



Trawden Forest Primary School

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Headteacher's Message



Well, it has certainly been a busy start to the new school year and the children are all quickly settling back into our daily routine, including the new EYFS children who are learning their way around and happily making friends.

It was lovely to see so many of the children dressed up to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday last week – they had great fun all day and the buddies worked so well with the younger children decorating delicious Wonka cookies!

We were delighted to welcome our beautiful new therapy dog, Flora and her owner Catherine, into school to help support our children with their reading. Flora has recently qualified as a Pets as Therapy dog and will be coming into school every week to sit in the library with the children. She is truly a gorgeous girl and the children love her already!

We would like to thank woodwind teacher, Helen Parker, for her many years of service to our school – due to other commitments Helen has decided that her last week with our school will be just before half term – she has taught many pupils, past and present over the years and will be missed by many.

Please can I remind all parents/carers that we are a nut free school due to children with allergies, therefore please do not send any form of nuts as a snack or part of your child's lunch.

As the weather slowly changes and we prepare for Autumn please ensure your child now brings a coat to school everyday.

Kindest regards
Mrs L Stinchon

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year we will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 25th September** here at Trawden Forest Primary School.

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for a cake and a coffee to help raise money for this very worthy charity. Your children will be able to join you from class too!

On **Thursday 24th September** we are holding a non-uniform day and requesting that all children bring in donations of cake, buns, biscuits etc. to sell at our coffee morning.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT





Thank you!



- Thank you very much to Mrs Lomax for kindly donating their lottery winnings back to school!
- Thank you to Eileen Lowe who donated some lovely crafty embroidery items!
- 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 also keep an eye on our Facebook page, Instagram and website to see everything else we get up to 😊



Good-bye & Thank you Jayne!

It is with great sadness that we share the news that, after an incredible 26 years of service to Trawden Forest Primary School, our wonderful school cook, Jayne, will be hanging up her apron!

For many of us, it is hard to imagine school without Jayne. She has become part of the very fixtures and fittings of Trawden, serving generations of children, staff and families with warmth, kindness and dedication. Over the years, she has prepared countless delicious meals, from her amazing everyday lunches to her gorgeous roast dinners and, of course, her legendary Christmas dinners.

Those Christmas dinners became such a treasured tradition that former members of staff often returned to school each year just to enjoy one more festive meal prepared by Jayne. They were always a highlight of the Christmas season and a wonderful reminder of the special community we have here at Trawden.

What has always made Jayne truly exceptional is the care she has shown to every child. She has gone above and beyond to cater for individual needs, ensuring that every child felt included, cared for and able to enjoy mealtimes with their friends.

On behalf of all the children, staff, governors, parents and the wider school community, we would like to thank Jayne for her unwavering commitment, friendship and hard work over the last 26 years. Her contribution to our school has been immeasurable, and she has touched the lives of so many people along the way.

Jayne, we know you will miss us, just as we will miss you. We hope you leave knowing how much you are appreciated and how grateful we all are for everything you have done.

We wish you a long, happy life after Trawden filled with good health, happiness and wonderful new adventures.

Thank you, Jayne. You will always be a cherished part of the Trawden Forest family. ❤️📷



Safety around school



The safety of our children, families and staff is always our highest priority.

We would like to remind everyone of two important safety expectations around the school site:



Staff Car Park

We have recently noticed that some parents and carers are leaving the playground and walking through the staff car park rather than using the footpath at the side of the playground onto Dean Street. We must ask that all parents, carers and children use the designated pathway and do not walk through the staff car park at any time.

The end of the school day is a particularly busy time, with staff vehicles leaving the site, and using the car park as a shortcut presents a significant safety risk.

Your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe is greatly appreciated.



Playground Equipment - Before and After School

We would also like to remind families that children should not use the playground equipment before or after school. This has always been the school's expectation, as there are no staff available to supervise the equipment outside of the school day.

However, we are seeing an increasing number of children using the equipment at these times. If you choose to do this I would like to inform parents and carers are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of their own children before and after school, and the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents or injuries that occur when the equipment is used outside supervised school hours.

Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



OPEN DAY

We are holding an open day on Tuesday 6th October 2026 and on Thursday 12th November for prospective parents.

If you are you looking for a school for your child to start in September 2027, or you know someone who is, please come and look round our wonderful school.

We have got several slots available throughout the day for a tour of our fabulous school with Mrs Stinchon, the Headteacher.

The slots are 9:30am or 11:00am or 1:30pm or 4:00 pm

So please just call our school office now on 01282 865242 to book a slot on our open day!

Or if you cannot make it on our open day please call our office to book in on an alternative day to suit you.

Primary School Admissions are now open!

Are you looking for a school for your child to start in September 2027? Parents/carers applying for their children's primary school place must fill in the online form by Friday 15th January 2027

Follow the link below to apply:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school/>



High School Open Days

If your child is in Year 6 now, you will need to apply for a secondary school place by Saturday 31st October 2026. You will need to apply on-line via LCC for them to be allocated a secondary school place for September 2027.

We know that many of you visited Park High School's Open Evening yesterday; the dates for the other local schools are:

- 24th September 6pm – 8pm - Colne Primet Academy
- 29th September 6pm – 8pm – St Christopher's CE High School
- 1st October 6pm – 8pm – West Craven High School
- 8th October 5pm – 7pm – Fisher More RC High School





School Choir

Starting on 12th October we will be running a Choir Group every Monday lunchtime here at school which will be open to all KS2 children (Years 3,4,5 & 6) whether they can sing in tune or not! If they enjoy a wide variety of musical styles and singing, this club is for them!

There will be many local performances on the run up to Christmas including at the Trawden Luncheon Club, local care homes, Alkincoats café and of course the Trawden village Christmas lights switch on.

The choir will then represent our school (alongside other Lancashire primary schools) in a very special concert at King George's Hall in March next year!

Letters will be sent home on Monday with full details.



Harvest Festival

Our village church, St Mary's, is holding its annual Harvest Festival service on 20th September.

All welcome to this lovely traditional family service.



Harvest festival

Sunday 20th September
St Mary's Church
at 9.30am

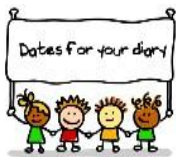
If you are able, please bring Harvest
gifts to be auctioned for charity after
the service.



Online safety throughout the year:

Throughout the year, we will share a short online safety tip in our newsletter to help families support children as they learn, play and communicate online. Children also learn about online safety in school through age-appropriate lessons. There is no single age at which every child is ready for a particular device or app, so it can help to think about your child's age, maturity and the features they will be able to access. The NSPCC has useful guidance for families from the early years through to the pre-teen years.

Find out more: NSPCC: [Children and technology, age-appropriate advice](#)



Dates for your Diary

- **Thursday 24th September** – Non-uniform Day – to bring in donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies for our Macmillan Coffee Morning.
- **Friday 25th September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- **Monday 28th September** – Cauliflower Cards to be returned to school deadline
- **Friday 2nd October** – Grandparent Sharing Event 2.15pm – letter sent home.
- **Tuesday 6th October and Thursday 12th November** – Open Day - If you have or know someone who has a child due to start primary school in September 2026 come and visit us on one of the dates to see what wonderful things we do! Ring the school office to book a slot.
- **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October** – Parents Evening – a letter will follow
- **Tuesday 20th October** – individual photo day for all children – perfect for Christmas presents
- **Thursday 22nd October** – PTFA Halloween School Disco – more details to follow.

