

01/10/2026
TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

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

9th October - Mufti Day
- '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

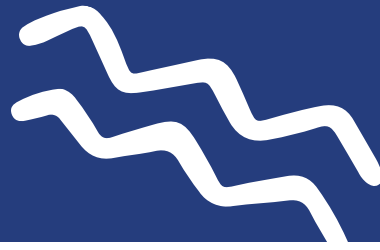
28th June - Inset Day (closed to pupils)

21st July - Last Day of Term

'HOW WE TEACH WRITING' WORKSHOP

Tomorrow, Friday 2nd October, we will be holding a 'how we teach writing' workshop for parents and carers. Please come along to find out how we teach writing at school and how you can support your child with this at home.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening slots will go live at 8pm **this evening** - 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. Please note there is only 1 slot available per child.

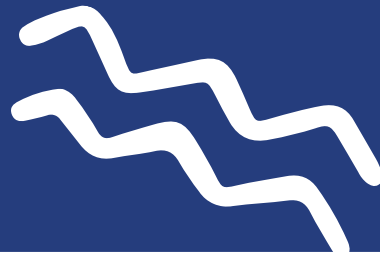
HARVEST FESTIVAL

From today we are 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



LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT

Next week it is the turn of ROBIN 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 Currie.

'HOW WE TEACH MATHS' WORKSHOP

On Friday 9th October, we will be holding a workshop for parents and carers on 'how we teach maths'. This will take place at 9am. Come along to find out how we teach maths at school and how you can support your child with this at home. It would be great to see you there.

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 to 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

Narcissus

Muscari (Grape Hyacinth)

Tulips

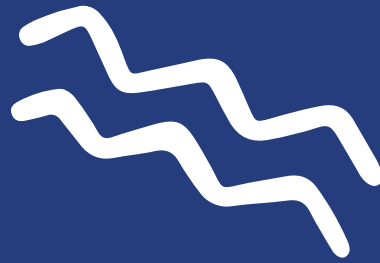
Daffodils

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.

Donations needed by: Friday 9th October

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. Keeping up to date with vaccinations help protect your child.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

We still have spaces available for our upcoming tours. 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.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

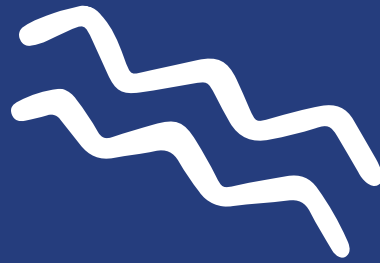
We have two vacancies available for a Co-opted Governor. If you know anyone who may be interested in this role, please ask them to email us for an application form. adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

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.

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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.

FORCES FAMILIES - DEPLOYMENT PACK

If your child has a parent that has been or is due to be deployed, please talk to the office or your child's class teacher about our deployment pack. The pack includes two lovely bears, one for the parent to take with them on deployment and one for the child to keep at home with them.

YEAR 1 & 2 - PIZZA MAKING DAY

Year 1 & 2 will be making delicious pizza on Monday 12th October, Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October. If you are able to volunteer to help out with this activity, please speak to your class teacher or email us adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

When helping you would be with a member of staff and a small group of children, following a recipe to make dough before spreading on the tomato sauce and toppings.

'HOW WE TEACH PHONICS AND READING' WORKSHOP

On Friday 16th October at 9am, we will be holding a workshop for parents and carers on 'how we teach phonics and reading'. We look forward to seeing you there.

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we have been talking all about our families. We explored family photographs and drawings, discussed who belongs in our families and talked about the things that make a family special. Throughout the week, the children developed their speaking and listening skills by talking with their friends about their homes, favourite foods, pets, and family experiences.

In Phonics, we have continued our journey of learning new sounds. This week we focused on the sounds g, o, c, and k, while also practising blending sounds together to read simple words. The children enjoyed using their robot arms to help them blend the sounds.

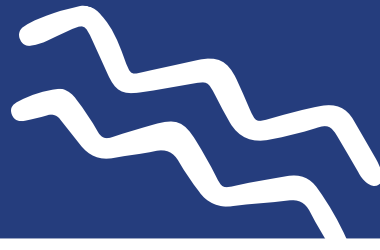
In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children practised subitising. They enjoyed quick-fire dot games, spotting groups of objects and finding different ways to show numbers on their fingers. We also met numberblock three and explored how numbers can be represented in different ways.

We have been practising cutting different fruits and vegetables as part of our knife and fork training. We carefully practised cutting soft fruits and vegetables including pineapple, watermelon and cucumber learning how to hold the knife and fork safely and correctly.

We have had a wonderful week of learning and are very proud of how confidently the children have been sharing their ideas, listening to others and developing their independence. Don't forget to send in your stamped envelopes with your address on.



YEAR 1 + 2



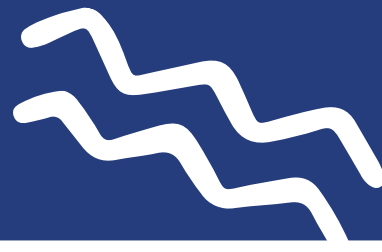
The Year 1 and Year 2 children loved getting stuck into eating pizza on Monday afternoon! They tasted two pizzas as part of their exploration of pizzas in preparation for making their own as part of their Design Technology project. They discussed what they liked about the look, smell and taste of the pizzas. They then designed their own pizzas, considering the toppings that they enjoyed. They labelled their designs. Next week's English work will be themed around pizzas and recipes too!

In maths, the children have been investigating composition of numbers and representation of numbers using counters, diennes and part-part-whole numbers.

In science, we are investigating sound and materials by designing an experiment where different materials are tested for their effectiveness as ear muffs.

Performing and writing poems has been fun in English! We have been using onomatopoeia! What a long word! We have mixed up the sounds that animals make to make our poems funnier. For example, I heard a cow and it went oink! Can you make up some of your own with your child/ren?

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

There are still plenty of spaces to sign up to help in Beyond the Gate, if you haven't joined us already.

BtG Work Party

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped out at the BtG Work Party on Saturday.

A lot was achieved, including:

Installing privacy fencing around the fences (thank you to Wickes for the donation of these panels)

Clearing areas of overgrown bramble

Checking and cleaning our bird boxes

Starting to cut back the wildflower patch

Planting bulbs in baskets and planters (well done to the children!)

And the children loved the treat of hot chocolate and biscuits!



There are still a few panels of privacy fencing which needs installing. If you are able to help one Weds or Fri at drop off or after school, please contact Mrs Dear on: beyondthegate@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

ECO SCHOOLS

Eco Committee

We have announced the children who will form this year's Eco Committee! They have had their first session with Mrs Dear, which was learning how to clear the class compost bins into the compost area, and how to clean the caddies. They have also started to share their ideas about what they would like to do to improve our environment and sustainability.



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 all!

We hope your children have settled well into their new routines and are looking forward to this term's PTFA events, starting with Mufti next week.

You will soon see a calendar displayed on classroom windows, showing all the key PTFA dates for the term.

Thanks to your wonderful support, our first second-hand uniform sale raised a fantastic **£429.65**. Thank you again to everyone who participated.

Every pound raised by the PTFA helps to enhance your children's experience at school. Recently for example, the PTFA funded new mini whiteboards for all Reception classrooms, as well as bulbs and a variety of resources for use in Beyond the Gate.

This year, we are keen to share more about the impact of PTFA funding across the school, so please keep an eye out for regular updates on how your support is making a difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th October: PTFA Mufti Day £1

Children can come to school wearing their own clothes.

You can either opt for the payment bundle, or you can pay £1 using this link:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QJV688NW>

For bundles, 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.

12th October at 8pm: PTFA Monthly Meeting on Zoom

Everyone is very welcome to join us via the link below:

[https://zoom.us/j/9218696681?](https://zoom.us/j/9218696681?pwd=1i8JqXpBRmpLrdsgFhi6DqElbnnSAC.1&omn=97805433764)

[pwd=1i8JqXpBRmpLrdsgFhi6DqElbnnSAC.1&omn=97805433764](https://zoom.us/j/9218696681?pwd=1i8JqXpBRmpLrdsgFhi6DqElbnnSAC.1&omn=97805433764)

16th October from 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.

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! More information will come on this soon!

10th December: Winter Disco £2.50

18th December: PTFA Mufti Day £1



PTFA 26/27

Event Schedule

TERM 1

**Mufti
Day**

9TH OCT

**Quiz
Night**

16TH OCT

**Winter
Warmer**

12TH NOV

**Uniform
Sale**

16TH NOV

**Festive
Fireworks**

27TH NOV

**Winter
Disco**

10TH DEC

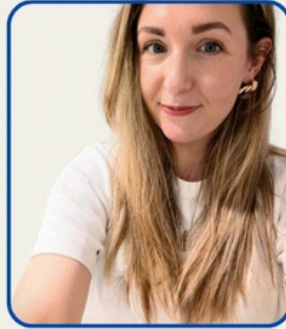
**Mufti
Day**

18TH DEC

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/>

AUTUMN TERM EXTERNAL CLUBS



These clubs are run by external providers, for more information and to book a place for your child please contact them directly.

Day	After School
Monday	French by Fun Francais 3.10pm - 4.00pm funfrancaisltd@gmail.com Drama Kids 3pm - 4pm and 4pm - 5pm fleet@dramakids.co.uk
Tuesday	Street Dance by The Performers Place 3.05pm - 4.00pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk Year 1 and 2 Football by Planet Soccer 3.05pm - 4.10pm admin@planet-soccer.info
Wednesday	Boogie Pumps Singing Classes 3:05pm - 4:05pm sarah@boogiepumps.co.uk
Thursday	
Friday	Theatre School by The Performers Place 3.05pm—4.30pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk Chess by Pryme Chess 3.05pm-4.05pm (Following Oct half term)

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

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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.
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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>

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity. England and Wales no 207076, Scotland no. SC037654 www.rspb.org.uk



Tweseldown Infant School Tennis Coaching

- Dates: Tuesday 3 November – Tuesday 1 December

- Time: 8.00-8.35am

- Cost: £47.50

Please scan the QR code for further details and to register



- 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