



Twineham CofE School

Nurture Togetherness Resilience Creativity



Spring Term 23rd February 2023

Diary Dates (newly added dates in red)

13th-17th Feb Half Term

27th Feb	Twineham's World Book Day! Including an afterschool book sale and secondhand uniform sale
2nd Mar	Proposed Strike Day—Potential school closure
3rd Mar	Donut sale afterschool (donuts must be pre-ordered)
14th Mar	Yr 3&4 Sports Festival
15th Mar	Proposed Strike Day—Potential school closure
16th Mar	Proposed Strike Day -Potential school closure
21st & 22nd Mar	Parent's Evenings
24th Mar	WELLY WALK!
29th Mar	Easter Service @ St Peter's
30th Mar	FOTs 'Break the Rules' Day details to follow
3rd-14th April	Easter Holidays
17th April	INSET
18th April	Children's first day back at school

Thank you to all those who were able to come to our Open Afternoon. We loved sharing our work with you.

NEU Strike 2nd March

Teachers are not required to notify schools of their intention to strike until the day of the strike, however **we are aiming to notify you tomorrow of the school's plans. It is likely that we will need to close again so please make alternative childcare arrangements.**

World Book Day!

We are very excited about our World Book Day, **this Monday** 27th February.

We invite children (and all staff) to come in pyjamas and to bring one of their favourite books. Children are welcome to wear slippers and dressing gowns or onesies too. However **please make sure they also have trainers and a waterproof coat to put on outside.**

We will be writing a whole school story and all children will have the opportunity to participate in a book themed dance workshop. We will also have lots of time to snuggle up with a book, talk about our favourites and enjoy reading together.

After school we will have a second hand book (and also uniform) sale on the playground. Thank you to FOTs for organising. This is a great chance to refresh your book collections at home with some tried and tested favourites!



Worship Spot

We have a new value to focus on this week: creativity.

We have thought about the creativity of God and also the creativity humans show in times of difficulty. This has included thinking about the Turkey & Syria earthquakes and the ways people and animals have found to support the aid effort.

Parent Governor

We are very pleased to announce that AJ Stamper, Alfie in Reception's mum, will be our newest parent governor!

Wastebusters

We are so excited to be welcoming Wastebusters into school this term to support our sustainability. Poppy class will be heading up our work and are already busy planning secondhand toy sales and more! Please return permission slips for filming asap.

Friends of Twineham School News

Young Entrepreneur. Before the half term we revealed the overall winners: Theo and Cooper Almeida. Not only did they raise the most money but they came up with a fantastic way to use waste materials. It was a close run competition with some absolutely incredible ideas and examples of fabulous delivery. Thank you all for making it so much fun and embracing it! For the record, the final leader board in terms of income looks like this:

Theo and Cooper Almeida
 Theo P and Charlie
 Elfi and Boden
 Frankie and Lonnie
 Tom C and Ludo
 Sam P
 Well done everyone!

World Book Day and Uniform Sale. To complement World Book Day, we will hold a sale of second hand books at school pick up on **Monday 27th February**. Every book £1. Every uniform item £1.

Donuts!! Oh yes. We will be selling Crispy Kreme donuts next week!! **These must be Pre ordered** and your order will await you on **Friday 3rd March** at pick up

Welly Walk - Friday 24th March. Letters will be coming out soon for this hearty whole school activity!

Summer Fair reminder. Sunday 2nd July Please scribe this into your diaries. It's epic and loads of fun!!! Watch this space.

FOTs can claim GiftAid. Please sign up!

Please consent to the tax being claimed back by filling in this short web form.

Scan the QR code or click this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJSsF62pQiOXFPiTN_oFsMzXv9a7oSkIOUxkRHVq1ELEdgew/viewform?usp=pp_url



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

Loose Parts Wish List

In Buttercups we are keen to develop the provision and resources in our learning environment, especially 'loose parts', an educational play theory developed by Simon Nicholson in 1971. 'Loose parts' essentially enables children to undertake their own learning using everyday objects rather than 'toys'. These objects can be synthetic or natural.

We are keen to receive any donations of the following items:

- Shells
- pinecones
- feathers
- round logs
- tree bark
- top soil
- buckets—large and small
- measuring jugs
- cardboard tubes
- small scaffolding type planks
- rope
- tyres
- Guttering
- cable reels
- paint brushes (decorating)

If you are interested in reading more about the possibility and theory behind loose part play the following articles are useful:

[Loose Parts Play: A toolkit by Inspiring Scotland](#)

[Loose Parts: Inspiring Play in Young Children by Community Playthings](#)

[Loose Parts: What does this mean?](#)



If you think you might be able to provide any of these, or have other ideas of resources that might be useful, please speak to Hannah Tedman in Reception or Lizzie Cotton.



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. This week we have focussed on our value of creativity.

Thursday 23rd February

Buttercups: Isla

Poppy: Ollie and Harry

Willow: Rose and Sherlock

Oakwood: Jacob and Charlie

Other Information you may find useful...

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SPOTIFY

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users; their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

PARENTAL ADVISORY EXPLICIT CONTENT

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, with users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

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