



# **Trawden Forest Primary School**

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# Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year! I wish you all a very warm welcome back to school. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and spent some quality time with your friends and families.

We had an unprecedented start to the new term with the extreme weather that we have experienced this week (a repeat of last January!). However, thank you to everyone who braved the snow and ice and made it to school.

Year 4 enjoyed their first swimming lesson at Colne sports centre this week. I have been informed that their behaviour was excellent and they loved their lesson, which is great to hear and well done to everyone for remembering their swimming kits!

You will receive your child's class newsletter update today, which will have important information and dates regarding your child's learning journey this term.

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 J. Stinchon

*we will miss you*



## **A Fond Farewell to Mrs. McGowan**

At the end of last term, we said a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. McGowan, who has been a dedicated and much-loved Teaching Assistant at Trawden Forest Primary School for an incredible 35 years. Her commitment, care, and kindness have touched the lives of generations of children and families, and her impact on our school community is truly immeasurable.

Throughout her time here, Mrs. McGowan has supported countless pupils, always going above and beyond to ensure every child felt valued and encouraged. She has been a constant source of positivity and reassurance, and her presence has helped make Trawden Forest Primary the special place it is today. On behalf of the all the staff, pupils and governors we want to express our deepest gratitude for her unwavering dedication and the joy she has brought to our school.

Mrs. McGowan will be greatly missed by everyone.

Our pupils shared some lovely words about her:

"Mrs McGowan always made me feel special and helped me when things were hard. She's the best!"

"She always has a smile and makes us laugh. School won't be the same without her"

As Mrs. McGowan begins her well-deserved retirement, we wish her every happiness in the exciting new chapter ahead. Thank you for everything, Mrs. McGowan and please know that you will always be part of the Trawden Forest family.

We understand that some parents would like to say their own messages to Mrs McGowan. Therefore, please drop any messages/cards into the office and we will ensure they are passed on.

Thank you.



# Thank you!



Thank you very much to Rhys and his parents, who have very kindly donated his bookcase to school – we love it and we very much appreciate your donation.

Thank you to Mr A Jones, Mrs R McGhee and Mrs J Lomax who have kindly donated their 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 – keep an eye on our Facebook page and see what we get up to each week!  
And check out our new Instagram page!**



**Also check out our website especially the “News” and the “Calendar” and “Events”  
to see everything we do and will be doing!**



# Clothes Recycling - collection

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January

- In our ongoing effort to become more environmentally friendly, we have partnered with a company called **Recycle 4 Schools**, who collect and recycle clothing items on behalf of the school.
- A list of accepted items can be found here
- With the Christmas holidays approaching, we thought it might be a perfect time for a clear-out of any unwanted clothing or textiles. If you, your family, or friends have items to donate, we would be very grateful for your support.
- Please place your donated items in the bag provided and leave it in the shelter in the staff car park.
- All donations will be collected on 12th January - so the last day to drop off will be 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Thank you for your support.

### WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



### WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT





✳️ **Stay Connected with Us!** ✳️📌



✓ Follow us on Facebook – See what we get up to each week! 📷

📱 Check out our NEW Instagram page – Don't miss the latest photos and updates!  
Follow us!

💻 Visit our Website – Explore the News, Calendar, and Events sections to find out everything happening now and coming soon! ➡️

👉 Be part of our journey – click, follow, and stay updated!

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# Trawden School Council



Our Y 5 and Y6 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.



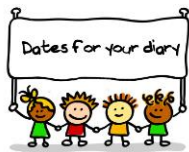
Therefore, they are asking that all children and staff bring their empty drinks cans into school instead of recycling them at home.

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



Thank you for your support.





# Dates for your Diary. . .

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January –all class newsletter updates sent out
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Clothing collection
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Break the rules day – details were sent out
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – School football team - Lancashire Finals in Fleetwood
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Wonder Dome Space Theatre – Yr2 & Yr5
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – History Man to visit Yr 3 & Yr 4
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3 Gymnastic Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Assembly
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Mental Health in the Digital World  
+ Parental Workshop – letter to follow
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA Film night – letter to follow
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Children to learn First Aid Training
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for Spring Half Term

