

# TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

# OPEN DAY!



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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tours at:**

**9:30am**

**10:45am**



**To attend please visit our website**  
**<https://twertoninfant.school/open-days>**  
**or, telephone 01225 423526**

# Dear Parents and Carers

## Parents Evening – Bookings are Open

On **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 20<sup>st</sup> October**, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child(ren)'s teacher. This is an important time to discuss the progress your child is making and the ongoing support both in school and at home that will help children to thrive.

We intend to hold the Parent Consultations in school, in person, after the end of the school day. However, if this is difficult to manage, we can offer an online MS Teams meeting, using a smart device.

Please use our online form to request a preferred time range to meet with your

child's teacher: <https://forms.office.com/r/zkK4mU0uKW>



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Forms survey titled "Parent Teacher Consultation - October 2022". The header text reads: "We hope that all parents will be able to meet with their child's teacher for 10 minutes to discuss the progress they are making. Please indicate which day and the general time that would best suit you. Ideally, the meetings would take place in school, in person. However, if this is difficult please select an online MS Teams meeting and provide your email address." Below the header, there are two required questions: "1. Your child's name:" with a text input field labeled "Enter your answer", and "2. Your child's class:" with radio button options for Ash, Elm, Rowan, Oak, and Maple.

## School Photos – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

The photographer is visiting the school next week on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. **All children in YR, Y1 and Y2** will have an individual photograph taken. Siblings in the school will also have a joint photograph taken.

If your child(ren) has other siblings not attending school, please contact the school office and we will book you in for an early photograph from 8:15am onwards.

This year we are offering photographs to children in the Nursery too. If your child does not normally attend on Wednesdays, please contact the school office and they will advise on what time to bring your child.













# Do you know what your children are watching?

A small number of children have been overheard talking about age inappropriate TV shows and films (e.g. Pennywise). Watching violent and disturbing material can be very damaging and upsetting for a young child.

Teachers have spoken directly to parents when we have been aware of this happening.

Please do check what your child currently has access, particularly if they have an older sibling.

Please do have a look at the guidance we have on our website about Online Safety: <https://twertoninfant.school/online-safety/>

 Suitable for all	
 Parental guidance	
 Cinema release suitable for 12 years and over	
 Video release suitable for 12 years and over	
 Suitable only for 15 years and over	
 Suitable only for adults	



There are lots of useful guides for parents available on the [National Online Safety](https://www.nos.org.uk/) website, such as this guide for parents on [Roblox](#).

It is important that we all help our children to learn to live in the digital age and understand both the benefits and the risks. Please take time to talk with your own child(ren) about their online activity, including **YouTube**.

The infographic provides a comprehensive overview of Roblox for parents and carers. It features a central illustration of a child in a car labeled 'OSCAR' driving through a virtual town. The infographic is divided into several key sections:

- WHAT ARE THE RISKS?:** Explains that Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. It offers a huge amount of creative freedom, but also presents risks such as contact with strangers, online daters, and in-app purchases.
- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS:** Warns that Roblox encourages players to communicate with other players, which can lead to contact with strangers.
- ONLINE DATERS:** Notes that Roblox has a large community of users, including children, and that some users may be using the platform to find other children.
- IN-APP PURCHASES:** States that Roblox is free to play but offers in-app purchases for virtual items, which can be expensive.
- Public Servers:** Warns that Roblox has public servers where anyone can join, and that these servers can be used to spread harmful messages or to scam other players.
- Advice for Parents & Carers:** Provides practical advice on how to manage risks, including setting parental controls, disabling private messaging, monitoring spending, and dealing with strangers.
- Meet Our Expert:** Features a quote from Claire Giddens, a former editor and journalist in the gaming industry, who provides expert advice on how to manage risks.

The infographic also includes the National Online Safety logo and social media links.



Please be aware that many children spend a lot of time watching



**YouTube.** One quick safety measure you can make is to download the **YouTube Kids** app, which will prevent your child from viewing inappropriate material, which they may be able to do on the **YouTube.**

## Coats and Clothing

Please send your child to school with a waterproof raincoat, as the weather ahead is likely to be quite mixed and increasingly wet. As much as we can we will spend time playing outside, even in light rain. A coat with a hood is preferable.



Also, please write your **child's name into their clothing.** We already have a few items of lost property and it is difficult to return them to the rightful owner if they are not labelled.

## Every School Day is Important

Young children are capable of learning at a phenomenal rate. When children first begin to read they learn **a new sound every day** in school.



If your child misses one day of school then they miss out on key learning and have to then catch-up. If they miss several days then they have an even greater amount to catch up.

Please make sure you send your child to school every day that they are well enough to attend, even if they have a slight cold.

## Phonics Practice at Home

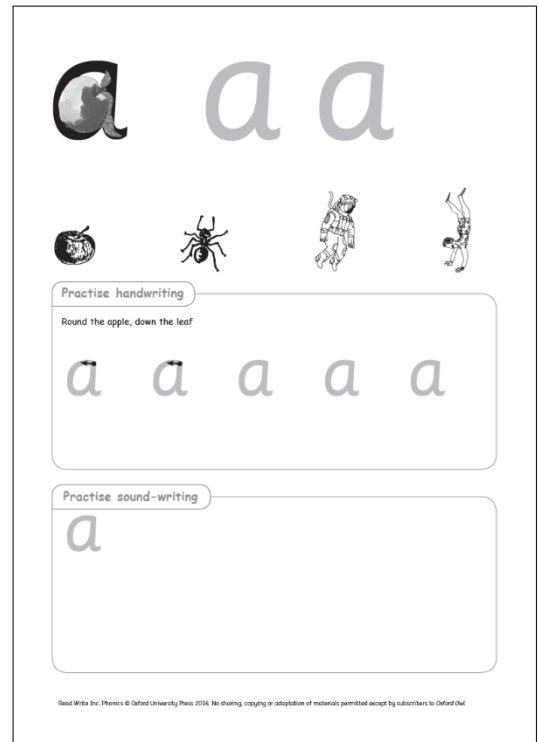
Children in Reception have begun to learn Phonics and will already have been taught the first 5 sounds: **m a s d t**

Reception children will be bringing home a Sound Practice Sheet every day which will help your child to practise reading and writing the sound they have learned in school at home.

Here is an example of a sheet of the sound 'a' correctly.

Please help your child to write the letter correctly by reading the prompt, in this case, "round the apple, down the leaf" and checking that they are starting in the right place (the dot).

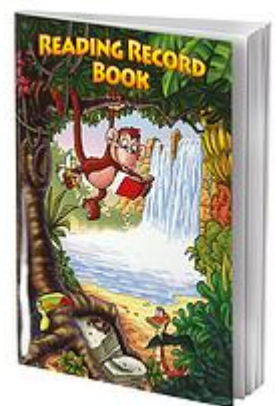
Spending a little time getting the basics right is very important and will give your child lots of confidence.



## Reading Record Books and Rewards

We are encouraging children to read at home every day. Just 5 minutes every day will make a huge difference, 10 minutes even more so.

Every time you listen to your child read, please sign your child's Reading Record Book. We will check through Reading Record Books every Friday and update the total number of times that each child has read at home.



After **5** reading sessions children will be awarded a Wristband in Assembly.

After reading **10** times, children will receive a **Bronze** Certificate.

After reading **20** times, a **Silver** Certificate.

After **40** times, a **Gold** Certificate

After **80** times, a **Diamond** Certificate

And after reading **100** times, a **Platinum** Certificate.

It would be good to see all children receive a Platinum Certificate before Easter!



## LEAVES

The following children were awarded leaves in recent Assemblies:



### Ash Class

- **Talaya** – for helping her friends and being kind;
- **Mason** - for matching objects and explaining the similarities and differences.

### Elm Class

- **Aaliyah** – for an amazing start to school and being a great role model;
- **Toby** - for super writing and growing in confidence every day.

### Rowan Class (Y1/Y2)

- **Alfie** – for working really hard on his maths this week;
- **Finley** – for working super hard in his morning learning and using great manners.

### Oak Class (Y1/Y2)

- **Jacob** – for joining in during carpet time and sharing lots of his adjectives with the class;

- **Elsie Smith Fry** - for working really hard in English and coming up with lots of adjectives to describe a crab.

## Maple Class (Y1/Y2)

- **Jack** – for using the tools and equipment safely and respectfully in the woods;
- **Kaelani** - for being a kind and supportive friend.

**Well done, we are very proud of all your achievements and the example you set to others!**

## Key Dates

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographs**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – KS1 Trip to the Park**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Celebration with Bath City Farm**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest with St Michael's Junior School**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening #1**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening #2**

**Friday 21<sup>th</sup> October – Wear it Pink End of Term 1**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – INSET Day – School Closed**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – School Open for Term 2**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2**

You can see the dates for the full academic year on the school website: <https://twertoninfant.school/dates/>

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**Please contact the school if your child is unwell and cannot attend school.**

You can send us an SMS message to: **07786 201170**

School telephone numbers: **(01225) 423526 & 314745**