Trawden Forest Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

And just like that, it is nearly half term! It's been a very busy two weeks in school with an Open Day, a football match, a Kurling competition, 2 Parents Evenings and 3 whole year groups put through Bikeability with Go Velo!

I know the children are getting very excited about our "Spooktacular" Disco on Thursday 22nd October, we still have some tickets available to purchase if you have not already done so.

May I also remind you that we break up for half term on **Thursday 22nd October** and return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended Parents Evening this week and completed the parental questionnaire. This is always a very important time for us to update you on your child's progress and for them to showcase their work and achievements in school.

As we start to head into the cooler/wetter months, please can you ensure that your child remembers to bring a coat with them everyday. And also, to make it easier to match up missing/found items with their owners, please remember to write your child's name into coats and jumpers!

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend,

Kindest regards
Mrs L Stinchon

Mobile phones and smart watches



As a school, our priority is always the safety, wellbeing and learning of our children.
We recognise that some Year 6 pupils may need to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school independently.
Year 6 pupils may bring a mobile phone to school only if a permission form has been completed and signed by Mrs Stinchon.

To help keep all children safe, the following procedures must be followed:

- Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school grounds.
- On arrival at school, phones must be handed into the office and placed in the secure storage box.
- Phones must remain switched off throughout the school day.
- At the end of the day, phones can be collected and must not be switched on until the child has left the school grounds.

We would also like to remind parents that the same rules now apply to smart watches.
Modern smart watches often have capabilities similar to mobile phones, including making and receiving calls, sending messages, taking photographs, recording audio and accessing the internet.
For this reason, smart watches must also be switched off before entering school and handed into the office for safekeeping during the school day.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, secure and distraction-free environment for all children.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact the school office.

Poppy Appeal & Year 5 assembly



From 19th October we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal by offering a whole range of items for sale.

We have poppies, a variety of wrist bands, the reflective tags plus pencils – something for everyone!

Once again this year our **Year 5 children** will leading our Remembrance Assembly in school.

This will take place on **Wednesday 11th November at 9am** in our school hall.

All parents, carers and family members of the year 5 children are very welcome to join us for this assembly.



OPEN DAY

We are holding our second open day 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/



Join our School lottery

Did you know you can support our school and be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes – all for just £1 a week?

💰 40p from every £1 ticket comes directly to our school, helping us raise valuable funds to provide extra opportunities and resources for our children.

🎉 There's a guaranteed winner from our school every week! 💷 Plus, you could win the £25,000 jackpot!

📱 BONUS! Tickets also give you the chance to enter the current Autumn Super Draw, where you could win an iPhone 18 Pro Max 512GB!

The draw takes place every Saturday, so why not join in? And please share the lottery with grandparents, relatives and friends too – the more supporters we have, the more we can raise for our children. 💙

☐ Join our school lottery here:
Support Trawden Forest Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery
£1 a week. A chance to win. Regular funds raised for our school. 🌟

Apply for a secondary school

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.

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/



Attendance reports

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

As I am sure you appreciate attendance at school is extremely important and is vital for strong academic progress, making social connections and forming life-long habits around routines, resilience and the importance of punctuality.

Our current whole school % since we started back in September is 98%, compared to a national average for Primary Schools of 96%.

Whilst our attendance is overall very good, further improvements can be made when it comes to only taking holidays during school holidays and only keeping your child at home when really necessary.

All parents/carers will get their child's attendance reports for the half term next week.



HOLIDAY CLUB – HALF TERM

October Half-Term Sports Club is back!

📅 Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
🕘 9:00am - 3:30pm (full school day)
☐ Early drop-off and late pick-up available upon request
📍 At Trawden Forest Primary School

🌟 Early Bird Offer! 🌟
Book now and receive the special early-bird price of just £16 per child, per day!
Children will enjoy a range of fun, active sessions in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment, led by fully qualified EdStart staff.
Activities include:
⚽ Football
🎖️ Multi Sports
🕺 Dance
🎯 Team Games and more!
What children need to bring:
Packed lunch and snack
💧 Water bottle
👟 Suitable clothing and footwear for physical activity



📧 **For more information or to book: burnley@edstart.org.uk**
Children from local primary schools are welcome.
Don't miss out on this fantastic half-term opportunity to keep active, make new friends and have fun!
Book your place today! ⚽

NHS

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing

School Health Drop-In

Lancs 0-19 Service



Your School Nursing Team can support with the following:

- Healthy Living/Lifestyles
- Bladder and Bowel Support
- Low Level Emotional Wellbeing
- Weight Management
- Diet/Fussy Eating
- Sleep and bedtime routine

Qualified

Our Nurses are all Trained Registered Nurses. Follow up after the appointment, maybe provided by our Healthy Family Support Workers.

How can I access the School Nursing Service?

Email: vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net

Website: www.lancschildandfamily.co.uk

Telephone: 0300 247 0040

Our service is available between the hours of 0900-1700

Confidential

Your Contact with the School Health Team will be delivered in a confidential room on a one-to-one basis.

Non-Judgemental

We provide a non-judgemental approach. Please do not hesitate to ask questions regarding your childs health. **Please note we cannot prescribe or diagnose a health condition.**

Health Prevention

We are here to help with your child/childrens Health, if we are unable to provide support, we will find the appropriate support/service.



We Buy Local Produce to Support Local Businesses and Reduce Food Miles.

100% of our food suppliers are classed as local and 75% of our food purchases are produced in the UK. Our service recognises the value and importance of sustainable and responsible food sourcing.

Our meat is Red Tractor Farm Assured, our fish is responsibly sourced, and our fresh eggs are British Lion Quality and Free Range. Additionally there is always fresh fruit and salad, bread and locally produced yoghurt available daily.



Special Diets and Allergies

Special diets are diets for pupils with a medically diagnosed requirement; not just a dislike of certain foods or food groups. It is our policy to provide a service for those pupils with medically diagnosed food allergies, food intolerances or a medical condition which affects eating requirements.

Please contact your school office in the first instance to inform them of your child's requirements.

Healthy, Nutritious Food Choices & Our Social Responsibility

Using the best locally sourced, sustainable and seasonal ingredients. Lancashire Catering Service provides high-quality, nutritious food to Lancashire's children, supporting health and the local economy. We offer various food choices, and our Sugarwise accreditation ensures we promote healthy habits. Our vision is continuous innovation to meet customer needs.

HA HOSPITALITY ASSURED

Welcome to the Lancashire School Meal Menu Portal

The portal displays live, easy-to-read allergen and nutritional details for each recipe on all published menus served by Lancashire Catering Service.

There is also a planner function called 'ADD TO MY MEAL' which allows you to see all allergens and total nutritional value of a main course, accompaniments, dessert and drink contained within a full school lunch.

Please use the URL below or alternatively scan the QR code, using the camera on your mobile device, and simply choose the menu type denoted on the reverse of this leaflet.

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Free School Meals for All Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2

All children in reception and years one and two are entitled to free meals under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal programme, worth up to £495 per year per child. For more details, talk to your child's school.

If you receive certain benefits or have a household income below the Government threshold, register with your area education office. Your child's school can receive extra funding called the 'Pupil Premium,' sometimes worth £1,550 per pupil.

Can I claim free school meals for my older children? Yes, if you are on certain benefits. Contact your local Area Education Office with your name, date of birth, and National Insurance number to check eligibility.

Contact: 0300 123 6701

Be Part of Our Team

Lancashire Catering Service is always looking to recruit people to take up catering assistant and supervisor roles.

As a valued member of the team we offer a full training and induction programme, a term time contract which may fit in with family commitments, a salary which includes up to 32 days holiday (dependent on length of service), bank holiday and statutory day pay (pro rata) and entry into the local government pension scheme

For up to date information on current job opportunities please scan the QR code below and head to our designated Job Vacancies tab.

The website also includes all the latest information on the service, including our latest menus, promotional theme days and up to date news on the service.

The web address is **lancashire.gov.uk/catering**

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LANCASHIRE SCHOOL

Lunches

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Gaming safely: ratings, chat and spending

Online games can be creative, social and great fun, but it is worth checking more than the name of the game before children play. Look at the PEGI age rating and content information, then check whether the game includes voice or text chat, user-created content or in-game purchases. Parental controls can often limit who a child can communicate with, restrict spending and set play-time limits. Asking your child to show you how their favourite game works is also a simple way to understand what they are experiencing online.

Find out more: Internet Matters: Online gaming advice hub



Thank you! And Keep Up To Date

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Keeping Up to Date

There is always something exciting happening at Trawden Forest Primary School, and we love sharing our children's achievements, learning experiences and special events with our families.

We encourage all parents and carers to regularly visit our school website and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date with the amazing things taking place across school.

From classroom learning and Forest School adventures to sporting successes, educational visits, celebrations and important announcements, our online platforms provide a wonderful window into school life. They are a fantastic way to see our children in action, celebrate their achievements and discover the wide range of opportunities available to them.

📱 Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/trawdenforestprimaryschool
📸 Follow us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/trawdenforestprimaryschool
🌐 Visit our website: https://www.trawden.lancs.sch.uk

By keeping an eye on our website, Facebook and Instagram pages, you'll never miss out on the wonderful things happening at Trawden Forest Primary School. 🌳⭐📚💚





Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20th October – individual photo day for all children – perfect for Christmas presents

- **Thursday 22nd October** – PTFA Halloween School Disco (DON'T FORGET YOUR TICKET!) and finish for half term
- **Monday 2nd November** – start school doors open at 8:45am
- **Thursday 5th November** – Y5 trip to Museum of Lancashire WW2
- **Friday 6th November** – History Man Y1 and Y4
- **Wednesday 11th November** – Remembrance Assembly 9.10am led by Y5 (parents of Y5 children welcome)
- **Thursday 12th November** – Open Day for next years EYFS children
- **Friday 13th November** – Non-uniform day for Christmas Hampers
- **Monday 16th November** – Odd socks day
- **Thursday 19th November** – Y2 trip to Skipton Castle















