



Twineham CofE School

Nurture Togetherness Resilience Creativity



29th November Autumn Term 2024

Diary Dates (newly added dates in red)

2nd December (week) - Buttercups Bikeability

3rd December p.m Decorations afternoon

4th December p.m. New SENCO Louise Hayter in school

10th December 2p.m and 11th 9.30a.m Christmas Performance Yr R, 1,2,3

17th December 2:20 p.m Oakwood sing-a-long

18th December—2:30pm Christingle service Twineham church (all welcome)

19th December—Chartwells Christmas Lunch (Christmas jumpers welcome today)

20th December—Theatre company to perform Aladdin

20th December—Last day of term

7th January—First day of term

30th June—Year 6 leavers service at Christs Hospital 1.30pm

INSET DAYS— 6th January, 2nd June

A message from Mrs Davy

Staff changes: Maria Fitzgerald has decided to take early retirement to spend more time with her husband. We are very grateful to Maria for all the work she has done on securing the provision for our SEND children. We have appointed Louise Hayter as our new SENCO from January 2025. Louise is an experienced SENCO with expertise in neurodiversity (autism/ ADHD / attachment). Louise will be in school with Maria on Wednesday 4th December and will be on the gate at the end of the day if you would like to say hello.

This week the children have voted for their school council representatives! Oakwood class have already been representing their views by speaking to the senior education advisors at West Sussex when they visited our school. I am looking forward to working with the school council to continue to drive Twineham's improvements.

Supporting our children's Mental Health

We are delighted to have been chosen as pilot school for the West Sussex WOWSI project (Working on Worries Support and Intervention).

This programme uses online support and intervention (OSI) for child anxiety. It is an online supported platform to support parent-led intervention for children's fears, worries and anxiety. It was developed by experts in treating childhood anxiety at the Universities of Reading and Oxford. Please send me an email if you may be interested in accessing this with your child.

Just 1 in 3 children and young people say they enjoy reading

Only 1 in 5 children and young people are reading daily in their free time



Change your story

The futures of a generation are being put at risk

Children and young people who read in their free time say it helps them to: relax (56.6%) and feel happy (41%), learn new things (50.9%), understand the views of others (32.8%) and learn about other cultures (32.8%), and be confident (26.0%).

FOTS

If anyone has any old/outgrown trainers of any size Twineham would love some to have as spare's in the office.

School Council

We are excited to announce that our school councillors have been voted in:

Buttercups—Carter (R) & Wesley (1)

Willow—Arthur (2) & George (3)

Oakwood—Harry (4), Dominic (5) & James Bridger (6)

Worship Spot

Rev. Rachel came to talk to the children this week about the meaning behind the candles on the advent wreath. There are several traditions about the meaning of the candles but she told us about: Advent Sunday 1 –The Patriarchs, Advent Sunday 2: The Prophets, Advent Sunday 3: John the Baptist, Advent Sunday 4: Mary, and Christmas day Jesus.

Safeguarding / Safety

Gentle reminder– in order that we keep all children safe, please do not allow your child to push the green exit button . Many thanks.

Please see attached a guide for parents & carers on children using What's app

School Clubs/Sports

Twineham has always been a musical school and currently our numbers attending lessons are dwindling. Both Laura for Piano and James for Guitar have spaces to teach at Twineham school, please see below contact details.

James—www.jcguitar.co.uk 07824637422

Laura—pianowithlaura@outlook.com

Ultimate Training in Burgess Hill run a gym class dedicated to children every Wednesday term time, 4-4.45pm where we aim to build fitness as well as confidence. The class is suitable for all children age 7-14 and we are fully qualified to coach children in a gym environment. See attached poster.

West Sussex Music is delighted to announce the return of our Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme 2025. TOP25 is for complete beginners in Years 3 to 6. It includes free instrumental lessons (in the first term) and free instrument loan (for the year) with membership of the TOP Orchestra. See attached poster.

See attached poster for the new art-K studio in Burgess Hill which includes a QR code. Parents can scan the QR code to find out more about the studio, including details on the art sessions and workshops.

Christmas Events

Oakwood are only doing 1 performance at 2.20pm on 17th December so we don't need you to book your space but we do ask that you only have 2 adults per child due to numbers for our fire policy.

Buttercups and Willow are doing 2pm on the 10th and 9.30am on the 11th December, again we ask that you only have 2 adults per child and restricted to 1 performance only due to numbers. So we can keep track of numbers please can you email Jess in the office to reserve your seats letting her know which day you would like. It will be first come first serve so if one performance fills up we will have to offer you the other.

Every child is a gift and every child is gifted

This Week's Celebrations...



On Thursdays, we celebrate children who have been doing some great learning, showing amazing behaviour for learning or living out our school values. We are now thinking about our value of creativity. Here are our latest celebrations :

Buttercups: Carter for his hard work with Mrs Thorpe.

Willow: George for his Writing & Timmy-James for his writing.

Oakwood: Liam for being an excellent Twineham role model on our trip & Harry for courageous word choices in writing,



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