



# Tweseldown News

Thursday 7th December 2023

## Diary Dates

### December 2023

Thursday 7th— Christmas jumper day—£1 for Save the Children

Friday 8th— 9.00am Final Maths Mastery workshop

### **PTFA Fireworks**

Monday 11th— **11.30am Dragonfly Class Christmas Performance**

Tuesday 12th— Christmas lunch day—order online with The Pantry

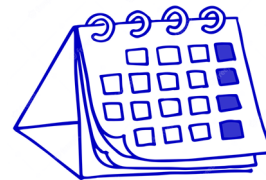
Thursday 14th— Class Christmas parties—please bring party food

Friday 15th— **Last day of term, 1.30pm finish**

### January 2024

Wednesday 3rd— **Start of Spring term**

Monday 22nd— 2.45 PTFA second hand sale



## Christmas Performance

Please join us for your child's Christmas performance, they are practicing hard. Programmes are available for a minimum donation of £1 and you can enjoy tea or coffee with a mince pie for £1 to get you in the festive spirit, available in the foyer prior to the performance. All the family are welcome to the show.



## Tweseldown Advent countdown!

Please keep an eye on our facebook page for the very special advent treats. It is also uploaded to our website. Please share your child enjoying the activities at home.



<https://www.tweseldowninfantschool.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Tweseldowninfantschool>



## Christmas Parties

Our class Christmas parties are on Thursday and we are expecting a very special guest! Please remember to bring in party food on the day, thank you for your contribution.



# Important Information

## Annual board game extravaganza

Please save the date to join your child at 2.30 in their classroom to play a board game.

Year R—	4th January 2024
Year 1 & Dragonflies—	11th January 2024
Year 2—	18th January 2024



## Christmas Lunch—Tuesday 12th December

Our menu for Christmas Lunch is now online with the Pantry—please order your child a meal online, anyone without an order will have a jacket potato with baked beans.



## Does your child have additional needs?

SEND INFORMATION SESSION FOR  
PARENT CARERS IN FLEET

**11am, January 10th**  
**Harlington Centre, Fleet**

For parents/carers of children/young people with (or who may have) special educational needs (SEND).

Hosted by Fleet PCN GP Practices

- Information about your child's rights to education, health, and social care
- How to get the help they need.
- Meet other similar parents.

FLEET PRIMARY  CARE NETWORK



SOS  
SEN

### Hear from:

**Eleanor Wright,** SEND solicitor, SOS!SEN  
**Nina Durasmy,** Hart Health Partnership  
**Tania Tirraoro,** Special Needs Jungle

There'll be refreshments on hand and stands from local voluntary groups, but no creche can be provided.

Just turn up!

If you run a relevant group and would like to have a stand, or for more information, email [tania@specialneedsjungle.com](mailto:tania@specialneedsjungle.com)

## School Application Deadlines

If your child is moving to junior school or you are applying for a place at infant school the application deadline is

**15th January 2024**

You will find out which school has offered you a place on 16th April 2024.

# Taking the stress out of Christmas

At this time of the year you're probably racing around the shops searching for presents in between putting up decorations, planning parties and liaising with relatives over who's going where for the seasonal celebrations.

Creating some Christmas magic for your child is in the mix too... but the reality is that both adults and children can get totally stressed out by all the rushing around and the pressure to have a good time. Here are some tips that you might find helpful.....



## Send your own stress packing

Try to slow down and lower your expectations as far as the celebrations go. You – and your child – will enjoy yourselves much more if adults are calm and relaxed about the whole thing. After all, more than anything, your child sees this as a chance to spend time with you – which won't happen if you're running yourself ragged from morning until night trying to make sure everything is perfect.

## Spend time together

Put aside your preparations, sit and watch a movie or have a special meal with your child. Even something as simple as a walk in the park, where you can talk about things, is a peaceful break from Christmas



## Stick to your routine

As far as possible, stick to the mealtimes and bedtimes your child is used to. Young children especially find great security in routines and your child will be reassured by knowing that some things continue to stay the same amidst the chaos!



## Get physical

Make sure there's some physical activity in the mix for your child: exercise promotes the release of feel-good hormones and helps relieve stress and tension.



## Ease up on events

The pressure to be good whilst visiting friends and family or to be on their best behaviour when you have visitors, takes its toll. Try not to schedule social visits back-to-back.

# What have we done this week?

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## Year R News

This week we have continued our learning around Christmas! We have been busy making Christmas crafts, rotating around the Year R classrooms and working in a different class each day. We are very excited to show you everything we have made next week. We have had some wonderful discussions; we have been talking about and sharing the Christmas traditions we have within our families and have been learning Christmas poems to perform to the school next week. Ask your child if they can remember their class' Christmas poem?

In maths we have been reminding ourselves of how to find parts of a whole. We have been investigating how 1 and 2 are parts of three. We have been looking at Stampoline patterns and making our own using 4. Stampoline patterns are all about Subitising – being able to recognise the shapes that each number makes and knowing that although the bigger numbers can make lots of shapes, they are still the same number. Can you make your own patterns at home?



## What have we been doing this week?

## Year 1 News

Wow Year One! What an amazing Christmas Performance! You remembered your lines, actions and all of the wonderful songs! You smiled and put on fantastic performances for all of your grown-ups. What a great start to the Christmas Season! Thank you to all grown ups for helping to learn lines, bring in costumes and coming along to support all of the children. We are very proud of them here at Tweseldown.

This week we have been finishing off our own Naughty Bus stories. The children have been practicing using capital I in their sentences and have been telling the story of when the bus visited school. Can your children share with you some of the mischief that was caused? There was definitely some wheels in paint, messy blocks and books tipped everywhere!

In our maths learning, we have been learning how to write and solve subtraction calculations. We have been counting the whole numbers and then taking some away to find what it equals. We have been learning that the words minus, take away and subtract all mean the same and have been using cubes to help with our counting. Can you practise some backwards counting and subtraction at home this week? If I have five chocolates on the tree and then eat two, how many are left?

Thank you to grown-ups that came in to help with sewing. If you have any more spare time that you could help with finishing them off, please speak to your child's class teacher. We hope you enjoyed your time with the children and we can't wait to send home their beautiful decorations at the end of term.





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## Year 2 News

What a busy week we are having in Year 2! We have been working hard rehearsing for our Christmas play next week, we cannot wait to show you- don't forget to keep practising!

In RE, we have been learning about Hanukkah and how it is celebrated. We illustrated what our own Hanukkah would be like by drawing our families, different foods we may eat and games we might play. We looked at the Menorah and dreidel and thought about what it would be used for.

In English we read the story 'Dragon post' by Emma Yarlett. We then looked at features of a letter and wrote down questions for the fire brigade and thought about what we will need to include when we write our own letter to the fire brigade.

In Maths, we have been learning to add 2- digit numbers on an unstructured number line.



## December 2023

Tuesday 12th- 9.15am Kingfisher and Robin Christmas performance

Wednesday 13th- 9.15am Owl and Woodpecker Christmas performance



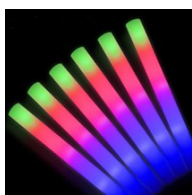
## FESTIVE FIREWORKS

Our PTFA stall will have some non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies, a sweetie shop, Tombola and you can enter your child to be selected to start the fireworks for a £1 and the lucky ticket wins.



We will mostly be a contactless but can take cash. Come with your phones fully charged and pay using our easy QR payments.

We also have a PTFA light up stall, with glow sticks, star wands, glasses, necklaces and rings.



Preorder your Christmas door wreath from Blackberry and Bloom and collect from their stall at the Tweseldown Festive Fireworks on Friday 8th December.

Order at [blackberryandbloom.co.uk](http://blackberryandbloom.co.uk) and use the code TWESLDOWN for free collection.

*Blackberry  
& Bloom*

Lastly come and buy from our great stalls selling homemade gifts, making personalised gifts and doing face glitter. The more people purchase at our stalls and food vendors the more is raised, so come hungry and with your pocket money. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We just need more hands to help with the clear up if you can spare 30 minutes or 1 hour to help us clear up after the event, it will be much appreciated we have over 800 tickets sold so more hands will mean light work.



Tweseldown Infant School  
PTFA Event

sponsored by  
**Bridges**  
GROUP

JOIN US FOR A

**FESTIVE**  
LOW NOISE  
*Fireworks*

FRIDAY **8** 17:00-18:30  
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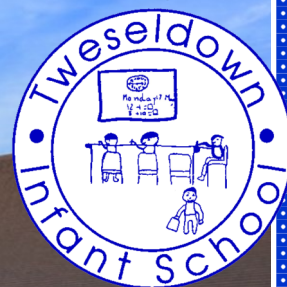
CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS  
FOOD AND FESTIVE DRINKS

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE VIA QR CODE OR LINK





# Tweseldown Infant School



Growing Together, Learning Together

## Will your child be 4 years of age by 31st August 2024?

If so, please come along to one of our **open sessions** for a tour of the school and to find out a bit more about us.

### Tour the school during the day

Spaces are limited to 6 families per session and we do ask that you pre-book.

Date	Time
Friday 5th January 2024	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm

Please note, we unfortunately cannot accommodate children during this tour.

Please telephone the school office on **01252 628843**

to secure your place.





**SPORTS 7**

## Planet Soccer

### Before & After School Clubs

Planet Soccer will be running before & after school clubs in your child's school this spring term. To see what clubs will be running in your child's school, or for more information, please visit the website below or scan the QR Code



<https://planet-soccer.info/book-a-club/>

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07912 553896

Email: [admin@planet-soccer.info](mailto:admin@planet-soccer.info)  
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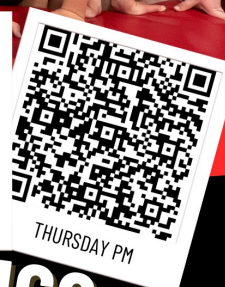
[schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk](mailto:schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk)



WEDNESDAY AM



WEDNESDAY PM



THURSDAY PM

## GYMNASTICS

Tweseldown Infants School

Wednesday Before School  
8-8.30AM  
Wednesday & Thursday After school  
3.05-4.05pm  
Classes start Wc:8th January 2024

Wednesday Am:  
<https://form.jotform.com/hartgc/TDI-AM-wednesday-gym-spring-24>

Wednesday Pm:  
<https://form.jotform.com/hartgc/TDI-PM-wednesday-gym-spring-24>

Thursday Pm:  
<https://form.jotform.com/hartgc/TDI-PM-thursday-gym-spring-24>

**Hart**  
GYMNASTICS

[www.hartgymnastics.org.uk](http://www.hartgymnastics.org.uk)  
[schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk](mailto:schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk)

## Yoga for Kids



with Naomi at  
Amber Wellbeing

Contact info:

07535 697 028

[naomij@amberwellbeing.uk](mailto:naomij@amberwellbeing.uk)

Yoga for Kids at Tweseldown Infants at

<https://amberwellbeing.uk/book-your-session>

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- SELF CONFIDENCE
- STRENGTH & FITNESS
- SELF DISCIPLINE AND RESPECT

DEVELOP STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY AND FITNESS WHILE LEARNING DYNAMIC THROWS, TAKE DOWNS AND SELF DEFENSE

**FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE**

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Website: [www.judo4juniors.com](http://www.judo4juniors.com)





# STREET DANCE

**FREE TRIAL  
FOR NEW STUDENTS**

**Tweseldown School  
Tuesdays  
Year Groups - 1 & 2  
3-4pm**

Email to book your trial:  
[bustagroove.info@gmail.com](mailto:bustagroove.info@gmail.com)

**FOR RECEPTIONS ONLY!**

**Tweseldown  
Thursdays before school**

Email to book :  
[bustagroove.info@gmail.com](mailto:bustagroove.info@gmail.com)

**BOOK HERE:** [bustagroove.info@gmail.com](mailto:bustagroove.info@gmail.com)  
**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.bustagroove ltd.com](http://www.bustagroove ltd.com)



# THEATRE SCHOOL

## SINGING, DANCE & ACTING

**FRIDAYS  
TWESELDOWN  
3.00PM-4.30PM  
FREE TRIAL  
FOR NEW STUDENTS**

[WWW.BUSTAGROOVE.INFO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WWW.BUSTAGROOVE.INFO@GMAIL.COM)

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[BUSTAGROOVE.INFO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BUSTAGROOVE.INFO@GMAIL.COM)





# SATURDAY SOCCER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MINI DAY

**DATE : 23rd December 2023**  
**9:30-1:30pm**



## Schedule for the Day:

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM: Arrival and Registration  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Session 1  
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM: Snack Break  
11:15 AM - 11:45 PM: Free Time  
11:45 PM - 1:00 PM: Mini Football Tournament  
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM: Presentation (Star of the day)  
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM : Pick up



**FUN PRIZES  
TO BE WON!!**

**VENUE :**  
**TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL**  
**JUBILEE DR, CHURCH COOKHAM**  
**FLEET GU52 8DW**

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