup.
- Tinned Vegetables and tomatoes, *No Pulses or lentils*
- Baked beans, spaghetti or hoops
- Tinned ham and meats
- Dried pastas and pasta sauces.
- Pot noodle / super noodles
- Cooking sauces either jars or packets
- Gravy, stock cubes or spices
- Mayonnaise, ketchup or brown sauce
- Pickled onions and pickle
- Stuffing
- Custard and rice pudding, Tinned fruit, jam and jelly
- Tea, coffee or hot chocolate
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Sweets and treats
- Christmas puddings

Due to the rising living costs this year, The Lions Community Store will be needed more than ever. A table will be set up in our foyer for the donations. We are so grateful for every contribution.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening slots will go live on Thursday 1st October, please log onto Arbor before hand to ensure you will be able to book without an issue. Unfortunately we will be unable to book in any appointments over the phone.

LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT

Next week it is the turn of OWL class to borrow the litter picking equipment. If you wish to borrow the sets of equipment for an evening or the weekend, please speak to Mrs McKillop.

BULB DONATIONS

As part of the KS1 (Year One and Two) Environmental Education and Nature lessons, we are hoping that each class will be able make a " spring bulb lasagne" for outside their classrooms.

To be able to achieve this, we would appreciate donations of the following bulbs for each class:

Crocus

Snowdrops

Narcisus

Muscari (Grape Hyacinth)

Tulips

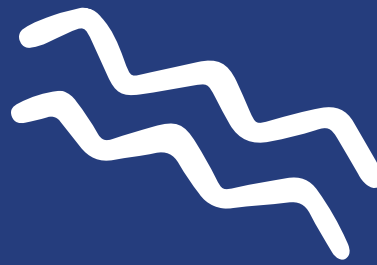
Daffodils

Alliums

We appreciate these are not cheap, so perhaps you could buddy up with another parent to buy a packet of one type. Please hand them to your class teacher or put them in the yellow Forest School donation box in the school entrance.

Thank you for your support with this project.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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'

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.

HELP NEEDED!

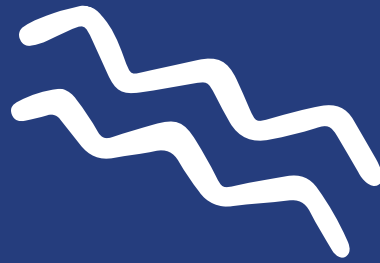
Can you help? We are looking for some lovely volunteers to help Mr John with clearing out and reorganising our container on Saturday 10th October 11am - 1pm (weather dependant). If you would be free to join us, we would really appreciate your help! Please let the office know if you are available.

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

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 vaccinations help protect your child.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PARKING

Unfortunately, we have again received numerous complaints regarding parking in the estate. Please ensure you are not blocking any resident spaces when dropping off or picking up your child from school. As a reminder, you can park in the memorial hall or the church in Bowenhurst Road at drop off and pick up times.

JOB VACANCY

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and passionate Breakfast/ After School Club Supervisor for Starcare. If you are interested, please use the following link to apply; [Breakfast/After school club Supervisor](#)
Thank you.

CONKERS

If you are out on a walk, please keep an eye out for conkers as Mrs Dear would love them for use in Beyond the Gate sessions.

Please put them in the yellow BtG donation box in the front entrance.

MILK

Please can you talk to your child to ensure that if you have signed them up for Cool Milk, they are drinking this.

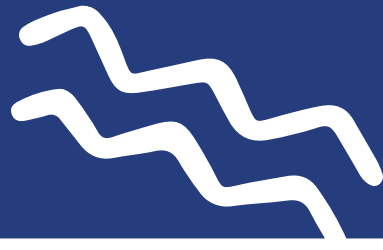
IMPORTANT INFORMATION



This week, children have been impressing us with their incredible work!
Here are some pieces of the amazing work they have created.



RECEPTION



We have had so much fun this week exploring and learning in our outside area in the glorious sunshine!! We have been artists, mark makers, cooks, builders and explorers!

We have been learning all about the Colour Monster and how he felt starting school. We have been talking about how each emotion is represented by a colour: Red is for angry, blue is for sad, yellow is for happy, green is for calm, grey is for worried and pink is for feeling loved.

We have played guess how I am feeling and talked about things that make us happy, sad, worried and calm. We have thought about times when we don't know how we are feeling and made our very own mixed up Colour Monsters.

We have been counting to 10 and back again; learning lots of different rhymes to help us with our numbers. We have been getting quicker at showing our teachers the correct number of fingers when they say a number!

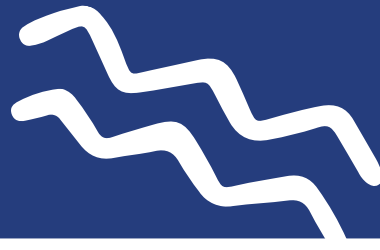
We are getting so good at recognising our names and even writing them, remembering that we only have a capital letter at the beginning!

Our teachers are really proud of the way we are remembering all our new routines, where to put all our belongings, which house group we are in, using our listening ears and remembering our Golden Rule; kind hands, feet and words.

As part of our learning about 'My Family' please could you send in a family photo that you would be happy for us to keep in school. Also don't forget to send in your addressed and stamped envelopes.

Just a quick reminder – every Friday we will be sending home the letters we have been learning in school during the week. Please get them out and practise them with your child. See if they can remember the action that goes with each sound.

YEAR 1 + 2



What another busy week we have had in KS1!

In Maths, we have been practising counting in 10s. The children have worked hard to spot the pattern and remember that when counting in tens, the ones digit stays the same and it's only the 10s digit that changes. We have enjoyed using missing number lines, dienes and 100 squares to help us build confidence with this skill.

In English, we have been creating our very own zigzag books all about the United Kingdom. The children used the research and interesting facts from last week to organise their information using matching headings and even created a contents page to help readers find information easily.

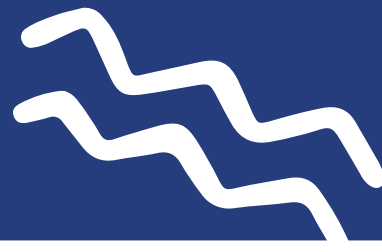
Our Geography learning has focused on extreme weather and the different types of weather we experience in the UK. We discussed the drought we experienced this summer and considered how different weather conditions can affect people and the environment. We also thought how the weather can be the same in each season; it just depends on how much of it you get, e.g. it could rain in the summer but is more likely to rain in the autumn or spring.

The children became mini scientists as they searched for woodlice and investigated where they are most likely to be found. We discovered that woodlice prefer damp, dark places and are often found underneath rotten materials such as old wood and leaves. The children enjoyed making predictions and comparing their findings.

In Music, we continued learning the song "The King is in the Castle" and then got creative by making our own versions using different characters. Ask your child to tell you which character they chose and how they changed the song. We heard some wonderful imaginative ideas!

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the children's homework, spellings and reading this week. The posters/fact files look fantastic and have really helped to deepen our class's understanding of interesting facts about their class animals. The children have loved sharing their work and learning from each other.

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

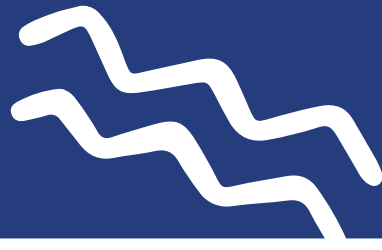
Thank you to all the lovely grown-ups who have volunteered their time to help with our Beyond the Gate sessions. Over these first 3 weeks they have immersed themselves in games, supported den and obstacle course building and helped with blackberry dying and painting. We think all the adults have as much fun as the children!



It is easy to sign up:
[VolunteerSignup - Online
volunteer signup sheets -
Beyond the Gate Volunteers
Autumn 1 signup sheet](#)

Please see the FAQ poster
or ask your teacher for more
information.

ECO SCHOOLS



RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club

Our local RSPB group are hosting number of up and coming family friendly events and it would be lovely if our Tweseldown families attended (Mrs Dear is involved with this group!):

BRILLIANT BATS WALK - FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER AT 6.30 PM.

Meet at the LANDING STAGE at the end of CHESTNUT GROVE, FLEET.

An opportunity to use bat detectors and learn all about bats from an expert.

To book a place or get more information please email: Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com

RSPB AUTUMN FAYRE SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Southwood Community Centre, Links Way GU14 0NA

A lovely family friendly Autumn Fayre with lots of different stalls and activities- including a stall by our school, selling items made by our children!

FABULOUS FUNGI FORAY SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER AT 2 PM

Meet at the car park of BASINGBOURNE PARK CHURCH CROOKHAM (end of Basingbourne Road, GU52 6TQ).

Learn all about fungi! Mrs Dear is planning to attend this event.

To book a place or get more information please email: Fleet.WEX@hotmail.com

Hi everyone!

A very big thank you to all who attended our first second-hand uniform sale of the year and to all the volunteers who made it possible. It was a great success!

We are not currently accepting donations so please do not leave bags in the entrance; we will let you know as soon as we take donations again.

Don't miss out on all the fun ahead - read on for all the important dates!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th 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.

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

12th October 8pm: PTFA Monthly Meeting on Zoom

16th October 19.30 to 22.00: PTFA Quiz Night - £10 per person

This is such a fun evening for parents and carers, past and present. All funds raised will go directly 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.

12th November- Winter Warmer

A firm favourite to get your little one into the winter spirit! Children are invited to come to school in the evening wearing their comfiest pyjamas and join us for a cosy story.

16th November- Second-hand uniform sale

27th November - Festive Fireworks

Soak up the festive spirit with low-level fireworks, fun stalls, and lots of yummy food!

10th December- Winter Disco

18th December- PTFA Mufti

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]

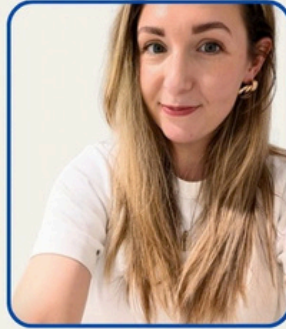
(<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>)

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

Meet your PTFA Team



Kimberley Redman
*Chair
(Squirrel)*



Kate Le Cuirot
*Treasurer
(Mouse)*



Alice Hayden
*Secretary
(Badger)*



Charlotte Sanday
*Winter Warmer Lead
(Robin)*



Kathryn Becher
*Second Hand Uniform Lead
(Hedgehog)*



Donna Reynolds
*Fundraising & Sponsorship Lead
(Deer)*



Louise Petch
*Joint Disco Lead
(Hedgehog & Robin)*

*Plus we have all our
wonderful Class Reps and
additional volunteers -
thank you for all you do!*



Christine McDermid
*Joint Disco Lead
(Robin)*



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
TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO
HELP SPADES, GLOVES,
RAKES, LOOPERS, STRIMMERS
TROWELS ETC..

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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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Brimstones



THE RSPB NORTH EAST HANTS LOCAL GROUP

Nature is in crisis.
Together we can save it

Autumn Fair

October 17th

10.30 - 3.00pm

Southwood Community Hall

Links Way, Farnborough, GU14 0NA

Near Morrisons

Free Entry

Lots of different Stalls,
Gifts, Books, Jigsaws, Tombola,
Refreshments

Supported by young people from
Tweseldown school



<https://group.rspb.org.uk/northeasthants>

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JOB VACANCY JOIN OUR TEAM



Tweseldown Infant School are recruiting for the following position:

- **BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SUPERVISOR**

Monday - Friday 7:25am - 8:35am

and

Monday - Friday 3:00pm - 6:00pm



We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and conscientious supervisor to develop and grow our breakfast and after school club.

We are open to looking at job shares for this position.

You will;

- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of pupils in your care.
- Take part in preparing and delivering fun and engaging activities.
- Ensure the team are well supervised, supported and managed.

Please visit our website for information on how to apply



www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk



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