



Trawden Forest Primary School

Newsletter: Issue 13 – 13/03/26



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Headteacher's Message

Last week was jam-packed full of activities for World Book Week. As well as author Stephen Pass visiting the school at the start of the week, the Scholastic Book Fair proved a resounding success. Thank you for making it so! We got very comfortable on Tuesday as children wrapped themselves in a blanket with their chosen book. On Friday, the school was filled with colourful costumes as children enjoyed the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character and all the staff became Wally! Finally, a big thank you to those of you who were able to attend the "Share a Story" event in the afternoon. It was lovely to see children quizzing with you and creating crafts to take home.

On Tuesday of this week, Year 1's visited Eureka! The children thoroughly enjoyed the museum and all the exhibits. We are very proud of how the children behaved throughout the day. On Wednesday, a small group of Key Stage 2 children represented Pendle in the 10-Pin Bowling Lancashire County Final. The children had a fantastic experience and gave it their all and came away with a competitor medal and certificate. Well done everyone!

On Friday, our Trawden Forest School Council in collaboration with Colne Junior Council attended Eco Town at the Environmental Education Centre along side other school representatives. The group toured the Recovery Park, learning about how to reduce, reuse and recycle different materials and came away with lots of ideas as to how we can improve our environmental impact inside and outside of school.

There are some important reminders in the letter so please do take time to read these and as always, thank you and please don't hesitate to contact me or the school office if you have any concerns at all, our door is always open.

Kind regards
Mrs L Stinchon



FAREWELL! WE ♥ WILL MISS YOU

At the end of this term, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Gemma Beetham, our EYFS Teacher and SENDCo, who has been a much loved and dedicated member of Trawden Forest Primary School for the past 10 years.

During her time with us, Mrs Beetham has been a constant source of support, expertise and reassurance for both children and parents. In her dual role, she has championed our youngest learners and worked tirelessly to ensure that pupils with additional needs received the care, understanding and guidance they deserved. Her compassion, professionalism and deep commitment to every child's wellbeing have made a lasting difference to so many families.

We know our parents will want to join us in thanking Mrs Beetham for the kindness, patience and support she has shown throughout her time at Trawden. If parents would like to send anything in for Mrs Beetham, please ensure it is sent to the school office by Monday 13th April at the latest (please remember the Easter holiday - finish 27th March and return Monday 13th April!).

Mrs Beetham is moving on to an exciting new career challenge, where she will be a lead specialist SEND outreach teacher working with children with additional needs, supporting SENDCOs and delivering training across a number of schools in Bolton. This is a role perfectly suited to her passion and expertise, and we are incredibly proud of her as she takes this next step.

Her final day with us will be Thursday 16th April, and she will certainly be going out on a high as it also happens to be the EYFS school trip day! We know the children will have a wonderful time, and it feels like a fitting way to celebrate her last day at Trawden Forest.

On behalf of all the staff, pupils, governors and our families, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Beetham for everything she has given to our school. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role, and she will always be a valued part of the Trawden Forest family.

Thank you!



Thank you to Mr Glenn Dunleavy who has kindly donated his lottery winnings back to school.

If you would like to support school by joining our school lottery, please follow the link;
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/trawden-forest-primary-school>



Please do have a look at the school lottery website – we raise quite a lot of money for school via this initiative. Thank you very much.

Thank you to an ex- pupil of ours, Molly Pickles who has donated some of her old books to school.





Parking



Recently, we have received a couple of complaints from local residents regarding cars being parked on private driveways, reversing into private property and parking in the turning circle on double yellow lines. We understand how busy mornings and afternoons can be, but these actions can cause inconvenience and safety concerns for our community.

Please help us by:

- Avoiding parking on or blocking private driveways.
- Not using the turning circle or double yellow lines for parking.
- Being mindful of pedestrians and other vehicles to keep our children safe.

Please may I once again remind Parents/Carers and family members **NOT** to use the staff carpark. This includes pick up for any afterschool clubs that finish at 4.30pm. This is to ensure the safety of all children and staff.

Your cooperation makes a big difference in maintaining good relationships with our neighbours and ensuring the safety of all children.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



Notices

Staff car park

We have recently noticed an increase in parents walking through the staff car park when dropping off or collecting children. This area is extremely busy at the start and end of the school day. For the safety of all children, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not walk through the staff car park at any time, including for after-school clubs. When arriving or leaving school, please walk a little further up the street and use the main pedestrian entrance at the top of Dean Street. Thank you for your cooperation.



PE safety and Earrings

This is a gentle reminder that all earrings should be removed before PE lessons and extra-curricular sports activities.

Earrings must be removed for safety reasons, as wearing them during physical activity can lead to injuries such as cuts, tears, or impact-related damage.

Removing earrings helps ensure children can participate safely and fully in PE.

If a child is unable to remove their earrings independently in school, we ask that parents/carers remove them before the school day on PE days. If this is not possible, parents must provide tape for their child. However, taping earrings is not recommended due to injury risks (Local Authority Guidance, 2024).

These risks include:

- Stud posts pressing into the skin
- Taping not preventing ear tears
- Taping not protecting against impact injuries

Given this information, we recommend that parents/carers, where possible, arrange ear piercing at the start of the Summer Holidays, allowing time for healing before PE resumes.

Thank you for your cooperation.



EYFS Outdoor Kitchen - Donations needed please!

We are excited to be revamping the EYFS outdoor kitchen area and would love your help! 🙌👧👦

If you have any kitchen items you no longer need, we would be very grateful for donations.

We are looking for items such as:

- Pots and pans
- Baking trays
- Muffin tins and muffin cases
- Wooden or metal utensils
- Metal bowls, colanders etc.
- Camping-style cups or mugs
- Old (non-electrical) kettles, weighing scales.

Items can be old or well-loved, but they must be clean, safe, and in good working condition, with no sharp edges or broken parts.

These resources will be used to support imaginative play, creativity, and learning in our outdoor provision. Thank you so much for your continued support - it really does make a difference!

Please bring any donations to school, or speak to a member of the EYFS team if you have any questions.

Thank you!



LET'S CELEBRATE!



Dates :- 11/03/26

EYFS – Whole class

YEAR 1 – Ted and Ava-Faith

YEAR 2 – Tobias and Noah

YEAR 3 – Oscar W and Albie

YEAR 4 – Freddy H and Oliver

YEAR 5 – Arlo and Phoebe

YEAR 6 – Ollie and Bethany

ATTENDANCE – Year 5 and Year 2 98%



ROCK KIDZ ARE COMING TO SCHOOL!

 Monday 23rd March

Get ready to turn up the volume!

WHAT IS ROCK KIDZ?

Rock Kidz On Tour is an exciting, high energy workshop that transforms our school hall into a live rock concert venue for the day. Through music, movement and powerful messages, the team deliver an unforgettable experience focused on:

- ★ Self esteem and diversity
- ★ Perseverance and resilience
- ★ Anti bullying

Please do not feel you need to buy anything new.

We cannot wait for what promises to be an energetic, inspiring and memorable day for all of our pupils!

DRESS LIKE A ROCK STAR!

To make the day even more special, children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in items including:

-  Bright colours
-  Band t shirts
- ★ Crazy hair
-  Leather jackets
-  Glitter and sparkles

Please do not feel you need to buy anything new. Simple, fun outfits are absolutely fine.

Let's get ready to rock!



Trawden School Council



KEEP COLLECTING PLEASE

Our Year 5 and Year 6 School council members together with their peers from Christ Church, Park and West Street Primary schools form Colne Junior Council.

Together they are helping raise money for the Open Door in Colne by recycling old/used aluminium cans.

Therefore, they are asking that all children and staff bring their **empty** drinks cans into school instead of recycling them at home.

- They must be aluminium cans
- They must be empty.
- They must NOT have a widget!
- Crush them if you can



Thank you for your support.



Dates for your Diary. . .

- **Monday 16th March** – Lets go Sing! choir performing at Blackburn ice arena
- **Tuesday 17th March** – History Man in for Y5 and Y6
- **Tuesday 17th March** - Y3 Go Velo group 1
- **Tuesday 17th March** – Parents Evening EYFS, Y1,2,3,4,5 and 6 (3:30pm – 6pm)
- **Wednesday 18th March** – Parents Evening Y1 only (5pm – 7:30pm)
- **Wednesday 17th March** - Y3 Go Velo group 2
- **Thursday 19th March** – Parents Evening EYFS, Y2,3,4,5 and 6 (5pm – 7:30pm)
- **Monday 23rd March** – Rock Kidz coming into school for a day of fun events – **DON'T FORGET** the children are to come dressed ready to rock and roll!
- **Friday 27th March** – Bunny hop, donations for Pendleside hospice
- **Friday 27th March** – Break up for the Easter holiday
- **Monday 13th April** – New summer term starts – doors open at 8:45am

